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### briefs

### Corrections

■ An article in Friday's edition of the Times incorrectly noted that Nona Nelson, of Martin, obtained a marriage license on March 5, the same day she was scheduled to be sentenced on a drug trafficking charge in circuit court. Nelson, who the court advised in January to either move from her current residence or get married, obtained the marriage license on March 6, according to documents from the County Clerk's Office. Her attorney, Cassie Allen, said that Nelson was in the hospital the day she was scheduled to appear in court. Her sentencing has been reset for Friday.

■ In a story about the town meeting held on March 10 at Prestonsburg High School regarding the Section 202 project, The Floyd County Times misquoted Emogene Pelphrey, an elderly resident who said she would not sell her property under any circumstance. The article reflected that Pelphrey said she'd "paddle out by boat" if a flood hit the city and that she would take her friends with her. It should have said that she would swim out and take two friends from Prestonsburg with her.

# Assaulted ref leaves tournament

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Mike Walker, the referee assaulted after Thursday night's game between Allen Central and East Ridge High schools, will not be officiating

any more games in the tournament.

Walker returned to work the day after the incident to referee the Prestonsburg High School game against Pike County Central, but left after the first quarter with back spasms.

Jerry Hurley, who assigns the referees

to area games, said, "He [Mike Walker] had some back problems. He felt that it was in everyone's best interests that he not carry on. He's not in the hospital or anything like that, but he won't be able to work the rest of the tournament."

Criminal summons have been made out

for both Terry Samons and Nicholas Samons for allegedly assaulting Walker. They were issued after officers reviewed videotape evidence which was gathered from local media outlets that covered the

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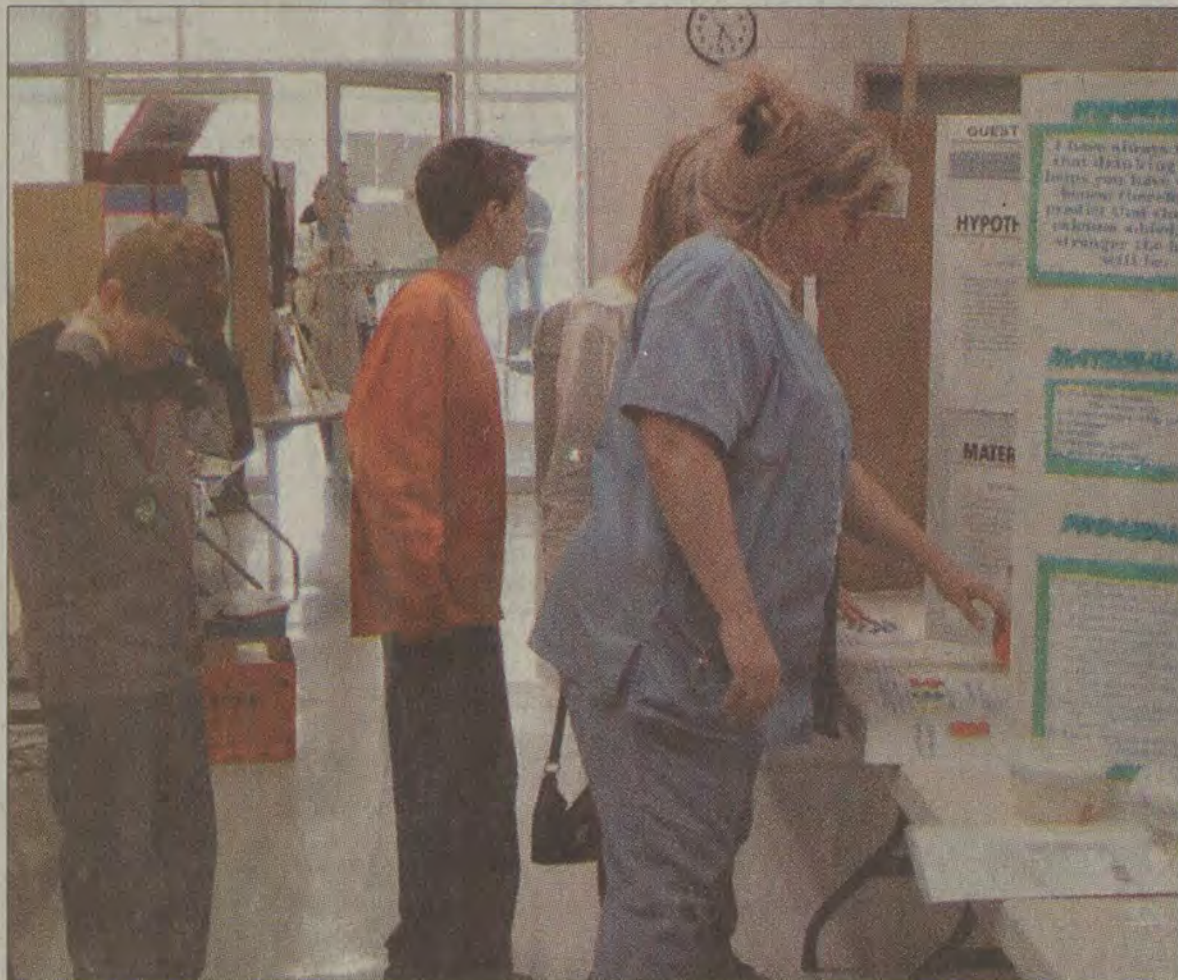


photo by Kathy J. Prater

A large number of locals turned out for the East Kentucky Regional Science Fair held this past weekend at the East Kentucky Science Center and the Prestonsburg campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Elementary, middle and high school students from throughout the region entered projects for judging and were treated to tours of the new science center and shows in the center's planetarium. Donald "Dr. Don" Bevins served as celebrity chair during the awards presentation ceremony and Jim Caldwell, WYMT-TV weatherman, was on hand to present the Tony Turner Award. More about the science fair will appear in Friday's edition.

# Inmate dies in sleep of natural causes

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG —

An inmate at the Floyd County Detention Center died in his sleep Saturday of an apparent heart attack.

Charles Keathley, 42, of Emma, was pronounced dead at 1 p.m. Saturday after inmates and Deputy Jailer Roy Thornsberry tried to revive

him with cardiopulmonary resuscitation. A preliminary autopsy revealed that Keathley died of cardiac arrest



Charles Keathley

Keathley, who was incarcerated Feb. 26 for flagrant nonsupport, had returned to his bunk for a nap after having had breakfast with the other 13 inmates with whom he was housed. When lunchtime

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# Mother expected to plead guilty to burning children

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman accused of criminally abusing her children by burning them with cigarettes is expected to enter a guilty plea this week in circuit court.

A hearing is scheduled in circuit court Friday for Patricia Diane Slusher, 34, of Allen, who is expected to enter a guilty plea on two counts of first-degree criminal abuse, charges that stem from an April 2002 incident in which authorities accuse her of abusing her children.

Slusher, indicted for allegedly burning her two

minor daughters on the head and knee with a cigarette, agreed to accept an offer from the commonwealth's attorney's office last month.

That offer, if accepted by the court Friday, will lend Slusher a probated sentence for the alleged offense.

In return for a plea of guilty, the commonwealth offered to amend the first-degree criminal abuse charges against Slusher, Class C felonies that would have netted a possible 5 to 10 year sentence, to two counts of fourth-degree assault, class A misdemeanors, which are punishable by a maximum of 12

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# Collins pleads not guilty to charges from shooting into occupied car

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Debord resident who allegedly discharged a firearm into the window of a car filled with passengers pleaded not guilty to charges relating to the incident, according to documents filed yesterday in circuit court.

Ray Collins, 51, of Luther Smith Lane, entered a not guilty plea to one count of first-degree assault and two counts of first-

degree wanton endangerment in circuit court during his arraignment Friday, where he was represented by former Johnson County Attorney Scott Preston.

Collins was arrested on the charges by Kentucky State Police Det. Mike Goble following an investigation into a complaint by Brenda Lyons, who said Collins intentionally shot a 9 mm pistol into the back window of a car in which she was a passenger.

According to the indictment issued against Collins

by a Floyd County grand jury in February, the man allegedly shot through the back window of the car, owned by Tangena Blevins, endangering the lives of three other people who were in the car at the time of the accident.

Additionally, the indictment charges, Collins struck a female, Michelle Porter, in the neck during the incident, which allegedly occurred on June 7, 2003, at Sam an Tonio's in

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Ray Collins

# Knott judge-exec gets two years for buying votes

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A federal prosecutor argued that a politician convicted on election fraud charges should get a tough sentence because the crime involved "vulnerable victims," impoverished Kentuckians who needed money so badly that they were willing to sell their votes.

Donnie Newsome, the top

elected official in Knott County, was sentenced to two years and two months in prison on two counts of buying votes and one count of conspiracy to buy votes.

U.S. District Judge Danny Reeves pronounced the sentence Tuesday at the conclusion of a nearly three-hour hearing in which federal prosecutor Richard Pilger argued both for and against a harsh sentence.

First, Pilger argued that

Newsome deserved an "upward departure" from federal sentencing guidelines because of the victimization involved. Then, he argued that Newsome should be granted a "downward departure" from those guidelines because he is cooperating in another election fraud case in Eastern Kentucky.

Newsome, 53, and co-defendant Willard Smith, 55, showed no emotion as Reeves read their sentences.

Smith received a two-year sentence for one count of conspiracy to buy votes and four counts of buying votes.

As part of their sentences, both men will serve three years' probation after their release from prison. Reeves also ordered Newsome to pay a \$20,000 fine and Smith to pay a \$5,000 fine.

Despite his conviction, Newsome has continued to function as Knott County judge-exec-

utive. Instead of working from the courthouse, he is working from jail, where he has been since Reeves ordered him held without bond after his conviction.

State law dictates that even convicted felons cannot be removed until their appeals are exhausted. Newsome and Smith are appealing their convictions.

Defense attorney Steven Reed

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# Odds & Ends

■ **BOSTON** — A company says its freezing technique allows some lobsters to come back to life when thawed.

Trufresh LLC, of Suffield, Conn., discovered that the method it has used for years on salmon also revived some lobsters after their subzero sojourns, potentially resulting in fresher-than-frozen crustaceans.

The company is looking for partners to begin selling the lobsters commercially.

Company chairman Barnet L. Liberman acknowledged only about 12 of roughly 200 healthy lobsters survived the freezing, which involves immersing the lobster in a brine 40 below zero. The company hasn't researched how long a frozen lobster can survive.

Liberman emphasized the company's goal isn't to provide customers with lobsters that always come back to life. He just wants to supply tasty lobsters.

Trufresh hasn't hesitated to tout the lobsters' restorative qualities, saying it plans to ship the lobsters with rubber bands on the claws, as a consumer protection measure.

"I wouldn't remove the rubber bands," Liberman said. "It's not worth the risk."

Robert Bayer of the University of Maine's Lobster Institute said he was intrigued about the Trufresh process, but dubious. "I'm guess I am skeptical about a lobster being brought back to life," Bayer said.

■ **GUILFORD, Vt.** — Just up the hill from the Gaines family's dairy farm stands a small building housing a different sort of enterprise, one that the operators hope will provide personalized service.

Jim and Ellen Curley say their new venture, a human crematory, is a small family business that will provide options to the community and will help the Gaines' seventh-generation dairy farm survive.

"I view it as a service to my generation and the older generation," said Jim Curley, 54. "We're a low-volume small scale operation with a beautiful setting."

About 40 percent of Vermonters choose cremation, according to the Funeral Consumers Alliance, a national trade group based in South Burlington. Nationally, the figure is 25 percent.

The Curleys got permission from their neighbors, the Gaines, to use a wooded spot of land for their crematory. With milk prices hitting a 25-year low last year, the Gaines saw Vermont Blessings as a way to try to stay afloat.

"Having a lot of animals, we do come in contact with death," said Jackie Gaines, who lives on the farm and runs a dog boarding business there.

Vermont Blessings has done one cremation so far. The company plans to woo customers with promises of scenery, privacy and personal service.

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■ **GRAND ISLAND, Neb.** — At a local Wendy's restaurant, customers can request a Frank Sinatra tune to go with their burgers and fries.

"My motto is if I know it, I

will play it," said Joe Cervenka, a pianist who plays during lunch every weekday at a Wendy's in Grand Island.

Cervenka, 52, plays songs by Sinatra, Johnny Mathis and other artists on his portable piano.

"It's supposed to be portable," said Cervenka, who suffers from cerebral palsy and walks with crutches. "For me, it's not."

Before his current gig, Cervenka worked for various human services organizations, but the disease eventually forced

him out of that work. The disease has not kept his fingers from tickling the ivories.

He said that's good news because his musical ability is primarily in his hands.

"I'm no singer," he said.

Cervenka said he likes the hours because they allow him to spend evenings with his wife and three children. He also said he feels like he accomplishes more in his two hours at Wendy's than he did in eight hours of work in other places.

"This music thing is just a lot more enjoyable," he said.

■ **BEIJING** — Chinese veterinarians have begun showing American-born panda Hua Mei sex-education videos featuring pandas mating to prepare her for "blind dates" with Chinese suitors, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Tuesday.

The 4-year-old animal, whose name means "China-America," arrived in China from San Diego in February. After her month of quarantine is complete, officials are hoping she will quickly mate with a

(See **ODDS**, page seven)

## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 17, the 77th day of 2004. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

■ On March 17, 461, accord-

ing to tradition, St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, died in Saul.

**On this date:**

■ In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

■ In 1905, Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin D. Roosevelt in New York.

■ In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. (It was formally presented to the public on this day two years later.)

■ In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

■ In 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.

■ In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, californium.

■ In 1958, the U.S. Navy launched the Vanguard I satellite.

■ In 1966, a U.S. midjet submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb that had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

■ In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

■ In 1992, 28 people were killed in the truck bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**Ten years ago:**

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, just back from China, told a House subcommittee that reports describing the trip as a failure were "rather misleading," and said Beijing had made "solid improvements" in the areas of prison labor and immigration.

**Five years ago:**

A panel of medical experts concluded that marijuana has medical benefits for people suffering from cancer and AIDS. In the wake of a bribery scandal, the International Olympic Committee expelled six of its members but backed President Juan Antonio Samaranch. Instant replay was voted back in the NFL for the 1999 season.

**One year ago:**

Edging to the brink of war, President Bush gave Saddam Hussein 48 hours to leave his country and told Americans that military confrontation will ultimately make them safer. Iraq rejected Bush's ultimatum, saying that a U.S. attack to force Saddam from power would be "a grave mistake." In Washington, D.C., tobacco farmer Dwight Ware Watson, claiming to be carrying bombs, drove a tractor and trailer into a pond on the National Mall; the threat disrupted traffic for two days until Watson surrendered; there were no bombs.

**Today's Birthdays:**

Actress Mercedes McCambridge is 86. The former national chairwoman of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams, is 71. Rock musician Paul Kantner is 63. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 61. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian (The Lovin' Spoonful) is 60. Rock musician Harold Brown (War) is 58. Actor Patrick Duffy is 55. Actor Kurt Russell is 53. Country singer Susie Allanson is 52. Actress Lesley-Anne Down is 50. Country singer Paul Overstreet is 49. Actor Gary Sinise is 49. Actress Vicki Lewis is 44. Actor Casey Siemaszko is 43. Writer-director Rob Sitch is 42. Actor Rob Lowe is 40. Rock singer Billy Corgan is 37. Rock musician Van Conner (Screaming Trees) is 37. Actor Mathew St. Patrick ("Six Feet Under") is 36. Actor Yanic Truesdale is 35. Rock musician Melissa Auf der Maur is 32. Rock musician Caroline Corr (The Corrs) is 31. Actress Marisa Coughlan is 30. Singer Stephen Gately (Boyzone) is 28. Rapper Swifty (D12) is 27.

**Thought for Today:**

"It is my rule never to lose me temper till it would be detrimental to keep it." — Sean O'Casey, Irish playwright (1880-1964).

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# House OKs bill to alter evaluation of black-lung claims

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Legislation passed Tuesday by the Kentucky House with solid bipartisan support would revise the evaluation of coal miners' black-lung claims.

Supporters say few miners are being compensated for black-lung disease, or pneumoconiosis, under a review system created by the General Assembly two years ago. The process relies on panels of medical specialists reaching a consensus after reviewing miners' chest X-rays.

Once the bill passed 88-0, supporters began pressing the Senate to consider the measure. A group of House Republicans from coal-rich eastern Kentucky met with GOP Senate leaders to promote the legislation.

"It's a very important bill to us in the mountains," said Rep. Howard Cornett, R-Whitesburg, who attended the meeting.

Cornett said the meeting

yielded "nothing in concrete," but added that the House and Senate Republicans planned more discussions.

The United Mine Workers union hailed the House action.

"The coal miners of the state are one step closer to getting the justice that they deserve," UMW lobbyist Steve Earle said.

Approval of black-lung benefits was once widespread. Standards were raised in the mid-90s at the urging of then-Gov. Paul Patton, and claims became nearly impossible to win. Patton, a former coal operator, later said he had gone too

far. The General Assembly in 2002 revised standards.

The bill's chief sponsor, Rep. Robin Webb, said miners are still being exposed to black lung, despite improvements in mine safety.

Webb, D-Grayson, said society reaps the benefits of cheap electricity rates while miners toil in tough working conditions. She said their lives are sometimes cut short after inhaling coal dust for years. Stricken miners often spend their final days tethered to oxygen tanks, she said.

"There's not a coal miner I

know that wants an entitlement," she said. "They are proud, hard-working men and women who have a compensable injury."

The bill's supporters say the Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis Fund, used to pay black-lung awards, has an \$18 million surplus.

Webb is a former coal miner, and after the bill passed, she donned the hard hat she once wore while working underground.

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 used when a miner and employer cannot agree on a set-

tlement. Findings are submitted to an administrative law judge.

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## Mother

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In the plea agreement the commonwealth recommended to probate a 12-month sentence for 24 months, during which time Slusher would be supervised by the probation and parole office.

According to the plea agreement, the commonwealth recommended the sentence for Slusher after interviewing the alleged victims in the case and by "determining that it is in the best interest" of the children involved "to resolve the case in this manner."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor declined to comment on the specific reasons for the commonwealth's move to amend the charges against Slusher because the case is still pending.

The commonwealth, he said, would be able to address those details following her arraignment Friday.

An order filed Dec. 9 in the case by Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill deferred Slusher's request for visitation of her children to family court, where proceedings are pending.

Court records indicate that she is being represented by Ned Pillersdorf.

## Sentence

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said the so-called victims were actually vote sellers who profited from their own criminal conduct. Reed said they couldn't be considered victims any more than drug dealers who claim they sell drugs because they are impoverished.

"People who profit from crime are not victims," he said. "Because the government decided not to prosecute them doesn't make them innocent and doesn't make them vulnerable."

However, the judge said some of the people who were paid for their votes were destitute — living on food stamps and meager government benefits — and that they saw selling their votes as a source of additional income.

Prosecutors said people most likely to be approached about selling their votes were the poor and uneducated.

An FBI investigation into the 1998 primary election in Knott County, which Newsome won, resulted in 12 election-fraud convictions. All the witnesses who

testified that they had sold their votes in the election were granted immunity from prosecution.

Newsome is expected to be a key witness in the trial of former state Sen. John Doug Hays and nine of his supporters who were indicted on charges of election fraud in Pike County. One of those alleged supporters is prominent Pikeville attorney and businessman Ross Harris.

Newsome has told prosecutors that Harris gave him \$25,000 before elections in 2000 and 2002. He has not said publicly what the contributions were used for.

## Referee

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game. However at this time no arrests have been made.

Bob Still, of the National Association of Sports Officials, was not surprised to hear about the incident.

"Unfortunately we hear of

about a hundred cases a year," Still said. "Sadly, it is more often a parent than a player. It's also getting more violent."

Still pointed out that NASO lobbied for more protection from the courts. Their efforts were rewarded on April 10, 1998, when assaulting a sports official became a class D felony in Kentucky.

There is a long term problem associated with attacks on officials and Still was clear on its impact.

"It's getting harder to keep officials," Still said. "For many it's not worth the hassle, so we have to make do with less experienced referees who are going to make more mistakes."

"Our organization carries insurance for situations like this, so if he [David Walker] is a member he could be compensated for game pay that is lost, medical bills and even attorney fees if he decides to pursue a civil suit."

Walker has not returned calls and it remains to be seen if he will seek any recompense through civil court procedures.

## Inmate

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drew near, another inmate tried to rouse him but could not and enlisted other inmates and a deputy jailer to try and assist him.

"Roy Thornsby went in there and with the assistance of other inmates got him on the floor and administered CPR," Jailer Roger Webb reported.

Emergency medical services were contacted but failed to revive Keathley. A standard autopsy has been arranged in Frankfort, though the family history of Keathley includes a younger sister who also died of a heart attack 26 days before Charles expired.

Webb described Keathley as "a quiet man. He got along well with everyone. He was a very good inmate."

An investigation is being conducted by Webb, Deputy Coroner Glen Frazier, Kentucky State Police and the Floyd County Sheriff's Office.



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## Shooting

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Prestonsburg. Following his arraignment, Judge John David Caudill placed Collins under a \$25,000 partially secured bond.

A pretrial conference is scheduled in the case for June 10. Detective Mike Goble could not be reached for comment.

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—Mark Twain

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Guest View

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Viewers fed up with a steady dose of television featuring violence, gratuitous sex, four-letter words in abundance, inane commercials that insult the intelligence and reality shows pitting a cast of characters engaging in dangerous and foolish stunts in an effort to win a few dollars, cheer up. There's hope. It's called Kentucky Educational Television.

Now through March 21, viewers not only will have an opportunity to see truly outstanding television but also will be asked to do their part to help ensure that KET continues to be able to offer quality programming. It's KET TeleFund 2004, and once again KET will present a smorgasbord of some of the best programs to be seen, mixed with occasional appeals for financial support. Unlike commercial television which bombards viewers with a spate of commercials every few minutes, KET basically is commercial free.

But being basically commercial-free does not mean KET programming is inexpensive. On the contrary, it's quality programming, and that can be quite expensive. State government bears most of the cost of KET's facilities, transmitters, maintenance, equipment and wide array of educational programs. Still, KET needs the support of its viewing public to help pay for the many fine programs it airs. Indeed, in a typical year KET is dependent on the public for up to \$3 million in financial support. ...

—The Winchester Sun



"AROUND AND AROUND IT GOES. WHERE IT LANDS, NOBODY KNOWS..."

Guest Column

### A close tie: Women and the environment

by JOHN G. SHIBER, Ph.D.

Women have been a strong, driving force in environmental matters, yet they seldom get any credit for it. The fact that Women's History Month precedes Environment Month may be a chance situation, but it gives me an opportunity to forever tie the two together. Clearly,

without the efforts of women, both past and present, important environmental concerns might never have been addressed, nor would general environmental awareness within our population have been realized.

The environmental "movement" really began with Ellen Swallow Richards (1842-1911). Not only was Mrs. Richards the first female to graduate and eventually teach (without pay!) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a founder of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, she was also the first to introduce the concept of "ecology" (the study of the detrimental effects of modernization on the environment) into the American language. A

sanitary chemist by training, she served as the Chief Water Analyst for the Massachusetts State Board of Health until her death. Her work on water quality led to the establishment of the first state water quality standards in the nation. Together with her husband, Robert, a mining engineering professor at MIT, Richards built a home devoted to sustainable living, in Roxbury, MA. Everything in that house had an efficient purpose. It used solar energy for heat and was the first home to have indoor bathrooms that directed wastewater to a leaching field. Mrs. Richards was also

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### CARE Club offers thanks

The CARE Club at Big Sandy Community and Technical College would like to thank the following for their donations to our Valentine's Day Basket of Love: Heart to Heart, Jenny Wiley Florist, Country at Heart, Ritchie's Hallmark, Little Rascals, Trends and Traditions, The Jewelry Box, Merle Norman, Holli Howard, Castle's Jewelry of Paintsville, Reno's, Lad-N-Lassie and Alys Fraley Photography.

Thank you, Jennifer Newman and Jaime Gunnell  
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### 'It is worth it'

A question was posed in a letter a few weeks ago by one who could be best described as the designated leftist of the Big Sandy region. What little

I know of her letters to the editor compulsion leads me to conclude that she has never seen an anti-American or anti-Israel website she didn't like. I wish to answer her latest display of derogation.

Perhaps the quasi-enlightened and globally-governed, yet domestically-absorbed, missed the memo. It is incomprehensible that the grim reality of the "great battle of our time" seems to have passed from our consciousness. Could it be that our so damnably effective professional military is the cause of our neglectful content which allows us to pursue the happiness of watching plastic-breasted bimbos eat horse rectum on Fear Factor, the gleaming jewel of Roman Coliseum TV?

Take little regard of Bush's persuasive ineptness. Disregard the unfortunate folly of becoming ensnared in the futile desire to provide sufficiently ominous evidence of the "smoking" gun to a world too cowardly to take action on merely humanitarian grounds and too stupid to know that guns don't smoke

until they've been fired. Let the truly perceptive among us recall that in those days after the towers fell, while the pacifists were wringing their ands and the evangelical blabbermouths were implying that God was punishing America for what He already punished Jesus for (I guess Calvary wasn't good enough for some people), those with foresight knew in their hearts and fully expected that Saddam Hussein's days of splendor were numbered. They also know that the genteel cleanliness of an assassin's bullet would not destroy the infrastructure of tyranny, nor would the fanciful notion of fomenting revolution secure the liberty of ordinary Iraqi heterosexuals to marry without the regime's permission. (Meanwhile, in Elaine Shiber's good, ol' divided America, oxymoronic concepts of matrimony have us flirting with the thought of defiling the Constitution with a gay marriage amendment. "What is this new devilry?")

It is immensely unfortunate that some 600 of our soldiers have died in one year of

warfare in the backyard of our enemy's neighbor and soul brother. Yet, at such a rate, it would take four more years to equal the number of U.S. civilians killed on one morning in our own front yard. For you retro-hippies so eager to make comparisons to Vietnam, it would take nearly a century to equal the carnage of that war.

So to hell with the Patriot Act. The War on Terror will not be won with a border patrol and law enforcement intervention. A wimpy terror alert color code and duct tape won't cut it, either. What more "can men do against such reckless hate" than ride it out and meet it in the very lands it is bred, into "the very fires of Mordor"? Whether it takes 10 years or a century, flush them out and kill them. Deplete their manpower and their finances. Deprive them of the very appearance of safe harbor in their own domain.

Now, we know the standard leftist response is, "Well, that makes us no bet-

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# Health Extra

## Dairy foods appear to reduce risk of childhood obesity

by DANIEL Q. HANEY  
AP Medical Editor

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Youngsters who skimp on milk and other dairy food to avoid calories actually appear to substantially increase their risk of becoming overweight, a study found.

Several reports in recent years have shown health benefits of dairy products, despite their fat content. The latest research shows an unusually striking effect on weight as children go through their teens.

Pediatricians say too much weight is now the most common medical condition of childhood. The problem has doubled over the past two decades, and about 15 percent are now considered over-

weight or obese.

While the overall cause is too much food and too little exercise, many studies are attempting to tease apart the precise changes in habits that are driving this health hazard. Several were reported Thursday at a meeting in San Francisco of the American Heart Association.

Lynn Moore, an epidemiologist at Boston University School of Medicine, found that just two servings of dairy food a day are linked to a substantial reduction in adolescent fatness.

Childhood dairy intake has been failing for the last 20 years, in part as youngsters' preferences have switched from milk to soft drinks. During this time, soda consumption has risen by 300 percent.

Another factor has been fat phobia. Youngsters "consume less and less as they get older," Moore said. "Adolescent girls in particular are concerned about eating dairy because they think it will make them fat."

Her research, based on the Framingham Children's Study, found just the opposite is true. The analysis was financed largely by the National Health, Lung and Blood Institute with additional funding from the National Dairy Council.

Several studies have shown that children and adults who consume adequate amounts of dairy foods have lower blood pressure. Some researchers have put adults on diets with increased dairy and found, to their surprise, that they also seem to lose weight.

In the latest study, the researchers did frequent dietary surveys on 106 families with children and followed them an average of 12 years. They judged body fat by measuring the skin thickness on four parts of their bodies.

They found that those who consumed less than two servings a day averaged about an extra inch of fat in a fold of skin, a surprisingly large amount. The children's average skin fold thickness was 75 millimeters, while those who ate little dairy were 25 millimeters greater.

Dr. Stephen Daniels, associate chairman of the heart center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, noted that the benefit was seen with a relatively modest amount of dairy food, and overdoing it could mean large amounts of extra fat calories.

"You shouldn't take home from this that you need to eat as much dairy as you can, but it should be part of an overall healthy diet," he said.

He also noted that no study has yet shown that adding milk to youngsters' diet actually helps them control weight. He said those who get regular dairy foods may weight less because they eat more home-cooked meals or have breakfast each morning.

Among other findings of Moore's study:  
—Youngsters who ate moder-

ate amounts of fat weighed less than those who ate either more or less.

—Increased consumption of fruits and vegetables was also associated with lower weight.

—Contrary to one popular theory, the glycemic index of children's diet had no bearing on their eventual weight gain.

Just how dairy food might moderate weight gain is a mystery. Moore speculated that calcium or some other nutrient in milk might help influence the way the body stores energy in fat cells. Or perhaps dairy foods simply make children feel less hungry.

Moore noted some parents who cannot eat dairy foods also withhold milk from their children, although lactose intolerance is usually not a problem among the young.

Another study at the conference, presented by Dr. Nicolas Stettler of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, suggests the importance of early infancy weight gain. He followed 1,850 pairs of full-term siblings to help sort out the effects of household and genetic factors.

Six percent of those who gained between eight and 10 pounds during their first four months of life were obese by the time they reached age six, compared with 3 percent of those who put on between six and eight pounds during this critical early period.

He said the work suggests that breast-feeding, which leads to less quick weight gain than formula feeding, may help prevent later obesity.

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## March is National Nutrition Month

National Nutrition Month is sponsored by the American Dietetic Association and promotes the importance of nutrition as a key component of health. It focuses on nutrition recommendations, dietary guidelines, and the Food Pyramid as the framework for making daily food choices.

In keeping with the national recognition, the Food and Nutrition Services Department at Highlands Regional Medical Center has a community awareness display in the lobby of the Medical Office Building. The display offers educational materials on the importance of eating smart to stay healthy. Body Mass Index calculations are offered and information about the pros and cons of the highly debated Atkins' diet are included in the display.

The growing epidemic of childhood obesity and Type II (adult onset) diabetes in children is highly publicized in the media. Kentucky ranks as one of the top ten states in the nation for the

prevalence of diabetes which occurs in both adults and children. Other growing health problems with a direct link to nutrition are colon cancer and heart disease. Highlands Regional Medical Center recognizes and emphasizes the important link between a healthy diet and maintaining a healthy body.

Healthy food choices can extend our lives and help to prevent illnesses. Special nutrients in fruits and vegetables (phytochemicals) have been proven to boost the immune system and fight colds, heart disease, aging, and many types of cancers. Choosing five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables a day and including whole grains as carbohydrate choices is a great way to decrease weight and reduce the risk for many diseases.

Highlands Food and Nutrition Services Department invites the public to stop by, during March National Nutrition Month, and learn how to "Eat Smart and Stay Healthy."

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## Cliff Daniels

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"He only took my hand"

Last night, while I was trying to sleep, my son's voice I did hear.

I opened my eyes and looked around, but he did not appear.

He said, "Mom, you've got to listen, you've got to understand,

God didn't take me from you, Mom, He only took my hand."

When I called out in pain that night,

The instant that I died, He reached down and took my hand, and pulled me to His side.

He pulled me up, and saved me from the misery and pain,

My body was hurt so badly inside, I could never be the same.

My search is really over now, I've found happiness within,

All the answers to my empty dreams, and all that might have been.

I love you so and miss you so, and I'll always be nearby,

My body's gone forever, but my spirit will never die!

And, so you must go on now, live one day at a time,

Just understand, God didn't take me from you, He only took my hand.

Author unknown

Sadly missed by

Dad, Mom, and Sister

## 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 three half-sisters, Marie Hall, Sylvia Kochheiser and Jewel Akers.

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

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

Visitation was at the funeral home, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

## Opal Campbell

Opal Campbell, age 88, of Garrett, passed away, on Saturday, March 13, 2004, at her residence in Garrett, following an extended illness.

She was born in Garrett, on December 27, 1915, the daughter of the late H.J. Murphy Sr., and Bertie Morrison Murphy.

She was a retired merchant. She, along with her husband, Elmo Campbell, operated the Lillie Campbell and Son Grocery Store in Garrett, for many years. She was a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church.

Her husband, Elmo Campbell, preceded her in death.

Survivors include, two daughters: Shirley Parsons and Marjorie Lovely, both of Garrett; one brother, H.J. Murphy Jr., of Huntington, West Virginia; one sister, Anna Laura Deihl of Bradenton, Florida; three grandchildren: Gary Edwin Lovely, David Campbell Lovely, and Laura Jeanne Davis; four great-grandchildren: Gary Edwin Lovely Jr., Kristopher Saint Childers, Brett Grayson Matthews, and Rachell Elizabeth Lovely.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 16, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Randy Osborne officiating.

Entombment was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers: Paul Mullins, David Lovely, Gary Lovely, Randy Turner, Jason Bentley and Don Hughes.

(Paid obituary)

## Marie F. Martin

Marie F. Martin, age 82, of Eastern, widow of Clem Martin, passed away, Thursday, March 11, 2004, at the Carmel Manor Nursing Home, in Ft. Thomas.

She was born January 3, 1922, in Canell City, the daughter of the late Walter Fraley and Florence Salyer Fraley. She was a homemaker and a member of the Maytown First Baptist Church, at Langley.

Survivors include one son, Jerry W. Martin of Garrett; two daughters: Sonja Marie Ramey of Alexandria, Yvette Martin McGuire of Prestonsburg; one sister, Audrey Gayheart of Louisville; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 14, at 2:30 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Clergyman Robert Varney officiating.

Burial was in the Martin-Allen Cemetery, at Eastern, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Tim Ramey, Kevin Todd Martin, Chris Sexton, Michael Cikanowick, Billy Stanton Osborne, and Danny Flannery.

(Paid obituary)

## David Harmon Little

David Harmon Little, 76, of Melvin, died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born April 6, 1927, in Johnson County, he was the son of Bessie Johnson Little of Eubank, and the late John E. Little. He was a retired coal miner, a member of the U.M.W.A. Local No. 5899, at Wheelwright, and a World War II Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Hall Little.

Survivors, other than his mother, include his sons: Jerry Little, (wife, Sharon) of Price, Kenny Little of Maytown, and David Lee (Boo) Little and Rex Vicars, both of Melvin; daughters: Debbie Mullins, (husband, Paul) of Ashboro, North Carolina, Libby Anderson, (husband, JR.) of Bevinsville; brother, John Little Jr., of Monticello; sisters: Margaret Gibson of Bonita, Florida, Margie Hogsd of Martin, Betty Mullins of Franklin Furance, Ohio, Susie McCoy of Louisville, and Bobbie Jean England of Stanford; 11 grandchildren: Brian, Michelle, Chris, Ryan, Jason, Dustin, Cory, Brandy, Randi, Ashley, and Amanda.

In addition to his wife and father, he was preceded in death by one brother, Billy Eugene Little.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 17, at 1 p.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, at Melvin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Little Family Cemetery, at Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## Alonzo Patton

Alonzo Patton, 80, of McDowell, died Monday, March 15, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born October 5, 1923, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Tom and Ida Patton. He was a retired coal miner, and a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Shepherd Patton.

Other survivors include a son, Johnny R. Patton of McDowell; a brother, George Patton of Phoenix, Arizona; and a sister, Joann Patton of McDowell.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Adam Patton, Landon Patton, and Monroe Patton; and a sister, Lizzie Wolfe.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 17, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, at McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Girlie Chaffins

Girlie Chaffins, age 81, of Garrett, passed away, on Saturday, March 13, 2004, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born in Garrett, on June 3, 1922, the daughter of Virgie Chaffins Conley of Hindman, and the late Robert Conley.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Free Independent Baptist Church, at Garner.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernal Chaffins in 1979.

She is survived by her mother, Virgie Chaffins Conley of Hindman; two sons: Darrell (Rose) Chaffins of Garrett, and Oscar Childers of Willard, Ohio; two daughters: Nella Faye Chaffins, and Carol (Danny) Shepherd of Garrett; three brothers: Irland Conley of Hindman, Hubert Conley of Willard, Ohio, and Mont Conley of Avilla, Indiana; two grandchildren: Tammy Shepherd and Kelvin Chaffins; three great-grandchildren: Natasha Shepherd, Lakeesha Shepherd, and Kevin Darrell Chaffins.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 16, at noon, in the Rock Fork Bible Church at Garrett, with Sterlin Bolen, Randy Osborne, and Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial was in the Chaffins Cemetery, at Rock Fork Road, Garrett, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Pallbearers: Danny Shepherd, Kelvin Chaffins, Tim Shepherd, Oscar Childers, Mont Conley, Francisco Dominguez, Logan Shepherd and Jimmy Pratt.

(Paid obituary)

## Archie Hall

Archie Hall, age 80, of Kenosha, Wisconsin, formerly of Ligon, husband of Maudie Tackett Hall, passed away, Friday, March 12, 2004, at United Hospital Systems, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

He was born May 11, 1923, in Ligon, the son of the late Henry Hall and Hattie Tackett Hall. Prior to his retirement, he worked for Coca-Cola in Pikeville, then a coal miner in West Virginia. Upon settling in Kenosha, he worked for American Motors, and later at Ford Sheridan. After retirement, he was employed with Kenosha News as a carrier for 10 years. He was a member of the VFW Post No. 1865, the Johns-Manville Club, the Moose Lodge No. 286, the American Lodge, and was a U.S. Army WW II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Maudie Tackett Hall; three sons: Roy (Pam) Hall of Belleville, Michigan, and Walter Hall and Danny Hall, both of Kenosha; a daughter, Rose Marie Hall Suokko of Kenosha; a sister, Ethel Irick of Boldman; 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and three step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: Arthur, Frank, Ruben, and Riley; two sisters, Ardie Hamilton and Opal Hall; three daughters: Virginia, Martha, and Mary, all in infancy; and a grandson, William R. Shattuck.

Funeral services for Archie Hall will be conducted Wednesday, March 17, at 11:30 a.m., at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the C.C.H. Bun Hamilton Cemetery, at Teaberry, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

## Ida Burchett Click

Ida Burchett Click, 89, of Banner, widow of Lunnie Click, passed away, Monday, March 15, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born November 8, 1914, in Banner, the daughter of the late Mermon Burchett and Hannah Rice Burchett Meade. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Hope United Baptist Church, since 1975.

Survivors include one son, Richard Click of Banner; two daughters: Gloriana Layne of Langley, Anna Rose Collins of Oil Springs; one brother, Robert Meade of Xenia, Ohio; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her step-father, Rhodes Meade; one son, Lunnie Click Jr.; two brothers: John Burchett, and Richard Burchett; two step-brothers: James Meade, and David Meade; one sister, Anna Ramey; one step-sister, Mae Delong; and one grandchild, Paul Richard Click.

Funeral services for Ida Burchett Click will be conducted Thursday, March 18, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with United Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Gunnells Family Cemetery, in Banner, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

## Oliver Ratliff

Oliver Ratliff, age 87, of Redlands, California, formerly of Floyd County, Kentucky, passed away, Thursday, March 4, 2004, at Mission Commons Retirement Center in Redlands, California.

Mr. Ratliff was the son of Allen and Mary Ann Lafferty Ratliff of Langley, Kentucky, who preceded him in death. His wife, Maude Barnes Ratliff, also preceded him in death.

Mr. Ratliff is survived by one brother, Edgel Ratliff of Ypsilanti, Michigan; and six sisters: Goldia Francis of Russells Point, Ohio, Myrtle and Bertha Ratliff of Minnie, Kentucky, Lula Bradley and Sydney Ratliff of Drift, Kentucky, and Shirley Amburgey of Langley, Kentucky. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Ratliff was a former teacher in the Floyd County School System



for the past forty-five years. He and his wife resided in California, where he was a professor at Northridge Engineering College and at Redlands University.

He was cremated by Emerson Bartlett Memorial Chapel. His ashes will be scattered at sea off the coast of Los Angeles.

Memorial services for Mr. Ratliff and his wife, Maude, will be held at Christ United Methodist Church at Allen, Kentucky, at 2 p.m., March 27, 2004.

(Courtesy of Hall Funeral Home)

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The family of Opal Akers would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, prayers, and all the kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman William Jarrell for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF OPAL AKERS

## Card of Thanks

The family of Ballard Hall would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the flowers, prayers, and all the kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Jackie Howard; also to Bubby Woods, Glenna Layne, Sandy Moore, Gayle Compton, Donna Ratliff, Richard Crisp, Daniel and Faye Crum; Five Miles From Nowhere, for the beautiful music; employees of Kentucky Hydrocarbon; Betsy Layne DAV; doctors, nursing staff, and ladies in food service at Highlands Regional Medical Center; active and honorary pallbearers; e-mails sent to our family; the Sheriff's Department, for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Kentucky, for their kind, professional, and courteous service. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

MRS. BALLARD HALL



Guest

the founder of Home Economics, which for decades was a staple course offering in public schools. She published innumerable monographs and magazine articles for women on how to keep sanitary conditions in the home and in the food they prepared for their families. The visionary Ellen Swallow Richards predicted future environmental crises, many of which have come to pass.

