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### briefs

## Law school recognizes Rosenberg

Times Staff Report

GRUNDY, Va. — The Appalachian School of Law has named John M. Rosenberg as a recipient of its annual Appalachian Service Award.

Rosenberg began his legal career as a trial attorney for the United States Department of Justice. He worked for that office by fighting unfair voting practices in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. He went on to become chief of the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division of the department.

In 1970, he became deputy director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund with responsibility for Eastern Kentucky. In 1973, he became director of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, in Prestonsburg. He held that position until he retired in 2001.

Today he is in part-time private practice and "of counsel" with Pillersdorf, DeRosset and Lane in Prestonsburg. His leadership of Appalred led to groundbreaking developments in all aspects of

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Holly Kaye Powers is escorted from her Wilson Creek residence to a sheriff's department cruiser. Powers was one of 14 suspected drug traffickers picked up in a roundup that saw the sheriff's department, the drug task force and city police coordinating their efforts.

photo by Tom Doty

# Drug task force stages roundup

**"If you are selling drugs then you'll be in the next big roundup."**

Sheriff John K. Blackburn

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

A drug roundup was executed on Thursday with warrants for 18 suspects. Sheriff John K. Blackburn and several of his deputies collared six of the seven people on their list during the late morning hours.

Bad weather turned out to be an asset for local law enforcement officers and kept most of the suspects home.

The arrests were conducted through a joint effort between the sheriff's department, city police and the Floyd County Drug Task Force.

The irony of the roundup falling on April Fool's Day was not lost on Blackburn, who said, "It won't be no fool for 18 of them. They're just not getting the message but they're going to learn that we are putting traffickers behind bars."

A few of the suspects tried to hide in their homes but were easily found. Blackburn seemed resigned to such behavior, yet marveled at one instance

of this behavior and cited, "This one hid on us in the closet like we'd never find him in there."

The ramshackle homes that most of the suspects were taken from shared some similarities. Many were covered in refuse, had poorly looked after animals on the property and each one had a shiny satellite dish mounted on the roof.

The areas that the deputies went to included Wilson Creek, Harold and a rundown apartment building in Martin. None of the suspects got overly excited and everyone remained calm throughout the process.

Charges against the suspects included trafficking in a myriad of different drugs, which included Oxycontin and other prescription pills and cocaine, and one person charged with several counts of doctor shopping.

Those charged with second-degree drug trafficking include Arthur Huff; Jason Shepherd, of Langley; Michael Chaney, of Martin; Kenneth Rudder, of

(See **ROUNDUP**, page three)

# Sex abuse case ends with plea

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man was given a probated sentence after pleading guilty last week to an amended abuse charge, according to documents filed Wednesday in circuit court.

Three days before he was scheduled to go to trial, Ezra Lee Robinson, 27, of Arkansas Creek, originally indicted in January for first-degree sexual abuse, pleaded guilty and was sentenced Friday morning to an amended charge of third-degree criminal abuse.

Robinson's attorney, Gerald DeRossett, entered a motion for Robinson to plead guilty to the crime following a plea offer made by the Commonwealth's Attorney's

Office.

According to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor, Robinson sexually abused his daughter, who was 5 at the time of the incident, by touching her inappropriately.

Taylor said the commonwealth amended the charge, offering Robinson a probated sentence, because it was in the best interest of the child, who now attends counseling.

The commonwealth made the recommendation, Taylor said, to concur with the wishes of the child's family, who were concerned about allowing the child to testify during the trial.

"They wanted to have him admit it, so she wouldn't have to take the stand," Taylor

(See **PLEA**, page three)

# P'burg councilman pursues charges against neighbor

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A woman who a neighbor says has allegedly "wreaked havoc" in her neighborhood entered a not guilty plea to a felony charge this week after a Prestonsburg City Council member filed a criminal complaint against her in district court.

Robin Blevins, 45, of Riverside Drive, pleaded not

guilty during her arraignment Tuesday to a first-degree wanton endangerment charge.

According to an arrest warrant issued in pursuant to a complaint alleged by Prestonsburg City Council member Charles E. "Little Shag" Branham, Blevins got into her vehicle and "reared" toward two minor children, one of whom was Branham's

(See **NEIGHBOR**, page three)

# Hueysville woman charged with impersonating police officer

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

HUEYSVILLE — A Floyd County woman who allegedly impersonated a police officer last weekend now faces felony charges, according to docu-

ments filed this week in district court.

Jerrica M. Banks, 23, of Raccoon Road in Hueysville, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper D. Shearer Saturday for allegedly impersonating a peace officer.

According to the arrest citation, Banks allegedly called a dispatcher at the Pikeville Police Department and identified herself as Trooper Vicki Eversole in an effort to obtain

(See **CHARGE**, page three)

# Church, forest arsonists still at large

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Investigators continue to search for arsonists who torched two churches and set hundreds of forest fires in the mountains of

Eastern Kentucky.

Rain that settled across the region on Wednesday ended the outbreak of forest fires, but church leaders remained on alert, fearing that arsonists who burned two churches in Johnson County may strike

again.

Authorities are taking a fresh look at a third church fire, which occurred in February, to see if it might be linked, said Kentucky State Police Arson

(See **ARSON**, page three)



photo by Joyal Frazier

After a groundbreaking ceremony, Steven C. Smith, president and chief executive officer of K-VA-T Food Stores, talked to onlookers about all the innovative conveniences that a new Food City Superstore will have when it opens sometime in the fall. Food City is building the new store along University Drive in Prestonsburg. See story, page A9.

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# Odds & Ends

■ **PORTLAND, Ore.** — The Governor won't be baaack — Governor Ale, that is.

A Portland artisan brewing company will bow to the wishes of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and stop selling Governor Ale, a popular beer that has been a big seller