Second on my list is Harriet Williams Russell Strong (1844-1926). This lady was a widow, left with 4 young children to fend for herself in the wilds of southern California. Even though the Nabataen Arabs had centuries ago discovered ways to engineer irrigation canals and conserve water to make the desert "bloom", it is doubtful that Mrs. Strong had ever heard about it. Need is the greatest inventor, and she needed to survive with her children in a desert climate, and so she did. She became the primary innovator of dry land irrigation and water conservation techniques in this country and pioneered methods of conserving floodwaters to supply farm crops in dry climates. Thus, she became an unrelenting supporter

of water conservation and finding new approaches to arid land agriculture.

For me, a zoologist with particular interest in the marine environment, Rachel Carson (1907-1964) holds a special place in the history of women environmentalists. A trained zoologist herself, she was dedicated to opening up the minds of people to understand what a devastating impact our industrialized society has had on the marine environment. Her books, *The Sea Around Us* and *The Edge of the Sea* served to educate the layman, in the simplest of terms, about how complex and beautiful the marine world is. Furthermore, it was her work on the effects of DDT and other pesticides on the chain of life that finally brought her to the forefront in science. Her third and last book, *Silent Spring*, was a touching and disturbing exposé on how pesticides were poisoning our rivers and soils. Her warning was that if we didn't stop, we might soon face a spring without the songs of birds. She never lived to see the banning of DDT, having died in 1964 of breast cancer, but her work was clearly a turning point in the

environmental movement.

Among the scores of other women environmentalists, there's Marjory Stoneman Douglas (1890-1998), who devoted her life to restoring the Florida Everglades, which had been previously considered a 'useless swamp'. There was also Petra Kelly (1947-1982), who founded the West German Green Party. Kelly once said, "The Earth has been mistreated, and only by restoring a balance, only by living with the Earth, only by emphasizing knowledge and expertise towards soft energies and soft technologies for people and for life, can we overcome the patriarchal ego." Strong, but true, words.

Women continue to take very prominent roles in environmental activism. Hazel Henderson, who wrote *Beyond Globalization*, is a consultant on alternative development in over 30 countries and serves on the Board of the World Watch Institute. She shared the 1996 Global Citizen Award with Nobel Prize Winner, A. Perez Esquivel of Argentina.

As President of the World Wildlife Fund, Katherine Fuller has helped secure an ivory ban, promoted debt-for-nature swaps

in Asia & South America, and developed the national environmental educational program, "Windows of the World". Barbara Dudley, as Executive Director of Greenpeace, has won many important environmental victories. It was she who was responsible for educating the smalltime fishermen about sustainable fishing and the perils of corporate fisheries' policies. She battled to ban chlorine, a dangerous toxin linked to breast cancer in women and low sperm counts in men, which consequently led to the non-use of chlorine bleachers in dry cleaning and paper production. Then, there's Debbie Sease, of the Sierra Club, who is the primary lobbyist on the California Desert Protection Act, Barbara Bramble of the National Wildlife Federation, park protector Silvia Ungueta, and Vicki Robin, President of the New Road Map Foundation, which teaches low-consumption lifestyles. Ms. Robin advocates that lowering consumption and planning a sustainable future are crucial for society and (get this) she lives happily on about \$7,000 a year to prove it can be done!

There you have it...at least some of the names of women who have been crucial to environmental programs in this country. So, when Women's History Month rolls around again, with Environmental Month at its heels, think of them and the many others who have been responsible for the great strides we have made in environmental stewardship. Thanks, ladies.

*Professor Shiber teaches Human Ecology, Zoology & Biology at the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community & Technical College.*

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Letters

ter than the terrorists." But this isn't about being better than they are. It's about defeating them. The war will not be won until the foul beasts of Islamic terrorism are utterly sent into the abyss where they and all the orcs of humanity belong.

Now, for the ghastly offense of undermining the blessed United Nations, consider this parable:

After the second great war of Middle Earth, the kings of men took council and agreed to forge rings of peace and unity. But they were all of them deceived; for a great ring of

power emerged, one UN to rule them all. One by one, the free peoples of Middle Earth submitted to the power of the ring. Some, even in their own lands, thought that they could use the ring for good, so they willingly surrendered sovereignty. But there were some who resisted. A last alliance of Yanks, Brits and Judahites forsook the Pledge of Globalization. No longer would they recite the Creed of the Ring: "We surrender our sovereignty to the United Nations; and to the acquiescence which it requires; one world, one government;

with appeasement and impotent sanctions to all dictators of domains where the hapless subjects who do not bear swords will still die upon them, shedding their own blood tenfold more in peacetime than in war."

So yes, Lady Shiber, it is worth it.  
Ronnie Stapleton  
Flat Gap

Odds

will quickly mate with a panda at her new home, the Wolong Giant Panda Protection Research Center in southwestern China.

"We hope she can get pregnant by the end of March," said Wei Rongping, assistant director of the research center. "But first of all, she should have some sexual education."

Because Hua Mei has been in captivity since she was born, she has little knowledge of sex, so

officials have shown her videos of mating pandas and brought her to see other pandas mating.

Similar sex education courses given to other pandas in the center had resulted in natural matings.

Hua Mei has been assigned four prospective mates.

"I do not know which of them will be lucky enough to mate our princess," Wei said. "It's all up to Hua Mei to find her own 'Mr. Right.'"

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Card of Thanks

The family of Virgil Bailey would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped to comfort us during our time of grief. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergymen Randy Osborne and Larry Adams for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. Your love and support will never be forgotten, we greatly appreciate you all.

THE FAMILY OF VIRGIL BAILEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Joyce Gayle Newsom Hix would like to express our deep appreciation to everyone who provided help and support through her illness, and during our time of loss. Thanks to all who visited; sent flowers, cards, or food; assisted with final arrangements; and offered prayers and words of comfort. Special thanks to the following:

Doctors Tamara Musgrave and Leon and Katrina Briggs, for the care, hope, and friendship they provided.

The staff of Pikeville Methodist Hospital's Oncology Unit, for making the last few weeks as comfortable as possible.

Pastor Mark Walz of the First United Methodist Church of Prestonsburg, for a beautiful memorial service, and for his words of encouragement.

Sandra Frost, Greg Ball, Ashley Ball, and Rose Price, for their wonderful contributions to the service.

Sue Yates and Scott Walker, for their invaluable assistance with arrangements.

Pallbearers: Lynn Doyle Frasure, Randy Doug Frasure, Blake Frasure, Darrell Newsom, Gary Ball, Lennis Newsom, Micky Newsom, Tosh Newsom, and Allred Larse ("June Bug") Newsom, Jr.

Supervisors and staff of the University of Kentucky Targeted Assessment Project, and Pike County Division of Protection & Permanency, for their patience and support.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Office, for providing traffic direction.

The staff of Hall Funeral Home, for their compassionate, professional service.

Family and friends who visited with us at the hospital, assisted with care; came to be with us at the chapel; contributed to the post-memorial dinner by Josephine Frasure; sent words or tokens of remembrance and support; and who continue to remember her, and us, in your thoughts and prayers.

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THE FAMILY OF BETTY LOU HALE CHAFFIN

Card of Thanks

The family of Bradley S. Akers would like to express sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends and neighbors who helped to comfort us during our time of grief.

A special thanks to the Old Regular Baptist ministers; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home, of Martin, for their kind, professional, and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF BRADLEY AKERS

Card of Thanks

The family of Anthony Newsome would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thank-you to all clergymen for all their comforting words, and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their efficient services.

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The Scope of Work, Request for Bid, and General Conditions is available upon request. Individual bids will be accepted and contracts awarded for projects in Pike, Magoffin and Floyd counties.

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- #12-1053 Floyd County

Interested installers should send statements and proposals to Big Sandy Area Development District, until March 31, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. Faxed or email proposals will not be accepted. Liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000, and proof of workers' compensation insurance or a workers' compensation exemption form is required with each bid.

A selection committee will review, evaluate, and rate each bidder based on their submitted Bid. The Big Sandy Area Development District will contact the installer with the winning bid and enter into negotiations. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked installer will be contacted. Once an installer has been selected, all unsuccessful installers will be promptly notified. The Selection Committee will adhere to the provision of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 3. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides funding for this project. The formal solicitation of seeking qualified installers is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of the funding agency.

## Survey project to document New Deal resources in 28 Eastern Kentucky counties

FRANKFORT — New Deal-era buildings, structures and sites within a 28-county area of eastern Kentucky are being targeted in an extensive survey being undertaken beginning this month by the Kentucky Heritage Council, the State Historic Preservation Office, in conjunction with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Preservation Kentucky, Inc. The goal is to produce a comprehensive history and inventory of east Kentucky New Deal resources that will be released in a report, the "New Deal Cultural Landscape of East Kentucky," later this fall.

Counties included in a broad-

study include Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, McCreary, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Whitley and Wolfe. For these communities, letters are being sent to county historical societies, tourism commissions, city and county leaders and interested individuals seeking input on any buildings, structures or sites that are known or identified as being associated with New Deal-era work relief projects.

Because it will not be possible to thoroughly document

every New Deal-related structure in each of these counties, comprehensive historical research and examples of significant New Deal-era resources will be further studied using three counties as case studies — Greenup, Letcher and McCreary — selected due to geographic diversity, previous lack of any comprehensive survey work, and the availability of local contacts to assist with project guidance. Kentucky Heritage Council staff will actually conduct intensive surveys in each of these counties to physically document and research individual New Deal resources. [NOTE: The first survey work will begin in Letcher County the week of March 15.]

"It is hoped that this study will highlight an important era of modernization in Kentucky's cultural history and help in the understanding and appreciation of eastern Kentucky's rich legacy," said David L. Morgan, Kentucky Heritage Council Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer. "In fact, resources documented

through this study should help provide the basis for enhanced tourism opportunities and economic development initiatives."

To complete this process, Cynthia Johnson, a research assistant from the University of Kentucky Graduate Program in Historic Preservation, will work with Rachel Kennedy, Kentucky Heritage Council Research Coordinator, to research and co-author the report.

The New Deal was a domestic policy program implemented by President Franklin D. Roosevelt from 1933 through 1943, designed to pull the United States out of the Depression by creating

(See SURVEY, page nine)

## Judicial Conduct Commission levels new charges against suspended judge

The Associated Press

HAZARD — A circuit court judge who was removed from the bench faces additional charges from the Kentucky Judicial Conduct Commission.

The commission filed three more counts of misconduct against Perry County Judge Douglas Combs Jr. last month and made them public Friday.

The charges claim that Combs, 47, failed to assign trial dates and canceled or continued trial dates for "insubstantial" reasons, refused to remain in the Perry County courthouse to receive a grand jury report in December, and frequently had a staff member hear arguments from attorneys who filed motions rather than hear the arguments himself.

William E. Johnson, who represents Combs, filed a written response to the new charges, denying all accusations and

requesting that they be dismissed.

Combs "has always sought to exercise his judicial responsibilities fully and impartially in the administration of justice in Perry County," Johnson wrote.

In December, the commission charged Combs with 10 counts of misconduct, including allegations that he hired unnecessary substitute court reporters, used court personnel in his private business and accepted a Las Vegas trip from an attorney who practices in his court.

Combs also has been under investigation by the FBI.

If the charges are substantiated, Combs could face sanctions ranging from a private reprimand to permanent removal from the bench. He has been suspended with pay.

An April 19 hearing was scheduled on the charges, but Johnson plans to ask that it be postponed so that he can fully defend the new charges.

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At this early stage of the campaign, I would like to tell you a little about who I am. I was reared in the Toler Creek area of Harold in Floyd County, and continue to live there. I am the daughter of Lurlie Salisbury Roberts and the late Harmel Roberts of Harold. I was born ninth of their ten children. My nine siblings are as follows: The late Leo Roberts of Toler Creek, Lydia Robinette Steele of Harold, Charles Roberts of Lincoln Park, Michigan, Thelma Spears of Betsy Layne, J.D.

Roberts of Grethel, Patricia Layne of Betsy Layne, Jerry Roberts of Toler Creek, Larry Roberts of Prater creek, and Tammy Jarrell of Toler creek. I'm married to Jeff Stumbo and we have one son, Colton. My husband is the son of Christine Sexton Stumbo and the late Bill Kitt Stumbo of McDowell.

My educational background varies. I'm a graduate of Betsy Layne High School. I have a degree in Mining Technology from Pikeville College and am a teacher of post secondary education. Too, I'm a licensed Cosmetologist and I teach Continuing Education Classes for hair dressers. I have always had a desire for learning, and have been an advocate for higher education for our youth.

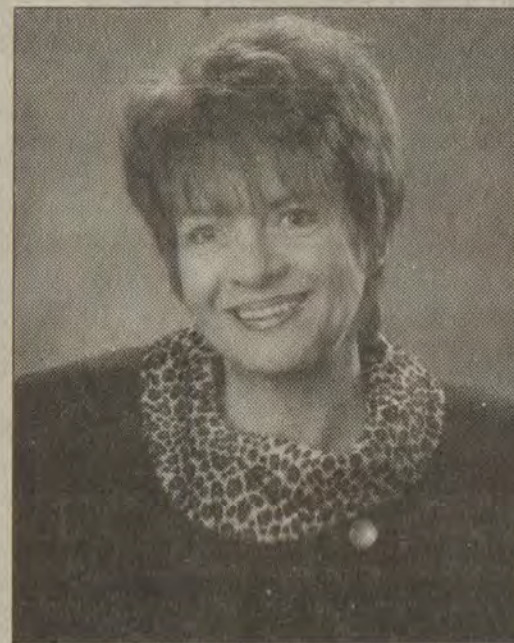
I am a Christian and a member of the Church of Christ. I feel that I am qualified, capable and able to fulfill the duties that this job demands. I have a great love for the people of eastern Kentucky, especially my friends and neighbors of Floyd County. I have a sincere desire to serve and represent the people of Floyd County as your next State Representative.

Over the next few weeks I look forward to discussing the issues that so greatly affect all of us. I also want to take this time to especially thank all of the people who have called or come by to pledge their support for me in this campaign. Together we can make a difference.

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EKU's Summer I term will begin May 17; Summer II will begin June 14; Fall term will begin August 25. HCTC's Summer Session I courses begin June 1; Summer Session II begins July 6 and the Fall term begins August 16. MSU's Summer Session begins June 7 and the Fall term begins August 23.

For more information, please contact the University Center of the Mountains staff at (800) 246-7521 ext. 73182 or (606) 487-3182 or by email at Ron.Daley@kctcs.edu.

## Survey

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jobs through direct use of government funding. This program was manifested in capital improvement projects such as schools, court houses, bridges, dams, roads and parks built in partnership with various New Deal agencies - including the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Civil Works Administration, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, the National Youth Administration, the Public Works Administration, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Works Progress Administration.

For more information about the project or to offer information about New Deal resources in your area, please call Johnson, the primary researcher, at the Kentucky

Heritage Council, (502) 564-7005, ext. 151, or email her at cynthiae.johnson@ky.gov.

An agency of the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet, the Kentucky Heritage Council is responsible for the identification, protection and preservation of historic and cultural resources throughout the Commonwealth, in partnership with other state and federal agencies, local communities and interested citizens. This mission is integral to making communities more livable and has a far-ranging impact on issues as diverse as economic development, jobs creation, affordable housing, tourism, community revitalization, environmental conservation and quality of life.

## Jenny Wiley AARP Officer installation

In its first meeting of the year, Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will conduct its installation of officers on Friday, March 19, in the office complex of Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Those officers to be installed are, James E. Goble, president; Elizabeth B. Castle, vice president; Garnett S. Fairchild, treasurer; and Marie Goble, secretary.

Jane Bond will preside at the installation.

This is an important event in the life of Jenny Wiley Chapter, and all members and friends of the Chapter are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.



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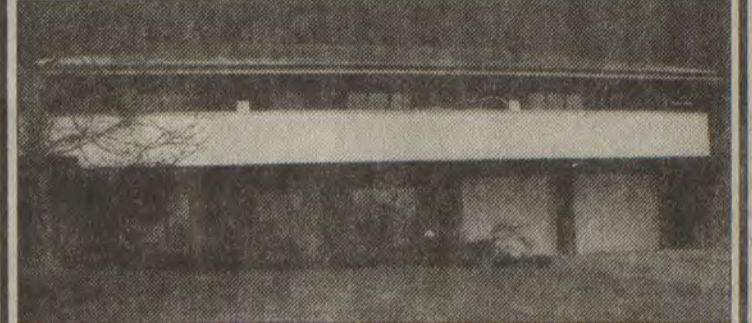
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## Black Lung

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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.

A coal industry official said Tuesday that the bill represents a "step backward" by moving away from objective medical evidence.

"They're taking the determination of black lung away from doctors and giving it to the judges," Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said in an interview. "And the intent is to have more black-lung awards made by the judges."

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.

Webb said the retraining benefits have been a "dismal failure," with virtually no miners receiving the assistance. She said employers are reluctant to hire ex-miners who had exposure to black lung.

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Saturday, May 29th, Registration begins at 10 a.m., and Welcome Home Ceremonies start at 1 p.m., both on the School Grounds.

A tour of the old Martin High School Building will be conducted after the ceremonies. Since the upstairs has been blocked off, we can only tour the downstairs.

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# Man pleads not guilty to charges from wreck

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Hi Hat resident accused of rear-ending an off duty vehicle enforcement officer pleaded not guilty to wanton endangerment charges from that alleged incident, according to documents filed yesterday in circuit court.



Daniel Hatfield

Daniel K. Hatfield, 27, pleaded not guilty during his arraignment Friday to four counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, charges that were taken out against him by Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officer Thomas Gearheart.

Gearheart claims Hatfield rammed the back of his vehicle, doing \$1,200 worth in damages, then "ran" from the scene in order to avoid prosecution.

During an interview yesterday, Gearheart said he was driving his wife's car Dec. 7 through Minnie when Hatfield rear-ended him at the intersection of Route 680 and Route 122.

"He hit me in the rear when I stopped at an intersection," Gearheart said. "As I exited the vehicle, I heard him squealing his tires trying to drive by me and leave the scene."

Gearheart, who was standing near his vehicle, alleges that Hatfield nearly hit him when he

passed by. He said that he chased Hatfield, who registered speeds of approximately 90 miles an hour, for several miles before catching up with him.

Following an investigation into the accident, KSP trooper Randy McCarty charged Hatfield with operating a motor vehicle under the influence, operating on a suspended license, no insurance and leaving the scene of an accident, charges which are currently pending in Floyd District Court.

Gearheart said he proceeded with the case following the KSP investigation into the accident by taking out a criminal complaint against Hatfield for four counts of wanton endangerment, felony charges for which Hatfield was indicted last month.

Three juveniles who passengers in Hatfield's vehicle were put in substantial danger, Gearheart said, during the incident.

No injuries were reported in the accident. Gearheart said he suffered lower back pain following the accident, but that tests at a local emergency room determined no injuries.

In addition to the current charges, Hatfield has seen numerous alcohol-related charges brought against him. Court documents indicate that he pleaded guilty to alcohol intoxication and was sentenced to a 30-day probated sentence in district court on Monday. He was arraigned on that charge one day after the alleged accident with Gearheart. Hatfield is also currently paying fines for several offenses against him, including one handed down in June 2003 for driving without insurance, registration plates or receipts, and another in September, when he was found guilty of alcohol intoxication.

His criminal history record also includes a charge of first-degree promoting contraband from June, 1998. During his arraignment, he pleaded not guilty to the charge, taken against him by former Deputy Jailer Carl Conley, and a pretrial conference was scheduled to be heard in the case in August 1998. No action, however, has been taken in the case since then.

"I guess he got drunk and hit the wrong one that day, which is bad luck on his part," Gearheart said.

Hatfield, represented by public advocate Michael P. Studebaker, is scheduled for a jury trial in the KSP's district court case in July. He is scheduled for a pretrial conference for the wanton endangerment charges on June 10.

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**Stumbo to give speech in Tenn.**

**Times Staff Report**

Kentucky Supreme Court Justice and former assistant county attorney Janet Stumbo will speak tonight at a gathering of law enforcement officials in West Tennessee.

The conference amounts to a symposium on the increasing

concern of state officials toward the rising rate of auto accidents and fatalities linked to drunk or drug-impaired drivers.

Stumbo will be speaking on the effectiveness of "sobriety checkpoints." The use of these checkpoints and their ability to cut down on alcohol and drug auto fatalities will be the main

features of the speech.

Stumbo is no stranger to the issue and authored a decision, Commonwealth vs. Buchanan, which concerned such checkpoints.

Stumbo hopes to gain acceptance for these measures which add another level of caution to drivers by increasing the chance of getting arrested for driving under the influence.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

conducted a survey which revealed that impaired drivers can be on the road up to 772 times before getting caught.

Stumbo will be demonstrating at the conference how properly conducted sobriety checkpoints are in the best interest of public safety. The conference is being funded by the Tennessee Department of Transportation, the Governor's Highway Safety Office and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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What is the Flight Factory? The Flight Factory is the first of many, interactive experiences coming to the Children's Interactive Museum at the center. Unlike traditional museum visits where the students are mainly observers and occasionally interact with an exhibit, a visit to the Flight Factory involves the testing of several student-designed items such as paper airplanes, air and water rockets, parachutes, and hot air balloons. The design and construction usually takes place in the classroom prior to the visit and is the result of research and initial testing. "The teacher drives the experience," says John Handshoe, Director of the Children's Interactive Museum. "The success of the visit depends on the amount of preliminary research the students perform in the classroom." Upon completion of the session the students return to their classroom to perform the final analy-

sis of their items where, based upon the data they collect at the Flight Factory, they will draw conclusions and make predictions of how changes in design may affect future performance. After the conclusions are made, the students send the results back to the Flight Factory and are awarded a certificate of completion and their own set of wings.

To date, over 2,000 students have visited the Flight Factory and the program has been upgraded to also include the opportunity for students to design and test various wing shapes in a 6-foot long, computer interfaced wind tunnel for analysis of lift and drag. Also added for this year is the flight simulator, which allows participants to fly the Wright Flyer and other historical aircraft on a 9' by 12' projection screen, utilizing surround-sound. The Flight Factory is expected to run until fall of 2006 when it will be converted to a traveling exhibit and Mars Invasion, the next interactive exhibit, will open. As part of

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## Kentucky's unemployment rate plunges in January

FRANKFORT - Kentucky's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate showed a significant drop to 5.2 percent in January 2004 from a revised 6 percent in December 2003, according to the Department for

Employment Services, a department of the Education Cabinet.

The state's seasonally adjusted jobless rate for January 2003 was 5.9 percent.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate also declined in January to 5.6 percent from 5.7 percent in December, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

"The January 2004 rate of 5.2 percent is the lowest rate for a January since 2001, when the January 2001 rate was 4.8 percent," said Carlos Cracraft, the department's chief labor market analyst.

Eight of the 10 major non-farm job North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) sectors had employment increases in January, while two decreased, Cracraft said. A monthly survey of business establishments revealed that Kentucky's nonfarm employment jumped by 7,600 on a seasonally adjusted basis to January's 1,793,300 employees.

According to the seasonally adjusted employment data, the financial activities sector rose by 2,700 jobs in January. This sector, which includes establishments involved in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing or rental, has climbed by 3,400 jobs since January 2003.

"This over-the-year employment increase in the financial activities sector reflects in part the overall volume of mortgage refinancing that has taken place

in the last year," said Cracraft.

In January 2004, the government sector, which includes public education, went up by 2,500 jobs. Since January 2003, this sector has decreased by 5,500 jobs.

The other services sector, which includes such establishments as repair and maintenance places, personal and laundry services, religious organizations, and civic and professional organizations, added 1,500 jobs in January 2004.

Over the past 12 months, the sector has added 3,000 employees. Kentucky's construction sector jumped by 1,300 jobs in January 2004 and 2,700 positions since January 2003.

The trade, transportation and utilities sector reported an increase of 800 jobs in January 2004. This sector includes retail and wholesale trade, transportation and utilities businesses, and warehousing, and is the largest sector in Kentucky with 372,000 employees. Since January 2003, the sector has grown by 1,900 employees.

The educational and health services sector reported 500 more jobs in January 2004 than in December 2003. Since January 2003, the sector has added 3,200 jobs.

The manufacturing sector rose by 300 employees in January 2004. Compared to January 2003, the sector had 3,200 fewer employees in January 2004.

Kentucky's information sector recorded a gain of 200 employees in January 2004. This sector, which includes firms involved in publishing, Internet activities and broadcasting and news syndication, had 400 fewer jobs in January 2004 than in January 2003.

On the down side, Kentucky's leisure and hospitality sector reported 1,700 fewer jobs in January 2004. Since January 2003, the sector has added 2,000 employees.

Professional and business services sector employment declined by 100 employees in January 2004. This sector had 600 more employees in January 2004 than in January 2003.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistic's monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for January 2004 was 1,876,625 on a seasonally adjusted basis. This figure is up 30,189 from the 1,846,436 employed in December 2003, and up 49,508 from the 1,827,117 employed in January 2003.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed

Kentuckians for January 2004 was 103,308. This figure is down 13,861 from the 117,169 unemployed in December 2003, and down 10,680 from the 113,988 Kentuckians unemployed in January 2003.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for January 2004 was 1,979,933. This figure is up 16,328 from the 1,963,605 recorded in December 2003, and up 38,828 from the 1,941,105 recorded for January 2003.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not

include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings.

Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

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## Hazard student elected to KCTCS Board of Regents for 2004/05

LEXINGTON — A Hazard student has been elected by her peers to serve on the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) Board of Regents during the 2004/05 academic year.

Cynthia Osborne of Hazard Community and Technical College will serve as the new community college student regent. She replaces Brandon W. Robinson of Southeast Community College.

The 14-member Board of Regents establishes policy for Kentucky's statewide system of two-year community and technical colleges. Osborne will begin her 2004/05 term after July 1.

Cynthia L. Read, chair of the KCTCS Board of Regents, said she looks forward to the new regent's service on the board.

"Ms. Osborne comes to the board with a variety of experiences," Read said. "We will benefit from her participation."

Osborne is a full-time student at Hazard's main campus, majoring in health care administration, and carrying a 4.0 GPA. Upon completion of her associate degree, she plans to transfer to Midway College to work on a bachelor's degree.

Osborne currently serves as vice president of Phi Theta Kappa honor society and is a member of the Student Government Association for the Hazard Campus. She also has been involved in numerous volunteer activities including the KCTCS/Rotary Access to Careers Day; community fundraiser for the Kentucky River Children's Advocacy Center; March of Dimes, and Hospice.

Osborne graduated from high school in Michigan in 1972. Prior to enrolling at Hazard Community and Technical College in 2002, she spent a number of years working in hospitals and serving as a minister of music in an international youth corps.

One of Osborne's goals, as a student regent, is to help KCTCS advance and provide more access to students.

"We live in challenging times, and I intend to do my very best to serve our students and to bring to this distinguished board new and fresh ideas," she said.

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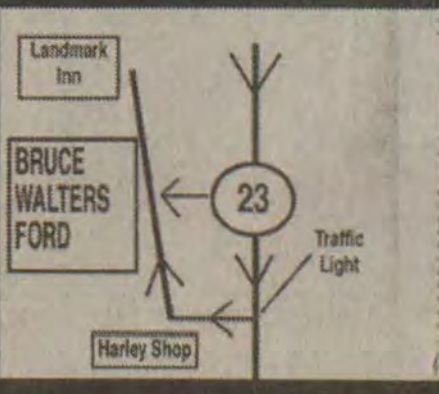
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## Floyd Special Olympics to meet

Floyd County Special Olympics will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 25 at the Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg. The meeting will run from 6-8 p.m.

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### KHSAA

## KHSAA honors Casey, Dawahare Family

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The 17th annual Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet had an area feel to it. This year's banquet was held yesterday in the Bluegrass Grand Ballroom at the Lexington Center. The banquet was preceded by a social hour.

Longtime 15th Region official and assigning secretary Ancie Casey was inducted into the Hall of Fame along with the Dawahare Family. Others inducted into the Hall included

Brown Badgett, Ron Cain, Otis Dinning, Marty Donlon, Kim Hawkins, Alvis Johnson, Kenneth Dale Moore, Ben Pumphrey, Kim Mays Rose, Evan Settle, Billy B. Smith, Eugene Washington, and Jim Watkins.

The 2005 Class of the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet will be announced later this year.

## Lady Pirates hold on, beat Magoffin

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK - The Belfry High girls' basketball team is back in the 15th Region Tournament Championship Game. For a second straight season, Magoffin County is left looking in on the game from the outside as a non-participant. Belfry withstood a couple of Magoffin County runs Monday night and in the end beat the Lady Hornets 83-79.

"We survived their runs" said Belfry Coach Mark Gannon. "Both teams played extremely hard."

Belfry trailed by eight points early, before coming back to win its 20th game of the season.

The Lady Pirates trailed 20-18 in the first quarter before going out on a 7-0 run. A three-pointer by Anna Bevins with just under four minutes remaining in the first half gave Belfry a 27-26 lead.

Belfry led 36-33 at the half. Magoffin County, coached by West, trailed by as many as 10 points in the second half.

The Lady Hornets got to within three points of Belfry in the game's final minute when

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# Boys' state tourney tips off today

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The 2004 National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament will get its start today in Lexington.

This year's tournament will feature a mixture of first-year programs new to the state tourney scene and veteran

programs that are more familiar with the state event.

East Ridge, in its second year of existence, making its first state trip, will represent the 15th Region following a last second, two-point win over Pike County Central Saturday night in the 15th Region Tournament's championship game.

Morgan County, playing out of the 16th Region, will make its first-ever appearance in the state tourney. The Cougars are joined by fellow first-year participant Trinity.

Perry County Central, after a two-point win over Breathitt County and head coach Brian Hall, enters the state tournament as the champion out of the

14th Region. Rockcastle County is the 13th Region champ.

Following are the first round region versus region matchups for this year's National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet State Basketball Tournament. The

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photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne Lady Cat Kristen Smith dribbled against Pike Central freshman Haley Ratliff. Smith scored seven points for Betsy Layne, while Ratliff tossed in a game-high 21 for a victorious Pike Central.

# LADY HAWKS STUN BETSY LAYNE

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Betsy Layne's bid for a second straight trip to Bowling Green and the girls' state basketball tournament fell short Monday night.

Pike County Central freshman Haley Ratliff came ready to play Monday night and she wasn't the only Lady Hawk who came ready as the Pike County team pulled off a 68-56 upset win over defending 15th Region champ Betsy Layne. Mishay Weddington also came ready to play for the Lady Hawks. Paige Lowe, Kayla Lowe and Tiffany Thompson were also strong contributors as well.

The victory gave Pike Central a one-way ticket to the 15th Region Tournament title game with a trip to the Girls' Sweet 16 on the line. The loss ended another fine season for Betsy Layne.

The Lady Cats finished the season with both a 15th Region All "A" title and a 58th District crown.

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photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne senior Whitney Lykens scored 13 points against Pike County Central before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Kayla Lowe (12) is pictured defending for Pike Central.

## Floyd County NWTF slates hunting seminar

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will sponsor a hunting seminar March 20 at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park at the Pines Building (campground entrance). The seminar will run from 1-3 p.m. Admission is \$2. Children ages 16 and younger get in free.

The event is sponsored by Jenny Wiley State Park, Dewey Lake Corps of Engineers, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, and the Floyd County Hunter Education Organization.

Applications and a drawing for a special youth turkey hunt are also a part of the event.

A limited number of spaces are available for vendors. For more information phone Paul Hagans, 285-0176; Paul Robinson, 874-2701; or Ron R. Vanover 886-2711.

## Grade school volleyball season set to begin

TIMES STAFF REPORT

With the grade school boys' basketball campaign now a memory, a new sport is ready to move into season.

Beginning this week, the sport of volleyball will again take center court in Floyd County grade schools.

The 2004 Floyd County grade school volleyball season will get underway this week with most all grade schools getting in their first games of the new campaign. The season will run through most of the remainder of March and the entire month of April.

Due to Spring Break in Floyd County, there will be no games March 29-April 2. However, the action will heat back up shortly after April 2.

The regular-season is scheduled to end on May 7.

The county tournament is tentatively scheduled to run May 10-12.

Coaches are urged to fax their schedules to the Times.



East Ridge senior Aaron Branham (right) was named the 15th Region Tournament Most Valuable Player. The Warriors will return to action today when they take on Caverna in the opening round of the boys' state tournament.

photos by Steve LeMaster

### 15TH REGION BOYS

## East Ridge on run to Rupp

### Branham named 15th Region Tournament MVP

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

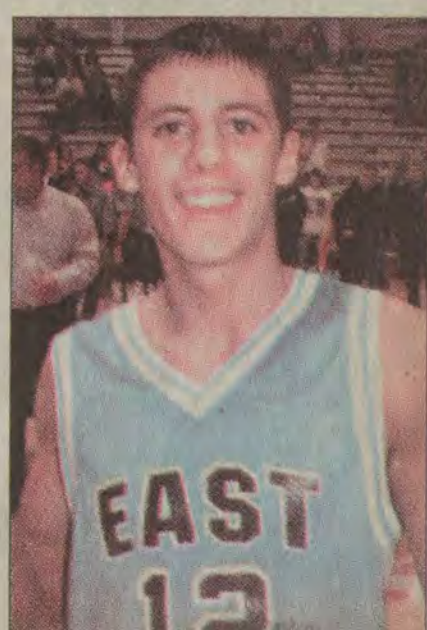
PRESTONSBURG - Pike County Central had a 10-point lead on a couple of different occasions Saturday night, but could not hold on to it against East Ridge, another Pike County high school. East Ridge, in just its second year of existence, won

its first-ever regional championship of any kind. Pike Central finished runner-up in the 15th Region for a third time Saturday night, falling to East Ridge. In dramatic fashion, the Warriors won the regional title, scoring a 44-42 win over the Hawks.

Robbie Spears' putback with two-tenths of a second left gave East Ridge a spot in the 2004 Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament

East Ridge (24-7), a school which consolidated Millard, Feds Creek

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Aaron Branham



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and Elkhorn City high schools, is making its first-ever trip to the State Tournament.

But it wasn't easy at all. The Warriors had to fight and battle their way to the regional title.

East Ridge had a tough road to the 15th Region title. En route to the regional championship, the Warriors scored overtime wins over both Allen Central and Sheldon Clark.

After trailing by 10 points on a couple of different occasions, East Ridge battled back and beat Pike Central with Spears' putback at the end.

Paul Deese and Eric Slone each hit baskets on separate occasions in the fourth quarter to tie the game for East Ridge.

With two minutes remaining, East Ridge Coach James Hurley, in his second season as head coach of the Warriors, decided to hold the basketball. His idea worked to perfection.

"I thought we had the guard play to hold the ball," Hurley said. "It was a tough decision, but one that I guess worked in the end. Our guards played well."

Brandon Ratliff led the Warriors with 13 points.

Tournament MVP Aaron Branham finished with 12 points. Ratliff had two crucial three-point field goals for the victorious Warriors.

The Warriors made 17 field goals, including four three-pointers.

Brad Lowe and Chase Lyons each scored a game-high 15 points to lead Pike Central (18-14). Adam Prater scored eight. John Williamson and Anthony Gibson rounded out the scoring for Pike Central with two points apiece.

Deese scored four points for East Ridge while Slone and Derek SESCO hit for two points apiece. Slone and SESCO each had a single field goal in the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter went the way of East Ridge as the Warriors outscored Pike Central 18-8 in the final period.

East Ridge will play in the State Tournament today in an opening round game against Caverna, the champion out of the 5th Region. Tipoff in Lexington in Rupp Arena set for today at 6:30 p.m.

Stun

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Pike Central was in the regional tournament title game last night against Belfry. Results were unavailable at press time and will appear in Friday's edition.

Ratliff scored 21 points, pulled down 12 rebounds and dished seven steals to lead the Lady Hawks. She helped Pike Central out to a 16-point lead with 1:54 left in the third quarter by converting a three-point play with a field goal and a made free throw to make it 45-29.

Betsy Layne didn't play its best basketball by no stretch of the imagination. However, the Lady Cats battled back late. Betsy Layne got to within six points of Pike Central when junior Kim Clark drained a three-pointer with 2:16 remaining to make it a 61-55 lead, still in favor of Pike Central.

As Betsy Layne (25-7) tried to get the game down to a couple of possessions, Weddington came up with a steal and darted to her team's goal for an open layup to make it a 63-55 lead for the Lady Hawks with 1:29 left to play. Weddington got a second steal shortly after the first and extended the Pike Central lead back out to 10.

"Mishay came up with those two big steals," Pike County Central Coach Tammy Tussey said, following her team's triumph. "She helped us hold off their late charge."

Weddington finished with 18 points. The bench play of Pike Central was rather impressive.

Tiffany Thompson tossed in nine points and Rachel Miller scored two on a timely field goal late in the game.

"We got solid play off the bench," Tussey added.

Thompson scored nine points for Pike Central and Paige Lowe added eight. Kayla Lowe scored six and Taylor Brown netted four.

Betsy Layne senior Whitney Lykens, who has scored over 2,000 points in her prep career, fouled out in 4:46 remaining in the game.

Lykens and Tabatha Witt led the Lady Cats with 13 points each. Kristal Daniels tossed in 12 and Clark added 11. Clark, who was guarded heavily throughout the game, got nine of her 11 points in the final period.

Kristen Smith finished with 12 points.

Pike Central led at the end of every period. The Lady Hawks led 14-8 at the end of the first quarter before Betsy Layne went on a 9-0 run. The Lady Cats led 15-14 in the second quarter with 6:04 showing on the scoreboard. Pike Central led by as many as 11 points in the second period before settling for a 33-26 lead at the intermission. The Lady Hawks led 50-36 at the end of the third quarter.

# Gators try to make sense of crazy season

by EDDIE PELLIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — One starting guard didn't think he was good enough to play this season. The only senior on the team went from starter to role player. Possibly the most versatile guy on the opening-day roster is now playing in Spain.

At Florida, it's safe to say the madness started well before March.

"It's been a bit of an up-and-down season, to say the least," forward David Lee said.

Yet somehow, the Gators have withstood the turmoil and actually gotten better.

By their own coach's esti-

mate, Florida has only three players capable of performing at the high level needed in the tournament. Still, fifth-seeded Florida (20-10) heads into the Thursday's NCAA opener against Manhattan having gone 6-2 in its last eight games, with the only two losses coming to No. 2 Kentucky.

"It's a basketball team playing on emotion," coach Billy Donovan said. "We were 14-8. Nobody knew what direction we were going. They swam to the raft, and they're trying to pull themselves in."

Donovan has used the rather apt lifeboat-raft scenario to describe his team's predicament since Feb. 18, the day swingman

Christian Drejer shockingly left to play professional basketball in Europe. It's the day that coincides with the beginning of Florida's hot streak. And while Drejer's loss surely did galvanize the Gators emotionally, it also depleted them.

Lee, Anthony Roberson and Matt Walsh are Florida's Big Three. They've accounted for 62 percent of the Gators' points over the last eight games. Beyond that, there is sophomore Adrian Moss, an improving player in the post. There is senior center Bonell Colas, a starter at the beginning of the season who has since been moved to the bench.

Most of the rest are freshmen, including Lee Humphrey, a soft-spoken Tennessee kid who went to Donovan early in the season and asked him what he thought about the possibility of his sitting out the rest of the year and taking a redshirt.

Turned out, that wasn't possi-

ble, which might have been a good thing. After Drejer left, Humphrey was inserted in the starting lineup. On Friday, he made an 18-foot shot at the buzzer to beat Alabama in the quarterfinals of the SEC tournament.

"I never said, 'Coach, this is what I need to do,'" Humphrey said, in defense of his decision to meet with Donovan. "I just asked him what he thought about it. He said it couldn't be done since I had already played a few games, and we just moved on."

Moving on has probably been the best medicine for the Gators. It has not been easy during a season in which they were ranked No. 1 for a week in December but ended up out of the Top 25.

The latest mini-crisis involves Walsh's foot. He spent

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tournament runs through Saturday and will be held at Rupp Arena in Lexington. The complete bracket appears inside today's edition.

National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament

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1:30 p.m.

Caverna (Region 5) vs. East Ridge (Region 15), 6:30 p.m.; Lafayette (Region 11) vs. Scott County (Region 8), 8 p.m.

Thursday

Carlisle County (Region 1) vs. Covington Catholic (Region 9), noon; Pleasure Ridge Park (Region 6) vs. Rockcastle County (Region 13), 1:30 p.m.

Perry County Central (Region 14) vs. Morgan County (Region 16), 6:30 p.m.; Warren Central (Region 4) vs. Apollo (Region 3), 8 p.m.

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Tabatha Howard hit a free throw, making it a 78-75 score with the Lady Pirates still out in front.

Belfry hit its free throws late and went on to register the win.

Bevins poured in a team-high 25 points to lead four Belfry players in double figures. Vicki Hall and Lyndsey Mahon each scored 15. Sophomore Mary Beth Johnson finished with 14.

Johnson, a sophomore, was a huge addition to the Belfry attack.

Calloray Howard tossed in a game-high 27 points to lead Magoffin County.

Savannah Howard netted 14 and Ashley Howard finished with 12.

Magoffin County was making its first appearance in the 15th Region Tournament as a 57th District champ. The Lady Hornets beat Paintsville for a first district championship.

Belfry was back in action

last night against host Pike County Central in the championship game of the 15th Region Tournament. Results were unavailable at press time.

AUTO RACING

## Weather wipes out first day of Kentucky testing

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — Bad weather has forced four top NASCAR Nextel Cup Series drivers to cancel testing at Kentucky Speedway on Wednesday. Thursday's schedule remains pending.

Ryan Newman was to test his Penske South Racing No. 12 ALLTEL Dodge, current Top-10 driver Bobby Labonte his Joe Gibbs Racing No. 18 Interstate

Batteries Chevrolet, Scott Wimmer his No. 22 Bill Davis Racing Caterpillar Dodge and Ricky Craven his PPI Motorsports No. 32 Tide Chevrolet.

If the weather cooperates on Thursday, testing usually begins by 9 a.m. and runs through 5 p.m. Fans are able to view testing from the designated area outside the Turn 3 Fan Center. The area is outdoors and there is no charge.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Kentucky wins 2004 SEC Tournament

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Twenty-five championships for Kentucky. Zero for Florida. As history suggests, this one was no contest.

Chuck Hayes scored 23 points and the eighth-ranked Wildcats romped to another title in the Southeastern Conference tournament, beating Florida 89-73 Sunday to make a strong case for being a top seed in the NCAA tournament.

Kentucky (26-4) dismantled the Gators (20-10) for the second time in a week, following up a 20-point win at Rupp Arena to close the regular season. The Georgia Dome looked as though it was in Lexington - nearly everyone in the crowd of more than 22,024 was a member of the Bluegrass Nation.

The Wildcats would love to return to "Cat-Lanta" in a couple of weeks as a No. 1 seed in that regional. They certainly looked the part, stretching their winning streak to nine games while winning their 25th tournament championship.

"I think we've made a pretty good case for ourselves," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said.

The 25 tournament titles are more than the other schools in the conference combined, to go along with 42 regular-season championships.

Contrast that with Florida, which fell to 0-4 in SEC tournament finals. The Gators are one of just two current members who have never won the tourney.

They never had a chance in this one. From the opening tip - Cliff Hawkins got the ball and fired ahead to Gerald Fitch, who swished a 3-pointer from the corner - it was all Kentucky.

With the game less than 4

minutes old, the Wildcats grabbed their first double-digit lead at 14-4. They led by as many as 15 points in the first half before settling for a 49-37 halftime lead. Florida only got that close because Matt Walsh hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Any thoughts the Gators had of mounting a comeback were quickly eradicated when they missed their first seven shots after halftime. Kentucky started 0-of-6, then got rolling. Hayes scored off a layin with 15:38 remaining to make it 54-40, a precursor of all the easy baskets to come.

Hayes spotted Erik Daniels alone under the basket and rifled a pass to him for a dunk. Daniels backed into the lane, then dumped the ball off to Hawkins cutting through the lane. He made the shot, was fouled and finished off the three-point play with a free throw.

Kentucky built the lead as high as 25 points before turning the final minutes into another version of Senior Day. Take a bow, Mr. Fitch. You deserve it

after scoring 18 points and being named tournament MVP.

Hayes, a junior, received a big hand when he came off, too. He dominated on the inside, shooting 10-of-14 and grabbing eight rebounds. When Florida focused its defense on Hayes, he usually found the open teammate, winding up with eight assists.

Kelenna Azubuike, the least-heralded of Kentucky's starters, had another strong game - especially in those early, tone-setting minutes. He had 18 points and a team-high nine rebounds.

Walsh led the Gators with 17 points, but this was another disappointment in an up-and-down season. Florida will still make the NCAA tournament but hardly lived up to the promise from early in the season, when the Gators climbed to No. 1 in the rankings for one week.

When it was over, Walsh epitomized his beaten team. He hobbled off the court, carrying his right shoe, the sock hanging limply off half his foot.

## Kansas latest track to add SAFER barriers

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Kansas Speedway officials announced Tuesday that SAFER barriers will be installed at the track in the coming months.

Steel and Foam Energy Reduction barriers are scheduled to be in place around the 1.5-mile trioval in time for the track's Banquet 400 NASCAR Nextel Cup Series race Oct. 10.

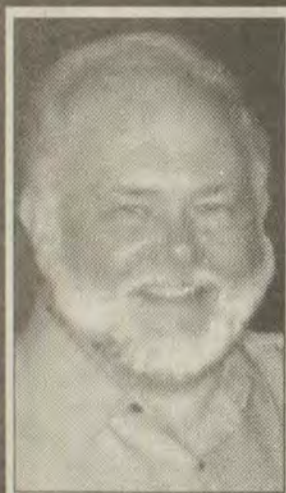
"Soft wall technology is vital to the safety of the drivers who race at Kansas Speedway, and we are proud to be one of the growing number of ISC tracks that recognizes this," speedway President Jeff Boerger said. "I applaud NASCAR for encouraging racetracks to install the

system."

Scientists at the University of Nebraska's Midwest Roadside Safety Facility developed the SAFER barrier, which absorbs some of the energy in a crash and lessens the impact on a driver.

The SAFER barrier at Kansas Speedway will be made up of steel tubes and pads of hard foam and affixed to the track's retainer wall between Turns 1 and 2, and Turns 3 and 4. The SAFER wall at Kansas Speedway will be 40 inches high, and extend through the inside of the turns about 30 inches from the wall.

From start to finish, it will take engineers about three weeks to install the barriers.



### ADULTS GET SCOLIOSIS, TOO

Every year across the United States, healthcare professionals check school children to determine if they have scoliosis or a curvature of the spine. If caught early enough, this spinal problem can be remedied. Adults over 65 can also get a form of this condition, in their lumbar spine or lower back, called degenerative scoliosis.

Scoliosis discomfort tends to be worse early in the morning before getting up. It improves for a while, and then once again returns by the end of the day. Patients have more pain when they stand or walk, because sitting takes the stress and weight off the joints.

Over time, the spine degenerates and the joints become increasingly arthritic and enlarged, causing considerable pain in the legs and back. If you are concerned about scoliosis or other back ailments, call your chiropractor immediately for an appointment. Doctors of Chiropractic are well-known for their palliative treatments for such diseases.

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# St. Joseph's hangs on to No. 1 seed

by MICHAEL MAROT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA selection committee started a debate when it made Saint Joseph's a No. 1 seed in the tournament. The Hawks

hope to silence the critics and prove they were worthy of a top spot.

"The body of work was honored," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said.

Saint Joseph's joined Kentucky, Duke and Stanford as

the four No. 1 seeds, and it sparked a nasty argument between Martelli and CBS commentator Billy Packer.

"Everyone has their opinion," said Karl Benson, commissioner of the Western Athletic Conference and a selection committee member. "What is said after the selections and during the week adds to the flavor of the tournament."

While controversy is an annual part of the selection process, the heated exchange between Martelli and Packer was a little different.

The Hawks (27-1) didn't even have time to celebrate getting their first top seed in school history before Packer started questioning whether Saint Joseph's belonged in the same company of other top seeds after losing to Xavier by 20 points in the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Martelli responded by calling Packer a "jackass," and Packer countered by saying he helped Wake Forest beat Saint Joseph's in the 1962 tournament.

"He needs to learn a little history about the school where he coaches," Packer said.

Martelli seemed more concerned about trying to prove Packer — and others — wrong when they open play Thursday against Liberty (18-14) in Buffalo, N.Y.

The other top seeds in the East Rutherford (N.J.) regional are Oklahoma State, Pittsburgh and Wake Forest.

The Hawks would meet either Texas Tech or Charlotte

in the second round, a game that would send Red Raiders coach Bob Knight back to Buffalo, the site of his final game as Indiana's coach in the 2000 tournament.

Kentucky earned the overall top spot in the St. Louis Regional, followed by Duke in Atlanta, Stanford in Phoenix and Saint Joseph's.

The St. Louis and East Rutherford regional winners will meet in the national semifinals.

Selection committee chairman Bob Bowsby contended Saint Joseph's earned a No. 1 seed not because it had won 27 straight games or had a high ranking in the Ratings

Percentage Index.

"I don't think the committee got caught up in the fact they were unbeaten," Bowsby said. "They played not just a good schedule, but the No. 1 schedule and I think that's worth something."

The late-season losses didn't seem to affect the NCAA's top line much. The late start times for Sunday's championship games might have.

Duke dropped from the top overall seed to second after losing to Maryland in overtime of the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game. Stanford, which lost its only game of the season March 6, was third overall and, of course, there was

Saint Joseph's.

Bowsby said the committee considered as many as nine teams for No. 1 seeds, including Oklahoma State, which won the Big 12 title Sunday.

The game's late finish, though, prevented the Cowboys from claiming a top seed.

"We have to complete the seeding process at some point and put the teams in the bracket," Bowsby said. "We can't implement those things at the last minute, so anything that gets over after about 4 p.m. makes it really, really difficult for us."

(See HANG, page four)

## Smith: Pressure to succeed is always present in NCAA tournament

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Last year, Kentucky entered the NCAA tournament as a marked basketball team, having won 23 straight games and carrying a No. 1 ranking. This season, as much as Kentucky realistically can, the Wildcats have flown under the radar.

While a half-dozen other teams held the No. 1 ranking at some point, Kentucky spent all but two weeks of the season ranked between No. 5 and No. 11 before a late-season surge and upsets in other conference tournaments propelled the Wildcats (26-4) to the overall No. 1 seed for the NCAA tournament.

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said Tuesday there's not much of a difference of how a team enters the postseason — the pressure to succeed always

will be a part of tournament time.

"Long winning streak or not, we've just got to be playing right at the right time," Smith said. "I think Syracuse proved that last year. You don't have to put together a long winning streak or anything else. You just have to be the best for those six games. That's what it boils down to."

Smith said he felt Kentucky had "one of the better teams, if not the best" team in the nation last season, but that Marquette, which beat Kentucky 83-69 in the Midwest Region final, was better on that day.

Will that loss serve as motivation for the Wildcats during this season's tournament?

"I've never brought it up," Smith said. "In their minds, obviously, the last game is usually what sticks with you."

(See SMITH, page four)

## Kentucky taking familiar path in NCAA tournament

by MURRAY EVANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The similarities between Kentucky's last national championship run and this season are striking.

In Tubby Smith's first season as coach in 1997-98, the Wildcats lost to Louisville on Dec. 27, lost for the last time on Feb. 14, won the Southeastern Conference tournament in Atlanta and then the NCAA title in San Antonio.

This season, Kentucky lost

to Louisville on Dec. 27, lost for the last time on Feb. 14 and won the SEC tournament in Atlanta.

This season's Final Four site? San Antonio.

It's no wonder Kentucky is favored to win its eighth NCAA basketball title.

"We're dangerous," junior forward Chuck Hayes said. "Confident. It's not cocky. It's confident."

South Carolina coach Dave Odom, whose team lost three times to Kentucky this season, said the Wildcats are peaking at just the right time.

Smith "has got total command of his team, and they are a joy to watch," Odom said. "I really like the way they play. I'm not saying they'll necessarily win the national championship, but it will take a really good basketball team playing their best to beat them."

A season-best nine-game winning streak helped earn Kentucky (26-4) the overall No. 1 seed in the tournament. But the Wildcats have had their low points, including a 65-56 loss at home to archrival Louisville.

Another Rupp Arena loss, 65-57 to Georgia on Jan. 17, snapped the Wildcats' 19-game SEC regular-season winning streak. Kentucky players vowed revenge when the teams met again Feb. 14, but Georgia beat the Wildcats 74-68.

Smith had scolded his players about not playing physical enough before that game. Afterward he began scheduling 6 a.m. practices.

Suddenly, Kentucky went

from a team that won three one-point games during the first half of its SEC schedule to one that routinely recorded routs — winning by 17 points over Arkansas, 32 over Tennessee, 19 over South Carolina and 20 over Florida.

Kentucky beat Georgia in the quarterfinals of the SEC tournament, defeated South Carolina 78-63, and topped Florida 89-73 for their 25th league tournament title.

The Wildcats are not only playing more physical basketball, they're also hitting outside shots, averaged about eight 3-pointers in the last seven games.

Odom called the Wildcats the "best pass-and-catch team in the country" and raved about their ball movement.

Kentucky recorded assists on 47 of 83 field goals during the SEC tournament, and had just 27 turnovers in three games.

"I think since we started the 6 a.m. practices we've been shooting the ball better and playing better," Smith said.

Scoring balance is another key to Kentucky's success. A different player led the team in scoring each day of the SEC tournament, continuing a season-long trend. Six players have led the Wildcats in scoring in at least one game this season, and five players have scoring averages between 10.2 and 15.8 points.

No Kentucky player made The Associated Press' first-team All-SEC list, but four —

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# Pitino "ecstatic" with Cardinals' NCAA draw

by CHRIS DUNCAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Staying positive to season's end, Louisville coach Rick Pitino said he was "ecstatic" about the Cardinals' draw in the NCAA tournament.

The 10th-seeded Cardinals (20-9) will play seventh-seeded Atlantic 10 tournament champion Xavier (23-10) Friday in the first round in Orlando, Fla.

The Cardinals lost eight of their last 12 games, but Pitino was still hoping for a No. 7 or

No. 8 seed. Still, he wasn't complaining Sunday when the brackets came out.

"I had one goal this year and that was to try to get through this schedule and make the tournament," he said. "In light of our schedule, in light of our injuries, I am ecstatic to be in the NCAA tournament."

Pitino watched part of Xavier's 58-49 win over Dayton in Saturday's Atlantic 10 tournament final. The Musketeers have won 13 of their last 14 games and have victories this season over Cincinnati and former No.

1 Saint Joseph's.

"We know they're on a tremendous run," Pitino said. "We know how tough Cincinnati is and to take Saint Joe's totally apart, you have to have great guard play. They're playing great basketball. It's as tough an opening matchup as I've ever had as a coach."

Pitino, in his 18th collegiate season, has excelled in first-round NCAA games, winning eight of nine overall at Providence, Kentucky and Louisville.


If the Cardinals advance

Friday, they would likely face No. 2 seed Southeastern Conference West Division champion Mississippi State (25-3).


"The road to the Final Four is filled with hot coal," he said. "But that's what makes it fun."

Last year, the Cardinals beat Austin Peay 86-64 in the first round, then lost to Butler 79-71 in the second round. Pitino is 27-8 in NCAA tournament play, the third highest winning percentage among active coaches.

(See DRAW, page four)



## 2004 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship

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# No more Tubby bashing from here

by ED TAYLOR  
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Remember the 2002-03 college basketball season and how all we UK fans felt when Rick Pitino's Louisville Cardinals made our beloved Cats look bad with a beating in Louisville?

I mean we thought the season was destined to only get worse and Tubby Smith could not coach at UK. Remember that? What happen was a 26 game winning streak, a number one seed in the NCAA tournament and a fine 34-2 finish to an outstanding season.

Remember back in December of last year when Rick Pitino's Louisville Cardinals came from a 13 point deficit and beat our beloved UK Wildcats by nine points. We echoed that Tubby Smith could not coach the Wildcats.

Now while the Cats have dropped three games since the Louisville loss, and they should have won all three of those, still Tubby Smith and his Kentucky Wildcats have captured yet another SEC tournament championship, their 25th, and a overall number one seed in the upcoming

NCAA tournament. I don't want more we UK fans would want from a coach and a team that no one, myself included, a chance of even being a two or three seed in the Big Dance.

Because of the overall number one seed, Kentucky gets to play the weakest of the 16 seeds, probably Lehigh, of the four 16 seeded teams.

The Cats have the best regional in St. Louis but need to win in Columbus, Ohio before moving on to St. Louis.

This team does not have the kind of talent you expect an overall number one seeded team to have. No big man in the middle, a very short bench and not very good outside fire power.

But have you noticed what has gotten UK where they are today. Their outside fire power, the inside play of Erik Daniels and Church Hayes and the much improved bench. Now where does all the credit go to for the improved areas? Tubby Smith.

When Tubby was sending in wholesale substitutes we were scratching our heads wondering what he was thinking. I mean, the bench could lose a lead in a hurry.

When the Cats were winning by only one or two points we again had to wonder aloud if the Cats could ever beat a team by more than two points again.

Then came the final two weeks of the season before tournament time. The Cats were winning by 10 and 12 points and made South Carolina and Florida look real bad in their final two regular season games. Then came tournament time and the Cats were winning by a margin of 15 points.

Let's credit the coaching of Tubby Smith for improvement in

all the early questionable areas. He has his team playing the best basketball of any team in the country and that earned them a number two ranking nationally in the final AP poll of the season. That is a move up of six positions from the last poll.

Will they win it all? Probably not. Will they make it to the Final Four.

It is doubtful but whatever happens they will only lose five games this season and that is not bad. Go Cats!!

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!



photo by Jamie Howell  
Betsy Layne junior Kristen Smith drove the lane during the second half of Monday night's season-ending loss to Pike County Central.

## Smith

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There are a lot of teams running around that started the year being motivated by what they didn't finish last year."

Smith is aware that fans and media can judge coaches and teams by what is accomplished during the postseason, but he doesn't think that's fair.

"If you're just going to base it on the three weeks in the tournament, then you're going to be a basket case in this business," Smith said. "You're not going to make it."

Kentucky has won nine straight games and has been routing opponents with regularity in recent weeks after struggling to hold leads for the first two-thirds of the season. Smith said the Wildcats' recent success can be attributed to increased defensive intensity, unselfishness on offense and

the play of point guard Cliff Hawkins, to whom Smith gave more play-calling responsibility after a Feb. 14 loss to Georgia. Kentucky hasn't lost since.

Smith gave the Wildcats the day off Monday. They resumed practicing Tuesday and will play their tournament opener Friday in Columbus, Ohio, against the winner of Tuesday night's play-in game in Dayton, Ohio, between Florida A&M (14-16) and Lehigh (20-10).

"It's a rewarding time of year, because you're rewarded by being in this position," Smith said. "There's enough (pressure) on your players and on your team that you've got to kind of relax and find ways to lighten up so they can reach their full potential."



photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne junior guard Kim Clark looked to pass over Pike County Central's Paige Lowe.

# No. 8 Kentucky 78, South Carolina 63

by GEORGE HENRY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Gerald Fitch and Erik Daniels put Kentucky back in a familiar place.

Fitch came off the bench to score 24 points and Daniels added 21 and the eighth-ranked Wildcats beat South Carolina 78-63 Saturday for a chance to win their 25th Southeastern Conference tournament title.

The Wildcats (25-4) earned their season-high eighth straight victory and will face the Florida-Vanderbilt winner in the final Sunday. Kentucky could earn a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament with a win in the championship game.

Josh Gonner led South Carolina (23-10) with 17 points. Carlos Powell added 12 for the Gamecocks, who had won two straight in the tournament after ending the regular season with four losses in seven games.

Fitch, a starter until his sprained finger put Antwain Barbour in the lineup for a three-point win at Florida on Feb. 3, returned to the bench after starting the last two games.

The senior guard played only five minutes of the first half as Kentucky built a 40-34 halftime

lead.

Fitch and Daniels took over the game after South Carolina's Mike Boynton's 3-pointer cut the Wildcats' advantage to 61-54 with 7:08 remaining.

Powell's lay-in made it 63-56 at the 6:13 mark, and Fitch hit a straightway 3 with 3:21 remaining that put the game out of reach.

Daniels had a game-high six rebounds for Kentucky, which improved to 17-0 in SEC tournament semifinals.

Fitch, playing 14 minutes of the second half, scored 19 points on 6-of-9 shooting after intermission.

Cliff Hawkins had five assists for the Wildcats, including a feed to Daniels that the senior forward converted into a left-handed leaper to make it 55-41 with 11:55 remaining.

Kentucky forced the first eight turnovers of the game, taking a 33-24 lead as Daniels hit a left-handed turnaround jumper in the lane.

Under coach Tubby Smith, the Wildcats are now 13-2 in the SEC tournament. Kentucky improved to 14-4 in SEC tournament games in Atlanta, including a 14-2 mark at the Georgia Dome.

## Path

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Erik Daniels, Gerald Fitch, Hayes and Cliff Hawkins — made the second- and third-team lists.

"We're doing the little things you have to do to win at this time of year," Smith said.

One thing Kentucky did not do is cut down nets, leaving them intact after winning the SEC tournament.

"We just didn't want to cut them down," Daniels said. "I guess we're just waiting for San Antonio and cut them down there. It will be better if we wait."

Kentucky's first-round opponent will be either Florida A&M or Lehigh, who meet in Tuesday's play-in game for the chance to take on the Wildcats on Friday in Columbus.

A matchup against the top

seed is a game Florida A&M coach Mike Gillespie would welcome.

"Are we as good as Kentucky? Realistically, no," Gillespie said. "If we can cut through all of the baloney sausage, we're not good enough to win, but we have to go in there with the attitude that we could pull off the greatest upset in college basketball. That's how we'd approach it if we'd win (against Lehigh)."

No 16th-seeded team has ever knocked off a No. 1 seed. Kentucky, a nine-time No. 1 seed, has won just one title, in 1996. "One of our personal goals is to chop down the nets in San Antonio," Hawkins said. "That's what I'm really looking forward to."

## Draw

Pitino said just making the field was a significant accomplishment for this year's team.

"To make the tournament is very exciting," Pitino said. "That's our goal each year: to get into the NCAA tournament and not slip. As you build a program, just stay in the tournament, keep working toward greatness and don't knock yourself out in a given year."

Pitino's former team, Kentucky (26-4), secured its second straight No. 1 overall seed after winning the 25th Southeastern Conference tournament on Sunday.

The Wildcats were easily into the field of 65 already, earning their record 45th invitation.

"We're very happy and excited about being a No. 1 seed," said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith. "I'm proud of this group and what they've been able to achieve throughout this season."

Kentucky will open tournament play Friday in Columbus, Ohio, against the winner of Tuesday's opening-round game between Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion Florida A&M (14-16) and Patriot League champion Lehigh (20-10).

"They've shown their competitive grit and moxie all year long, a never quit, never-say-die attitude," Smith said of his team. "That's what has pulled us through."

Kentucky earned a No. 1 seed for the seventh time since the NCAA expanded the tournament field to 64 in 1985. The Wildcats have only won the championship once as a top seed, in 1996.

The Wildcats were also the No. 1 seeds in 1986 (losing to LSU in the regional finals), 1993 (losing to Michigan in the Final Four), 1995 (losing to North Carolina in the regional

finals) and 1997 (losing to Arizona in the NCAA title game).

Last year, the Wildcats lost to Marquette 83-69 in the Midwest regional final.

Kentucky was a No. 2 seed when it won the 1998 NCAA championship in Smith's first season as coach.

Murray State (28-5), the champion of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, will make its 12th NCAA appearance and fifth in eight seasons.

The 12th-seeded Racers will play No. 5 seed Illinois (24-6) in Columbus, Ohio on Friday.

"It's a tremendous accom-

## Hang

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The tournament begins Tuesday night with the play-in game in Dayton, Ohio, between Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion Florida A&M (14-16) and Patriot League champion Lehigh (20-10). That winner faces Kentucky (26-4) on Friday in Columbus, Ohio.

Duke (27-5), a No. 1 seed for the sixth time in seven years, opens against Alabama State on Thursday in Raleigh, N.C. The No. 2 seed in the Atlanta regional is Mississippi State.

Pac-10 champion Stanford (29-1) meets Texas-San Antonio on Thursday in Seattle. The Cardinal are a No. 1 seed for the third time in five years. The other top seeds in the regional are Connecticut, North Carolina State and Maryland.

Maryland, the 2002 NCAA champion, didn't look like a tournament team two weeks ago, but the Terrapins' run through the Nos. 3, 2 and 1 seeds in the ACC moved them to a No. 4 seed despite 11 losses.

"I'm not sure anyone in the country is playing better basketball right now than Maryland," Bowsby said.

Syracuse, the defending national champion, is the No. 5 seed in the Phoenix regional.

Pittsburgh seemed to get a bad break from the "pod" system. The Panthers open against Central Florida but then could face Wisconsin in the second round in Milwaukee, about an hour from the Badgers' Madison campus.

Arizona continues the longest current appearance streak. The Wildcats have been in every NCAA tournament since 1985. Indiana had the second-longest streak — since 1986 — but that's over.

The Hoosiers and perennial powers Georgetown, UCLA and St. John's are all out of the tournament this year.

The Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East, Conference USA and Southeastern Conference each got six teams into the tournament. The Atlantic 10 and Big 12 each had four chosen.

Only one team — Eastern Washington, the Big Sky tournament champion — is making its first appearance in the tournament.

Air Force, the Mountain West regular-season champion, had the longest drought among teams that previously played in the tournament, making the

field for the first time since 1962.

Some of those left out were Colorado, Missouri, Florida State and Utah State.

Florida A&M is the only sub-.500 team in the field. The Rattlers were 12-18 in their only other NCAA appearance in 1999.

The regionals are March 25-28 and the Final Four is in San Antonio on April 3 and 5.

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East Ridge head coach talked with his team during a timeout in the second half of Saturday night's 15th Region Tournament Championship Game.

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# Upsets prompt reshuffling of top 10 Derby prospects

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The favorites faltered in Florida, and the 2-year-old champions were corralled in California. After a weekend of surprising results, topped by Friends Lake's win in the Florida Derby and Preachinatthebar's triumph in the Santa Anita Stakes, the road to the Kentucky Derby has become even more cluttered.

Friends Lake, a 37-1 long shot, upset even-money choice Read the Footnotes in Saturday's \$1 million Florida Derby at Gulfstream, and Wynn Dot Comma edged even-money choice Eurosilver in the Swale Stakes the following race. At Santa Anita, trainer Richard Mandella watched 2-year-old champion filly Halfbridled lose Saturday, and 2-year-old champion male Action This Day lose

Sunday. Halfbridled was second in the Santa Anita Oaks, her first defeat after four wins last year, and Action This Day was sixth in the San Felipe. The upsets resulted in a reshuffling of the Top 10 Derby prospects this week. Birdstone, set to run in the Lane's End Stakes at the May 1 Derby. The Institute for Global Futures (IGF) is a San Francisco based think tank that forecasts future innovations and trends. IGF provides research services, strategy consulting and keynote presentations to the Fortune 1000, associations and governments. IGF was founded by Dr. James Canton in 1990, and enables clients to better anticipate future trends in business, society and the marketplace as well as develop and effectively deploy business strategy.

Both colts are trained by Nick Zito, whose third Derby prospect The Cliff's Edge was a fast-closing third in the Florida Derby. "Other than winning, we can't be disappointed," Zito said. "My goal is to get all three in the starting gate at Churchill Downs" for the May 1 Derby. Read the Footnotes faded in the stretch and finished fourth, unable to duplicate his gut-wrenching effort in winning the Fountain of Youth on Feb. 14.

Trainer Bob Baffert has another Derby prospect in Preachinatthebar, a 9-1 choice who gamely held off St Averil by a nose in the San Felipe. It was the second major stakes win for Baffert in eight days — Wimbledon won the Louisiana Derby on March 7. "It's like the Final Four ... we're in the prelims right now and you sort of feel like you get to go on to the next game," Baffert said. Other winners over the weekend included Limehouse in Sunday's Tampa Bay Derby and Kilgowan in Saturday's El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate.

big race in Saturday's Lane's End against what looks to be mediocre field. ... Has won three straight, including an allowance in his only start this year. ... Derby future wager odds (pool 2): 12-1. 2. Eurosilver (Zito, Javier Castellano) — Zito unfazed by setback in seven-furlong Swale. ... Remains on course for Derby. ... Next start: Blue Grass (April 10). ... Odds: 11-1. 3. Master David (Bobby Frankel, Edgar Prado) — Beat Preachinatthebar in winning Sham Stakes on Feb. 8. ... Missed Florida Derby due to fever. ... Training at Hollywood Park. ... Next start: Wood Memorial (April 10). ... Odds: 18-1. 4. Wimbledon (Bob Baffert, Javier Santiago) — Enjoyed perfect trip in Louisiana Derby win. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby (April 3) or Wood Memorial. ... Odds: 13-1. 5. Friends Lake (John Kimmel, Richard Migliore) — Jumps into Derby picture with Florida Derby upset. ... New York bred has won three of five starts. ... Nice breeding — son of A.P. Indy, by the Grade 1-winning dam Antepend. ... Next start: Kentucky Derby (May 1). ... Odds: 9-5 (mutuel field).

## Sneak peek of FutureLab 2004 Tour at National City/KHSAA Boys Sweet 16

LEXINGTON — FutureLab: The Innovation Expo will be making its official debut at Henry Clay High School next week, but basketball fans will be able to get a sneak peek March 18, 19, 20 at the National City/KHSAA Boys Sweet 16.

science fact, and how these innovations could influence the careers of tomorrow.

FutureLab is a traveling time machine that will stop at high schools nationwide in spring 2004 to give teens a hands-on look at what the future will hold and the possibilities yet undiscovered. Exhibits will include such things as an interactive Lunar Space Rover, remote-controlled robots and a look at the future from the view of science fiction. FutureLab will also give teens a chance to learn about what the future holds in deep space exploration, nanotechnology, robotics and science fiction versus science fact, and how these innovations could influence the careers of tomorrow. Schools will be afforded the opportunity to use the FutureLab Tour as a fundraiser by opening it to the local community after school hours.

FutureLab was created by leading futurist Dr. James Canton, and the Institute for Global Futures, a San Francisco-based Think Tank that advises the Fortune 1000, in conjunction with iHigh, Inc., creators of America's largest high school internet network, www.iHigh.com. Sponsors include Brainscratch, a division of the Student Loan Finance Corporation, and Scion, the youth-targeted brand for Toyota.

The FutureLab website can be found at <http://www.futurelabexpo.com/>.

Brainscratch is a division of the Student Loan Finance Corporation, a student loan secondary market providing liquidity for financial institutions and keeping default rates low for institutions of higher education. Their goal is to ensure accessibility of student loans to everyone wishing to pursue post-secondary education. SLFC works closely with students, as well as their lenders and schools, to alleviate education loan headaches. SLFC specializes in servicing the Federal Family Education Loan Program and alternative education loans that fund hungry minds nationwide. The SLFC website can be found at <http://www.slfc.com>.

Scion is the new car marque from Toyota Motor Sales (TMS), U.S.A., Inc, which recognizes the value of the individual and the remix, the re-appropriation of mass culture, and it will focus on the struggle, the challenge and the successes of keeping it real. Scion will be responsible for the launch

of a new line of vehicles it plans to market to the next generation of new-car buyers. The Scion website can be found at <http://www.scion.com>.

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iHigh, Inc. is the architect of the nation's largest high school marketing network, which includes partnerships with 49 State High School Athletic and Activity Associations. The company offers marketing programs and media assets through print, audio, video and the largest high school Internet network in the country, iHigh.com, in conjunction with the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and thousands of high schools nationwide who regularly publish to a monthly audience of 500,000 unique visitors. The iHigh.com website can be found at <http://www.iHigh.com> or AOL Keyword: iHigh.

Throughout the tournament, FutureLab will be located in the in the lower level of the Lexington Civic Center near the food court. The tour is free of charge, and will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon.

According to iHigh CEO Rick Ford, "We are excited about being a part of one of Kentucky's great traditions. The KHSAA felt - and we agree - that the combination of this great event and a look at the future were a good match."

iHigh, Inc., The Institute for Global Futures, Brainscratch, a division of the Student Loan Finance Corporation, and Scion are teaming up to present the tour that will bring a glimpse of the future to high school students across America.

The FutureLab tour showcases what the future holds in deep space exploration, nanotechnology, robotics and science fiction versus



**NUMBER ONE** — Kristany Setser took First Place Individual Junior Dance honors in the UDA competition at the 2004 Smoky Mountain Dance Championships in Gatlinburg, Tenn. She attends Prestonsburg Elementary School and is a member of Dance Etc. She is the daughter of Rickey and Mary Setser of East Point.

## Racing Authority hopes to have new steward on board by Derby

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Interviews are under way for a new chief racing steward for the state, and officials hope to have the new person on board before the May 1 Kentucky Derby.

"We are searching diligently and daily for the finest steward in the country to come and be our state steward," said LaJuana Wilcher, secretary of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, which governs the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority.

Wilcher, who attended the authority's monthly meeting Monday in Lexington, said she has interviewed about six candidates from Kentucky and other states, as well as at least one from another country.

The position has been vacant since Bernie Hettel resigned in January shortly after Gov. Ernie Fletcher abolished the Kentucky Racing Commission and created the new body to govern the state's racing industry.

Hettel was also executive director of the commission.

Wilcher said she hopes to hire a new executive director within three months. She said the state has a 45-day contract with a Dallas-based search firm, Eastman & Beaudine, to find five to seven candidates.

Stewards act as the watchdogs of the sport. They observe the races and enforce state regulations on conduct and drug use, and assess fines and penalties for infractions.

"Everybody's concerned that we have someone in place whose credentials are impeccable, experienced, and whose integrity is beyond question," said Connie Whitfield, vice chairwoman of the authority.

An interim steward, Mickey Sample, has been representing the state at Turfway Park's current

time at the hospital Monday having a silicone sheath attached to the bottom of his foot to help heal a nasty blister that developed during the SEC tournament.

"It's the kind of thing that can happen when you play three games in 39 hours," Donovan said.

Donovan said he's confident Walsh will play Thursday, although he doesn't know how effective his second-leading scorer will be.

Of course, being unsure about the future has been familiar territory for Florida all season. The Gators were ranked first in the country in December. Now, they're simply happy to be playing in the tournament.

"I don't know what the NCAA tournament holds for us," Donovan said. "But three weeks ago, you were asking me, at 14-8, if we'd be in. Now, we're in."

### The top 10 prospects:

1. Birdstone (Nick Zito, trainer; Jerry Bailey, jockey) — Training solidly at Palm Meadows, with Zito looking for

## Earnhardt Jr. back on top a week after lousy run

by KEITH PARSONS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMPTON, Ga. — One of the worst runs of his career probably helped Dale Earnhardt Jr. save his season.

A week after he nearly was parked for running too slow, Junior zoomed by Jeremy Mayfield with 15 laps to go and sprinted to an easy victory Sunday in the Golden Corral 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

He also won the season-opening Daytona 500. "Last week was as bad as it ever gets," Earnhardt said. "But we didn't get on each other too bad, and we stayed pretty focused."

Rookie Kasey Kahne was third — his third straight finish in the top three — and Jimmie Johnson and Ryan Newman followed him across the finish line.

Defending series champ Matt Kenseth, who had won the past two races, rallied from a lap down to finish sixth.

At Las Vegas last Sunday, Earnhardt started 26th and quickly drifted to the rear of the field at the start. His Chevrolet

was so far off the pace that NASCAR warned his crew he was right at the minimum speed.

After eventually finishing 35th, Earnhardt and the team spent Thursday testing at Kentucky Speedway. Just as their session was ending, they hit on a setup that worked, and Earnhardt was fast all weekend at Atlanta.

"We went testing, and we're going testing this week," Earnhardt said. "We're going to test, test, test, until we lap the field."

"I'm determined and devoted to running like this every week, no matter what it costs."

He qualified seventh and stayed near the front, then dominated the latter stages. He passed Mayfield's Dodge for the lead with 60 laps to go and held the top spot until the leaders made their final pit stops under green.

Mayfield came in with 26 to go and his crew changed four tires in 14.3 seconds, then Earnhardt followed three laps

later. His stop was nearly a second faster, but he came back on the track in third, behind Mayfield and Johnson.

With 20 laps left, Earnhardt drove by Johnson on the inside and set his sights on Mayfield. He didn't take long.

Junior ran up high in Turns 1 and 2 to get momentum, then swooped underneath Mayfield down the backstretch, moving into the lead with hardly a struggle.

"We had a great car to start with, but it just seemed as the race went on, the tighter we got," Mayfield said of his car's handling. "Dale Jr. and those guys got ahead of the track and we didn't."

Kenseth started 30th and was up to 13th after 15 laps, and eventually got to sixth before the first pit stops. But he made a rare mistake, spinning his Ford as he came into the pits, and dropped a lap down after a drive-through penalty.

He made up the ground during the second caution for oil on the track, because he was the first lapped car behind the leader, and got his fourth straight top-10 finish to start the season.

Kenseth leads Tony Stewart by 82 points, with Earnhardt another eight points back.



Dale Jr.



The 15th Region All-Tournament Team was highlighted by East Ridge senior Aaron Branham, the tourney's most valuable player. Robble Spears (55), who scored the game-winning basket also made the team from East Ridge along with Paul Deese. The squad also included Pike Central's Brad Lowe (14), Chase Lyons (32) and Adam Prater (15). Prestonsburg's Nick Jamerson and Shelby Valley's Patrick Tackett (both pictured) also made the team.



Prestonsburg junior guard Trevor Compton held the basketball over his head during Friday's game against Pike Central. Prestonsburg finished its season with a hard-fought loss to Pike Central.

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### POISON OAK

## Hang on, the frogs are hollering

I don't want to appear over anxious or anything, but while driving south from Ashland down U.S. 23 over the weekend, I could swear I noticed just a twinge of green and red over next to the river. And I know for sure that last week I heard the frogs hollering.

After all, Monday was indeed the Ides of March and, according to the calendar, the official start of spring is just a mere three days away. Good ole vernal equinox is now upon us. Night and day will be of equal length and if you're lucky, you might even be able to stand an egg on its end.

So, providing we don't get any surprises from the weatherman, it looks as if we will have escaped winter without some of the real hardships that befell other parts of the country. What a relief.

As I have written many times in this column, Mr. Winter and I have never gotten along. A couple of paragraphs from my book, "Muddy Branch: Memories of an Eastern Kentucky Coal Camp," pretty much says it all:

"It all goes back to those times when I was very small and would press my nose against the window pane and beg Mom to let me go out and play like the dozens of other kids in Society Row who spent those Currier and Ives-like snowy days riding their sleds or building snow forts.

(See OAK, page eight)

### KIM'S KORNER

## Rise and Shine

Not only has Mel Gibson's movie, "The Passion of the Christ," placed Jesus as the topic of world wide conversation, but it has also brought to many a soul the thoughts of examining our very purpose in this life. But, so too, is Rick Warren's study of "The Purpose Driven Life, 40 Days of Purpose, Why On Earth Am I really Here For?"

Posters and signs seem to be every where you look these days heralding the "40 Days of Purpose." And, just beginning the journal of this 40 day journey, I for one, think this particular study is awesome!

Timing is just phenomenal! And sometimes our little ol' fleshy minds are just totally blown away when something of great magnitude takes place. It just seems so fitting that the movie and this "Purpose Driven Life" study have arrived time-wise co-existent.

Many have made the comment that "The Passion" would change lives. I definitely agree, and also think both the movie and the study are God's visions and tools to "wake up" those of us claiming Christianity to a whole other level.

The arrival to my conclusion comes from conversations recently held with

(See KORNER, page eight)

### CELEBRATION

## Victorious Women celebrates twenty years of ministry

Christian recording artist, Damaris Carbaugh, will join Victorious Women Incorporated in celebration of twenty years of ministry in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. All women, age 16 and older, are warmly invited to attend the grand celebration, to be held March 26-28, at the

Ramada Inn, in Paintsville.

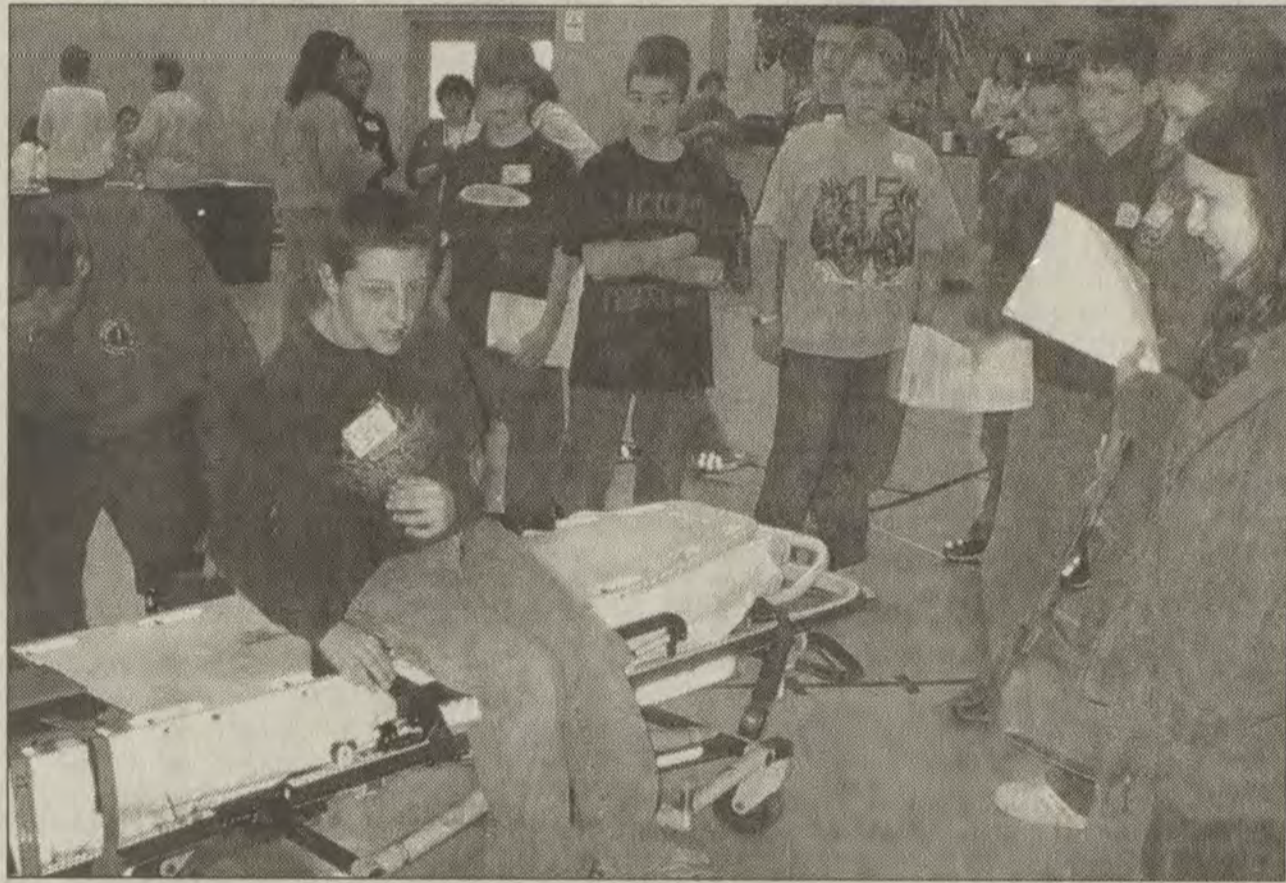
Pre-registration is necessary for lodging, meals and full service. Brochures are available at local Christian bookstores or by calling Carol Ann White at 789-6982, or Bev at (606) 666-2359, or Carol at (606) 251-3513. Deadline for registration

is March 19, although walk-ins will be welcome. A door fee will be charged for each individual service.

Carbaugh, known nationally and internationally, is a gifted, tender-hearted speaker and recording artist whose love for God and His Word is evident to all who set under her min-

istry. Carbaugh has ten albums to her credit, the latest being "Just Hymns." She also has a live concert video, "Not Ashamed." She will perform in an open-to-the-public concert on Saturday evening, at 7 p.m.

Come...bring a friend...and celebrate 20 years of mountain ministry.



Members of the RESPOND ambulance team demonstrate the proper technique in preparing an injured person for transport to the hospital.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

## 'Career Expo' - Day of information and fun

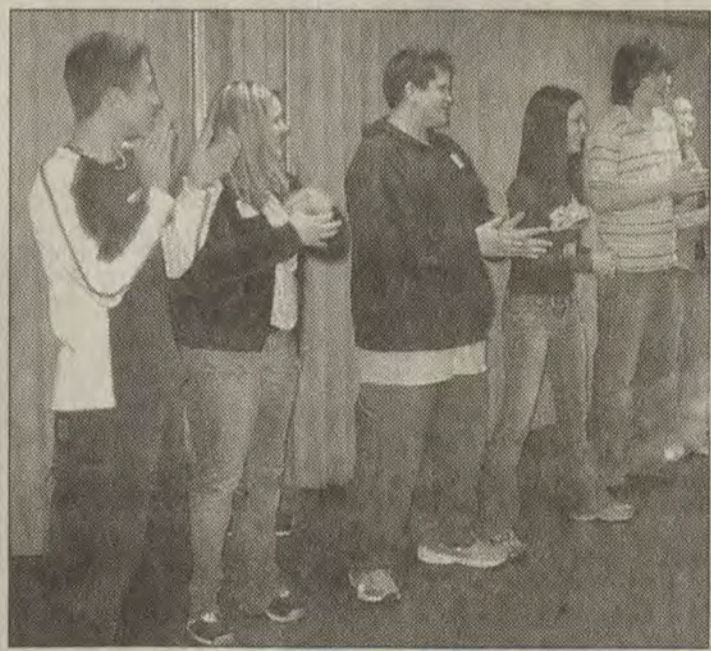
by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

Community members came together this past week to help middle school students learn a few things about career choices. From emergency medical technicians to television weathermen, students were provided with a wide array of folks to answer questions and offer direction in upcoming future choices.

The 2004 "Career Expo" was held in the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center this past Friday, March 12. "Without the help of this church, with letting us use this building, and without all the help we receive from the community and our schools, our career expo would not be the success it is," said Chuck Stamper, Floyd County 4-H Extension Agent. "We greatly appreciate everything everyone does to help support our programs," he said.

Upon entering the building, students were first led to the church fellowship hall where they found informational booths set up by the Floyd County Area Technology Center, Highlands

(See EXPO, page eight)



Students from Adams Middle and Allen Elementary schools joined in participating in the Wal-Mart motivational cheer, led by Cindy Hackworth, Wal-Mart community involvement coordinator.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

### CRITTER CORNER

## Dog Shows - finale

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris,  
DVM

This week will conclude my mini-tutorial on the inner workings of dog shows. We'll focus on Obedience Trials this time, the canine talent competition.

According to the American Kennel Club, the purpose of Obedience Trials is to demonstrate the usefulness of the purebred dog as a companion to man and not merely the dog's ability to follow specified routines in the Obedience ring. The basic

objective is to produce dogs that have been trained and conditioned always to behave in the home, in public places and in the presence of other dogs in a manner that will reflect credit on the sport of Obedience.

As opposed to the Conformation show, where the dog alone is judged on its merit, in Obedience both the dog and the handler are judged on how well they complete a prescribed set of exercises. Precision, attitude, and ability of the dog and the handler count, but the ability

to work together as a team is probably the most important factor in a good performance.

There are three levels of Obedience competition, each more difficult than the one before. Each dog/handler team enters the ring with 200 points, and deductions are taken for errors made by either or both members of the team. To receive a qualifying score a team must get more than 50% of the points available on each exer-

(See CRITTER, page eight)



This little cutie is "Lady Bug." Lady Bug is a 4 year old English Dachshund. "She is a very loving dog," writes Todd Browning, of HI Hat.

## Drug Court to hold public forum

The Floyd County Drug Court will hold a Public Forum on Thursday, March 18, 2004, at 6:00 p.m., in the Floyd Fiscal Courtroom, located in the Old Courthouse, on South Central Avenue. The purpose of the forum is to acquaint and educate the public in regard to the purpose of the Drug Court as well as to seek comments and assistance from various community interests. All persons who are concerned with the drug problem in Floyd County are invited to attend.

## 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: carolb-cac@tusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!



# School Calendar

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

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

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" at Mt. Arts Center. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., program begins at 9 a.m. FREE to all Floyd County parents. Information, fun, door prizes, refreshments. Sponsored by Floyd County Family Resource and Youth Services Centers.

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

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

center.

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

## ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

■ Mar. 18 - V.I.P. (Very Important Parent) meeting, 10:00 a.m. Topic: "Bullying/Discipline."

■ Mar. 19 - Report cards sent home.

■ Mar. 20 - Science Olympiad trip.

■ Mar. 23 - Respect class, 7th grade.

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

\*\*Lost coats have been

turned in to the center office - please have your child come claim their coat.\*\*

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

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

## ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

## BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of

income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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

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

## CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ Mar. 18 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m., in school library. Everyone welcome.

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

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

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

## DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ March 29-April 2 - SPRING BREAK.

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

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

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

## MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

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

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

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

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

■ available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

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

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

(See **SCHOOL**, page eight)

# YESTERDAYS

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

## Ten Years Ago

(March 23 and March 25, 1994)

The planners of a new and improved Prestonsburg High School are taking a novel approach to their task. They're employing a team-design concept that incorporates the input of the high school's staff, those most likely to be affected by renovation of the school...Proponents of a track and field facility at Allen Central High School may have to look elsewhere for funding, if the cost of the project exceeds \$100,000. With little discussion, the Floyd County Board of Education voted, Monday evening, to cap the board's contribution to the project at that amount, leaving the responsibility for any cost overruns up in the air...Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, said, Monday, that city officials are not looking to hire an economic development director, and they will work with the Floyd County Development Authority on any future projects...In a show of appreciation for their efforts to capture two prison escapees, Sunday, Wheelwright City Commissioners presented two of their officers with plaques of appreciation, Monday evening. Police Commissioner Charles Harmon presented Police Chief David Dotson, and patrolman David Gray, with the plaques and lauded the officers for their long hours searching for the two convicts...In a relatively mild fiscal court meeting, Friday, court members heard a bit of good news from solid waste custodian Bob Meyer. Meyer reported to the court that monthly revenues in that department are up by approximately \$14,000, due in part to letters sent out to delinquent customers...Within 24 hours of their escape, two prisoners from the Otter Creek Correctional Facility were back in custody after being found about four miles from the prison. Harold Stewart, 26, of Harlan County, and Christopher L. Gordon, 21, of Barren County, were apprehended at Melvin by sheriff's deputy Bill Howell, and Wheelwright Police Chief David Dotson and Patrolman David Gray...One of Floyd County's newest public defenders has been called a prosecutor's worst nightmare, but to his clients, John Delaney has to be a dream come true. Delaney, a tall, slim attorney with a funny accent, began showing up in Floyd District Court almost a year ago, and started building his reputation as one of the most hard working, best prepared public advocates to hit this county in a long time...Architects hired to design the Mountain Arts Center, to be built in Prestonsburg, got the green light, Wednesday, to begin drawing a blue-print for the center...Officials at the Otter Creek Correctional Facility in Wheelwright, have decided to use a siren to notify citizens that an inmate has walked away from the minimum security prison...Members of three Civil War reenactment units skirmished at

Middle Creek, Saturday and Sunday. Reenactors from the 5th Kentucky, the 36th Virginia Confederate units, and the 91st Ohio Union unit also conducted drills and practiced battle formations throughout both days...A standoff in the Senate budget committee over a proposed tax increase, could mean the elimination of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of state capital improvement projects, including several targeted for Floyd County...It took the county judge-executive to cast the tie-breaking vote, Tuesday, for fiscal court's approval to proceed with construction of a harness racing track in Floyd County. At a special meeting, Tuesday afternoon, the fiscal court awarded three bids for site preparation, blacktop and concrete work on the track project by a 3-2 vote...Former Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins will kick off a week of student-sponsored programs on "Kentucky Women Leaders: Role Models for Tomorrow," Monday, March 28, at Prestonsburg Community College...Dr. John Calhoun Wells, director of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Washington, D. C., will be the keynote speaker for the Big Sandy Area Labor Management Committee's breakfast buffet on April 7, at May Lodge. Wells, an Auxier native, was appointed by President Bill Clinton as the 13th director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in November...Federal inspectors will survey Floyd County, next week, to assess damage caused by February's ice storm...There died: James Edison Camp, 64, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, formerly of Pike County, March 17, in Milwaukee; Frank "Red" Branham, 81, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, March 20, at Mt. Carmel Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio; Charlie "Short" Akers, 77, of Dana, Wednesday, March 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jessie Patrick, 61, of Fisty, Friday, March 18, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Delza Collins, 81, of Hindman, Sunday, March 20, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Gilford B. Hall, 82, of Frankfort, formerly of Knott County, Saturday, March 12, at the Humana Hospital, Lexington; Herbert Patton, 74, of Melbourne, Florida, Tuesday, February 22, at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Florida; Dorothy Boyd Greer, 76, of East Point, March 19, at her residence; Terry Edward Tackett, 25, of Grethel, Thursday, March 17, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Nancy Campbell Triplett, 71, of Mousie, Saturday, March 19, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Jeanette "Nancy" Slone, 63, of Hindman, Wednesday, March 23, at her residence; Lummie Click, 78, of Banner, Tuesday, March 22, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Elder Homer Hall, 59, of Galveston, Wednesday, March 23, at his residence; Mahala Engle, 83, of Wheelwright, Wednesday, March 23, at St.

Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Mary Lucille Meadows, 64, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, March 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Adam Howard Harmon, 79, of East Point, Monday, March 21, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center.

## Twenty Years Ago

(March 28, 1984)

Harlos "Baldy" Hall, 41, of Drift, was indicted in the shooting death of 17-year-old Robert Shepherd, March 10, reportedly following a quarrel with the youth's uncle over an unpaid grocery bill...Geraldine Jarrell, 43, of Dana, is accused of killing her husband, Jackie Lee Jarrell on March 17...A 33-year-old West Prestonsburg man faces three charges each, of rape and incest, the grand jury alleges he had sexual intercourse with three daughters, aged 13, 11 and nine...Two major roads are in the six-year plan to link US 23 and Martin County road...There died: Mack Hunt, 78, of Ivel, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Donna Burchett, 68, of Floyd County, March 13, in Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville; David Benjamin Kidd, two-year-month-old son of July Crace Kidd, died last Friday, at his home at Allen; Homer Owens, 62, of Goble-Roberts, March 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dana Browning, 41, of McDowell, last Friday, in U.K. Medical Center, when he reportedly shot himself, playing Russian roulette.

## Thirty Years Ago

(March 27, 1974)

With solid Ford administration support, the General Assembly enacted, in the closing days of its session, last week, legislation to void the "broad form" deed as to its strip-mining rights, and to prohibit the dumping of more than 40 percent of the overburden at strip-mine sites... The University of Kentucky, last week, acquired for Prestonsburg Community College, approximately 7.5 acres of land needed for expansion of its campus, and for future development...The so-called "Mountain Amendment," returning to the counties, half of the coal severance tax revenues that are in excess of the \$39 million budgeted, could mean that Floyd County will benefit from that source alone, this year, by as much as \$1 million. State Representative W.J. Reynolds, of Allen, said this week...Reva Carol Duff, a sophomore from Hueysville, and a pre-med major, was named Miss Alice Lloyd College in the college's beauty pageant, held last week...There died: Goble Singleton, 50, of Melvin, last Tuesday, at McDowell; Mrs. Etta Cook Osborne, 83, Thursday, here; Robert Vance, 52, formerly of this county, Sunday, in Michigan; Melvin Gillespie, 70,

of Grethel, last Tuesday, at Pikeville; Mrs. Julia Prater, 65, last Friday, at her home at Hueysville; Henry Gray, 62, former Prestonsburg fire chief, Tuesday, at his home, here; Everett Gibson, 55, of Blue River, a victim of drowning, last week, in the Caney Fork of Middle Creek.

## Forty Years Ago

(April 2, 1964)

A series of raids on illegal whiskey operations, in this area, by federal, state and county officers, have resulted in 31 arrests, the seizing of eight stills, and the confiscation of 285 gallons of moonshine whiskey, officers said...Public works projects hanging in the balance, at Martin, won assurance of completion, last Friday night, when the town board, in a special session, voted unanimously, to issue \$144,000 worth of bonds to finance the city's share of the cost of sewer and sewage disposal system construction...Sale of motor vehicle stickers, here, had, as of this morning, (Thursday), almost reached the total of all sold last year, it was said at the City Clerk's office...One hundred easements have been procured for the clearing and snagging project proposed on Beaver Creek, it was announced, this week, by County Attorney Barkley Sturgill...Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stepp, of Lancer, have received a letter from their son, T-Sgt. John T. (Ted) Stepp, saying that he, his wife and young daughter, Sabrina, are unharmed after experiencing last Friday's major earthquake in Anchorage, Alaska, where he is stationed...Maytown's Bob Tallent was named to the all-state high school basketball team, last Sunday, thus becoming the first Floyd countian to achieve this distinction since 1956, when Kelly Coleman, of Wayland, and Lowell Hughes, of Prestonsburg, were so honored...There died: Miss Anna Martin, 66, well-known Prestonsburg teacher, Sunday, here; Henry Endicott, 85, of Banner, Tuesday, at the home of a daughter, here; Dave Morrison, 78, of Endicott, last Thursday, at home; Ishmael Gibson, 50, of Wayland, last Wednesday, at Pikeville; Herbert L. Stratton, 50, March 19, at his home at Betsy Layne; Mrs. Cora Conley, 84, last Wednesday, at home at Paintsville.

## Fifty Years Ago

(April 1, 1954)

Addition of five feet to the depth of Dewey Lake began Friday, marking the successful conclusion of a two-year fight led by sportsmen...The \$155,000 gym bond issue won by a 318-vote majority at last Friday's election...Thirty Floyd Countians died of cancer last year, figures released by the

(See **YESTERDAYS**, page nine)



# Weddings



**Leslie-Thomas**

Amanda Brooke Leslie, the daughter of John Paul and Pam Leslie, of Prestonsburg, and Kenneth Alan Thomas, the son of J.B. and Bernadine Thomas, of Lebanon, were joined in marriage on October 8, 2003, at Mandalay Bay, Chapel by the Bay, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Rev. Rudy Aguila officiated. The bride is a graduate of George Rogers Clark High School and the Eastern Kentucky University College of Nursing. She is employed by Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. She is the granddaughter of Reger and Sue Spradlin and Hester Leslie, all of Floyd County, and the late Frank Leslie. The groom is a graduate of Marion Co. High School and the Lexington Community College of Applied Sciences. He is employed by St. Jude Medical. The couple reside in Lexington.

## Korner

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my own daughters. Now that they are grown and on their own and out and about in the "real world," they're getting a taste of life no parent wishes their child had to endure. But, then life's funny that way and we all get to experience its ups and downs and good and bad.

What's been really confusing and heart breaking for them is to witness certain behaviors from adults that they know go to church every time the door is opened, and proclaim to be "Christian"! Then, these very souls can use their tongues to cut sharper than a knife, and portray behavior patterns in ways that are anything but Christian-like.

I'm constantly reminding them that just because someone is a Christian does not mean, by any means, that they are perfect and without fault. Yes, they should "know" better God's ways and strive harder to show His ways daily, and should always keep in mind the example being set before those who may not have given their lives to Christ yet.

Sometimes, that little reminder seems to be enough and some-

times it just doesn't get it. Sometimes, I get hit with "Okay, Mother, who can we trust?"

I think of all God's gifts He has to offer - and I would graciously accept any single one of them He chose for me with open arms - but the one I pray for constantly is discernment!

And I pray discernment for our girls as well.

Some think that simply asking forgiveness of their sins, being baptized and attending Sunday services gives them a "Get into Heaven Free" pass! I don't!

I believe when it comes time to meet our maker we will have to answer for our ways and our words!

How chilling it can be, to think mere animosity toward another, ill will toward someone who's done us wrong, or, God forbid, a wrong done to a child, is going to keep entrance to the Pearly Gates at bay.

Forgiveness is the key!

Love is the answer, and putting Christ first, is all life is about.

He's sent His "alarm clocks" and it's time we all "Wake Up!"

'Til Next Week... God Bless!

## Critter

cise and a total of 170 points or more. Each team that receives a qualifying score earns a "leg" toward an Obedience title. Three legs, obtained under three different judges, are necessary to earn the title.

The exercises at the first, or Novice, level comprise what all dogs should know to be acceptable companions. These include Heel on Leash, Figure Eight, Stand for Examination, Heel Free, Recall, Long Sit for one minute and Long Down for three minutes. The Novice level title is called "Companion Dog" and is indicated by the abbreviation "C.D." after the dog's registered name.

The next level is Open, and is conducted entirely with the dog off-lead. In addition to heeling exercises, this level introduces Drop on Recall, Retrieve on Flat, Retrieve over High Jump, Broad Jump, Long Sit for three minutes and Long Down for five minutes. At this level the dog is expected to maintain the Long Sit and Long Down with the handler out of the dog's sight. Three legs at this level earns the dog a "Companion Dog Excellent" title, or "C.D.X."

Utility is the most advanced level. The exercises here include the Signal Exercise, which requires the dog to perform several moves directed entirely by hand signals. In the Scent Discrimination Exercise the dog must choose an article carrying the handler's scent from among sever-

al identical articles handled by someone else. There is also a Directed Retrieve, a Moving Stand for Examination, and Directed Jumping. The coveted title earned for three qualifying scores here is "Utility Dog" or "U.D."

A dog who has the U.D. title can continue to compete for the highest title given in Obedience competition, "Obedience Trial Champion" or "O.T.Ch." This has just skimmed the surface of an Obedience Trial, but it should help you make sense of what is going on.

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Of course, these last several articles have all been in preparation for the Eastern Kentucky Kennel Club Dog Show scheduled for March 20th and 21st at Johnson Central in Paintsville. We really want to invite a nice crowd of spectators to help us celebrate our return to our home turf.

There are generally several hundred dogs entered each day, from all over the United States, as well as an occasional foreign entry. This is an opportunity to see some of the very best examples of breeds you may be interested in, as well as to learn first-hand about them from their owners and handlers. You will probably also meet some unusual breeds that you never expected to see!

Here are my recommendations for getting the most out of your

visit, along with a little Dog Show Etiquette:

Plan to go early, as dog shows generally kick off around 8:30 am (the one thing that I dislike about them!). Be sure to wear comfortable shoes. Except for a small parking fee, there is no charge for admission. You may want to bring a little spending money for a catalog, snacks, or in case something catches your eye at one of the vendors' booths.

Go to the high school gym first, and stop by the information table. Talk to the folks there to get an idea of where everything is. Buy a show catalog (usually around \$3.00), and ask them to show you how to use it.

Head over to the middle school gym next to watch some of the Obedience competition. You have a better chance to see some of the more advanced classes, which are usually held first. The spectators at Obedience Trials should remain fairly quiet to avoid distracting the dogs working in the ring. There is usually a small catalog/information table there also, and the people staffing it can usually answer the questions you have about what's going on, or direct you to someone who can.

When you're ready, walk back over to the high school gym. You can watch dogs being groomed for their turn in the Conformation ring. It's usually okay to talk to the owners and handlers, but you need to ask if they have time then,

or if it would be better to come back later when they are less busy.

It is NOT OKAY to pet dogs without asking, and most owners would prefer that you did not. Some of the grooming jobs literally take hours, and then there is always a chance of spreading germs from dog to dog.

At ringside, consult your catalog for which class should be in the ring at this approximate time. Watch, listen, and learn. Find a spectator who seems knowledgeable, and ask if they would explain what's going on. Polite applause is appropriate, but not expressions of displeasure over who did or did not win. Refrain from comments such as "That looks just like our Mutt at home" (even if it does.) Don't do anything to distract dogs or handlers in the ring.

Always supervise children closely. These are well-behaved dogs, but they are still dogs. Strollers are not allowed on the premises.

Don't bring your own dog. Entries for shows close weeks in advance of the show date, and other dogs are not allowed on the grounds for health and safety reasons.

Don't be afraid to ask questions. The information table is there for that very purpose; we're eager to get new folks interested in the sport. Come prepared to enjoy a day full of "doggy delights"! See you at the Show!

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## School

### MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group Calendar:

March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

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

May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

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

### MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Mar. 25 - Open House, 5-7 p.m., for parents of new students interested in attending MCA's Preschool thru 8th grades. Call 285-5141 for more information.

### PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

### PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Mar. 17 - Special-called SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., in media center.

### SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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

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

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for

information.

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

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

### STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Mar. 25 - Health Awareness program, 7th & 8th grades, Floyd County Health Dept.

Mar. 18 - V.I.P. (Very Important Parents) meeting, 10:30 a.m., in resource center office. Topic: "Raising Drug-Free Kids."

Apr. 7 - 4-H Project Day, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Apr. 17 - "Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mountain Arts Ctr.

Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for all parents, grandparents & guardians, Mountain Arts Ctr.

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

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

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

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

### FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

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

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

Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8

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a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

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

# March 19 'Pippin' showing cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Jenny Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center regretfully announce the cancellation of Morehead State University's production of Pippin slated for Friday, March 19, 2004 at the Mountain Arts Center. Any refunds will be issued through the Mountain Arts Center Box Office at 1-888-MAC-ARTS.

Thank you for your support of the Arts in Eastern Kentucky.

## Expo

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Regional Medical Center, the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, the Southeast KY AHEC, the KY Division of Forestry, East KY Gear-Up, the East KY Childcare Coalition, and Respond Ambulance Service.

In classroom areas of the building, students were offered presentations in the following areas: Retail sales/community involvement, agriculture, education/teach-

ing, small business development, forestry, leadership, insurance, fine arts, marketing/production, media/meteorology/weather, veterinary science, fire department/public safety, and health careers.

The 4-H Career Expo is an annual event geared toward middle school students to aid them in upcoming decisions regarding future educational and career choice paths.

## Oak

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"It usually took the entire first half of the winter to persuade her to let me go and the last half for me to recover from the day of play. It was always a mystery to me how everyone else could wallow in the snow all winter making snow angels, but when I did, I'd spend the rest of the winter indoors, covered with Vick's salve, trying to ward off pneumonia. It just seemed that no matter how far I tucked my britches legs into those four-buckle arctics, my feet would still get wet and I'd end up with a nose that ran like a sugar tree for months.

"I nearly always came in last, too, in the snowball fights we'd have on the way home after school. In the first place, Mom

made sure that I was always dressed in so many layers of clothing that I couldn't throw hard enough to hit anybody. As is that weren't enough, someone would always dip his snowball into a water hole and slam me round the side of the head with it. "Once, in an attempt to dodge such an icy projectile, I ran slap into the side of a parked C&O coal gon and cut a gash over my eye. Although the bloody wound left no physical trace, I'm afraid it did leave a nasty scar on my memory."

I've no clue whether or not anyone reading this feels the same about those long, dark winter months, but if there is, just hang on. It won't be as long as it has been.

## Yesterdays

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American Cancer Society show...The May Sign Service, of Prestonsburg, last week, acquired the entire plant of the Queen City Advertising Company in Cincinnati...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bowling, former Prestonsburg residents, their fourth child, first daughter...There died: Claude O'Dell Music, 28, of Auxier, Tuesday, while working at David; Arlie Wayne Adams, 39, of Blue River, as the result of a slatefall, Wednesday, in a mine at David.

## Sixty Years Ago (March 30, 1944)

War casualties: Pfc. Douglas Vaughan, 19, of Prestonsburg, missing; Pvt. Emmett Osborne, of Eastern, formerly reported as missing, now known to be a German prisoner of war; Pvt. Monroe Green, of West Prestonsburg, seriously wounded...J. H. Nunnery, of Prestonsburg, was elected Republican County Chairman at Saturday's party caucus here...Scott Stanley, 45, native of Floyd, was one of five men who were drowned, Saturday night, when their car plunged into Shelby Creek, in Pike County...George Allen, 50, of Salt Lick Creek, near Hueysville, was killed by a shotgun blast, Sunday, on Licking River...Staff Sgt. Denzil F. Stumbo, of Printer, bomber ball turret gunner, has been awarded the Air Medal...There died:

Mrs. Viola Josephine Nuckles Alley, 83, Saturday, at Water Gap; James Andrew Taylor, 69, of Ivel, last Thursday, at Lexington; Roscoe C. Layne, 65, of Harold, March 20, at a Martin hospital.

## Seventy Years Ago (March 30, 1934)

Five hundred persons began a search, Wednesday afternoon, for the body of six-year-old Billy Allen, who disappeared at 4 p.m., that day, in flooded Beaver Creek at Lackey...Election of a county superintendent of schools, next Monday, is in doubt, since the Court of Appeals has held that neither W. H. Horn nor Sam Wells is entitled to the office of board member from Educational Division No. 1. Jeff Moles, who did not seek re-election, may serve from that division, however, until a successor is named. Town Hall and Ballard Hunter are the principal contestants for the office of superintendent...Bryan Smith, 37, of Hindman, state banking department official, was fatally burned, Thursday morning, in his Louisville hotel room...Sixty-one youths will be accepted, next month, for C.C.C. service...Married: Miss Marie Preston and Mr. John Jones, both of Johnson County, here, March 24...There died: Mrs. Rhoda Adams, 78, Sunday, at Myrtle.



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## AUTOMOTIVE

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**580-Miscellaneous**

**7-STEEL BUILDINGS- Huge Savings \*\* Residential Replacement Windows\*\* Canceled Orders. Storage, Churches, Riding Arenas, etc. 30x40, 50x60, 50x100 and more. Fast delivery. Call Brad 1-866-476-6872.**

**590-Sale or Lease**

**FOR RENT: BEAUTY SHOP equipped with 3 stations, and tanning bed, located 1 mile south of Martin on Rt. 122. Call 285-4826 or 285-9112.**

**FOR SALE or LEASE: 16000 square ft. building, more or less w/apt. attached. 2 BED ROOMS, 1 BATH. Separate metal building, 40x50 & 2 + 1/2 acres of land. Large road frontage. Between Allen & Martin, close to WMDJ Call 859-512-6812.**

**RENTALS**

**610-Apartments**

**DUPLEX APARTMENT FOR RENT: 2 Bed room 1 bath stove, refrigerator, central h/a, w/d hookup, city limits at US 23 & 80. \$450 mo. + utilities and \$250 deposit.. 1 year lease, no pets. Call 886-7237 or 237-4758.**

**For Rent 1 bed room Apt. Kitchen furnished located at Sugar Loaf call 874-2644 or 874-9174**

**For Rent 1 bed room 1 bath newly remolded 300.00 mo. plus Security deposit on Lake Road in Prestonsburg Appliances included call 704-824-2034**

**Classified! ads work**

**Extremely nice apartment** Near college (University Drive). References, lease & security deposit required. No pets. Call 886-3565.

**2 story Town house, 1100 square ft. 2 bed room, 1 1/2 bath, off-street parking. Located on Bingham street in lincer, washer/dryer, refrigerator, range and dishwasher furnished water sewer, garbage service, exterior maintenance and lawn care provided. 600.00 per month plus 600.00 deposit references required. NO Pets! call 886-6946**

**For Rent 1 bed room Apt. nice 400.00 monthly 100 security deposit utilities not included 606-886-2239 after 7:00 pm**

**1 Bed room furnished Apt. Utilities already turned on, 4 miles from Martin on Route. 1210, Utilities included, except water & electric., \$350.00 plus \$100.00 Deposit call 285-3641 any time**

**Extremely nice apartment** Near college (University Drive). References, lease & security deposit required. No pets. Call 886-3565.

**Now Renting One Bed room Units Elderly, Handicapped & Disabled Available for immediately occupancy. Park Place Apartments in Prestonsburg Rent 1 bed room / \$305 call 606-886-0039**

**GREETINGS FROM LIGHTHOUSE MANOR, Terry & Sharon Smith. We have apartments for rent that are efficiency apartments, all utilities paid. For more info call 606-886-2797.**

**FURNISHED 1 BED ROOM APT. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$350 month, + \$300 deposit. Located near HRMC. 889-9717.**

**For Rent Apt. nice furnished 1 bed room with washer /dryer, deck 350.00 month plus 200.00 security deposit call 886-2239**

**For Rent 1 bed room upstairs Apartment located in town utilities furnished .No Pets 365.00 per month 150.00 call 886-0008**

**630-Houses**

**For Rent House 3 bed rooms, 2 full baths, family room, dining room, kitchen, fireplace and plenty of room. Non-Smoker, non drinkers. No pets. Deposit required. Call (850) 584-5325**

**For Rent 2 bed room house at Banner Central heat and air, City water, great location just 1 mile security deposit required HUD approved, Call 606-874-6030**

**Nice Apt. forced air and heat 1 bed room, kitchen, living room and bath, Velocity bottom Betsy Layne, 250.00 plus deposit 100.00 call 478-9772**

**640-Land/Lots**

**50 acres of minerals coal and gas only located in lower fork of Quick Sand in Knott Co. call 260-347-0259**

**TEXAS LAND LIQUIDATION! 20 acre ranches. 35 minutes from booming El Paso. Roads, surveyed, references. \$8,995 \$0 down \$89 /mo. Sunset Ranches. Free maps /pictures. 1-800-843-7537 www.sunsetranches.com**

**NO RENT!!!! \$0 DOWN HOMES! GOVT & BANK REPOS! NO CREDIT OK. \$0 TO LOW DOWN. FOR LISTINGS, CALL 1-800-501-1777 EXT. 9821**

**Fire Landlord!!!! \$0 DOWN HOMES! No Rent! Tax Reps & Bankruptcies! No Credit OK! \$0 to low down! For Listings, 1-800-501-1777 Ext. 8351**

**SERVICES**

**705-Construction**

**ALL TYPES:** Remodeling & additions, garages, decks, etc. Also concrete work. Robbie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

**720-Health & Beauty**

**Wanting to buy a use C-PAP machine call Randy at 606-886-9320**

**Need Prom or Wedding Jewelry? Wonderful Quality, unique style, reasonably priced Jewels by Park Lane. Nothing over \$50. call Gail 606-285-3990**

**MEDICARE DIABETIC- Free Meter!!! No Cost Diabetes Supplies! Join Diabetes Care Club. FREE Membership! FREE HOME DELIVERY! 1-800-287-1737. Quality NOW!**

**HEALTHCARE FOR ENTIRE FAMILY, \$89.95 monthly. No age restrictions, includes dental, Vision, pre-existing conditions accepted, unlimited usage, 500,000+ doctors, 800-732-4969, limited time offer**

**AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE! \$59.87/mo per Family. No Limitations! All Pre-Existing conditions OK. CALL UNITED FAMILY!!! 1-800-261-5109 Ext. 8857 CE06620**

**NOTICES**

**805-Announcements**

**NEED AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE? \$59.87/mo per Family. No Limitations! All Pre-Existing conditions OK. CALL UNITED FAMILY!!! 1-800-235-9209 Ext. 1057 CE06620**

**HELP THE KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY. We are looking for donations for new & used computers to distribute to the kids community facilities. For pick up call Scott 889-9551 and to deliver call Scott 889-9551**

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

**812- Free**

**FREE PALLETES:** Can be picked up behind The Floyd County Times.

**KITTENS Free to good home call 606-886-0388**

**FREE FILL DIRT** right fork of Bull Creek. call 606-874-2444.

**Free to good Home 2 seven month old house cats (must stay together) call 606-886-9826 if no answer leave message**

**850-Personal**

When responding to Personal ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

**START DATING TONIGHT!** Have fun meeting eligible singles in your area. Toll Free. 1-800-HOMANCE ext. 9735

**Secret Encounters** 1-800-442-MEET 69 p/m Ladies Free!! 1-800-201-TALK VISIT - singles.com

**900 - Legal**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY PIKEVILLE CRIMINAL NO. 03-35-DLB UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.. PLAINTIFF VS. DAVID SLONE VERNON SLONE. DEFENDANTS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** that on February 5, 2004, in the above-captioned case, the Honorable David L. Bunning, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered an Order condemning and forfeiting the following property:

**CURRENCY:**  
\$1,892.00 in United States currency  
\$3,405.00 in United States currency  
\$22,100.00 in United States currency  
\$793.00 in United States currency  
\$10,591.00 in United States currency  
\$8,525.47 in United States currency  
\$805.00 in United States currency  
\$3,175.00 in United States currency

**REAL PROPERTY:**  
1. Real property with residence and mobile home in Floyd County, Kentucky, conveyed to Najuauna Sue Moore by deed dated February 3, 1994, and recorded in the Floyd County Court Clerk's office at Deed Book 374, Page 131; said mobile home is owned by Vernon and Debra Slone and described as a 1996 Clay Mobile home, 28x52, VIN CLM021035TNAB. The property is located at Bevinville, Kentucky, PVA Map number 056-20-03-009.00.

2. Real property and improvements in Lawrence County, Kentucky, conveyed to Debra Slone, by deed dated June 24, 1999, and recorded in Deed Book 244, Page 113, and conveyed to Vernon Chad Slone, by deed recorded in Deed Book 249, Page 488, all in the records of the Lawrence County Court Clerk.

3. Real property and improvements in Menifee County, Kentucky, conveyed by Vernon Chad Slone to Shawn Whitaker, by deed dated April 4, 2000, and recorded in Deed Book \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_, in the records of the Menifee County Court Clerk.

**CONVEYANCES:**

1. 2000 GMC Sierra pick-up truck, Ky. license 890-GGD, VIN2GTGTEK19T9Y13 62704  
2. 1993 Chevrolet 3500 pick-up truck, Ky. license 7349-FD, address: United States District Court Clerk, 203 Federal Building, 110 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-1144.

You must serve a copy of your petition upon the United States Attorney at the following address: Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, United States Attorney, David Y. Olinger, Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Forfeiture Unit, 110 West Vine Street, Suite 400, Lexington, Kentucky 40507-1671.

V I N States District Court Clerk, 203 Federal Building, 110 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-1144. You must serve a copy of your petition upon the United States Attorney at the following address: Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, United States Attorney, David Y. Olinger, Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Forfeiture Unit, 110 West Vine Street, Suite 400, Lexington, Kentucky 40507-1671.

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Floyd County Board of Education will be accepting sealed bids for (3) 24 X32 modular classroom located John M. Stumbo Elementary until 10:00 A.M. March 18th 2004 at the office of Gregory Adams located at 23 Martin Street, Allen Kentucky

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at this time. For an outside inspection, please contact Gregory Adams, 606-874-9569. Sealed bids may be mailed or hand delivered to Gregory Adams 23 Martin Street, Allen Kentucky, 41601. Bids must be clearly identified on the onsite of the envelope "SEALED BID ENCLOSED/MODULAR UNITS"

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 261.39 surface acres, and will underlie 476.28 acres of auger, of which 363.28 acres underlie surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 374.39 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Carmel and Marie Clark, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Jennifer and Jesse Akers, James and Annet Flanery, Ambrose and Lina Howell Heirs, Burblene Henderson, Sie and Betty Hall, Randall and Flossie Hall, Evan Howell, Audie Howell, Anthony and LeAnn Tackett, and Jack and Dinah Tackett. The operation will underlie land owned by Carmel and Marie Clark, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Jennifer and Jesse Akers, James and Annet Flanery, Ambrose and Lina Howell Heirs, Burblene Henderson, Sie and Betty Hall, Randall and Flossie Hall, Evan Howell, Audie Howell, Anthony and LeAnn Tackett, and Jack and Dinah Tackett. The operation will use the surface area, steep slope, surface contour and surface auger methods of surface mining.

**APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 1-BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR ELDERLY AND MOBILITY IMPAIRED PERSONS.**

Located behind Wendy's and Pizza Hut in Prestonsburg. All utilities are included and the rent is based upon gross monthly income. Several activities, such as line dancing, crafts, bingo, movies, hair salon and church services. The apartments are furnished with a refrigerator, stove, emergency alarm system, and air conditioner. For more information, please call Highland Terrace at 806-886-1925, or come by the office for an application. Highland Terrace does not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status or handicap.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 03-CI-00654 AMERICAN GENERAL HOME EQUITY, INC PLAINTIFF VS. MARTHA DOTSON (F/K/A MARTHA CASE); RACEY CASE; COUNTY OF FLOYD; AND COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 21st day of January 2004, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$47,570.87, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 25th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of Left Beaver Creek, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: One tract of land lying and being in the county of Floyd, State of Kentucky, and being one plat of land 150 feet by 125 feet bounded on one side by Walk Carver, other side by Will Carver, other side by Lula Salisbury, front side by County Road, and being Lot Numbers 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 in the W. L. Stumbo Subdivision of Salisbury, Kentucky. Being the same property conveyed from Carolyn Sue Newsome, an unmarried person, to Martha Dotson, a widow, by deed dated 1/4/90, and recorded 02/13/90, in book 334, page 5, of the public records of Floyd County, KY. Tax Map Reference: 049-20-02-004.00

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.  
(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the

record owners thereof.  
(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.  
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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 898-5054, Renewal No. 4 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Clark Elkhorn Coal Company, 2000 Ashland Drive, Ashland, Kentucky 41101, has applied for renewal of an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 499.17 acres located 2.3 miles west of Pikeville in Pike and Floyd County, Kentucky.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.60 miles north-east from KY Highway 1384's junction with CR-1552 road and is along Dog Fork of Hurricane Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 09" and the longitude is 82° 35' 18". The proposed operation is located on the Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 Ω minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Clark Elkhorn Coal Company and Bob Billips. The operation will underlie land owned by Bobby Adkins, Harrison and Octavia Adkins, John and Betty Adkins, Mack Arthur and Charlene Adkins, Richard Adkins, Roscoe Adkins, Ernest Baldridge, Bob Billips, Robert C. Billips, Edward and Cleo Burgess, Clark Elkhorn Coal Company, Mrs. Marvin Gettings, James H. Hatcher's Heirs, Dawson James, Abraham and Stella Justice, Jim Justice, Phil Dean and Thelma Justice, Mildred S. Martin, Claude McKinney, Gene Ray, Richard L. Ray, Ella Mae Robinson, Elvie Salisbury, Earl Steven, Gladys Wagner and Leland and Icy Wagner.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY 41501-9331. Written comments, objection, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-01323 FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. TAMMY KIDD STEWART, SINGLE; NANCY TACKETT; BANK ONE, N.A.; AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 2nd day of February, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$90,353.90,

together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central A v e n u e , Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 25th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at Lois Tackett's line at Route 2030, running across the bottom toward the creek 92 feet to iron stake; thence in a northerly direction 68 feet to an iron stake; thence straight down the bottom to iron stake 15 feet; thence right handed toward Little Mud Creek 30 1/2'; thence north down Little Mud Creek as the creek flows to an iron pipe 97 feet; thence left toward Route 2030, 36 1/2 feet; thence right handed down the bottom to an iron pipe 30 feet 3 inches; thence across the bottom to Route 2030, 88 1/2 feet to iron stake; thence from said iron stake at Route 2030, 180 feet to the beginning.

There is a 12 foot access road excepted from this conveyance for Sylvia Lois Tackett running from the bridge at Route 2030 to the bridge crossing Little Mud Creek. There is a water well on this property that is shared by Sylvia Lois Tackett, Dexter Spurlock, Tammy & Tracy Stewart for their houses, and this conveyance is subject to the use of the said well by said persons.

Being the same property conveyed to Tammy Stewart by deed from Aaron B. Tackett and Mazie Tackett, dated August 28, 1996, and of record in Deed Book 398, Page 187, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

(e) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-1252 INEZ DEPOSIT BANK PLAINTIFF VS. ROGER HALL AND SABRINA HALL, HIS WIFE; LENDMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; AND COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 21st day of January, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$81,422.49, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central A v e n u e , Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 25th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on waters of Tolers Creek, containing 1 lot, more or less, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the creek at the mouth of Sturgill Branch and running with branch to Columbia Gas line and east with said line to a stake 101 feet more or less, thence running 100 feet more or less to Tolers Creek, thence running with Tolers Creek to the beginning, with exception of the 12 foot road.

It is understood by all parties hereto that a 12 foot road running from county road at Tolers Creek and up the branch to other homes. And being the same land conveyed to Roger Hall and Sabrina Hall, his wife, by deed dated October 18, 1989, from Paul Conn and Edna Conn, his wife, which is recorded in Deed Book 331, Page 409, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

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(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

1. In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Reynolds Branch Coal Co., Inc., P.O. Box 51, Langley, KY 41645, has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Permit Number 836-5139, which was last issued on April 1, 2000. The application covers an area of approximately 1282.70 acres, located 1.42 mile east of Hi Hat, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

2. The permit area is approximately 1.42 mile east of KY Route 122's junction with Ky Route 979, and is located on Reynolds Branch of Clear Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 23 minutes 17 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 42 minutes 21 seconds.

3. The bond now in effect on Permit Number 836-5139 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$10,300.00. The remainder of the original bond amount of \$36,100.00, is included in the application for release.

4. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed, fall 1998. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate vegetative growth for plant species, and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation, according to the revegetation plan.

5. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or

informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort KY 40601, by April 16, 2004.

6. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 19, 2004, at 10:00 a.m., at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 16, 2004.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-1321 WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE INC. PLAINTIFF VS. RUSSELL BRIAN MEADE DONNA LYNN MEADE DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 16th day of February 2004 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$120,000.00, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central A v e n u e , Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 25th day of March, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Prater Creek and being a part of the same land conveyed Russell Brian Meade and Donna Lynn Meade, his wife, by deed from Billy Allen Williams and Lora Virginia Williams, his wife, recorded in Deed Book 292, Page 744, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Beginning at a stake at the right of way of Highway 1426 and property line of Rudy Robinette, running west with the property line of Rudy Robinette 46 ft. to a stake, thence running south with property of Billy Williams 134 ft. to a stake, thence running east with same property line of Billy Williams 73 ft. to a stake, thence running north 160 ft. with Highway 1426 to the point of beginning.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of

America and/or the record owners thereof.

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(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-1300 CITIFINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. REGINA CONN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF REGINA CONN; UNKNOWN OCCUPANT, IF ANY, DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Final Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 16th day of February 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$39,611.88, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central A v e n u e , Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 1st day of April 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed from Jenita Boyd and Terry Boyd, her husband, to Regina Conn, widow, by deed dated 08/29/2002, and recorded 09/04/2002, in Deed Book 477, Page 318, of the public records of Floyd County, KY, and known as 103 Water Birch Road, Banner, KY 41603.

Beginning at a point

in the county road and Leo Jarrell property line, running approximately 125 feet with Leo Jarrell's property line, to the breaks of the bank, and an iron stake, thence running with the creek in a northerly direction approximately 70 feet to an iron stake, thence running in an easterly direction to the corner of a black building, thence in a southeasterly direction approximately 25 feet to the county road, thence running in a southerly direction with the county road to the point of beginning.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
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(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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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;

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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.

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**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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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**  
Pursuant to Application No. 836-5378, Amendment # 2

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Belfry Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 236, Sidney, Kentucky 41564, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.3 mile south of Galveston, in Pike and Floyd counties. The amendment will add 14.0 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 0.00 acres making a total area of 629.61 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.02 mile north from Branham Creek Road's junction with Tinker Fork Road, and located in the gap at the head of Tinker Fork and Branham Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell and Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Donald Ray Hamilton, Augustine Bryant, Eyvind Hamilton,

William & Nancy Howell, Randall & Wilma Howell, Levi Hamilton, Dollie Akers, Elmer Hamilton, Harvey Tackett, Elkhorn Coal Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by Donald Ray Hamilton, Augustine Bryant, Eyvind Hamilton, William & Nancy Howell, Randall & Wilma Howell, Levi Hamilton, Dollie Akers, Elmer Hamilton, Harvey Tackett, Elkhorn Coal Corporation. The operation will use the underground method of surface mining.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 898-0689, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 235, Lexington, Kentucky 40504, intends to transfer permit number 898-0284 to M & D Pipeline, Inc., P.O. Box 1736, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653. The new permit number will be 898-0689. The operation disturbs 2017.54 surface acres and underlies an additional 73.56 acres. No new acreage is affected by this transfer.

The operation is located approximately 5.0 miles southwest of Pikeville, in Pike County. The operation is 3.5 miles east of the intersection of Island Creek Road (SR 1426) and CR 1289, and is 0.25 south of the left fork of Island Creek. The Latitude is 37-24-37 and the Longitude is 82-36-15 on the Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The following item will be offered at public sale on March 26, 2004, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 09/22/03. 2001 Chev. Cavalier S/N 3762 All items are sold

"as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees. Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321.

**First Commonwealth Bank** 311 N. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The following item will be offered at public sale on March 26, 2004, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 05/28/03. 1995 Isuzu box truck 1 ton and half All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees. Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321.

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Floyd County Schools will receive sealed bids for construction of the above named project until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, **Tuesday, March 23rd, 2004**, at Greg Adams' office, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, Kentucky. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Project consists of the renovation and systems upgrade of a single-story of 58,139 square feet K-8 school. The renovation contains primary and intermediate classrooms, computer classroom, administration offices and a kitchen suite. A base bid 253 square feet addition includes waiting and vending area, and a 508 square feet custodial receiving room addition comprises an alternate to the project. Additional alternates include an aluminum sidewalk canopy and selected minor interior and site improvements.

The structure will be a combination steel frame and masonry bearing walls with concrete foundation and spread footings. The roof system, where new is required, will be adhered EPDM over steel deck and trusses.

Exterior walls at additions will be face brick and concrete masonry unit backup. Infill of existing exterior walls will be drainable EIFS with 6" metal studs and impact resistant gypsum board. Interior partitions will include concrete masonry units and gypsum board on steel studs.

Windows will be color anodized extruded aluminum, projected, with insulating glass. Exterior doors will be hollow metal with tempered glazing. Interior doors will be factory-finished solid core wood in hollow metal frames.

Finishes include vinyl composition tile, ceramic tile, carpeting, poured flooring, paint over gypsum board and masonry, and suspended acoustic panel ceilings.

Specialties include kitchen equipment, toilet compartments, cabinetwork and signage.

Site work includes fences, walks, curbs, drives, parking area, storm water lines, site structures, utility work, wastewater treatment plant, seeding and sodding.

Heating and cooling will be a water source heat pump system with heat pumps in ceiling spaces, wall mounted classroom unit ventilators, a/v console units. The system includes hydronic loop piping, circulating pumps, chemical treatment and fluid coolers.

The Existing building is fully sprinklered. Work includes: modifications to the existing system as well as extensions to serve building additions.

The power system includes 208 volt, 3 phase, fed from existing building. Exterior lighting will be metal halide fixtures. Interior lighting will be primarily fluorescent lamps with incandescent fixtures for accent. Emergency lighting will be self-contained battery self-packs.

Other electrical work includes fire alarm modifications and conduit and boxes for information technology, television and telephone systems.

Original Bidding Documents and any Addenda to the original Drawings and Specifications, may be examined at the following places:

- McGraw Hill Construction Dodge/A.G.C.  
2321 Fortune Dr., Suite 112A Lexington, KY
- McGraw Hill Construction Dodge/A.G.C.  
1812 Taylor Avenue Louisville, KY
- Reed Construction Data/A.B.C.  
132 Venture Court, Suite 12 Lexington, KY
- Builders Exchange  
2300 Meadow Drive Louisville, KY
- Construction Market Data  
1951 Bishop Lane, Suite 202 Louisville, KY
- JRA Architects  
300 E. Main St., Suite 301 Lexington, KY
- Adams Frazer Andersen  
715 Westland Drive Lexington, KY
- Poage Engineers & Associates  
446 East High Street Lexington, KY
- Joby Smith and Associates  
8111 Lesourdsville Westchester West Chester, OH

Addendum 4 is a supplement to original Bidding Documents and includes Drawing and Specification modifications to the original Bidding Documents dated 10/03. Addendum 4 may be purchased for the nonrefundable amount of \$50.00 per set. If Addendum 4 is to be mailed, an additional non-refundable charge of \$10.00 per set is required, made payable directly to Lynn Imaging.

Original Bidding Documents, including Drawing and Specifications, may be purchased for the non-refundable amount of \$180.00 per set. If original bidding documents are to be mailed, an additional non-refundable charge of \$20.00 per set is required, made payable directly to Lynn Imaging.

Both sets are available from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, (859) 255-1021. The successful bidder is responsible for all additional sets they may require for completion of the work.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract.

Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on bid Form of Proposal included in Addendum 4. Mailed Bids shall be addressed to the Owner's office.


Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids, or any bid which is not submitted in the proper form, shall not be considered.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids, will be returned unopened to the bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days subsequent to the opening of bids, without constant of the Owner.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16th, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., Local Time, at Greg Adams' office, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, Kentucky.



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# Kid Scoop.com

This Week: Leprechauns

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**Q: How do leprechauns get all that gold?**



A: We make shoes for the fairies. Silly fairies wear out their shoes quickly because they dance all night. We are always busy making new shoes for them. They pay us with gold. Lots of gold!



Leprechaun's shoe shelf has toppled. Can you match the pairs of fairy shoes?

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects; identify matching attributes.

**Q: Why do leprechauns play tricks on people?**

A: We play tricks on people who don't believe in us. We especially like to bother teachers who try to tell children that we don't exist.

## Leprechaun Lips Tricky Story

Ask your teacher or a friend for verbs, nouns and adjectives. Use these words to fill in the blanks of this story.

One fine morning, I went for a walk in the woods. I tripped on a \_\_\_\_\_ noun. When I looked down, I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ adjective little \_\_\_\_\_ noun with a green \_\_\_\_\_ noun.

" \_\_\_\_\_ greeting," he said. "My name is \_\_\_\_\_ noun. I'm a leprechaun. If you want my \_\_\_\_\_ noun of \_\_\_\_\_ noun, you'll have to \_\_\_\_\_ verb me first!"

I tried to \_\_\_\_\_ verb him, but he was too \_\_\_\_\_ adjective for me.

He just laughed and called out to me, " \_\_\_\_\_ adjective St. Patrick's Day!"

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use nouns, verbs and adjectives in writing.

# St. Patrick's Day Exclusive! "Leprechaun Lips" Tells All!

**NEWS FLASH!** We found a leprechaun to answer questions about these mysterious little people! He wouldn't really show himself to us. Mostly what we saw during the interview were his lips, oversized sunglasses and his hat.



**Q: How big are leprechauns?**

A: Wee folk are we. Three feet tall at most.

Can you read inches of the newspaper columns that are equal to 3 feet?

How many shamrocks can you find on this page?

Standards Link: Measurement: Use standard measurement. Reading Comprehension: Read grade-level appropriate materials.

**Q: How do you catch a leprechaun?**

A: It isn't easy. If you should see a leprechaun, get as close as you can without him seeing you.



Quickly take him in your grasp and don't take your eyes off of him. Then ask where his pot of gold is hidden.

He will try to talk you into looking away. If you do look the other way, he will be gone when you look back.

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade appropriate words correctly in context.

Follow the path to the leprechaun's pot of gold.



Extra! Extra!

**What's green?**

Look through the newspaper for words and pictures of things that can be green. List them here.

**Bonus Challenge:** Can you list them in ABC order?

Standards Link: Spelling: Put words in alphabetical order.

## Weekly Writing Corner

### Leprechaun Gold

How did the leprechauns get their gold?

The leprechauns got their gold by winning the lottery in 1677. It was the biggest jackpot ever.

D.J. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

The leprechauns got their gold by dancing their magical dance. Their dance takes them to the Gold Rush where they have a cave filled with gold in pots.

Dylan, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Leprechauns got their gold from goldfish. But it only happens when a rainbow hits the water.

Adam Kindergarten

Leprechauns get their gold when a rainbow appears through the clouds and there are birds singing. When the leprechauns say a magic chant, gold rains down from the heavens into a pot.

Heidi, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Leprechauns trick people into giving them their gold. They store it in a pot. They don't put the pot at the end of the rainbow. They just tell you that to trick you.

Nick, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

The leprechauns got their gold from school. Every night when all the teachers and staff go home, the leprechauns sneak in and steal the gold that is hidden in the principal's office.

Brennan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Leprechauns got their gold from an inheritance from their rich great-uncle. The uncle got it from a magical ATM machine!

Skyler, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

The leprechauns got their gold by stealing it from the banks in Ireland.

Emily, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

I think the leprechauns ask my dog to find gold for them. My dog's name is Maddy. Maddy has a very good nose and she digs the gold out of the dirt.

Nicole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

## St. Paddy's Patterns

Which leprechaun comes next in each row? Circle it.



Standards Link: Writing Applications: Relate ideas of an experience.

## Double Double Word Search

LEPRECHAUN LAUGHED LOOKING LIPS GOLD PAY SHOE DANCE GREEN GRASP WOODS EYES EASY GONE ASK

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## BEYOND Kid Scoop

### Abbreviations

St. is an abbreviation for Saint. Clip six examples of abbreviations from the newspaper. Write the whole word for each abbreviation.

Standards Link: Word Analysis: Recognize common abbreviations.



What would you get if you crossed a leprechaun with a Texan?

ANSWER: A pot of chili at the end of the rainbow.

## Write On!

### Leprechaun Gold

Deadline: April 11, 2004  
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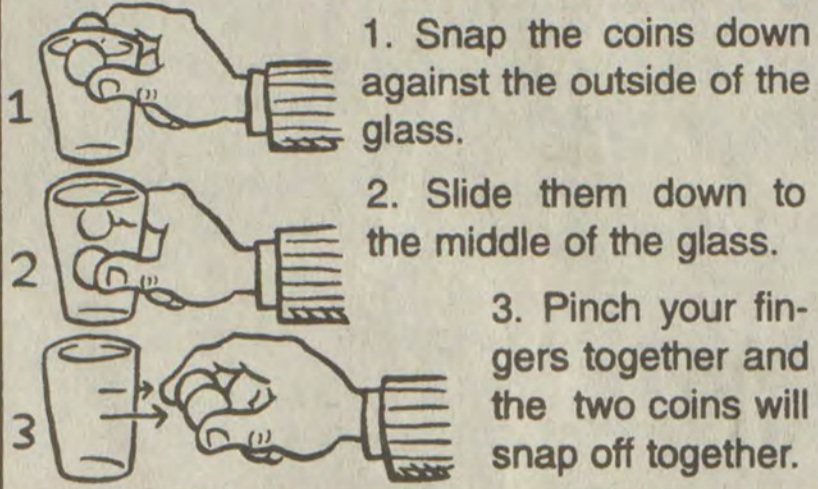


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## A "SNAPPY" TRICK!

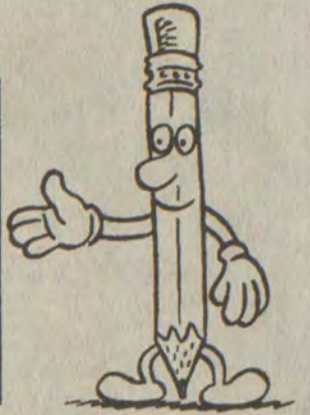
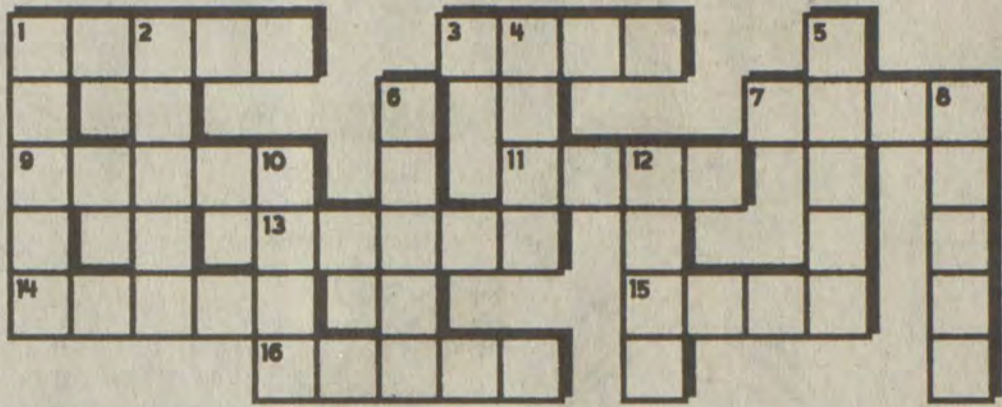


**BALANCE TWO SMALL COINS** on the rim of a water glass. Challenge your friends to remove them using only two fingers. The solution is shown above. A little practice will make you perfect.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A FILL-IN PUZZLE!



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Pictured above is a crossword puzzle grid. Below are the 17 words that you'll need to complete the puzzle using the trial-and-error method. Keep a good eraser handy!

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|-------|-------|-------|
| ADZE  | ENDED | SCONE |
| ALBUM | FUSED | SUDS  |
| BEAR  | OASIS | UMBER |
| BLEAK | RANK  | WADER |
| CLAW  | SAFER | ZERO  |
| EBBS  | SAMBA |       |

Answers: (Across) 1. Safer, 3. Ebbs, 7. Claw, 9. Oasis, 11. Adze, 13. UMBER, 14. Ended, 15. Rank, 16. Samba, (Down) 1. Scone, 2. Fused, 4. Bear, 5. Bleak, 6. Album, 8. Wader, 10. Suds, 12. Zero.



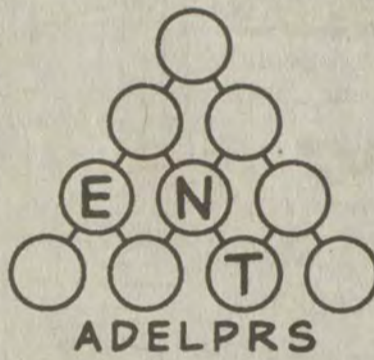
FIG.1

**DOODLE PICS!** The two pictures shown here are graphic presentations of familiar words, phrases or names. You have one minute to identify both.

Answer: 1. Dairy Queen, 2. Upper crust.

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FIG.2



**CHAIN REACTION!** Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.

Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Reel, read, rent, rand, rant, rapt, raps.



# Leprechauns



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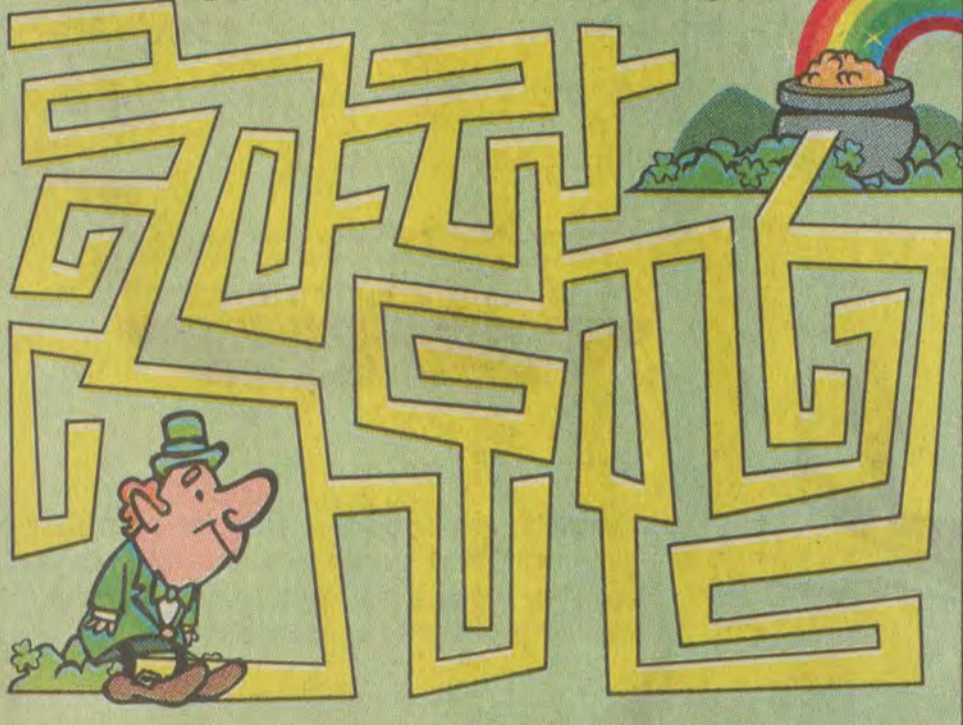
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**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

## Golden Search

Help the leprechaun find his gold!



## My Rhyme Time

Leprechaun is little,  
Leprechaun is old.  
Leprechaun is hiding  
A big old pot of gold!

## My Letters

G is for Gold

g is for gold



**Learning Buddies:** Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter G. Say the letter as you trace it.

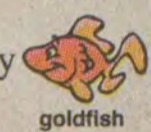
How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the G sound like the word gold?

## My Numbers

How many geese?



How many goldfish?



**Learning Buddies:** Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

## My Sentence

**Learning Buddies:** Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.

Start Gold is Finish

### Sunday

**Letter Identification**  
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with or include the same sound as the letter G in gold.

### Monday

**Math Play**  
Point to the number 2 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

### Tuesday

**Big G, Little g**  
With your child, look at one page of the newspaper. Say, "The big G called uppercase G is looking for his little brother (sister) called lowercase g. Let's see how many big G, little g matches we can find."

### Wednesday

**Old and New**  
With your child, look through the newspaper to find things that are old and circle them in yellow. Find things that are new and circle them in green.

### Thursday

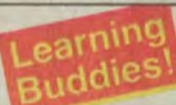
**Yellow Like Gold**  
Look through the newspaper for the color yellow. Cut out the pictures and make a picture called "Yellow Like Gold!"

### Friday

**Little or Big?**  
Look at a newspaper picture with your child. Make up a sentence that tells one thing that is big in the picture and one thing that is little. For example: "The man's coat is big and his eyes are little." Then ask your child to try it.

### Saturday

**Classified Rainbow**  
Turn a page of classified advertising sideways and color each section a different color of the rainbow.



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## Rational Numbers

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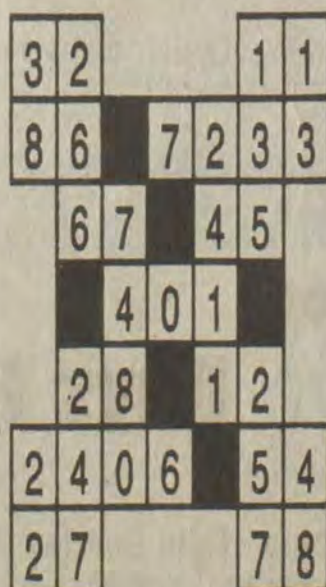


- ACROSS**
- Consecutive digits in descending order
  - One-half of 15-Down
  - 1-Across plus 16-Across
  - Three times 7-Down
  - Consecutive digits in ascending order
  - 2-Down plus 3-Down
  - Six more than 15-Down
  - Consecutive digits in ascending order
  - Six times 11-Across
  - 8-Across minus 4-Down
  - Forty less than 8-Across
  - Fifty more than 12-Across

- DOWN**
- Seven less than 10-Across
  - Seven times 1-Down
  - Five times 18-Across
  - One-sixth of 19-Across
  - Five more than 15-Across
  - 6-Across plus 12-Down
  - Ten less than 14-Down
  - The last digit is the sum of the other digits
  - Same digit repeated
  - Four times 13-Across

## Rational Numbers

answers



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# World of Wonder

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## History of rowing

Rowing was a way of survival long before it became a sport. The Greeks, Phoenicians and Vikings all used rowing to maneuver during battles on or near the sea. Plunder and piracy were made famous by Vikings, and their swift attacks were achieved with rowing ships. Viking ships from a thousand years ago have been excavated and rebuilt. Historians have found that a typical ship had room for 30 oarsmen.

Rowing as a sport began on the Thames River in England. Thomas Doggett, an English comedian, helped to start boat racing in the 1700s. Professional watermen were the first to compete in the "Doggett Coat and Badge Race." Later, races, or regattas, became important sporting matches between universities. In 1829, the first Oxford-Cambridge race was held. The Henly Royal Regatta was started in 1839. Then, competitive rowing crossed the Atlantic and the Yale-Harvard Regatta was introduced on the Charles River in Massachusetts in 1852.

Rowing was the first organized collegiate sport in the United States. The sport had its own governing body, and even today, collegiate rowing in the United States remains independent of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

International championships, first arranged in 1893, remain under the direction of the International Rowing Federation (FISA, also known as Federation Internationale des Societes d'Aviron).

## Types of sport rowing

Racing boats are very lightweight, and more fragile than other types of boats. For this reason, they are often called shells. No rules discipline the size or shape of a shell. A single shell may weigh a minimum of 30 lbs (14kg). An eight-person shell may weigh a minimum of 205 lbs (93kg).

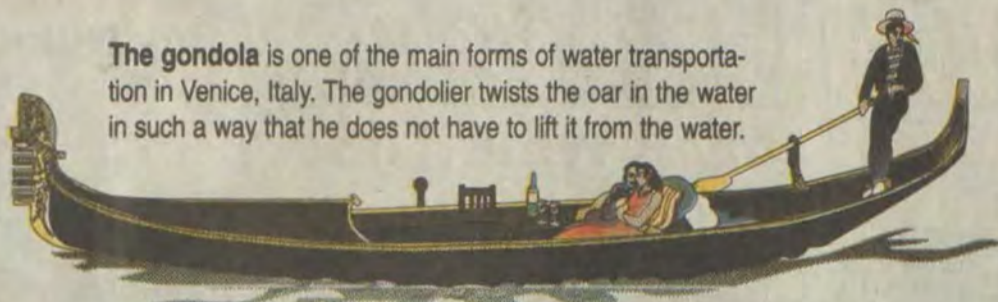
Rowing is divided into two disciplines:

In *sculling*, the oarsman, or sculler, uses two oars — one in each hand. Sculling races are contested in single, double or quadruple craft. Eight-person sculls, or octuples, are rare. One- and two-man shells are steered by changing pressure on the oars. Four-man sculls are steered using a foot rudder.

In *sweep rowing*, each oarsman handles one oar with two hands. The oars are longer and larger than sculling oars. Races are contested in two-, four- or eight-person boats. Some boats are designed to hold an additional crew member called the *coxswain*. Eights always have a coxswain. Steering is accomplished using a movable rudder controlled by either the coxswain or a rower. The coxswain may also direct the timing of the oarstrokes for the *stroke*, or strongest rower, who sits in the stern and sets the pace for the entire crew.

# Rowing

Using muscle power to move a boat through water



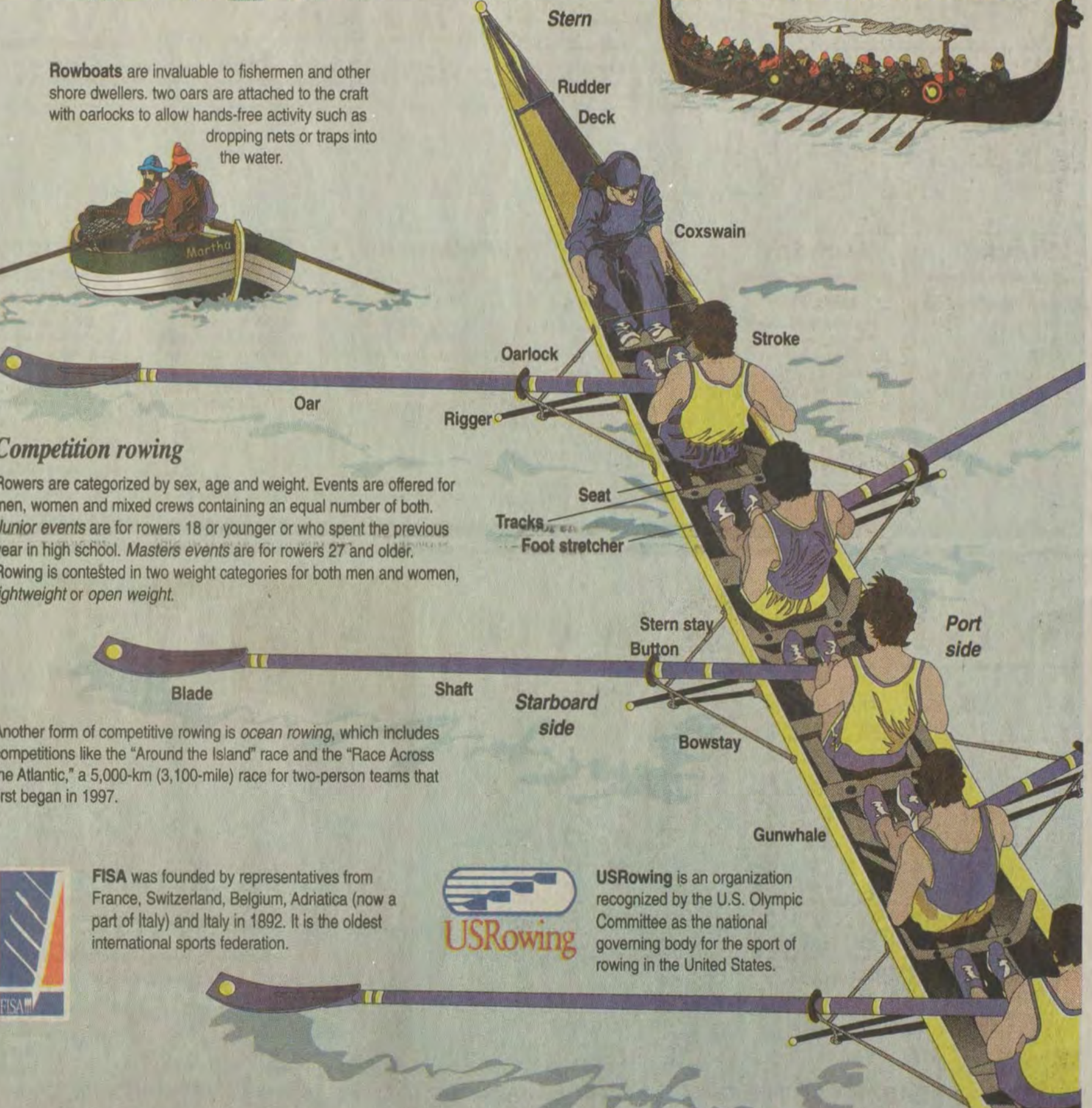
The gondola is one of the main forms of water transportation in Venice, Italy. The gondolier twists the oar in the water in such a way that he does not have to lift it from the water.

## Oar power

Phoenician shipbuilders developed rowing ships in which oars were arranged in two or three rows. The upper combat deck was lifted on a platform. Large oars increased maneuverability. In combat, they also allowed the ship to turn 180 degrees rapidly, and could be clamped to the hull to be used as battering rams.



Longships were flexible Viking boats that floated high in the water. Up to 30 oarsmen could row or sail on the sea or upriver for long distances. They specialized in surprise raids and plundered in Europe and North America.



Rowboats are invaluable to fishermen and other shore dwellers. Two oars are attached to the craft with oarlocks to allow hands-free activity such as dropping nets or traps into the water.

## Competition rowing

Rowers are categorized by sex, age and weight. Events are offered for men, women and mixed crews containing an equal number of both. *Junior events* are for rowers 18 or younger or who spent the previous year in high school. *Masters events* are for rowers 27 and older. Rowing is contested in two weight categories for both men and women, *lightweight* or *open weight*.

Another form of competitive rowing is *ocean rowing*, which includes competitions like the "Around the Island" race and the "Race Across the Atlantic," a 5,000-km (3,100-mile) race for two-person teams that first began in 1997.



FISA was founded by representatives from France, Switzerland, Belgium, Adriatica (now a part of Italy) and Italy in 1892. It is the oldest international sports federation.



USRowing is an organization recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee as the national governing body for the sport of rowing in the United States.

## Glossary

**Bow:** The forward section of the boat; first part to cross the finish line. It is also the rower in the seat closest to the bow, who crosses the finish line first.

**German rigging:** A different way of setting up the oars on a sweep boat. Instead of alternating from side to side, a German-rigged boat has two consecutive rowers with oars on the same side.

**Port:** Left side of the boat, while facing forward, in the direction of the movement.

**"Power 10":** A call for rowers to do 10 of their best, most powerful strokes; used to pull ahead of competitors.

**Shell:** Can be used interchangeably with "boat."

**Starboard:** Right side of the boat,

while facing forward, in the direction of the movement.

**Stern:** The rear of the boat; the direction the rowers are facing.

**Straight:** Refers to a shell that doesn't have a coxswain (i.e., a "straight four" or "straight pair").

**Stroke:** The rower closest to the stern. His stroke sets the rhythm for the boat; others behind him must follow his lead.

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## KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Coach: Tubby Smith Conference: Southeastern Location: Lexington, Ky. Website: ukathletics.com  
 Record: 26-4 (13-3) RPI Rank: 2 Sagarin Rank: 4 RPI Schedule Rank: 8

Skinny: The Cats have been overlooked for a team that has lost single digit games over the past two seasons, but Tubby Smith and his group of experienced seniors sure don't mind. Last season's loss in the Elite Eight wasn't what the Cats had in mind, so they have said this year is a chance to atone for the loss. No team in the tournament will be as experienced or tough-minded than UK.

Best wins: North Carolina (61-56), @Miss. State (67-66), vs. Michigan State (79-74), @Florida (68-65)  
 Worst Losses: Georgia (57-65), @Georgia (68-74)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1	Cliff Hawkins	PG	6-1	187	Sr.	9.6	5.1*
4	Gerald Fitch	SG	6-3	188	Sr.	15.1	3.6
24	Kelenna Azubuike	SF	6-5	208	So.	10.5	5.2
44	Chuck Hayes	PF	6-6	247	Jr.	10.8	8.1
14	Enk Daniels	F/C	6-8	214	Sr.	14.8	5.8
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
33	Antwain Barbour	G	6-5	195	Sr.	4.8	2.3
23	Sheray Thomas	F	6-7	218	Fr.	1.3	0.8
10	Lukas Obrzut	C	7-1	257	Fr.	1.2	0.9

#1 KENTUCKY (26-4) vs. #16 LEHIGH (20-10)/FLA. A&M (14-16)

## LEHIGH MOUNTAIN HAWKS

Coach: Billy Taylor Conference: Patriot League Location: Bethlehem, Penn. Website: lehighsports.com  
 Record: 20-10 (10-4) RPI Rank: 204 Sagarin Rank: 226 RPI Schedule Rank: 320

Skinny: Their defense has served the Mountain Hawks well in making their way to the NCAA's. But the Patriot League is hardly the pinnacle of competition, so it's hard to imagine them giving anyone any trouble. Plus, the bulk of their success has come on their home floor, including the conference title game. Neutral courts and big opponents will be trouble.

Best wins: Lafayette (78-73), @American (63-58 OT), American (86-65)  
 Worst Losses: @Colgate (48-54)

## FLORIDA A&M RATTTLERS

Coach: Mike Gillespie Conference: Mid-Eastern Athletic Location: Tallahassee, Fla. Website: thefamrattlers.ocsn.com  
 Record: 14-16 (10-8) RPI Rank: 262 Sagarin Rank: 287 RPI Schedule Rank: 320

Skinny: There isn't a whole lot of good to say about a team with a losing record that will get started in the play-in game. Former Pitt recruit Tony Tate came on big in the MEAC Tournament, but this squad isn't hot enough to do damage. If it even manages to get past the play-in game, that is.

Best wins: vs. South Carolina State (65-53), vs. Coppin State (58-51)  
 Worst Losses: @Morgan State (72-106), @Norfolk State (62-63), @Bethune Cookman (83-85 OR)



## PROVIDENCE FRIARS

Coach: Tim Welsh Conference: Big East Location: Providence, R.I. Website: friars.ocsn.com  
 Record: 20-8 (11-5) RPI Rank: 20 Sagarin Rank: 22 RPI Schedule Rank: 24

Skinny: The Friars haven't exactly come out of nowhere, but the rise to the top half of the national rankings has been a bit unexpected. Providence has one of the most balanced starting lineups in the nation, which makes up for a suspect bench, but a ton of interchangeable parts has them right up there with the country's top teams. Providence will undoubtedly be overlooked by a lot of onlookers, but they could very well be a surprise Elite Eight-type team.

Best wins: Alabama (76-71), Illinois (70-51), @UConn (66-56), Syracuse (74-61)  
 Worst Losses: @Rutgers (64-65), @Virginia Tech (57-69)

Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13	Shieku Rabba	G	6-3	200	Sr.	10.1	2.5*
1	Donnie McGrath	G	6-4	190	So.	11.0	3.6*
33	Rob Sanders	F	6-6	215	Jr.	11.2	4.5
3	Ryan Gomes	F/C	6-7	245	Jr.	19.6	9.9
4	Marcus Douthit	C	6-10	235	Sr.	8.0	6.0
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
25	Tuukka Kotti	F	6-9	220	Jr.	6.0	3.6
24	Dwight Brevington	G	6-5	195	Fr.	5.8	2.5

#5 PROVIDENCE (20-8) vs. #12 PACIFIC (24-7)

## PACIFIC TIGERS

Coach: Bob Thomson Conference: Big West Location: Stockton, Calif. Website: www.pacificigers.com  
 Record: 24-7 (17-1) RPI Rank: 64 Sagarin Rank: 72 RPI Schedule Rank: 155

Skinny: No question Pacific is a quality team with upset potential, but is there anything left in the tank? The Tigers gutted out the Big West's automatic berth in a 40-minute war with upstart Cal State Northridge. The Tigers blew several double-digit leads and didn't secure a spot in the NCAA Tournament until Northridge's buzzer beater clanked off the rim. If Pacific can gather its emotions and not dwell on simply making the field of 65, the Tigers' physical frontline could cause trouble.

Best wins: Nevada (82-76) Utah State (64-60)  
 Worst Losses: Canisius (59-62), @Santa Clara (61-72)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11	Miah Davis	G	6-0	180	Sr.	14.9	3.0*
15	Tom Cackle	G	6-5	210	Sr.	6.1	2.1*
20	David Doubly	G	6-2	170	Jr.	7.9	3.1*
13	Christian Maraker	F	6-10	230	So.	13.1	6.1
33	Guillaume Yango	F	6-8	240	Jr.	9.8	5.8
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
41	Tyler Newton	C	6-10	215	Jr.	7.5	3.7
10	Jasko Korajlic	F	6-7	215	Jr.	4.8	3.0
5	Myree Bowden	G	6-1	185	Sr.	3.9	1.4

## WASHINGTON HUSKIES

Coach: Lorenzo Romar Conference: Pac-10 Location: Seattle, Wash. Website: gohuskies.com  
 Record: 19-11 (12-6) RPI Rank: 62 Sagarin Rank: 52 RPI Schedule Rank: 68

Skinny: The Huskies started the season 0-5 but ended the regular season by winning 12 of their last 14 games, including an upset of a No. 1 Stanford team that came into that game 26-0. That was good enough for second place in the Pac-10. They've also proved how gummy a team they can be with wins like their comeback victory against UCLA in the conference tournament before falling to Stanford.

Best wins: Stanford (75-62), @Arizona (89-84), vs. Arizona (90-85), Arizona (96-83)  
 Worst Losses: at Wyoming (76-92), at Houston (64-79), at Cal (62-76)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3	Brandon Roy	F	6-6	200	So.	13.4	4.3
15	Bobby Jones	F	6-6	200	So.	11.2	5.1
42	Mike Jensen	C	6-8	240	So.	7.4	4.4
2	Nate Robinson	G	5-9	180	So.	12.4	3.8
5	Will Conroy	G	6-2	190	Jr.	12.5	4.6
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1	Tre Simmons	G	6-5	195	Jr.	10.5	3.1
4	Hakeem Rollins	F	6-7	200	Jr.	5.4	3.8
20	Curtis Allen	G	6-0	170	Sr.	4.8	1.5

#8 WASHINGTON (19-11) vs. #9 UAB (20-9)

## UAB BLAZERS

Coach: Mike Anderson Conference: Conference USA Location: Birmingham, Ala. Website: blazers.uab.edu  
 Record: 20-9 (12-4) RPI Rank: 33 Sagarin Rank: 40 RPI Schedule Rank: 28

Skinny: Mike Anderson's team plays an awful lot like the teams at Arkansas when he was an assistant under Nolan Richardson, which makes the Blazers a team whose style is hard to stand up to if you aren't used to playing against it. The Blazers have a lot of interchangeable parts, making them extremely difficult to scout.

Best wins: Richmond (83-75), @Charlotte (69-62), Cincinnati (80-68)  
 Worst Losses: Western Michigan (62-69), Marshall (66-68), @Tulane (69-74)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
0	Cardell Johnson	G	5-10	180	So.	4.5	4.0*
10	Morris Finley	G	5-11	175	Sr.	13.0	2.1
32	Sidney Ball	G/F	6-6	220	Sr.	7.6	5.4
4	Gabe Kennedy	F	6-9	255	Sr.	11.5	5.5
23	Demario Eddins	F	6-7	190	So.	9.3	4.6
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2	Ronell Taylor	G	6-5	180	Jr.	9.5	2.9
1	Donell Taylor	G	6-6	180	Jr.	8.1	3.2
3	Marques Lewis	F	6-8	285	So.	3.2	2.1

## KANSAS JAYHAWKS

Coach: Bill Self Conference: Big 12 Location: Lawrence, Kansas Website: kuathletics.com  
 Record: 21-8 (12-4) RPI Rank: 14 Sagarin Rank: 23 RPI Schedule Rank: 7

Skinny: Bill Self is in his first year at the University of Kansas and has a team that is better than it plays. Aaron Miles is listed in the assists record books numerous times and rightfully so. Miles spreads the ball well but keeps it just enough to put in nine points a game. Keith Langford can hang 30 points if allowed and Wayne Simien cleans the glass very well. Yet the Jayhawks can look awful just as easy as they can look good. But Kansas is a perennial tournament team and usually gives it a good go.

Best wins: Michigan State (81-74), Texas Tech (96-77)  
 Worst Losses: @Nebraska (55-74), @Iowa State (61-68)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5	Keith Langford	G	6-4	210	Jr.	16.0	4.6
11	Aaron Miles	G	6-1	175	Jr.	9.3	7.4*
15	J.R. Giddens	G	6-5	195	Fr.	10.7	3.7
23	Wayne Simien	F	6-9	250	Jr.	16.9	9.4
44	David Padgett	C	6-11	230	Fr.	7.1	5.0
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1	Jeff Hawkins	G	5-11	180	So.	2.3	1.0
25	Michael Lee	G	6-3	215	Jr.	5.3	2.8
42	Jeff Graves	F	6-9	255	Sr.	5.4	4.8

#4 KANSAS (21-8) vs. #13 ILLINOIS-CHICAGO (24-7)

## ILLINOIS-CHICAGO FLAMES

Coach: Jimmy Collins Conference: Horizon Location: Chicago, Ill. Website: uicflames.ocsn.com  
 Record: 24-7 (12-4) RPI Rank: 87 Sagarin Rank: 80 RPI Schedule Rank: 245

Skinny: Illinois-Chicago enters the NCAA Tournament on a roll. Winners of 12 straight after a slow start, the Flames' lived up to their preseason billing as the Horizon league's best team. A veteran group with five senior starters guarantees the Flames won't be intimidated by the Big Dance and the backcourt of Cedrick Banks and Martell Bailey is better than most high-major duos. Rebounding is the only question mark, but if Illinois-Chicago holds its own on the boards an upset could be brewing.

Best wins: Northwestern (90-71), Wis-Milwaukee (86-82), @Wis-Milwaukee (65-62)  
 Worst Losses: vs. Oakland (66-79), @Wright State (60-61)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
34	Cedrick Banks	G	6-2	170	Sr.	18.5	3.4
30	Armond Williams	F	6-5	200	Sr.	11.9	5.8
32	Aaron Carr	F	6-4	195	Sr.	10.0	2.8
3	Martell Bailey	G	5-10	170	Sr.	7.7	7.9*
42	Joe Scott	F	6-9	214	Sr.	6.6	4.5
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
44	Elliott Poole	F	6-7	225	So.	5.2	4.5
25	Justin Bowen	F	6-6	180	So.	4.1	3.0

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### BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

Coach: Al Skinner Conference: Big East Location: Chestnut Hill, Mass. Website: bceagles.com  
 Record: 23-9 (10-6) RPI Rank: 22 Sagarin Rank: 38 RPI Schedule Rank: 23  
 Skinny: Boston College lost a lot of talent from a year ago and wasn't expected to stand up to the rigorous Big East schedule the way it has, but the Eagles are a team that is difficult to match up with because of their quickness. One of the teams that has gone the route of undersized but lightning quick, the Eagles have a very balanced team and a solid enough bench to give teams trouble. The only real issue is how they play away from Chestnut Hill so a neutral site tournament game might be an adventure.  
 Best wins: N.C. State (66-65), Seton Hall (72-63), @Seton Hall (67-63)  
 Worst Losses: @Clemson (62-72), @Syracuse (73-96), @W. Virginia (62-65)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11 Louis Hinnant	G	6-4	190	So.	5.5	3.5*
23 Sean Marshall	G	6-5	205	Fr.	8.7	2.9
3 Jared Dudley	F	6-7	210	Fr.	12.3	6.6
1 Craig Smith	F	6-7	255	So.	17.3	8.1
0 Uka Agbai	F	6-8	262	Sr.	10.6	5.0
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
4 Jemaine Watson	F	6-3	204	Jr.	6.6	2.8
12 Steve Hailey	G	6-0	170	Fr.	4.7	2.8*
13 Nate Doomekamp	F	7-0	263	Jr.	3.1	3.5

#6 BOSTON COLLEGE (23-9) vs. #11 UTAH (24-8)

### UTAHUTES

Coach: Kerry Rupp Conference: Mountain West Location: Salt Lake City, Utah Website: utahutes.com  
 Record: 24-8 (9-5) RPI Rank: 36 Sagarin Rank: 39 RPI Schedule Rank: 69  
 Skinny: This team has taken to new coach Kerry Rupp, who replaced Rick Majerus after Majerus stepped down on Jan. 28 for health reasons. The Utes have won 9 of 12 games since Rupp took over. Nick Jacobson is a clutch player, which he proved when he hit a 3-pointer to send Utah to the dance.



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
4 Andrew Bogut	F	6-10	233	Fr.	12.3	9.9
13 Richard Chaney	F	6-4	195	So.	9.6	4.2
54 Tim Frost	C	6-9	244	Sr.	9.1	4.6
11 Tim Drisdorn	G	6-2	212	So.	5.9	3.7*
15 Nick Jacobson	G	6-4	206	Sr.	16.8	2.1
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2 Josh Olsen	G	6-0	182	Fr.	2.5	1.7*
5 Justin Hawkins	F	6-4	207	Fr.	5.5	3.3
20 Bryant Markson	F	6-6	189	So.	2.1	1.8

Best wins: Utah State (56-45), vs. BYU (54-51), vs. UNLV (73-70), @UNLV (72-67)  
 Worst Losses: @Wyoming (65-74), @New Mexico (54-70)

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### MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

Coach: Tom Izzo Conference: Big Ten Location: East Lansing, Mich. Website: msuspartans.ocsn.com  
 Record: 18-11 (12-4) RPI Rank: 38 Sagarin Rank: 44 RPI Schedule Rank: 19  
 Skinny: A top 5 preseason ranking is accompanied by expectations. State may have deserved the hype but a grueling schedule almost led to its demise. Izzo got his squad in gear when the Big Ten season started, as usual, and will be ready to dance. Three starters shoot better than 50 percent, with guard Chris Hill and center Paul Davis anchoring a legitimate inside-outside game. In the field of 65, every game is tough and State will have to do something it could not do earlier in the year - win the tough ones.  
 Best wins: DePaul (89-81)  
 Worst Losses: at UCLA (58-64), at Purdue (70-76 OT)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3 Shannon Brown	G	6-3	200	Fr.	8.7	2.9
5 Chris Hill	G	6-3	190	Jr.	13.7	3.9*
23 Kelvin Torbert	G	6-4	215	Jr.	10.8	3.6
15 Alan Anderson	G/F	6-6	220	Jr.	8.1	3.1
40 Paul Davis	C	6-11	255	So.	15.8	6.3
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13 Maurice Ager	G	6-4	190	So.	8.4	3.5
44 Jason Andreas	C	6-10	250	Sr.	2.9	2.1

#7 MICHIGAN STATE (18-11) vs. #10 NEVADA (23-8)

### NEVADA WOLFPACK

Coach: Trent Johnson Conference: WAC Location: Reno, Nev. Website: nevadawolfpack.com  
 Record: 23-8 (13-5) RPI Rank: 29 Sagarin Rank: 26 RPI Schedule Rank: 34  
 Skinny: Head coach Trent Johnson has turned this program around and taken it to its first NCAA bid since 1985. Kirk Snyder is an NBA-caliber talent at guard, and he leads a team that has proven it can win even when it shoots poorly. That type of defense could mean an upset win when it's tournament time.



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
21 Kevin Pinkney	F	6-9	230	Jr.	8.9	5.7
23 Gary Hill-Thomas	F	6-4	200	Sr.	9.8	3.5
22 Nick Fazekas	C	6-11	215	Fr.	12.7	7.6
1 Kirk Snyder	G	6-6	225	Jr.	18.7	5.8
3 Todd Okeson	G	6-0	165	Sr.	10.8	4.0*
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5 Marcellus Kemp	G	6-5	210	Fr.	4.8	1.4
30 Jemaine Washington	F	6-5	205	Jr.	4.3	3.9
42 Sean Paul	F	6-9	245	Sr.	3.5	3.9

Best wins: Kansas (75-61), vs. UTEP (66-60), UTEP (92-63)  
 Worst Losses: @Portland (70-86), @SMU (70-71 OT)

### GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

Coach: Paul Hewitt Conference: ACC Location: Atlanta, Ga. Website: ramblinreck.com  
 Record: 23-9 (9-7) RPI Rank: 13 Sagarin Rank: 8 RPI Schedule Rank: 15  
 Skinny: The Yellow Jackets surprised everyone by starting the season off 12-0, including an upset of then-No. 1 UConn. They've had some ups and downs since then in conference play but have dangerous scorers in B.J. Elder and Marvin Lewis, and a solid point guard in Jarrett Jack.

Best wins: vs. Connecticut (77-61), at Wake Forest (73-66), North Carolina (88-77), at Duke (76-68)  
 Worst Losses: @Georgia (80-83 2OT), @Virginia (80-82)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1 B.J. Elder	G	6-4	218	Jr.	16.4	2.9
24 Marvin Lewis	G	6-4	205	Sr.	11.4	2.8
55 Anthony McHenry	F	6-7	218	Jr.	2.6	3.1
12 Luke Schenscher	C	7-1	255	Jr.	8.7	6.2
3 Jarrett Jack	G	6-3	198	So.	12.4	6.0*
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2 Is'mail Muhammad	F	6-6	225	Jr.	10.0	4.8
11 Will Bynum	G	6-0	185	Jr.	12.4	2.7*
42 Clarence Moore	F	6-5	215	Sr.	6.1	4.6

#3 GEORGIA TECH (23-9) vs. #14 NORTHERN IOWA (21-9)

### NORTHERN IOWA PANTHERS

Coach: Greg McDermott Conference: Missouri Valley Location: Cedar Falls, Iowa Website: unipanthers.com  
 Record: 21-9 (12-6) RPI Rank: 59 Sagarin Rank: 84 RPI Schedule Rank: 98  
 Skinny: Northern Iowa is extremely young in the backcourt, but the Panthers grew throughout the season and were playing their best basketball at the end, winning eight straight and 10 of 11 heading into the tournament. The Panther's backcourt is filled with shooters and the senior frontcourt has just enough talent mixed with experience to make them a tough out.

Best wins: @Illinois St. (64-61), Southern Illinois (68-52)  
 Worst Losses: Fuman (55-64), Illinois St. (60-68), @Wichita St. (65-82)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
12 Ben Jacobson	G	6-3	190	So.	13.7	4.0
23 Brooks McKowen	G	6-2	185	Fr.	7.7	2.7*
5 Erik Crawford	G/F	6-3	225	So.	10.4	5.1
43 Matt Schneideman	F	6-7	245	Sr.	11.0	6.4
42 David Gruber	F/C	6-6	230	Sr.	11.9	6.9
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11 John Little	G	5-11	180	So.	1.7	1.3
22 Pete Schmit	G	5-11	185	Jr.	2.4	0.8*
32 Grant Stout	F	6-8	210	Fr.	2.8	3.3

### GONZAGA BULLDOGS

Coach: Mark Few Conference: West Coast Location: Spokane, Wash. Website: gozags.ocsn.com  
 Record: 27-2 (14-0) RPI Rank: 10 Sagarin Rank: 3 RPI Schedule Rank: 83  
 Skinny: Will this finally be the year Gonzaga officially turns into a college basketball power and not a curiosity? The Zags have all the parts to make a deep run, especially with the exceptional balance in scoring and rebounding and punch off the bench. The dynamic duo of Blake Stepp and Ronny Turiaf is as good as any in the country.

Best wins: Georgia (82-76), @Washington (86-62), @Maryland (82-68), Missouri (87-80)  
 Worst Losses:



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
10 Blake Stepp	G	6-4	190	Sr.	10.7	6.9*
20 Kyle Bankhead	G/F	6-0	195	Sr.	5.9	2.7*
22 Enol Knight	G/F	6-6	212	So.	6.3	3.2
1 Ronny Turiaf	F	6-10	243	Jr.	15.3	6.0
33 Cory Violette	C	6-8	265	Sr.	13.8	8.0
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3 Adam Morrison	F	6-8	204	Fr.	11.7	4.4
32 Sean Mallon	F	6-9	220	So.	5.8	2.7
5 Derek Raivio	G	6-1	158	Fr.	3.5	1.0*

#2 GONZAGA (27-2) vs. #15 VALPARAISO (18-12)

### VALPARAISO CRUSADERS

Coach: Homer Drew Conference: Mid-Continent Location: Valparaiso, Ind. Website: www.valpo.edu/athletics  
 Record: 18-12 (11-5) RPI Rank: 138 Sagarin Rank: 150 RPI Schedule Rank: 204  
 Skinny: It's not often that a coach follows his successor, but that's what happened at Valparaiso this season. The Crusaders' new mentor Scott Drew accepted the head-coaching job at Baylor, prompting his father and former Crusader coach, Homer Drew, to come out of retirement. Homer looked right at home on the Valparaiso sideline and worked his old magic to get the Crusaders back to the NCAA Tournament. This is the elder Drew's eighth trip to the Big Dance and he knows how to KO the big boys.  
 Best wins: vs. IUPUI (75-70), @IUPUI (70-66)  
 Worst Losses: @Missouri-KC (59-60), @CenTenary (73-78), @Southern Utah (58-75)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
20 Roberto Nieves	G	6-4	195	Sr.	6.6	3.4
33 Miguel Berdiel	G	6-6	210	Jr.	11.4	6.1*
11 Oumar Sylla	G	6-6	195	Fr.	4.0	2.4
10 Joaquim Gomes	F	6-8	220	Sr.	13.1	8.8
42 Dan Oppland	F	6-7	225	Fr.	15.9	7.2
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
12 Greg Tonagel	G	6-3	190	Sr.	6.1	2.8*
30 Ron Howard	G	6-5	185	So.	6.1	1.7
50 Kenny Harris	C	6-10	310	Fr.	5.1	3.4



### ST. JOSEPH'S HAWKS

Coach: Phil Martelli Conference: Atlantic 10 Location: Philadelphia, Penn. Website: sjuhawks.com  
 Record: 27-1 (16-0) RPI Rank: 3 Sagarin Rank: 2 RPI Schedule Rank: 44

Skinny: With arguably the best backcourt in college basketball, St. Joe has raised its level of play. Wooden finalist Jameer Nelson and Delonte West are the Hawks' one-two punch, as they lead one of the nation's top scoring margin teams. Defensively, the team has virtually picked up where it left off last year, allowing 61.2 points per game and limiting opponents to 38.8 percent shooting, not to mention an average of 9.3 steals a game. The Hawks lost their first game in the conference tournament. Best wins: vs. Gonzaga (73-66), vs. Boston College (67-57). Worst Losses: vs. Xavier (67-87).



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
14 Jameer Nelson	G	6-0	190	Sr	20.0	5.4*
15 Delonte West	G	6-4	180	Jr	18.9	5.5
33 Pat Carroll	G/F	6-5	190	Jr	10.1	3.5
34 John Bryant	F	6-7	220	So	3.0	3.9
21 Duwayne Jones	C	6-11	225	So	7.0	7.4
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
12 Tyronen Barley	G	6-1	185	Sr	7.3	1.8*
13 Chet Stachitas	G/F	6-5	190	So	7.0	1.3

#1 ST. JOSEPH'S (27-1) vs. #16 LIBERTY (18-14)

### LIBERTY FLAMES

Coach: Randy Dunton Conference: Big South Location: Lynchburg, Va. Website: libertyflames.com  
 Record: 18-14 (12-4) RPI Rank: 163 Sagarin Rank: 195 RPI Schedule Rank: 206

Skinny: The Flames owe their second conference championship in school history in large part to the hot shooting of Larry Blair. He hit seven threes in the title game, and if there's one thing that makes the NCAA Tournament interesting it's a dead-eye shooter. But even with that, Liberty's offense isn't going to wow anyone, and they're hardly a powerhouse mid-major team.

Best wins: Tennessee-Chattanooga (85-69), @High Point (67-56), vs. High Point (88-44). Worst Losses: @VMI (52-61), @Birmingham Southern (63-67).

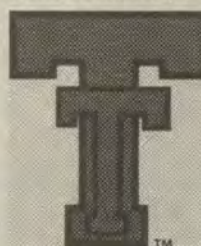


Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5 Gabe Martin	F	6-5	200	Sr	13.9	7.4
35 Louvon Sneed	F	6-7	255	Sr	5.6	4.3
22 Larry Blair	G	6-1	185	Fr	13.4	2.6
23 Brian Woodson	G	6-3	195	Jr	5.3	3.9
24 Ryan Mantlo	G	6-1	175	Sr	7.4	4.0
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
21 David Dees	G/F	6-5	200	Fr	10.2	2.1
32 Leo Lightbourne	F	6-8	215	Jr	2.5	2.6
40 Jason Sarchet	C	6-8	225	Sr	7.4	4.0

### TEXASTECH RED RAIDERS

Coach: Bob Knight Conference: Big 12 Location: Lubbock, Texas Website: texastech.ocsn.com  
 Record: 22-10 (9-7) RPI Rank: 30 Sagarin Rank: 28 RPI Schedule Rank: 29

Skinny: Texas Tech has bounced around the AP Top 25 since cracking the poll at No. 22 in week nine. At that time, the Red Raiders were in the beginning stages of raking off 12 wins in a row. Showing they can hold a lead and make a comeback if needed. In fact, Bob Knight's squad puts up significantly more points in the second half than they do in the first. Which means a team better get them early or it may not get a chance to get them at all. Senior guard Andre Emmett is the backbone of the team. Best wins: Oklahoma State (83-62), Oklahoma (67-47). Worst Losses: @Colorado (75-85), @SMU (59-62).



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
14 Andre Emmett	G	6-5	225	Sr	21.4	6.9
22 Jamius Jackson	G	6-1	185	Fr	10.7	2.7
24 Ronald Ross	G	6-2	185	Jr	9.6	3.4*
21 Devonne Giles	F	6-8	225	Jr	8.4	5.0
55 Robert Tomaszek	F	6-9	250	Sr	7.8	4.6
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
23 Michael Marshall	G	6-4	225	Sr	3.7	2.1
44 Darryl Dora	F	6-9	235	Fr	3.5	2.7
53 Joseph Works	F	6-6	220	Sr	4.0	2.3

#8 TEXAS TECH (22-10) vs. #9 CHARLOTTE (21-8)

### CHARLOTTE 49ERS

Coach: Bobby Lutz Conference: Conference USA Location: Charlotte, N.C. Website: charlotte49ers.ocsn.com  
 Record: 21-8 (12-4) RPI Rank: 34 Sagarin Rank: 31 RPI Schedule Rank: 60

Skinny: Charlotte is a team that when it is hitting from behind the three-point line can be as tough to beat as anyone around. The 49ers score a lot of points and aren't shy about hoisting away, which can be both a positive and negative. Charlotte is a bit of a Jekyll and Hyde team, but its depth and balance will be a major strength in the dance.

Best wins: @Syracuse (96-92), @Cincinnati (86-83), Louisville (77-71). Worst Losses: @Rhode Island (90-96), @Memphis (69-91), @St. Louis (45-46).



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5 Brendan Plavich	G	6-2	207	Jr	12.3	1.6
11 Demon Brown	G	6-1	195	Sr	12.0	4.1*
13 Eddie Basden	G/F	6-5	205	Jr	10.6	6.3
3 Curtis Withers	F	6-8	230	So	16.5	9.5
2 Martin Ili	C	7-0	240	Fr	5.9	4.4
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
12 Butter Johnson	F	6-8	215	Sr	6.0	3.4
20 Mitchell Baldwin	G	6-2	180	So	6.0	2.0
35 Calvin Clemmons	F	6-8	250	Sr	5.9	4.6

### FLORIDA GATORS

Coach: Billy Donovan Conference: Southeastern Location: Gainesville, Fla. Website: gatorzone.com  
 Record: 20-10 (9-7) RPI Rank: 12 Sagarin Rank: 18 RPI Schedule Rank: 2

Skinny: The Gators underachieved again in the regular season, but all can be forgiven if Billy Donovan's extremely talented crew finds a way to rise up and make a tournament run. The loss of Christian Drejer hurt the Gators' rotation, but it might have been a blessing in terms of creating team unity, something that has always seemed to be missing at Florida. Anthony Roberson and Matt Walsh will have to play under control to give Florida a chance.

Best wins: vs. Arizona (78-77), Florida St. (87-73), @S. Carolina (65-62). Worst Losses: @Vanderbilt (72-86), @Georgia (62-76), @Tennessee (63-65).



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1 Anthony Roberson	G	6-1	180	So	17.0	4.0*
12 Lee Humphrey	G	6-2	180	Fr	4.1	1.2
44 Matt Walsh	F	6-6	205	So	16.1	4.7
24 David Lee	F	6-9	240	Jr	13.8	7.0
4 Adrian Moss	C/F	6-9	238	So	6.3	4.4
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
42 Bonell Colas	F/C	6-9	225	Sr	5.4	3.0
21 Mohamed Abukar	F	6-10	200	Fr	3.1	2.2
22 Rashid Al-Kaleem	G	6-3	192	So	2.7	0.9

#5 FLORIDA (20-10) vs. #12 MANHATTAN (24-5)

### MANHATTAN JASPERS

Coach: Bobby Gonzalez Conference: Metro Atlantic Location: Riverdale, N.Y. Website: gojaspers.com  
 Record: 24-5 (16-2) RPI Rank: 42 Sagarin Rank: 57 RPI Schedule Rank: 139

Skinny: The Jaspers have a legitimate scorer in senior guard Luis Flores, who just became Manhattan's all-time leading scorer. But this team barely escaped its own conference tournament, and despite having a good coach and some decent talent, they'll need more than just Flores to give anyone trouble.

Best wins: vs. Richmond (70-62), Hofstra (65-58). Worst Losses: @Iona (62-79), @Rider (56-57).



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
15 Dave Holmes	F	6-7	225	Sr	12.9	8.3
44 Peter Mulligan	F	6-5	205	Jr	10.6	4.4
21 Guy Ngardi	C	6-8	210	Fr	2.1	1.8
3 Luis Flores	G	6-2	195	Sr	24.1	4.0
5 Jason Wingate	G	6-0	175	So	5.5	1.2
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11 Kenny Minor	G	5-8	170	So	5.1	1.5
33 Mike Konovelchick	F	6-5	220	So	6.4	3.2
51 Jason Benton	F	6-6	250	Sr	6.0	4.8

### WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

Coach: Skip Prosser Conference: ACC Location: Winston-Salem, N.C. Website: wakeforestsports.com  
 Record: 19-9 (9-7) RPI Rank: 19 Sagarin Rank: 11 RPI Schedule Rank: 14

Skinny: The Demon Deacons are coming on strong at the end of the season, which is always the perfect time. They've proven themselves in the nation's toughest conference, and even though people think of Duke or North Carolina first, Wake Forest could be the hottest ACC team heading into the NCAA Tournament.

Best wins: vs. Memphis (85-76), @North Carolina (119-114 3OT), Duke (90-84), @Georgia Tech (80-76). Worst Losses: @Florida State (70-75).



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
10 Jamaal Levy	F	6-9	180	Jr	10.4	8.6
1 Justin Gray	G	6-2	185	So	17.0	3.2
3 Chris Paul	G	6-0	168	Fr	13.4	5.8*
31 Eric Williams	C	6-9	275	So	12.4	5.6
4 Taron Downey	G	6-2	180	Jr	10.7	3.0*
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13 Vytas Danelius	F	6-9	228	Jr	6.2	4.7
55 Kyle Visser	F	6-11	224	Fr	5.0	2.9
33 Trent Strickland	F	6-5	200	So	7.0	3.3

#4 WAKE FOREST (19-9) vs. #13 VA. COMMONWEALTH (23-7)

### VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH RAMS

Coach: Jeff Capel Conference: Colonial Location: Richmond, Va. Website: vcurams.vcu.edu  
 Record: 23-7 (14-4) RPI Rank: 54 Sagarin Rank: 79 RPI Schedule Rank: 144

Skinny: Virginia Commonwealth won the regular-season title in the Colonial, and then swept through the tournament to get in. A bit undersized perhaps, but Troy Godwin is a load in the middle at 300 pounds. The Rams dominated their conference, but the real question is how will an all-freshmen backcourt handle the spotlight that comes with the Big Dance.

Best wins: @Drexel (70-69), George Mason (80-56), vs. George Mason (55-54). Worst Losses: @UNC-Wilmington (52-72), @Hofstra (61-66).



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
10 Domic Jones	G	6-1	190	Sr	16.2	4.6
4 Troy Godwin	C	6-6	300	Sr	12.1	7.0
21 Nick George	F	6-6	205	So	11.2	4.3
20 B.A. Walker	G	6-2	160	Fr	9.0	5.9
23 Jesse Pelot-Rosa	G	6-4	195	Fr	7.6	3.9*
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2 Michael Doles	F	6-6	210	Jr	11.2	4.3
34 Demick Reid	F	6-8	215	Jr	3.5	2.3
25 Alexander Harper	G	6-4	190	So	2.6	3.4



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## WISCONSINBADGERS

Coach: Bo Ryan Conference: Big Ten Location: Madison, Wis. Website: uwbadgers.com  
 Record: 24-6 (12-4) RPI Rank: 16 Sagarin Rank: 16 RPI Schedule Rank: 37

Skinny: The Badgers have withstood a couple tribulations throughout the season with Alando Tucker out for the year after re-injuring a broken right foot and Boo Wade meandering his way through legal matters. Although the loss of Tucker has not turned out to be monumental, it may come to haunt Wisconsin in the end, as Tucker was dropping in 14 points a game at the time. Delvin Harris leads Bo Ryan's team in scoring with 19 per contest and eats up a lot of minutes.  
 Best wins: Illinois (76-56), Michigan State (77-64)  
 Worst Losses: @Northwestern (51-69), @Purdue (51-53)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
34 Delvin Harris	G	6-3	185	Jr	19.0	4.9*
24 Freddie Owens	G	6-2	185	Sr	7.4	2.8
12 Boo Wade	G	6-3	185	So	6.9	3.5
54 Mike Wilkinson	F	6-8	235	Jr	11.7	6.8
21 Andreas Helmigk	F	6-9	245	So	3.1	1.8

\* Assists per game

Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13 Clayton Hanson	G	6-5	185	Jr	4.6	1.2
44 Zach Morley	F	6-8	220	Jr	9.3	5.6

#6 WISCONSIN (24-6) vs. #11 RICHMOND (20-12)

## RICHMONDSPIDERS

Coach: Jerry Wainwright Conference: Atlantic 10 Location: Richmond, Va. Website: richmondspiders.ocsn.com  
 Record: 20-12 (12-7) RPI Rank: 49 Sagarin Rank: 45 RPI Schedule Rank: 36

Skinny: A team that shoots only 40.8 percent from the field, including 30 percent on three-pointers had better play great defense, and that's exactly the case with Richmond, which received an NCAA Tourney at-large bid. Led by Atlantic 10 defensive player of the year Tony Dobbins, the Spiders hold teams to 59 points per game while allowing only 39.4 percent field goal shooting and 26.5 percent from three-point range.  
 Best wins: @Kansas (69-68), @Xavier (53-44), VCU (70-52)  
 Worst Losses: @LaSalle (66-55)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
Mike Skrocki	G/F	6-6	190	Sr.	16.1	3.3
Tony Dobbins	G	6-4	190	Sr.	11.2	7.7
Eric Zwyer	C	6-9	250	Sr.	3.2	3.2
Reggie Brown	G	6-4	190	Sr.	7.4	2.0
Kevin Steenberge	C	6-11	225	So.	4.5	3.6

\* Assists per game

Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
Jamaal Scott	F	6-5	215	Jr.	4.3	2.7
Gaston Molina	F	6-7	230	Fr.	5.5	4.0
Jemaine Bucknor	F	6-6	220	So.	4.8	3.7

## PITTSBURGHPANTHERS

Coach: Jamie Dixon Conference: Big East Location: Pittsburgh, Pa. Website: pittsburghpanthers.com  
 Record: 29-4 (13-3) RPI Rank: 7 Sagarin Rank: 10 RPI Schedule Rank: 50

Skinny: Who knew when Ben Howland left for UCLA and Brandin Knight graduated that Pittsburgh might be even better than it was a year ago, but the Panthers are right there. Quick, aggressive and defensive-minded, the Panthers are a nightmare to bang with and can overpower a lot of teams. The one weakness is when Pitt is having trouble scoring because even a great defensive team can lose games in the 50s.  
 Best wins: Alabama (71-62), Florida St. (63-56), @Syracuse (66-45), UConn (75-68)  
 Worst Losses: Syracuse (46-49)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11 Carl Krauser	G	6-2	200	So.	15.2	4.8*
1 Julius Page	G	6-3	191	Sr.	12.1	3.0
4 Jaron Brown	G	6-4	229	Sr.	12.2	5.6
23 Chris Taft	F	6-10	250	Fr.	10.8	7.6
2 Chevy Troutman	F	6-7	236	Jr.	9.3	6.1

\* Assists per game

Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
21 Mark McCarroll	F	6-10	220	Jr.	6.0	2.7
22 Antonio Graves	G	6-3	180	Fr.	2.4	1.0*
55 Torea Morris	C	6-10	282	Sr.	1.8	2.1

#3 PITTSBURGH (29-4) vs. #14 CENTRAL FLORIDA (25-5)

## CENTRALFLORIDAGOLDENKNIGHTS

Coach: Kirk Speraw Conference: Atlantic Sun Location: Orlando, Fla. Website: ucfaletics.com  
 Record: 25-5 (17-3) RPI Rank: 60 Sagarin Rank: 86 RPI Schedule Rank: 200

Skinny: The Golden Knights weren't supposed to beat Troy State for the Atlantic Sun title. But they proved their versatility by going with a slow-down game plan and beating the Trojans. Central Florida will be well served by that versatility and the ability to hold a lead, something they did throughout the A-Sun title game.  
 Best wins: vs. Troy State (60-55), @Troy State (74-72)  
 Worst Losses: @Belmont (61-77), @Georgia State (61-63)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1 Marcus Avant	F	6-7	200	Jr.	4.1	3.9
33 Josh Bodden	C	6-9	235	Sr.	11.2	5.6
13 Roberto Moretin	C	6-9	245	Sr.	13.4	6.8
4 Dexter Lyons	F	6-6	225	Sr.	18.5	4.4
5 Gary Johnson	G	6-2	180	Jr.	7.7	3.0

\* Assists per game

Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
10 Kingsley Edwards	G	6-0	185	Jr.	3.6	2.7
22 Robert Ross	F	6-7	195	Sr.	4.8	1.5
30 Joshua Peppers	F	6-6	200	Fr.	3.9	1.8

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## MEMPHISTIGERS

Coach: John Calipari Conference: Conference USA Location: Memphis, Tenn. Website: gotigersgo.com  
 Record: 21-7 (12-4) RPI Rank: 32 Sagarin Rank: 29 RPI Schedule Rank: 71

Skinny: The most athletic team in Conference USA, Memphis has flown under the radar screen all season long, even eluding notice during a double-digit winning streak. Last season, Memphis was a dark horse pick to crash the tournament brackets but lost early. That experience plus talented freshman Sean Banks should spur the Tigers this season.  
 Best wins: Missouri (61-59), Charlotte (91-69), Louisville (62-58)  
 Worst Losses: @Southern Miss (63-66), @DePaul (73-82)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1 Antonio Burks	G	6-0	195	Sr.	16.7	5.1*
23 Anthony Rice	G	6-4	205	Jr.	8.9	3.2
10 Rodney Carney	F	6-7	205	So.	12.1	5.7
32 Sean Banks	F	6-8	206	Fr.	17.4	7.2
31 Ivan Lopez	F	6-8	236	Fr.	4.1	3.3

\* Assists per game

Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5 Jeremy Hunt	F	6-4	206	So.	9.6	5.3
11 Duane Ervin	F	6-9	238	Jr.	4.8	6.6

#7 MEMPHIS (21-7) vs. #10 SOUTH CAROLINA (23-10)

## SOUTHCAROLINAGAMECOCKS

Coach: Dave Odom Conference: Southeastern Location: Columbia, S. C. Website: uscspports.ocsn.com  
 Record: 23-10 (8-8) RPI Rank: 45 Sagarin Rank: 24 RPI Schedule Rank: 79

Skinny: South Carolina had a wonderful start to the season, but teams caught up with it and the pressure style the Gamecocks were playing around February. Losing Rolando Howell to a broken hand really crippled the Gamecocks chances because they lack another true post presence, but it could allow them to up the pace again. Carolina needs to shoot well to survive long in the tournament.  
 Best wins: N.C. State (58-55), LSU (61-55), vs. LSU (85-64)  
 Worst Losses: @Ole Miss (68-79), @Arkansas (66-82), @Temple (61-71)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
30 Mike Boynton	PG	6-2	180	Jr.	9.3	3.7*
31 Josh Gonner	SG	6-2	181	Jr.	11.8	2.6
21 Terance Kinsey	G	6-6	180	So.	8.0	3.3
15 Carlos Powell	F	6-7	220	Jr.	12.6	6.3
32 Kerbell Brown	F	6-8	220	Sr.	7.9	4.7

\* Assists per game

Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1 Tre Kelley	G	6-0	170	Fr.	5.5	2.1*
34 Renaldo Balkman	F	6-7	198	Fr.	7.0	4.7

## OKLAHOMASTATECOWBOYS

Coach: Eddie Sutton Conference: Big 12 Location: Stillwater, Okla. Website: okstate.com  
 Record: 27-3 (14-2) RPI Rank: 9 Sagarin Rank: 7 RPI Schedule Rank: 64

Skinny: OSU returns only two starters from a year ago - Tony Allen and Ivan McFarlin. Both are putting up good numbers. The new arrival of Baylor transfer John Lucas has added a delightful spark to Eddie Sutton's offense. Lucas complements Allen and McFarlin's style of play and distributes the ball well. As a team the Cowboys are shooting better than 50 percent from the field and average 8.5 steals a game. Proving they have a well-rounded team that can put together wins with the best of them.  
 Best wins: @Texas (72-67), Kansas (80-60)  
 Worst Losses: vs. BYU (71-76), @Missouri (92-93 2OT)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
15 John Lucas	G	5-11	152	Jr.	15.0	4.7*
20 Daniel Bobik	G	6-4	200	Jr.	8.4	3.6
24 Tony Allen	G	6-4	213	Sr.	16.0	5.3
14 Joey Graham	F	6-7	217	Jr.	11.5	4.7
23 Ivan McFarlin	F	6-8	232	Sr.	12.4	6.5

\* Assists per game

Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
25 Janavor Weatherspoon G	6-1	168	Sr.	5.0	1.3	
33 Jason Miller	F	6-8	239	Sr.	4.0	3.0

#2 OKLAHOMA STATE (27-3) vs. #15 EASTERN WASH. (17-12)

## EASTERNWASHINGTON EAGLES

Coach: Ray Giacolelli Conference: Big Sky Location: Cheney, Wash. Website: athletics.ewu.edu  
 Record: 17-12 (11-3) RPI Rank: 127 Sagarin Rank: 127 RPI Schedule Rank: 148

Skinny: A non-conference slate littered with marquee names from the country's best leagues has the Eagles ready for all comers. They already faced off with Iowa, Oklahoma, Washington and Gonzaga, losing all four but proving game against the Sooners and Huskies. The Eagles were a win away from a NCAA Tournament berth each of the last three seasons, but couldn't win the Big Sky championship game. An all-senior backcourt led by Alvin Snow relishes this opportunity and rank among the mid-major top teams.  
 Best wins: Santa Clara (75-65), @Santa Clara (65-54), vs. Weber State (72-53)  
 Worst Losses: vs. South Carolina State (51-71), vs. Montana (68-79)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
52 Alvin Snow	G	6-2	215	Sr.	15.1	5.1
2 B. Merritt	G	6-4	190	Sr.	10.9	2.9*
23 Josh Barnard	G	6-5	205	Sr.	8.4	2.5*
22 Matt Nelson	F	6-8	220	Fr.	7.9	5.0
24 Marc Avlon	F	6-7	225	Jr.	13.0	4.7

\* Assists per game

Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
12 Dan Parseau	G	5-11	155	So.	5.9	2.7*
34 Paul Butorac	F	6-9	205	Fr.	4.0	2.6
15 J. McCulloch	F	6-11	245	Jr.	1.4	1.1



## DUKEBLUEDEVILS

Coach: Mike Krzyzewski Conference: ACC Location: Durham, N.C. Website: goduke.com  
 Record: 27-5 (13-3) RPI Rank: 1 Sagarin Rank: 1 RPI Schedule Rank: 3

Skinny: This is, without a doubt, one of the best teams in the nation. Coach K knows what to do with his guys come tournament time, and he has a senior point guard who can calmly run the show. They've got some beef down low but can also absolutely kill teams with their deadly outside shooting.

Best wins: vs. Texas (89-61), Wake Forest (84-72), @North Carolina (83-81 OT), N.C. State (76-57)  
 Worst Losses: vs. Purdue (68-78)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
21	Chris Duhon	G	6-1	185	Sr.	10.0	6.3*
4	J.J. Redick	G	6-4	195	So.	16.4	3.1
5	Daniel Ewing	G	6-3	180	Jr.	12.0	2.7
2	Luol Deng	F	6-8	220	Fr.	14.7	6.9
23	Shelden Williams	F	6-9	245	So.	12.4	8.1
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
42	Shavlik Randolph	F	6-10	245	Sr.	7.4	4.9
15	Sean Dockery	G	6-1	180	So.	3.2	1.3
3	Nick Horvath	F	6-10	250	Sr.	2.0	1.3

#1 DUKE (27-5) vs. #16 ALABAMA STATE (16-14)

## ALABAMASTATEHORNETS

Coach: Rob Spivey Conference: Southwestern Athletic Location: Montgomery, Ala. Website: alasu.edu  
 Record: 16-14 (11-7) RPI Rank: 210 Sagarin Rank: 263 RPI Schedule Rank: 265

Skinny: This is not a good team. The Hornets pulled a bit of a surprise by winning the conference tournament, but they haven't played any good competition all year. And even against that RPI-weak bunch, they still managed to lose a bunch of games to those bad teams.

Best wins: Florida A&M (75-69), Texas Southern (69-51)  
 Worst Losses: Arkansas-Pine Bluff (54-61), Alabama A&M (58-65), Jackson State (54-60), @Acom State (70-77)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
24	Jemaine Smith	F	6-4	215	Jr.	5.6	3.4
25	Kevin Spicer	F	6-6	235	Jr.	4.5	3.8
35	Rafael Golden	G	6-4	175	Jr.	12.4	4.8
23	Malcolm Campbell	G	5-10	155	Sr.	12.9	3.4*
32	Alexander Oliver	G	6-0	175	So.	7.1	1.8
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
15	Antuon James	G	6-3	180	Jr.	3.3	1.2
34	Xavier Oliver	F	6-7	195	Sr.	5.6	6.7
52	Demick Russell	F	6-9	215	Jr.	4.5	3.8

## SETONHALLPIRATES

Coach: Louis Orr Conference: Big East Location: South Orange, N.J. Website: shupirates.com  
 Record: 20-9 (10-6) RPI Rank: 28 Sagarin Rank: 33 RPI Schedule Rank: 21

Skinny: Seton Hall has kind of cruised along under the radar in the Big East because of all the other heavyweights, but the Pirates are the kind of team that can sneak up on you because of their athleticism. Andre Barrett has morphed into one of the nation's top point guards and a very versatile and quick lineup allows the Pirates to get out and defend people. A match up with a team that possesses a lot of size could be trouble, but Seton Hall could pull an upset or two.

Best wins: DePaul (76-62), Syracuse (74-67), Pittsburgh (68-67)  
 Worst Losses: @Purdue (63-75), @Boston College (63-72), @W. Virginia (64-69)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
12	Andre Barrett	G	5-10	172	Sr.	17.8	6.0*
32	John Allen	G/F	6-5	207	Jr.	12.3	4.9
13	Marcus Toney-El	F	6-6	210	Sr.	7.0	5.4
33	Andre Sweet	F	6-6	215	Jr.	10.3	6.3
1	Kelly Whitney	F	6-8	240	So.	12.8	6.4
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
41	Grant Billmeier	C	6-10	245	Fr.	1.6	2.3
4	J.R. Morris	G/F	6-5	206	So.	10.4	3.8

#8 SETON HALL (20-9) vs. #9 ARIZONA (20-9)

## ARIZONAWILDCATS

Coach: Lute Olson Conference: Pac-10 Location: Tucson, Ariz. Website: arizcats.com  
 Record: 20-9 (11-7) RPI Rank: 40 Sagarin Rank: 32 RPI Schedule Rank: 56

Skinny: Arizona is good, and they have one quality win - against Texas - but they also have some bad losses. Add into the mix that the Wildcats have a losing record against teams in the Top 25 in the RPI, and it shows that this team might not be incredibly strong come tournament time.

Best wins: vs. Texas (91-83)  
 Worst Losses: @USC (90-99), @Oregon State (84-90)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
21	Hassan Adams	G	6-4	201	So.	16.5	7.2
24	Andre Iguodala	F	6-6	207	So.	12.8	8.7
15	Mustafa Shakur	G	6-3	178	Fr.	9.2	4.3*
45	Channing Frye	C	6-11	248	Jr.	15.6	7.3
20	Salim Stoudamire	G	6-1	177	Jr.	17.0	3.0*
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13	Chris Rodgers	G	6-3	200	So.	8.9	2.6
55	Ivan Radenovic	F	6-10	218	Fr.	6.7	3.3
54	Kirk Walters	C	6-10	212	Fr.	1.0	0.8

## ILLINOISFIGHTINGILLINI

Coach: Bruce Weber Conference: Big Ten Location: Champaign, Ill. Website: fightingillini.ocsn.com  
 Record: 24-6 (13-3) RPI Rank: 21 Sagarin Rank: 17 RPI Schedule Rank: 76

Skinny: First year coach Bruce Weber is no stranger to the tournament. Although he has only been there three times as a head coach, his last appearance yielded a Sweet 16. On paper the Fighting Illini look unbeatable, posting an 11-point win margin. Not to mention all five starters drop in double figures a night. Spreading the ball is not a problem for Illinois as everybody gets their chance to make something happen. But spreading themselves too thin and underachieving, could spell trouble in the end.

Best wins: Missouri (71-70), Wisconsin, 65-57  
 Worst Losses: Purdue (54-58), @Northwestern (60-70)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
4	Luther Head	G	6-6	175	Jr.	10.0	3.4
5	Deron Williams	G	6-3	210	So.	13.9	5.8*
11	Dee Brown	G	6-0	175	So.	11.7	4.6*
40	James Augustine	F	6-10	220	So.	10.4	8.1
43	Roger Powell	F	6-6	220	Jr.	12.3	4.8
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
33	Richard McBride	G	6-3	210	Fr.	3.6	1.4
42	Brian Randle	F	6-8	200	Fr.	3.8	2.9
45	Nick Smith	C	7-2	240	Jr.	7.7	3.7

#5 ILLINOIS (24-6) vs. #12 MURRAY STATE (28-5)

## MURRAYSTATERACERS

Coach: Mick Cronin Conference: Ohio Valley Location: Murray, Ky. Website: goracers.com  
 Record: 28-5 (14-2) RPI Rank: 58 Sagarin Rank: 51 RPI Schedule Rank: 217

Skinny: If you are one of the big boys, you don't want to see your name opposite Murray State at any point. The Racers start perhaps the tournament's most experienced team with five seniors, then a senior and two juniors off a very deep bench. The Racers have been known to spring upsets before and they have already knocked off Southern Illinois this season.

Best wins: @TCU (73-67), Southern Illinois (68-64), vs. Austin Peay (66-60)  
 Worst Losses: Samford (58-61), @Tex. A&M-Corpus Christie (68-80)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1	Kevin Paschel	G	5-11	180	Sr.	6.2	2.8*
32	Chris Shumate	G	6-6	205	Sr.	11.7	3.1
10	Cuthbert Victor	F	6-5	215	Sr.	14.5	10.3
34	Antoine Whelchel	F	6-5	245	Sr.	10.6	6.6
11	Andi Homig	C	7-0	260	Sr.	3.7	3.1
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5	Kevin Brown	F	6-7	225	Jr.	12.7	4.1
4	Adam Chiles	G	6-1	185	Jr.	10.2	4.7*
14	Rick Jones	G	6-1	184	Sr.	7.4	1.4*

## CINCINNATIBEARCATS

Coach: Bob Huggins Conference: Conference USA Location: Cincinnati, Ohio Website: ucbearcats.com  
 Record: 24-6 (12-4) RPI Rank: 11 Sagarin Rank: 15 RPI Schedule Rank: 22

Skinny: Cincinnati has been up and down a little bit, looking like world beaters in December and early January, only to show some serious holes in February. When the Bearcats dedicate themselves to playing the aggressive, swarming defense they are known for they can be a very dangerous team. When Cincy becomes more worried about jacking up threes and having lapses on defense, they look more like the team that has been bounced from the tournament early a lot of times.

Best wins: Dayton (82-53), Louisville (66-61), @Charlotte (75-67)  
 Worst Losses: @Louisville (66-93), @Xavier (69-71)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2	Field Williams	G	6-4	190	Sr.	11.9	2.3
33	Armein Kirkland	G	6-8	190	So.	5.8	2.2
21	James White	F	6-7	190	So.	8.9	4.0
54	Jason Maxiell	F	6-7	250	Jr.	14.2	7.0
42	Kareem Johnson	C	6-7	250	Sr.	5.6	5.7
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
15	Tony Bobbitt	G	6-4	180	Sr.	13.5	3.2
14	Eric Hicks	F	6-7	240	So.	6.3	5.8
5	Nick Williams	G	6-4	185	Jr.	7.6	2.7

#4 CINCINNATI (24-6) vs. #13 EAST TENNESSEE STATE (27-5)

## EASTTENNESSEESTATEBUCCANEERS

Coach: Murray Barlow Conference: Southern Location: Johnson City, Tenn. Website: etsubucs.com/sports/mbball/  
 Record: 27-5 (15-1) RPI Rank: 61 Sagarin Rank: 74 RPI Schedule Rank: 223

Skinny: The first team to claim an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament, and the last one top 20 teams wanted to see make it. The Buccaneers nearly upset No. 2 seeded Wake Forest in the first round in the 2003 tourney, losing 76-73. Now, East Tennessee State returns a year older and a year wiser. Led by electric point guard Tim Smith and undersized but effective forward Jerald Fields and Zakee Wadood, the Bucs may finish what they started a year ago.

Best wins: @Fresno State (66-62), Georgia Southern (91-85), UNC-Wilmington (67-62)  
 Worst Losses: @Clemson (86-100), @College of Charleston (89-91), vs. IUPUI (81-85)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5	Tim Smith	G	5-9	155	So.	16.4	4.6*
4	Ben Rhoda	G	6-4	195	Sr.	11.1	4.6
20	James Anthony	G	6-2	185	Jr.	9.9	3.2
1	Jerald Fields	F	6-7	270	Sr.	13.2	6.4
44	Zakee Wadood	F	6-5	220	Sr.	14.8	7.8
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
25	Travis Strong	G	6-2	190	Fr.	4.4	0.9
51	Brad Nuckles	F	6-9	245	So.	5.7	4.4
3	Aaron Scott	F	6-6	195	Fr.	2.6	2.6



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## NORTHCAROLINATARHEELS

Coach: Roy Williams Conference: ACC Location: Chapel Hill, N.C. Website: tarheelblue.com  
 Record: 18-10 (8-8) RPI Rank: 18 Sagarin Rank: 14 RPI Schedule Rank: 5  
 Skinny: This team is about as inconsistent as it gets for one that has spent the entire season comfortably in the Top 25. The Tar Heels have one of the best starting fives in the country, without a doubt. It just comes down to whether they come to play and whether they choose to stop anyone on defense.

Best wins: Connecticut (86-83), Wake Forest (79-73), Georgia Tech (103-88), at NC State (71-64)  
 Worst Losses: at Clemson (72-81), at Virginia (72-74)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2	Raymond Felton	G	6-1	194	So.	11.7	7.4*
1	Melvin Scott	G	6-2	190	Jr.	11.2	3.3
32	Rashad McCants	F	6-4	207	So.	19.5	4.6
42	Sean May	C	6-9	260	So.	14.9	10.0
21	Jawad Williams	F	6-9	223	Jr.	13.2	5.3
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5	Jackie Manuel	G	6-4	198	Jr.	6.9	3.3
34	David Noel	G	6-6	230	So.	5.8	5.0
41	Byron Sanders	F	6-9	228	So.	0.6	1.2

#6 NORTH CAROLINA (18-10) vs. #11 AIR FORCE (22-6)

## AIRFORCEFALCONS

Coach: Joe Scott Conference: Mountain West Location: Colorado Springs, Colo. Website: airforcesports.com  
 Record: 22-6 (12-2) RPI Rank: 70 Sagarin Rank: 43 RPI Schedule Rank: 237  
 Skinny: Air Force had never finished better than sixth in the Mountain West before winning the conference title this year. But they've got the conference co-player of the year in the form of center Nick Welch, who has proven late in the season he can score in clutch situations. But it's not just Welch. All the Falcons are hot heading into the tourney.

Best wins: BYU (74-52), Utah (62-49), @Utah (59-57)  
 Worst Losses: @Texas Pan-American (35-37)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
10	Kuhle, A.	G/F	6-3	189	Sr.	8.2	2.9
33	Gerlach, Joel	F	6-6	205	Sr.	8.3	2.4
45	Welch, Nick	C	6-8	215	So.	11.2	4.2
11	Keller, Tim	G	6-3	185	Jr.	11.1	2.0
15	Hood, Antoine	G	6-5	189	So.	10.3	3.1
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5	Matt McCraw	G	6-2	180	Fr.	3.4	0.7
14	Marcus Jenkins	G	6-1	185	Sr.	0.9	0.4
21	Jacob Burtzchi	F	6-6	205	Fr.	3.9	2.5

## TEXASLONGHORNS

Coach: Rick Barnes Conference: Big 12 Location: Austin, Texas Website: texassports.com  
 Record: 23-7 (12-4) RPI Rank: 8 Sagarin Rank: 12 RPI Schedule Rank: 16  
 Skinny: One year removed from a Final Four appearance, Texas has kept the ball bouncing, so to speak. The Longhorns have put up almost identical numbers from a year ago, everything from shots taken to points scored. The only discrepancy would be the loss of T.J. Ford to the NBA. Other than that this team has not skipped a beat. The boys in burnt orange are big and deep. Rick Barnes can go to six on his bench when he needs to and doesn't hesitate to do so.  
 Best wins: Kansas (82-67), @Texas Tech (62-61)  
 Worst Losses: @Iowa State (77-78), vs. Arizona (83-91)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3	Brandon Mouton	G	6-4	205	Sr.	13.7	3.3
24	Royal Ivey	G	6-3	200	Sr.	9.5	4.0*
2	P.J. Tucker	F	6-5	220	Fr.	11.3	5.9
22	Brad Buckman	F	6-8	235	So.	5.7	5.2
00	James Thomas	C	6-8	235	Sr.	5.3	5.5
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
10	Kenny Taylor	G	6-3	185	Jr.	7.8	2.1
12	Kenton Paulino	G	6-1	170	So.	5.4	2.1*
33	Brian Boddicker	F	6-8	228	Sr.	9.1	5.0

#3 TEXAS (23-7) vs. #14 PRINCETON (20-7)

## PRINCETONTIGERS

Coach: John Thompson Conference: Ivy League Location: Princeton, N.J. Website: goprincetontigers.com  
 Record: 20-7 (13-1) RPI Rank: 120 Sagarin Rank: 116 RPI Schedule Rank: 294  
 Skinny: If you think Princeton is a pushover, think again. The Tigers lost games on the road to Rutgers, Minnesota and Oklahoma by a combined nine points and hung tough with Duke in Cameron Indoor Stadium before fading. The Tigers don't have much size, but they will defend you and they play a very cerebral brand of basketball as you might expect.

Best wins: @Fresno St. (72-67), Monmouth (67-52)  
 Worst Losses: UC Irvine (55-57), Lafayette (44-47), Penn (52-67)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
22	Will Venable	G	6-3	200	Jr.	10.0	4.8
3	Scott Greenman	G	5-9	165	So.	8.0	1.6*
12	Max Schafer	G	6-1	195	Fr.	2.5	1.1*
25	Andre Logan	F	6-6	210	Jr.	7.8	4.8
30	Judson Wallace	F/C	6-10	230	Jr.	15.2	6.4
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
10	Ed Persia	G	6-0	180	Sr.	9.1	3.1*
33	Mike Stephens	C	6-10	250	Jr.	4.0	1.8
54	Harrison Schaan	F/C	6-8	200	Fr.	2.6	2.3

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## XAVIERMUSKETEERS

Coach: Thad Matta Conference: Atlantic 10 Location: Cincinnati, Ohio Website: athletics.xu.edu  
 Record: 23-10 (10-6) RPI Rank: 35 Sagarin Rank: 37 RPI Schedule Rank: 40  
 Skinny: Xavier secured a NCAA berth by clobbering No. 1 St. Joseph's by 20 points in the Atlantic 10 tourney. Despite the Hawks' claim that they possess the nation's best backcourt, Xavier's Lionel Chalmers and Romain Sato may have swiped that title by combining for 47 points against St. Joe's. The Musketeers enter the Big Dance on a roll after finishing their A-10 tournament run with a 58-49 victory over Dayton in the championship game. Now, the senior-led Musketeers are on every team's avoid-at-all-costs list.  
 Best wins: vs. St. Joseph's (87-67), Cincinnati (71-69), vs. Dayton (67-60)  
 Worst Losses: @Ball State (63-75), Duquesne (68-74)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
0	Lionel Chalmers	G	6-0	180	Sr.	16.3	3.2*
10	Romain Sato	G	6-5	205	Sr.	16.1	8.1
24	Anthony Myles	F	6-9	245	Sr.	10.3	6.6
15	Justin Doellman	F	6-9	210	Fr.	7.2	3.3
3	Justin Cage	F	6-6	215	Fr.	4.9	3.5
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
12	Dedrick Finn	G	6-1	180	So.	7.9	3.4*
33	Brandon Cole	F	6-8	235	Fr.	3.3	3.0
52	Will Caudle	F	6-9	240	So.	2.9	2.1

#7 XAVIER (23-10) vs. #10 LOUISVILLE (20-9)

## LOUISVILLECARDINALS

Coach: Rick Pitino Conference: Conference USA Location: Louisville, Ky. Website: uoflsports.com  
 Record: 20-9 (9-7) RPI Rank: 24 Sagarin Rank: 20 RPI Schedule Rank: 10  
 Skinny: Rick Pitino went through something he hasn't experienced very often - an extended losing streak - when the Cardinals lost six of seven in February. Blessed with terrific perimeter players, opponents figured out you can attack the interior of the Louisville attack both offensively and defensively. Louisville can still turn up the defensive pressure as well as anyone, but injuries and weaknesses might make it more likely it duplicates last season's early exit.  
 Best wins: Florida (73-65), @Kentucky (65-56), Cincinnati (93-66), Memphis (66-60)  
 Worst Losses: Marquette (70-77), @TCU (46-71), Iowa (69-70)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5	Taquan Dean	G	6-3	185	So.	10.9	4.0
34	Larry O'Bannon	G/F	6-4	200	Jr.	11.1	2.9
32	Francisco Garcia	F	6-7	185	So.	15.4	4.8*
24	Luke Whitehead	F	6-6	220	Sr.	11.9	8.5
1	Kendall Dartz	C	6-10	225	Sr.	5.4	4.5
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11	Brandon Jenkins	G	6-3	175	Fr.	3.0	1.8
52	Otis George	C	6-8	230	Jr.	5.2	5.1
30	Nate Daniels	G/F	6-7	220	Jr.	6.2	1.8

## MISSISSIPPISTATEBULLDOGS

Coach: Rick Stansbury Conference: Southeastern Location: Starkville, Miss. Website: mstateathletics.com  
 Record: 25-3 (14-2) RPI Rank: 4 Sagarin Rank: 9 RPI Schedule Rank: 48  
 Skinny: Had Baylor transfer Lawrence Roberts not shown up in Starkville, who knows what type of team Miss. State would be, but led by the double-double machine, the Bulldogs were the nation's biggest surprise. State can score a lot of different ways and will defend you for 40 minutes, so they won't give up easy looks and let opponents off easy. If you're looking for a surprise Final Four team, State has that look.  
 Best wins: @LSU (64-54), @Florida (79-68), @S. Carolina (79-75 o.t.), @Vanderbilt (72-69)  
 Worst Losses: Alabama (73-77), vs. Vanderbilt (70-74 OT)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
15	Timmy Bowers	PG	6-2	180	Sr.	15.2	4.4*
23	Winsome Frazier	SG	6-4	175	Jr.	12.9	3.8
21	Shane Power	F/G	6-5	215	Jr.	8.7	4.4
32	Brandon Vincent	SF	6-8	235	Sr.	7.1	7.3
4	Lawrence Roberts	FF	6-9	235	Jr.	17.3	9.9
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11	Gary Ervin	PG	5-11	175	Fr.	5.1	2.6*
50	Marcus Campbell	C	7-0	255	Jr.	6.6	4.0

#2 MISSISSIPPI STATE (25-3) vs. #15 MONMOUTH (21-11)

## MONMOUTH HAWKS

Coach: Dave Calloway Conference: Northeast Location: West Long Branch, N.J. Website: monmouth.edu/athletics  
 Record: 21-11 (12-6) RPI Rank: 116 Sagarin Rank: 181 RPI Schedule Rank: 189  
 Skinny: One of the deeper small-school squads in the field, Monmouth coach Dave Calloway rotates nine players so don't expect the Hawks to wear down. History indicates that Monmouth will bow out early as the Northeast Conference has collected only a single victory in its 24 appearances in the NCAA Tournament. That victory was a play-in game won by Robert Morris back in 1983. Junior forward Blake Hamilton could play anywhere and represents the Hawks only hope to notch the Northeast's second tourney win.  
 Best wins: Farleigh Dickinson (60-58), Hobstra (87-79), Rider (64-59)  
 Worst Losses: @St. Peter's (63-76), @Sacred Heart (63-70)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
35	Chris Kenny	G	6-3	180	So.	7.4	1.7
33	Dwayne Byfield	G	6-2	175	Jr.	12.3	2.1*
15	Brian Boxler	C	6-11	260	Sr.	7.6	4.7
10	Jason Kravt	F	6-5	200	Sr.	4.7	2.3
31	Blake Hamilton	F	6-7	225	Jr.	16.6	6.6
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
23	Marques Alton	F	6-4	230	Fr.	4.9	2.5
45	Russell Anderson	F	6-7	215	Sr.	4.6	3.3
5	Tom Kaplan	G	6-5	200	Sr.	4.0	1.6*



# Stanford back on top for final poll

by JIM O'CONNELL  
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Stanford returned to No. 1 Monday for the final AP men's college basketball poll of the season.

The Cardinal (29-1) had been on top for three weeks before giving way to Saint Joseph's for one week.

The poll and the NCAA tournament selection committee disagreed on the top teams. Stanford and No. 2 Kentucky were both No. 1 seeds for the upcoming tournament, but the other No. 1s — Saint Joseph's and Duke — were fifth and sixth, respectively, in the vote of the national media panel.

Gonzaga and Oklahoma State, both No. 2 seeds in the NCAA tournament, were third and fourth in the poll.

Utah State, which was passed over for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, finished tied for 25th with Boston College. The Aggies will be the first ranked team since UNLV in 1993 to not participate in the NCAA tournament.

Stanford received 55 first-place votes and 1,771 points, 150 more than Kentucky (26-4), which was No. 1 on nine ballots.

Gonzaga (27-2) had two first-place votes, while Oklahoma State (27-3) had four.

Saint Joseph's (27-1) dropped from first to fifth after having its shot at a perfect regular season ended with a 20-point loss to Xavier in the Atlantic 10 tournament quarterfinals. The Hawks had one first-place vote.

Duke was sixth, followed by

Connecticut (27-6), which had one first-place vote, Mississippi State, Pittsburgh and Wisconsin.

Cincinnati moved up two places to No. 11 and was followed by Texas, Illinois, Georgia Tech, North Carolina State, Kansas, Wake Forest, North Carolina, Maryland and Syracuse.

The last six ranked teams were Providence, Arizona, Southern Illinois, Memphis and the tie between Boston College and Utah State.

The Aggies (25-3) finished tied with Pacific for the Big West regular season title then lost to Cal State-Northridge, which was under .500, in the conference tournament semifinals.

UNLV was 25th in the final poll in 1993 but the Runnin' Rebels were

on probation and could not play in either the NCAA tournament or the NIT. UNLV was in the same situation the previous year, when it was seventh in the final poll.

Maryland (19-11) jumped into the rankings at No. 19 after winning the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament by beating the top three seeds — Duke, North Carolina State and Wake Forest. The Terrapins had been ranked for two weeks earlier in the season.

Boston College (23-9) moved into the rankings for the first time this season after losing to Pittsburgh in the semifinals of the Big East tournament. That loss ended a seven-game winning streak by the Eagles.

Air Force (22-6) was ranked last week for the first time in school his-

tory, but the Falcons fell from 25th after losing to Colorado State in the quarterfinals of the Mountain West Conference tournament.

Six teams held the No. 1 ranking this season with preseason choice Connecticut spending the most time there at eight. Duke and Stanford were each on top for four weeks, while Kansas, Florida and Saint Joseph's were all No. 1 for one week.

Forty-two schools were ranked during the season with Iowa, Creighton, LSU, Air Force and Boston College each making an appearance for just one week.

Fourteen schools were ranked from the preseason poll through the final Top 25 but only Connecticut and Duke spent the entire season in the Top Ten.

## STANFORDCARDINAL

Coach: Mike Montgomery Conference: Pac-10 Location: Palo Alto, Calif. Website: gostanford.com  
Record: 29-1 (17-1) RPI Rank: 5 Sagarin Rank: 5 RPI Schedule Rank: 98  
Skinny: There isn't a soul in the world who has paid attention to college basketball and not heard about what Stanford has done this year. Staying undefeated tends to get you noticed. Their non-conference strength of schedule isn't so hot, but they've got some big wins, and they're virtually a lock for a No. 1 seed.  
Best wins: vs. Kansas (64-58), vs. Gonzaga (87-80), @Arizona (82-72), Arizona (80-77)  
Worst Losses: @Washington (62-75)



Starting Five						
	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1 Josh Childress	G/F	6-8	205	Jr.	15.4	7.3
22 Justin Davis	F	6-9	230	Sr.	11.1	6.5
42 Rob Little	C	6-10	260	Jr.	10.2	5.4
11 Chris Hernandez	G	6-2	190	So.	10.3	4.7*
33 Matt Lottich	G	6-4	205	Sr.	12.6	3.8*
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves						
	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
21 Nick Robinson	G/F	6-6	200	Jr.	6.8	3.8
00 Joe Kirchofer	F	6-9	250	Sr.	4.0	3.1
52 Matt Haryasz	F	6-10	225	So.	7.0	4.3

#1 STANFORD (29-1) vs. #16 TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO (19-13)

## TEXAS-SANANTONIROADRUNNERS

Coach: Tim Carler Conference: Southland Location: San Antonio, Tex. Website: goutsu.com  
Record: 19-13 (11-5) RPI Rank: 236 Sagarin Rank: 234 RPI Schedule Rank: 307  
Skinny: The Roadrunners own a victory over the Big 12's Baylor Bears, but that's not going to scare anyone in the NCAA Tournament. LeRoy Hurd, a transfer from Miami, Fla., might be reason for concern, but not nearly enough to advance past the first round. On the bright side, Texas-San Antonio will make it to the Final Four regardless of its early exit. Actually, it's more accurate to say that the Final Four will make it to them when the Alamo Dome hosts the event.  
Best wins: vs. Stephen F. Austin (74-70), @Baylor (53-45)  
Worst Losses: vs. Texas A&M (49-62), @Alaska-Fairbanks (48-66), vs. Idaho State (59-65)



Starting Five						
	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
10 Kurt Altaway	G	6-2	175	Fr.	7.4	3.2*
24 Raphael Posey	G	6-2	195	Jr.	11.5	3.9
5 Justin Harbert	G	6-1	195	Jr.	10.3	3.0
00 LeRoy Hurd	F	6-7	215	Sr.	19.4	8.2
42 Anthony Fuqua	C	6-11	220	Jr.	6.8	5.9
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves						
	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13 David President	G	6-1	200	Jr.	5.1	2.6*
12 Sammie Cole	G	6-3	185	Sr.	6.4	1.9
21 John Millsap	F	6-6	205	Jr.	8.0	5.0

## ALABAMACRIMSONTIDE

Coach: Mark Gottfried Conference: Southeastern Location: Tuscaloosa, Ala. Website: rolltide.com  
Record: 17-12 (8-8) RPI Rank: 22 Sagarin Rank: 35 RPI Schedule Rank: 1  
Skinny: Several years ago Alabama got left out of the tournament because its schedule was cream-puff city. Coach Mark Gottfried has changed that and the youthful Crimson Tide benefited from one of the nation's top five schedules this season in a year when their record might be that of a bubble team. The Tide got better and better as the year went on and could be a difficult out for the right opponent.  
Best wins: Wisconsin (71-56), @Miss. State (77-73), vs. Oregon (87-86)  
Worst Losses: @Ole Miss (60-71), Vanderbilt (67-70)



Starting Five						
	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
50 Antoine Pettway	G	6-0	170	Sr.	9.0	3.4*
5 Earnest Shelton	G	6-3	200	Jr.	15.2	3.5
3 Kennedy Winston	F	6-6	205	So.	17.3	5.6
1 Chuck Davis	F	6-7	230	So.	10.5	5.8
33 Jemareo Davidson	C	6-10	210	Fr.	5.5	4.9
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves						
	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2 Emmett Thomas	F	6-4	205	Sr.	8.6	3.2
21 Evan Brock	F	6-8	200	So.	3.3	2.6
23 Demetrius Smith	G	6-2	210	Sr.	2.4	2.0*

#8 ALABAMA (17-12) vs. #9 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (25-4)

## SOUTHERNILLINOISSALUKIS

Coach: Matt Painter Conference: Missouri Valley Location: Carbondale, Ill. Website: siusalukis.ocsn.com  
Record: 25-4 (17-1) RPI Rank: 26 Sagarin Rank: 36 RPI Schedule Rank: 92  
Skinny: Southern Illinois has stumbled a bit down the stretch, losing two of three heading into the tournament, but this is a team that two years ago went to the Sweet 16 and starts five players who are either a junior or senior. The Salukis are very balanced and have some depth so wearing them down won't be the way to go.  
Best wins: @Wyoming (67-62), @Creighton (68-60)  
Worst Losses: @Murray St. (64-68), Southwest Missouri St. (74-80)



Starting Five						
	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
14 Bryan Turner	G	6-1	180	Sr.	4.8	2.7*
1 Damen Brooks	G	6-3	205	Jr.	16.2	5.9
25 Stetson Hairston	G	6-3	210	Jr.	9.4	4.3
13 Brad Korn	F	6-9	195	Sr.	9.5	3.9
11 Sylvester Willis	F	6-7	235	Sr.	6.5	4.4
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves						
	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5 LaMar Owen	F	6-5	190	Jr.	8.7	4.4
3 Jamaal Talum	G	6-1	165	Fr.	7.8	1.4*
21 Josh Warren	C	6-8	250	So.	4.3	3.8

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# 'If we have to, we can walk there'

by JIM LITKE  
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In these days of can-you-top-this recruiting tales, the story of how coach Tom Brennan landed the kid that Vermont's largest newspaper calls "the state's basketball god" might be the most improbable of them all.

"He went to class in the morning, had lunch with the team and dinner with the coaches. Might have stuck around to watch practice, too," Brennan recalled Sunday, "but I can't swear to it."

The kid's name is Taylor Copenrath, and if you don't know it yet, tune in Thursday night when he and the 15th-seeded Catamounts are

matched against No. 2 UConn and everybody's All-American, Emeka Okafor. It might be the only chance the rest of America gets to see him.

"And isn't that just our luck?" Brennan snorted. "One guy in the country can guard Taylor, and we drew the guy."

Sixty-five teams were selected for the NCAA tournament Sunday, and you can count on both hands the programs that made the cut doing things the right way. Whatever the exact number, Vermont is the thumb.

Brennan has been there 18 years, despite winning just 14 games in his first three seasons, and still runs a clean, competitive program that people across the state can rally around. He relies on real students to portray

athletes instead of the other way around, because he isn't looking to go anywhere else.

The only time he even considered applying for another coaching job was last year, right after Jim Harrick's messy exile from Georgia left the program in need of fumigation. Brennan played basketball there almost 25 years ago and was deeply embarrassed for his alma mater. Even so, the discussion with his wife, Lynn, lasted less than five minutes.

"We were at home looking out at Lake Champlain and I said, 'We should check into this. It's a lot of money and they need somebody to come in on a white horse. It just might be us.' She didn't even look

up from whatever she was reading, just pointed at the window and said, 'This is your home. These are your people.'

"The second I heard it, I knew she was right. I have no desire to coach where you have to deal with AAU guys and sneaker reps and all that," Brennan said. "It's not the game that's passed me by, but the business of the game. Without my assistants, I'd be like Col. Potter (on the old TV series 'Mash'), walking around all the time without a clue about what was really going on.

"So maybe it's a blessing all this didn't come to me until late in my career. Because the truth, I guess, is that I really like being on the periphery."

The emergence of Copenrath — who hails from nearby West Barnet, a town of 300 where locals exchange highlight videos of the games at the general store — has made it harder to remain there.

Last season was the first time Vermont qualified for the tournament, but after waiting 103 years to get in, the Catamounts were ousted by Arizona after just a few hours. The real shame was that after a cross-country trip straight out of "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," Brennan and his kids didn't reach the tournament site in Salt Lake City until 13 hours before tip-off. That

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MARCH 18 & 20; DENVER, COLO.

## SYRACUSE ORANGEMEN

Coach: Jim Boheim Conference: Big East Location: Syracuse, N.Y. Website: suathletics.com  
Record: 21-7 (11-5) RPI Rank: 16 Sagarin Rank: 34 RPI Schedule Rank: 25  
Skinny: The reigning NCAA champions don't have Carmelo Anthony, which is one reason the 'Cuse has really struggled at times. Still, there is a lot of talent on the team and the dynamic duo of Hakim Warrick and Gerry McNamara can win a lot of games by themselves. The Billy Edelin situation is always up in the air, but there is no doubt Syracuse is a dangerous team with him. The Orangemen need the right match ups, but they could make another solid run.  
Best wins: Michigan St. (96-83), @Missouri (82-68), @Pittsburgh (49-46), Boston College (96-73)  
Worst Losses: Notre Dame (72-84), Charlotte (92-96)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3 Gerry McNamara	G	6-2	179	So.	16.0	3.8*
5 Josh Pace	G/F	6-5	195	Jr.	9.9	5.2
4 Demetris Nichols	F	6-8	205	Fr.	3.9	2.1
1 Hakim Warrick	F	6-8	209	Jr.	19.7	9.0
51 Craig Forth	C	7-0	259	Jr.	5.4	5.4
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
42 Louis McCroskey	G	6-5	187	Fr.	4.2	2.3
34 Jeremy McNeil	C	6-8	255	Sr.	3.4	2.8
13 Darryl Watkins	C	6-11	238	Fr.	1.8	2.0

#5 SYRACUSE (21-7) vs. #12 BYU (21-8)

## BYUCOUGARS

Coach: Steve Cleveland Conference: Mountain West Location: Provo, Utah Website: byucougars.com  
Record: 21-8 (10-4) RPI Rank: 40 Sagarin Rank: 30 RPI Schedule Rank: 30  
Skinny: The Cougars have some legitimate talent on this team with Mountain West co-player of the year Rafael Araujo and defensive player of the year Mike Hall. And this team won eight in a row heading into the conference tournament. But they were also just 2-3 against RPI Top-50 teams.

Best wins: vs. Oklahoma State (76-71), Utah (70-57)  
Worst Losses: @San Diego State (61-64), @New Mexico (63-65)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3 Mark Bigelow	F	6-7	200	Sr.	13.7	3.7
41 Garner Meads	F	6-8	230	Fr.	4.6	2.9
55 Rafael Araujo	C	6-11	280	Sr.	18.4	10.0
1 Mike Hall	G	6-3	205	Jr.	12.8	3.5
4 Luiz Lemes	G	6-3	180	Sr.	8.3	4.5*
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
00 Kevin Woodberry	G	6-0	170	Sr.	5.4	1.9
5 Jake Schoff	F	6-9	265	Sr.	2.4	2.7
52 Jared Jensen	F	6-9	250	Jr.	3.9	2.1

## MARYLAND TERRAPINS

Coach: Gary Williams Conference: ACC Location: College Park, Md. Website: umterps.com  
Record: 19-11 (7-9) RPI Rank: 29 Sagarin Rank: 19 RPI Schedule Rank: 6  
Skinny: Gary Williams had to basically start from scratch with this bunch after losing just about everyone from the teams that took him to two Final Fours. But the Terps finished the regular season by winning three of their last four and advanced to the ACC Tournament final, and they are a far more dangerous team than their record might indicate.

Best wins: vs. N.C. State (85-82), North Carolina (90-84), vs. Wake Forest (87-86), vs. Duke (95-87 OT)  
Worst Losses: West Virginia (77-78 OT), @Florida State (75-79)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
22 Nik Caner-Medley	F	6-8	233	So.	13.0	4.9
4 Travis Garrison	F	6-8	236	So.	7.0	4.9
1 Jamar Smith	C	6-9	239	Sr.	12.2	9.0
13 Chris McCray	G	6-5	180	So.	10.7	3.9
11 John Gilchrist	G	6-3	199	So.	14.6	4.8*
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5 D.J. Strawberry	G	6-5	183	Fr.	6.2	2.7
23 Mike Jones	G	6-5	196	Fr.	5.1	1.8
25 Ekene Ibekwe	F	6-9	211	Fr.	5.0	3.8

#4 MARYLAND (19-11) vs. #13 UTEP (24-7)

## UTEP MINERS

Coach: Billy Gillispie Conference: WAC Location: El Paso, Texas Website: utepathletics.com  
Record: 24-7 (13-5) RPI Rank: 45 Sagarin Rank: 42 RPI Schedule Rank: 117  
Skinny: This was a team that won six games last season and has surged ahead to the point of being an NCAA Cinderella contender. Not to mention taking the WAC regular-season title. Add to things that the Miners are red-hot — winners of 10 of their last 11 heading into their season finale — and they could be first-round trouble for somebody.

Best wins: Rutgers (94-68), Nevada (79-76)  
Worst Losses: @Hawaii (63-85), Boise State (94-98)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1 Jason Williams	G/F	6-6	205	So.	11.8	5.7
5 Roy Smallwood	F	6-6	210	Sr.	8.2	5.4
10 Chris Craig	G	6-1	180	Sr.	8.8	2.5
21 Filiberto Rivera	G	6-2	165	Sr.	11.7	4.9*
40 John Tofi	F/C	6-8	240	So.	11.5	5.7
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
4 Giovanni St. Amant	G	6-3	185	So.	5.9	1.4
2 Brent Murphy	F	6-8	240	So.	2.9	1.2
33 Omar Thomas	F	6-5	205	Jr.	15.5	4.8



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### VANDERBILT COMMODORES

**Coach:** Kevin Stallings **Conference:** Southeastern **Location:** Nashville, Tenn. **Website:** vucommo.com  
**Record:** 21-9 (8-8) **RPI Rank:** 27 **Sagarin Rank:** 21 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 27  
**Skinny:** Obviously Matt Freije is what makes Vanderbilt go, but the beauty of the Commodores' attack is that they have a team full of role players and guys who don't care about statistics, just about winning. The NCAA Tournament is about talent, but also about team play and toughness and Vanderbilt has those ingredients. The one thing that is worrisome about Vandy is they have a very difficult time playing away from home.  
**Best wins:** Michigan (83-63), Kentucky (66-60), Florida (86-72), LSU (74-54), vs. Mississippi State (74-70 OT)  
**Worst Losses:** @Tennessee (66-76), @Arkansas (62-70)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1	Mano Moore	G	5-11	177	So.	10.6	3.3*
3	Jason Holoverda	G	6-5	210	Jr.	4.9	3.1*
44	Corey Smith	G/F	6-5	230	Jr.	6.0	3.3
35	Matt Freije	F	6-9	230	Sr.	19.2	5.8
13	David Przybyszewski	C	7-1	246	Jr.	8.5	3.8
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11	Russell Lakey	G	6-0	182	Sr.	3.8	3.2*
24	Scott Hundley	G/F	6-5	216	Sr.	7.7	4.4
33	Julian Terrell	F	6-9	225	So.	6.5	4.3

#6 VANDERBILT (21-9) vs. #11 WESTERN MICHIGAN (26-4)

### WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS

**Coach:** Steve Hawkins **Conference:** Mid-American **Location:** Kalamazoo, Mich. **Website:** www.wmubroncos.com  
**Record:** 26-4 (15-3) **RPI Rank:** 44 **Sagarin Rank:** 25 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 185  
**Skinny:** The Broncos deploy a three-guard offense and have three capable distributors in Ricky Willis, Ben Reed and Brian Snider. Their ability to find the open man makes Western Michigan's run-and-gun offense a success and when Reed isn't finishing on the break, forwards Mike Williams and Anthony Kann have the speed to beat their defenders down the floor and fill the lanes. The Broncos played well enough to earn an at-large bid, but avoided the anxiety by winning the MAC Tournament.  
**Best wins:** vs. UAB (69-62), USC (83-63), vs. Kent State (77-66)  
**Worst Losses:** @Detroit (43-64), @Marshall (76-82 OT)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
12	Rickey Willis	G	6-0	175	Jr.	2.7	2.5*
33	Ben Reed	G	6-3	220	Jr.	16.2	2.2*
3	Brian Snider	G	6-6	215	So.	5.6	4.9*
4	Mike Williams	F	6-8	185	Sr.	18.4	7.2
44	Anthony Kann	F	6-7	245	Sr.	12.6	7.1
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
23	Reggie Berry	G	6-4	190	Sr.	9.2	1.7*
34	Levi Rost	F	6-7	210	Jr.	7.0	2.4
42	Bobby Madison	F	6-6	220	Sr.	3.5	3.2

### DEPAUL BLUE DEMONS

**Coach:** Dave Leitao **Conference:** Conference USA **Location:** Chicago, Ill. **Website:** depaulbluedemons.com  
**Record:** 21-9 (12-4) **RPI Rank:** 41 **Sagarin Rank:** 48 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 67  
**Skinny:** The Blue Demons were a bubble team until winning at Louisville, which despite a low RPI and schedule strength earned them a berth. Dave Leitao has done a terrific job with a program that was on the verge of collapsing and freshman Sammy Mejia has had a big hand in that.

**Best wins:** UAB (75-64), Louisville (60-58)  
**Worst Losses:** @Notre Dame (69-82), Toledo (81-93), @Cincinnati (65-90)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11	Sammy Mejia	G	6-6	195	Fr.	8.2	4.6*
33	Drake Diener	G	6-5	180	Jr.	12.0	3.3
5	Delonte Holland	F	6-7	220	Sr.	16.7	4.8
45	Quemont Greer	F	6-7	220	Jr.	12.4	7.3
4	Andre Brown	F/C	6-9	245	Sr.	14.7	9.9
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3	LeVar Seals	G	6-4	180	Jr.	3.8	1.8
21	Marcus Heard	F	6-7	210	Fr.	3.2	1.1

#7 DEPAUL (21-9) vs. #10 DAYTON (24-8)

### DAYTON FLYERS

**Coach:** Brian Gregory **Conference:** Atlantic 10 **Location:** Dayton, Ohio **Website:** daytonflyers.com  
**Record:** 24-8 (12-4) **RPI Rank:** 39 **Sagarin Rank:** 56 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 94  
**Skinny:** Dayton needs to take care of the ball. Period. The Flyers average almost 15 turnovers a game, including surpassing 20 on three different occasions. One, in which, was a season-high 28 against Cincinnati earlier in the year. Sean Finn is among the top in the nation in field goal percentage (67%) and fellow senior Keith Waleskowski is in the hunt for an A-10 rebounding crown. Throw in some balance scoring and Brian Gregory's team is able to overcome its sometimes sloppy play.  
**Best wins:** @Richmond (55-50), Richmond (62-57 OT)  
**Worst Losses:** @Wyoming (59-61), Saint Louis (49-60)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3	Ramod Marshall	G	6-2	180	Sr.	14.1	5.4*
14	Mark Jones	G	6-1	180	Jr.	9.2	3.8
22	Marques Bennett	G/F	6-5	190	So.	3.3	3.2
45	Keith Waleskowski	C/F	6-8	231	Sr.	13.7	9.9
54	Sean Finn	C	7-0	240	Sr.	13.2	7.1
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11	Waman Williams	G	6-0	190	So.	4.5	2.1*
1	Monty Scott	F	6-6	226	So.	6.8	3.7

### N.C. STATE WOLFPACK

**Coach:** Herb Sendek **Conference:** ACC **Location:** Raleigh, N.C. **Website:** gopack.com  
**Record:** 20-9 (11-5) **RPI Rank:** 17 **Sagarin Rank:** 13 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 9  
**Skinny:** The Wolfpack not only has one of the best players in the ACC in Julius Hodge, it has an offensive system based on moving and cutting, and Sendek's players look like they get it better than any team he's ever coached at N.C. State. They've also been good defensively and tend to be a better team than one might expect.

**Best wins:** Wake Forest (73-68), Duke (78-74), @Georgia Tech (79-69), Georgia Tech (76-72)  
**Worst Losses:** @Michigan (61-68), @Clemson (55-60)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
24	Julius Hodge	G/F	6-6	191	Jr.	17.8	6.3
23	Scooter Sherrill	G	6-3	186	Sr.	10.5	2.9
3	Ilian Evtimov	F	6-7	231	So.	8.7	4.6
54	Marcus Melvin	F	6-8	230	Sr.	13.9	8.3
14	Engin Astur	G	6-3	185	Fr.	8.4	2.7
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13	Cameron Benneman	G	6-3	199	So.	2.0	1.6
21	Levi Watkins	F	6-8	227	Jr.	7.2	2.5
32	Jordan Collins	F	6-10	232	Jr.	2.9	1.9

#3 N.C. STATE (20-9) vs. #14 LA.-LAFAYETTE (20-8)

### LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE RAGIN' CAJUNS

**Coach:** Jessie Evans **Conference:** Sun Belt **Location:** Lafayette, La. **Website:** ragincajuns.com  
**Record:** 20-8 (12-3) **RPI Rank:** 71 **Sagarin Rank:** 71 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 114  
**Skinny:** The Ragin' Cajuns ended Western Kentucky's stranglehold on the Sun Belt title and offer a unique challenge for the NCAA Tournament. Louisiana-Lafayette nearly upset Arizona and Xavier on the road and played Dayton tight, so they are no stranger to top shelf competition. Athletic and strong, transfers from Auburn and Florida also give the Cajuns some experience.

**Best wins:** Houston (81-67), @Western Kentucky (110-102)  
**Worst Losses:** @North Texas (69-71), @Georgia Tech (45-79), South Alabama (73-76)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
4	Antoine Landy	G	5-11	170	Sr.	13.2	2.2
21	Laurie Bridges	G	6-4	206	Sr.	10.3	6.0
23	Dwayne Mitchell	G	6-4	204	So.	9.5	4.4
45	Brian Hamilton	F	6-6	186	Jr.	11.5	6.9
11	Chris Cameron	C	6-11	256	So.	6.4	3.3
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3	Brad Boyd	G	6-6	195	Sr.	12.1	3.6*
5	Orien Greene	G	6-4	209	Jr.	10.6	4.5
42	Cedric Williams	F	6-7	227	Jr.	9.1	4.2

### CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

**Coach:** Jim Calhoun **Conference:** Big East **Location:** Storrs, Conn. **Website:** uconnhuskies.com  
**Record:** 27-6 (12-4) **RPI Rank:** 5 **Sagarin Rank:** 6 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 17  
**Skinny:** Connecticut is a hard team to figure out this year because although they have the most talented roster in the country, something seems to be missing at times. The Huskies can flat out dominate teams when they want to but they can also look disinterested and confused as to who is supposed to lead them at other times. Emeka Okafor is the best post player in the country, but has been bothered by a back injury lately. This team might just be waiting for the tournament to really flip the switch.  
**Best wins:** Oklahoma (86-59), Pittsburgh (68-65), Syracuse (84-56), Utah (76-44)  
**Worst Losses:** Ga. Tech (61-77), @Notre Dame (50-61)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
12	Taliek Brown	G	6-1	195	Sr.	5.5	6.8*
4	Ben Gordon	G	6-3	200	Jr.	17.4	5.0*
33	Denham Brown	F	6-5	219	So.	10.8	4.4
21	Josh Boone	F	6-10	230	Fr.	5.9	5.2
50	Emeka Okafor	C	6-10	252	Jr.	19.3	11.6
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3	Charlie Villanueva	F	6-10	230	Fr.	9.8	5.8
31	Rashad Anderson	G/F	6-5	220	So.	9.8	2.4
11	Hilton Armstrong	F/C	6-11	230	So.	2.6	2.9

#2 CONNECTICUT (27-6) vs. #15 VERMONT (22-8)

### VERMONT CATAMOUNTS

**Coach:** Tom Brennan **Conference:** America East **Location:** Burlington, Vt. **Website:** uvm.edu/athletics  
**Record:** 22-8 (15-3) **RPI Rank:** 115 **Sagarin Rank:** 151 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 281  
**Skinny:** The Catamounts went to the Big Dance last year so the "ave" factor shouldn't be an issue, especially with a veteran lineup. The return of star forward Taylor Coppenrath from a wrist injury to score 43 points in the conference tournament final is a huge lift for Vermont.

**Best wins:** @Boston Univ. (59-57), @Dartmouth (76-66)  
**Worst Losses:** @Nevada (49-69), @UMass (64-76), @Rhode Island (56-94)



Starting Five		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11	T.J. Sorrentine	G	5-11	185	Jr.	14.6	4.6*
24	David Hehn	G	6-5	200	Jr.	5.3	3.7
32	Gemain Njila	G/F	6-4	200	Jr.	6.2	6.1
22	Taylor Coppenrath	F	6-9	250	Jr.	24.7	7.4
43	Scotty Jones	F/C	6-7	225	Sr.	6.0	6.4
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
20	Martin Klimes	F	6-8	225	Fr.	3.4	3.8
35	Alex Jensen	G	6-2	175	Jr.	5.3	1.9

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# Change in NCAA process benefits Cats

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*"I've been ready for March since Midnight Madness back in October. Because when March comes, that's where it's all or nothing. You play for the full 40 minutes or you go home. There is nothing bigger than that six-game winning streak."*

— Kentucky's Chuck Hayes

**K**entucky, 26-4 and convincing champions of the Southeastern Conference Tournament on Sunday, was awarded the number one of No. 1 seeds as the first-ever beneficiary of the NCAA Selection Committee's

attempt to seed the Final Four.

The idea is that Kentucky, as the best No. 1 seed, is paired with the worst No. 1 seed in once-beaten St. Joseph's. Likewise, the other side of the bracket matches the second- and third-best No. 1 seeds in Duke and Stanford, respectively.

All this is remarkable considering that Kentucky entered the SEC Tournament last week ranked only No. 8 in the polls. It's a stunning seven-spot surge not seen since national media lug nuts offered eulogies over John Kerry's campaign days before Iowa.

Even more remarkable for Kentucky is that the selection committee held true to its word and did, in fact, create the easiest path for the highest-rated seed. Not an easy path, mind you, but the easiest as 14 of the 16 teams in Kentucky's bracket have lost at least seven games this year.

Of course, there is one casualty. A bracket that's a bit kind to Kentucky steals thunder from Cat fans who typically follow Selection Sunday with Moaning Monday. No matter if that holiday is out this year. It's not like much work gets done at the office on the morning after the pairings anyway.

So what are we waiting for? There's a trail to San Antonio to be blazed.

**1** Kentucky opens NCAA Tournament play on Friday in Columbus, Ohio, against the winner of the play-in game, which allegedly represents the worst and next-to-worst teams in the field of 65.

Lehigh, 20-10, plays Florida A&M, which is the only team in the tournament with a losing record at 14-16. Lehigh won the Patriot League on a last-second shot by Andres Rodriguez, while Florida A&M rode the wave of 10 three-pointers to upset Coppin State in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference finals.

The only good news here is that Lehigh will only have to bus about an hour from Dayton, site of Tuesday's play-in game, to Columbus for its certain fate.

**2** Because of the remarkable parity in college basketball this season, the second-round games of the NCAA Tournament could actually present some shocking upsets for the No. 1 seeds.

Kentucky is on path to meet the winner of No. 8 Washington and No. 9 Alabama-Birmingham.

Kentucky will likely face Washington, which is riding high after putting together a remarkable mid-season turnaround that is one of the great storylines of this March Madness.

From Jan. 2 through Jan. 15, the Huskies lost five straight Pac-10 games to fall to 5-8 overall and 0-5 in the league. And only a last-second, game-tying three-pointer resurrected the dead as Washington defeated Oregon State 103-99 in overtime to snap the skid. But that victory catapulted the Huskies to 14 wins over its final 17 games. Included was a three-game sweep of Arizona and a convincing 13-point win over then No. 1 and undefeated Stanford in the regular season finale.



The Cats celebrate their 25th SEC Tournament championship Sunday. UK is the overall No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tourney.

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Sorry to scribe "Unhappily Ever After," but Kentucky's defense will snuff out this story before the final chapter. Still, some top team could go down early and a good guess is St. Joseph's should the Hawks meet Bob Knight and eighth-seeded Texas Tech.

**3** Moving on to St. Louis, Kentucky will need two victories to reach the Final Four. Assuming favorites prevail, the Cats would face either fourth-seeded Kansas (21-8) or fifth-seeded Providence (20-8).

Remember all the talk throughout the season about how Kentucky's chances to make a deep run in NCAA play hinged on the draw? Well, the dealer was shuffling from the bottom of the deck when it came to Kentucky.

In the Atlanta regional, Duke is paired with No. 4 Cincinnati and No. 5 Illinois. In Phoenix, Stanford is matched with No. 4 Maryland and No. 5 Syracuse.

**4** Holding true to form, Kentucky was matched with the lowest-rated No. 2 seed in Gonzaga. Despite a sparkling 27-2 record, the Zags are a more favorable opponent than any of the remaining two seeds — UConn, Oklahoma State and Mississippi State. UK even managed to stay away from rugged Pittsburgh, which is in the same region at St. Joseph's.

**5** Should Kentucky reach the Final Four, all else is gravy. At worst, at least on paper, the Cats would meet the lowest-rated No. 1 seed in St. Joseph's. More likely, UK would have to muscle its way past No. 2 Oklahoma State or No. 3 Pitt.

But by this point, the Cats would be in the Final Four where anything is possible on any given night. Look for UK's immeasurable experience, grit and what Tubby Smith calls "moxie," to prevail under the crushing weight of the national semifinals.

**6** Is it too much to ask for a Kentucky-Duke national championship game? But if the committee's seeding is correct, UK and Duke are the two best teams in the tournament and odds-on choices to make the championship game.

## Bracket Busters

The problem with seeding the tournament is that not all teams will follow the script. But then again, the upsets are what put the

Madness in March and make the games fun for everyone.

Watch out for these possible upsets this weekend:

### First Round

- No. 11 Western Michigan over No. 6 Vanderbilt
- No. 12 Manhattan over No. 5 Florida
- No. 12 Murray State over No. 5 Illinois
- No. 13 Virginia Commonwealth over No. 4 Wake Forest

### Second Round

- No. 6 Wisconsin over No. 3 Pitt
- No. 7 Michigan State over No. 2 Gonzaga
- No. 8 Texas Tech over No. 1 St. Joseph's

## Sweet 16

A fool and his office pool money are soon parted. One man's Sweet 16 after the first weekend of NCAA Tournament action.

### St. Louis Region

- No. 1 Kentucky
- No. 4 Kansas
- No. 3 Georgia Tech
- No. 7 Michigan State

### East Rutherford Region

- No. 8 Texas Tech
- No. 12 Manhattan
- No. 6 Wisconsin
- No. 2 Oklahoma State

### Atlanta Region

- No. 1 Duke
- No. 4 Cincinnati
- No. 3 Texas
- No. 2 Mississippi State

### Phoenix Region

- No. 1 Stanford
- No. 4 Maryland
- No. 3 N.C. State
- No. 2 Connecticut

## Final Four

No. 1 Kentucky, No. 2 Oklahoma State, No. 2 Mississippi State, No. 2 Connecticut.

►►► Darrell Bird is general manager of The Cats' Pause and one cylinder shy of a V-8 when it comes to predicting NCAA Tournament games.



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Kentucky opens play Friday in Columbus, Ohio.



# UK opens NCAA Tourney with night game Friday

TCP Staff Report

Kentucky's first game in the 2004 NCAA Tournament will be held at 7:10 p.m. Friday, March 19, at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio. Should Kentucky win, the top-seeded Wildcats would play at 5 p.m. on Sunday.

UK's first game on Friday will be against the winner of Tuesday's play-in game between Florida A&M (13-16, 10-8 MEAC) and Lehigh (20-10, 10-4 Patriot). That game is 7 p.m. in Dayton, Ohio.

Sunday's second-round game could pit Kentucky against the winner of eighth-seeded Washington and ninth-seeded Alabama-Birmingham. Those two teams will play at approximately 9:40 p.m. Friday, or 30 minutes after the conclusion of UK's game.

Kentucky, 26-4, earned a No. 1 seed for the NCAA Tournament following an impressive romp through the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

"We're very happy and excited about being a No. 1 seed," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said Sunday. "I'm proud of this group and what they've been able to achieve throughout the season. They've shown their competitive grit and moxie all year long — a never quit, never-say-die attitude. That's what has pulled us through."

Kentucky has never met Florida A&M nor Lehigh. UK is 8-1 all-time vs. the Patriot League, but has never played against a team from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

"I haven't had a chance to learn about them yet," Smith said Sunday. "Both have obviously done what they had to do to represent their conferences in the NCAA tournament. And both come from competitive leagues with good teams."

The Cats defeated Washington, 66-58, in the 1985 NCAA Tournament in the only hardwood matchup between the two schools. Kentucky and UAB have split their only two matchups, with the Blazers winning a 69-62 decision back in the 1981 NCAA.

"Our region looks pretty strong," Smith said. "There are a lot of outstanding teams and players. We'll concentrate on what's next and get ready to play our first opponent."

Kentucky is one of six SEC teams to make the tournament. The rest are No. 2 seeded Mississippi State, No. 5 Florida, No. 6 Vanderbilt, No. 8 Alabama, and No. 10 South Carolina.

UK could not mathematically face an SEC team until the Final Four, and that is assuming Florida or South Carolina emerge from the East Rutherford region.

"I believe we have the toughest league in the country. It was a very balanced and competitive league," Smith said. "The loss of Jaime Lloreda was a huge blow for LSU, because they had a solid ranking and a good RPI. If they had gotten past South Carolina in our conference tournament then I think they would have been in the NCAA Tournament. It's unfortunate that it turned out the way it did. Georgia is probably as good as any team we've played."

## lehigh MOUNTAIN HAWKS

### BACKCOURT

The Mountain Hawks live and die with their backcourt duo of Austen Rowland and Jose Olivero. Olivero, a member of the Patriot League's All-Freshman team, hit the game-winner to get into the tournament and is the second leading scorer. Austen Rowland is a triple threat, scoring nearly 16 points a game, but also grabbing over four rebounds and dishing out nearly five assists a game. Both Olivero and Rowland shoot well from the perimeter, so getting to them and limiting open looks is a must.

### FRONTCOURT

A lot of the smaller schools that make it to the tournament don't have three true frontcourt players in terms of size. Lehigh isn't one of those, sending two forwards out that go 6-foot-5 and 6-foot-7 and then a 6-foot-10, 270-pound freshman center. None of the three — Nick Monserez, Earl Nurse and Jason Mgebroff — score a ton, but they will rebound and compliment the backcourt players. Mgebroff also shoots over 60 percent and Monserez hits 43 percent from deep.

### BENCH

The Mountain Hawks only play three people major minutes off the bench, one being guard Ra Tiah. Tiah averages 6.4 points a game and has senior experience. Kyle Neptune can play either guard or forward and scores six points a game, while Dayne Mickelson is a big body at 6-foot-8, 245 pounds that can spell the big men.

### LEHIGH ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Pos.	Wt.	Yr.
22 Steve Callahan	Sr.	G/F	6-4	200
44 Michael Fischman	So.	F/C	6-9	225
21 Mitch Gillfillan	So.	G	5-11	175
3 Jason Mgebroff	Fr.	C	6-10	270
40 Dayne Mickelson	Jr.	F/C	6-8	245
11 Nick Monserez	Jr.	G/F	6-5	210
42 Kevin Murawinski	Jr.	F	6-6	240
5 Kyle Neptune	Fr.	G	6-5	195
34 Earl Nurse	Jr.	F	6-7	230
13 Jose Olivero	Fr.	G	6-1	180
1 Austen Rowland	Sr.	G	6-1	180
35 Kevin Tempest	So.	G/F	6-4	190
20 Ra Tiah	Sr.	G	5-11	185

**Notable:** Kentucky will face a team it has never played before in the tournament opener for the third consecutive year ... Lehigh lost to Connecticut and Vanderbilt in its only games against major teams this season ... The Cats were made a No. 1 for second straight year and ninth time overall ... UK has not played at Nationwide Arena.

### 2003-04 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score
Nov. 21	LONG ISLAND	54-67
Nov. 25	STONY BROOK	64-49
Nov. 29	at Sacred Heart	56-58
Dec. 1	at UConn	55-75
Dec. 3	SWARTHMORE	82-58
Dec. 6	HARVARD	88-79
Dec. 8	at Columbia	60-57
Dec. 17	DELA. VALLEY	99-61
Dec. 20	at Dartmouth	60-57
Dec. 22	at Albany (OT)	55-63
Dec. 30	at Vanderbilt	59-85
Jan. 2	WAGNER	64-59
Jan. 6	at Cornell	76-89
Jan. 10	NAVY	80-61
Jan. 14	BUCKNELL	75-70
Jan. 17	at American (OT)	63-58
Jan. 23	at Lafayette (OT)	104-111
Jan. 25	at Army	60-45
Jan. 30	HOLY CROSS	63-53
Feb. 1	COLGATE	61-56
Feb. 7	at Navy	66-38
Feb. 10	at Bucknell	63-64
Feb. 13	AMERICAN	86-65
Feb. 20	ARMY	68-63
Feb. 22	LAFAYETTE	78-73
Feb. 27	at Colgate	48-54
Feb. 29	at Holy Cross	57-72
Mar. 6	vs. Navy	62-60
Mar. 7	vs. Bucknell	60-45
Mar. 14	AMERICAN	59-57

## florida a&m RATTLERS

### BACKCOURT

There isn't a lot of size in the three guard backcourt, with the biggest player being 6-foot-3, but the Rattlers have a ton of scoring ability amongst the trio of Demarcus Wilkins, Tony Tate and Terrence Woods. Woods scores over 20 points a game, which is difficult against any competition, while Wilkins adds 14.4 points and 4.5 rebounds a game. Tate is a distributor of the basketball and shoots 38.6 percent from the arc.

### FRONTCOURT

Like the backcourt, there isn't much size from Michael Ayodele and Michael Harper, but they both grab nearly five rebounds a game. Both players have a lot of experience being juniors and won't back down after having played against bigger players from Georgia, Florida, North Carolina State and Marquette this season.

### BENCH

FAMU does bring four guys off the bench, ironically with more size than the starters. There isn't a great deal of scoring from the subs because the guards tally most of the points, but point guard Moses White does dish out 3.4 assists a game.

### FLORIDA A&M ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.
1 White, Moses	6-0	170	G	Sr.
3 Wilkins, Demarcus	6-0	170	G	Sr.
11 Tate, Tony	5-11	175	G	Jr.
14 Henderson, Jeremy	6-3	198	G	Jr.
15 Woods, Terrence	6-3	185	G	Sr.
21 Kelly, Jonathan	6-6	200	G	So.
22 Zamore, Brian	6-8	195	F	Jr.
23 Sams, Michael	6-3	200	G	So.
25 Ayodele, Michael	6-7	215	F	Jr.
30 Harper, Michael	6-9	220	C	Jr.
31 Russell, Richard	6-6	215	F	So.
32 Sumter, Orenthal	6-7	230	F	Sr.

**Notable:** Kentucky will face a team it has never played before in the tournament opener for the third consecutive year ... Florida A&M were routed by North Carolina State, Florida and Georgia in its games against major teams this season ... The Cats were made a No. 1 for second straight year and ninth time overall ... UK has not played at Nationwide Arena ... FAMU started the season 1-10 and is the only program to ever make the tournament twice with a losing record.

### 2003-04 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score
Nov. 23	at Illinois State	70-87
Nov. 25	CLEVELAND ST.	88-97
Nov. 28	at N.C. State	62-92
Dec. 2	at Florida	78-102
Dec. 5	at Georgia	59-77
Dec. 13	at Alabama State	69-75
Dec. 17	WOFFORD	90-65
Dec. 20	SOUTHERN	69-71
Dec. 22	at Marquette	63-83
Jan. 3	at Coppin State	53-59
Jan. 5	at Morgan St.	72-106
Jan. 10	HAMPTON	87-81
Jan. 12	NORFOLK STATE	76-72
Jan. 17	DELAWARE ST.	76-66
Jan. 19	HOWARD	86-64
Jan. 24	at No Carolina A&T	74-55
Jan. 26	at So Carolina St.	62-86
Jan. 31	MD.-E. SHORE	79-74
Feb. 7	COPPIN STATE	62-66
Feb. 9	MORGAN STATE	83-67
Feb. 14	at Hampton	77-59
Feb. 16	at Norfolk State	62-63
Feb. 21	at Delaware State	68-76
Feb. 23	at Howard	91-73
Feb. 28	N. CAR. A&T	81-70
Mar. 01	S. CAROLINA ST.	66-75
Mar. 04	at B. Cookman (OT)	83-85
Mar. 11	vs. Hampton	72-71
Mar. 12	vs. So. Car. St.	65-53
Mar. 13	vs. Coppin State	58-51





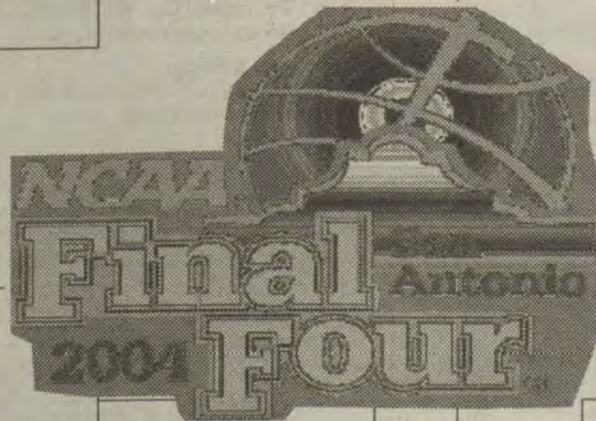
1	KENTUCKY (26-4)
16	PLAY-IN GAME MARCH 19 & 21; NATIONWIDE ARENA; COLUMBUS, OHIO
8	WASHINGTON (19-11)
9	UAB (20-9)
5	PROVIDENCE (20-8)
12	PACIFIC (24-7) MARCH 19 & 21; KEMPER ARENA; KANSAS CITY, MO.
4	KANSAS (21-8)
13	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO (24-7)
6	BOSTON COLLEGE (23-9)
11	UTAH (24-8) MARCH 19 & 21; BRADLEY CENTER; MILWAUKEE, WISC.
3	GEORGIA TECH (23-9)
14	NORTHERN IOWA (21-9)
7	MICHIGAN STATE (18-11)
10	NEVADA (23-8) MARCH 18 & 20; KEY ARENA; SEATTLE, WASH.
2	GONZAGA (27-2)
15	VALPARAISO (18-12)
1	SAINT JOSEPH'S (27-1)
16	LIBERTY (18-14) MARCH 18 & 20; HSBC; BUFFALO, N.Y.
8	TEXAS TECH (22-10)
9	CHARLOTTE (21-8)
5	FLORIDA (20-10)
12	MANHATTAN (24-5) MARCH 18 & 20; RBC CENTER; RALEIGH, N.C.
4	WAKE FOREST (19-9)
13	VA. COMMONWEALTH (23-7)
6	WISCONSIN (24-6)
11	RICHMOND (20-12) MARCH 19 & 21; BRADLEY CENTER; MILWAUKEE, WISC.
3	PITTSBURGH (29-4)
14	CENTRAL FLORIDA (25-5)
7	MEMPHIS (21-7)
10	SOUTH CAROLINA (23-10) MARCH 19 & 21; KEMPER ARENA; KANSAS CITY, MO.
2	OKLAHOMA STATE (27-3)
15	E. WASHINGTON (17-12)

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FINAL FOUR  
APRIL 3 & 5  
ALAMODOME  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

\* PLAY-IN GAME IN DAYTON, OHIO; TUESDAY, MARCH 16  
LEHIGH (20-10) vs. FLORIDA A&M (14-16)



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DUKE (27-5)	1
ALABAMA STATE (16-14)	16
MARCH 18 & 20; RBC CENTER; RALEIGH, N.C.	
SETON HALL (20-9)	8
ARIZONA (20-9)	9
ILLINOIS (24-6)	5
MURRAY STATE (28-5)	12
MARCH 19 & 21; NATIONWIDE ARENA; COLUMBUS, OHIO	
CINCINNATI (24-6)	4
E. TENNESSEE ST. (27-5)	13
NORTH CAROLINA (18-10)	6
AIR FORCE (22-6)	11
MARCH 18 & 20; PEPSI CENTER; DENVER, COLO.	
TEXAS (23-7)	3
PRINCETON (20-7)	14
XAVIER (23-10)	7
LOUISVILLE (20-9)	10
MARCH 19 & 21; TD WATERHOUSE CENTRE; ORLANDO, FLA.	
MISSISSIPPI STATE (25-3)	2
MONMOUTH (21-11)	15
STANFORD (29-1)	1
TEX.-SAN ANTONIO (19-13)	16
MARCH 18 & 20; KEY ARENA; SEATTLE, WASH.	
ALABAMA (17-12)	8
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (25-4)	9
SYRACUSE (21-7)	5
BYU (21-8)	12
MARCH 18 & 20; PEPSI CENTER; DENVER, COLO.	
MARYLAND (19-11)	4
UTEP (24-7)	13
VANDERBILT (21-9)	6
W. MICHIGAN (26-4)	11
MARCH 19 & 21; TD WATERHOUSE CENTRE; ORLANDO, FLA.	
N.C. STATE (20-9)	3
LA.-LAFAYETTE (20-8)	14
DEPAUL (21-9)	7
DAYTON (24-8)	10
MARCH 18 & 20; HSBC; BUFFALO, N.Y.	
CONNECTICUT (27-6)	2
VERMONT (22-8)	15

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## KENTUCKY'S SEEDING IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

Kentucky's history of seeding in the NCAA Tournament. Bracket has been seeded since 1979:

### No. 1 seed

1980 - Lost to 4 seed Duke 55-54 in Sweet 16.  
1984 - Lost to 1 seed Georgetown 53-40 in Final Four.  
1986 - Lost to 11 seed LSU 59-57 in Elite Eight.  
1993 - Lost to 1 seed Michigan 81-78 in OT in Final Four.  
1995 - Lost to 2 seed North Carolina 74-61 in Elite Eight.  
1996 - Won NCAA title 76-67 over 4 seed Syracuse.  
1997 - Lost to 4 seed Arizona 84-79 in OT in NCAA championship.  
2003 - Lost to 3 seed Marquette 83-69 in Elite Eight

### No. 2 seed

1981 - Lost to 7 seed Alabama-Birmingham 69-62 in second round.  
1988 - Lost to 6 seed Villanova 80-74 in Sweet 16.  
1992 - Lost to 1 seed Duke 104-103 in OT in Elite Eight.  
1998 - Won NCAA title 78-69 over 3 seed Utah.  
2001 - Lost to 6 seed Southern Cal 80-76 in Sweet 16.

### No. 3 seed

1983 - Lost to 1 seed Louisville 80-68 in OT in Elite Eight.  
1994 - Lost to 6 seed Marquette 75-63 in second round.  
1999 - Lost to 1 seed Michigan State 73-66 in Elite Eight.

### No. 4 seed

2002 - Lost to 1 seed Maryland 78-68 in Sweet Sixteen.

### No. 5 seed

2000 - Lost to 4 seed Syracuse 52-50 in second round.

### No. 6 seed

1982 - Lost to 11 seed Middle Tennessee 50-44 in first round.

### No. 8 seed

1987 - Lost to 9 seed Ohio State 91-77 in first round.

### No. 12 seed

1985 - Lost to 1 seed St. John's 86-70 in Sweet 16.

## SEEDS IN THE NCAA FINAL FOUR

Seeds of teams to reach the Final Four. Seeding of tournament began in 1979:

year	champion	others in Final Four
1979	Michigan State (2)	Indiana State (1), DePaul (2), Pennsylvania (9).
1980	Louisville (2)	Iowa (5), Purdue (6), UCLA (8).
1981	Indiana (3)	Virginia (1), LSU (1), North Carolina (2).
1982	North Carolina (1)	Georgetown (1), Louisville (3), Houston (6).
1983	North Carolina State (6)	Houston (1), Louisville (1), Georgia (4).
1984	Georgetown (1)	Kentucky (1), Houston (2), Virginia (7).
1985	Villanova (8)	St. John's (1), Georgetown (1), Memphis (2).
1986	Louisville (2)	Duke (1), Kansas (1), LSU (11).
1987	Indiana (1)	Nevada-Las Vegas (1), Syracuse (2), Providence (6).
1988	Kansas (6)	Arizona (1), Oklahoma (1), Duke (2).
1989	Michigan (3)	Illinois (1), Duke (2), Seton Hall (3).
1990	Nevada-Las Vegas (1)	Duke (3), Georgia Tech (4), Arkansas (4).
1991	Duke (2)	Nevada-Las Vegas (1), North Carolina (1), Kansas (3).
1992	Duke (1)	Indiana (2), Cincinnati (4), Michigan (6).
1993	North Carolina (1)	Kentucky (1), Michigan (1), Kansas (2).
1994	Arkansas (1)	Arizona (2), Duke (2), Florida (3).
1995	UCLA (1)	Arkansas (2), North Carolina (2), Oklahoma State (4).
1996	Kentucky (1)	UMass (1), Syracuse (4), Mississippi State (5)
1997	Arizona (4)	Kentucky (1), Minnesota (1), North Carolina (1)
1998	Kentucky (2)	North Carolina (1), Stanford (3), Utah (3).
1999	UConn (1)	Duke (1), Michigan State (1), Ohio State (4).
2000	Michigan State (1)	Florida (5), North Carolina (8), Wisconsin (8)
2001	Duke (1)	Michigan State (1), Arizona (2), Maryland (3)
2002	Maryland (1)	Kansas (1), Oklahoma (2), Indiana (5)
2003	Syracuse (3)	Kansas (2), Texas (1), Marquette (3)

## PAST NCAA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

Year	Champion	Score	Runner-up	Year	Champion	Score	Runner-up	Year	Champion	Score	Runner-up
1939	Oregon	46-33	Ohio State	1955	San Francisco	77-63	LaSalle	1971	UCLA	68-62	Vacated
1940	Indiana	60-42	Kansas	1956	San Francisco	83-71	Iowa	1972	UCLA	81-76	Florida State
1941	Wisconsin	39-34	Washington State	1957	N. Carolina	54-53	Kansas	1973	UCLA	87-66	Memphis State
1942	Stanford	53-38	Dartmouth	1958	Kentucky	84-72	Seattle	1974	N.C. State	76-64	Marquette
1943	Wyoming	46-34	Georgetown	1959	California	71-70	West Virginia	1975	UCLA	92-85	Kentucky
1944	Utah	42-40	Dartmouth	1960	Ohio State	75-55	California	1976	Indiana	86-68	Michigan
1945	Oklahoma St.	49-45	New York U.	1961	Cincinnati	70-65	Ohio State	1977	Marquette	67-59	North Carolina
1946	Oklahoma St.	43-40	North Carolina	1962	Cincinnati	71-59	Ohio State	1978	Kentucky	94-88	Duke
1947	Holy Cross	58-47	Oklahoma	1963	Loyola (Ill.)	60-58	Cincinnati	1979	Michigan State	75-64	Indiana State
1948	Kentucky	58-42	Baylor	1964	UCLA	98-83	Duke	1980	Louisville	59-54	Vacated
1949	Kentucky	46-36	Oklahoma St.	1965	UCLA	91-80	Michigan	1981	Indiana	63-50	North Carolina
1950	CCNY	71-68	Bradley	1966	Texas-El Paso	72-65	Kentucky	1982	North Carolina	63-62	Georgetown
1951	Kentucky	68-58	Kansas State	1967	UCLA	79-64	Dayton	1983	N.C. State	54-52	Houston
1952	Kansas	80-63	St. John's	1968	UCLA	78-55	North Carolina	1984	Georgetown	84-75	Houston
1953	Indiana	69-68	Kansas	1969	UCLA	92-72	Purdue	1985	Villanova	66-64	Georgetown
1954	LaSalle	92-76	Bradley	1970	UCLA	80-69	Jacksonville	1986	Louisville	72-69	Duke
1955	San Francisco	77-63	LaSalle	1971	UCLA	68-62	Vacated	1987	Indiana	74-73	Syracuse
1956	San Francisco	83-71	Iowa	1972	UCLA	81-76	Florida State	1988	Kansas	83-79	Oklahoma
1957	N. Carolina	54-53	Kansas	1973	UCLA	87-66	Memphis State	1989	Michigan	80-79	Seton Hall
1958	Kentucky	84-72	Seattle	1974	N.C. State	76-64	Marquette	1990	UNLV	103-73	Duke
1959	California	71-70	West Virginia	1975	UCLA	92-85	Kentucky	1991	Duke	72-65	Kansas
1960	Ohio State	75-55	California	1976	Indiana	86-68	Michigan	1992	Duke	71-51	Michigan
1961	Cincinnati	70-65	Ohio State	1977	Marquette	67-59	North Carolina	1993	North Carolina	77-71	Michigan
1962	Cincinnati	71-59	Ohio State	1978	Kentucky	94-88	Duke	1994	Arkansas	76-72	Duke
1963	Loyola (Ill.)	60-58	Cincinnati	1979	Michigan State	75-64	Indiana State	1995	UCLA	89-78	Arkansas
1964	UCLA	98-83	Duke	1980	Louisville	59-54	Vacated	1996	Kentucky	76-67	Syracuse
1965	UCLA	91-80	Michigan	1981	Indiana	63-50	North Carolina	1997	Arizona	84-79	Kentucky
1966	Texas-El Paso	72-65	Kentucky	1982	North Carolina	63-62	Georgetown	1998	Kentucky	78-69	Utah
1967	UCLA	79-64	Dayton	1983	N.C. State	54-52	Houston	1999	UConn	77-74	Duke
1968	UCLA	78-55	North Carolina	1984	Georgetown	84-75	Houston	2000	Michigan State	89-76	Florida
1969	UCLA	92-72	Purdue	1985	Villanova	66-64	Georgetown	2001	Duke	82-72	Arizona
1970	UCLA	80-69	Jacksonville	1986	Louisville	72-69	Duke	2002	Maryland	64-52	Indiana
1971	UCLA	68-62	Vacated	1987	Indiana	74-73	Syracuse	2003	Syracuse	81-78	Kansas

## 2005 Final Four in St. Louis

### 2005

#### East

##### First & Second Rounds

Friday-Sunday, March 18 & 20  
@Charlotte Coliseum, Charlotte, N.C.  
@Centrum Centre, Worcester, Mass.

##### Semifinals & Finals

Friday-Sunday, March 25 & 27  
@Carrier Dome, Syracuse, N.Y.

#### South

##### First & Second Rounds

Friday-Sunday, March 18 & 20  
@Gaylord Entertainment Center, Nashville  
@Ford Center, Oklahoma City, Okla.

##### Semifinals & Finals

Friday-Sunday, March 25 & 27  
@Frank Erwin Center, Austin, Texas

#### Midwest

##### First & Second Rounds

Thursday-Saturday, March 17 & 19  
@CSU Convention Center, Cleveland, Ohio  
@RCA Dome, Indianapolis, Ind.

##### Semifinals & Finals

Thursday-Saturday, March 24 & 26  
@All-State Arena, Chicago, Ill.

#### West

##### First & Second Rounds

Thursday-Saturday, March 17 & 19  
@Boise State University Pavilion, Boise, Idaho  
@McKale Center, Tucson, Arizona

##### Semifinals & Finals

Thursday-Saturday, March 24 & 26  
@University Arena, Albuquerque, N.M.

#### Final Four

April 2 & April 4  
@Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis, Mo.

### 2006

#### East

##### First & Second Rounds

Friday-Sunday, March 17 & 19  
@ First Union Center, Philadelphia, Penn.  
@ University of Dayton Arena, Dayton, Ohio

##### Semifinals & Finals

Friday-Sunday, March 24 & 26  
@ MCI Center, Washington, D.C.

#### South

##### First & Second Rounds

Thursday-Saturday, March 16 & 18  
@ Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C.  
@ Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Jacksonville, Fla.

##### Semifinals & Finals

Thursday-Saturday, March 23 & 25  
@ Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.

#### Midwest

##### First & Second Rounds

Friday-Sunday, March 17 & 19  
@ Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills, Mich.  
@ American Airlines Arena, Dallas, Texas

##### Semifinals & Finals

Friday-Sunday, March 24 & 26  
@ Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, Minneapolis

#### West

##### First & Second Rounds

Thursday-Saturday, March 16 & 18  
@ Jon M. Huntsman Center, Salt Lake City, Utah  
@ Cox Arena, San Diego, Calif.

##### Semifinals & Finals

Thursday-Saturday, March 23 & 25  
@ Oakland Arena, Oakland, Calif.

#### Final Four

April 1 & 3  
@ RCA Dome, Indianapolis, Ind.

First and Second Round Sites listed above are not tied to a region.  
The NCAA Committee can assign teams to the first round sites regardless of region.

## Future NCAA Final Fours

year	city	arena	year	city	arena
2004	San Antonio	Alamodome	2008	San Antonio	Alamodome
2005	St. Louis	Edward Jones Dome	2009	Detroit	Ford Field
2006	Indianapolis	RCA Dome	2010	Indianapolis	RCA Dome
2007	Atlanta	Georgia Dome	2011	Houston	Reliant Stadium





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## Daniels, Fitch named First Team All-SEC in coaches' poll

ATLANTA — UK seniors Erik Daniels and Gerald Fitch were among eight players named to the coaches' All-Southeastern Conference First Team last Wednesday, while junior Chuck Hayes was honored as a second-team selection. It marks the second honor in as many days for the trio as Daniels and Fitch were named second team All-SEC by The Associated Press last week, while Hayes joined guard Cliff Hawkins on the AP third team.

Mississippi State forward Lawrence Roberts, a transfer from Baylor, was named SEC Player of the Year, while South Carolina's Dave Odom was recognized as SEC Coach of the Year. LSU's Brandon Bass was named SEC Freshman of the Year.

The league coaches began naming All-SEC teams in 1956, though the format has changed throughout the years. This season, the list expanded to two eight-man teams. The SEC also names

an eight-man All-Freshman team and has added several awards, including SEC Defensive Player of the Year (Rashad Wright — Georgia), SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year (Shane Power —

Mississippi State) and SEC Sixth Man of the Year (Scott Hundley — Vanderbilt).

Kentucky has had 78 selections in the 48 years that the conference coaches' have named All-SEC teams.

## Fitch a finalist for CLASS Award

Fitch has been named one of the 10 finalists for the Bayer Advantage Senior CLASS Award, presented each year to the outstanding senior NCAA Division I college basketball Player of the Year. Both male and female division winners are honored. The acronym "CLASS" stands for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School.

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issue, the CLASS Award celebrates the loyalty of senior basketball players that honor their four year commitment to their university. The CLASS Award recognizes these student athletes for great achievement on the court and in the classroom while staying in school.

With the national tournament rapidly approaching, national voting has already begun. Public fan voting will last until March 31. Fans can vote at [www.seniorclassaward.com](http://www.seniorclassaward.com).

## Walk

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was way too late for anybody to make a fuss over them, but time enough for top-seed Arizona to send the Catamounts packing without so much as a parting gift.

At the time, Brennan was funny and philosophical about their fate, as befits a man who already enjoyed the respect of almost everybody in Vermont and whose morning-drive radio show is one of the most popular in the state. Of course, he also knew he had Coppentrath and a strong supporting cast returning, and he figured the odyssey trip would be good preparation for this season.

It was — though not in the way Brennan imagined. Vermont opened it with a four-game, 13,000-mile road trip pinballing across the country and lost all four. Then the America East Conference schedule began in January, and the Cats

promptly strung together 13 consecutive wins. But just as all the pieces were falling into place, Coppentrath broke a bone in his left wrist Feb. 16.

No one talked about a comeback until the Catamounts won their first two games in the conference tourney, and even then, the likelihood that he would even play in the final against Maine wasn't a done deal until the rock-band Phish — a collection of former Vermont students who would qualify as the state's musical gods — finished performing the national anthem.

All Coppentrath did was outscore the Black Bears 28-23 in the opening half, en route to 43 points total and a 72-53 Vermont win.

Maine coach John Giannini explained his decision not to double-team Coppentrath until the second

half this way: "I just thought that he wouldn't be 100 percent. Maybe he wasn't. Maybe he can play even better; I wouldn't put it past him."

And then Giannini added, "You could not script this any better. I expect I'll take my kids to see this as a Disney movie someday."

However this tournament go-round ends, Brennan already figures he and the Catamounts have been playing with house money all along. On top of that, he started checking flight schedules Sunday night for the trip to play the Huskies in Buffalo, N.Y., and found a couple of non-stops.

"And if we have to," he said, "we could walk there."

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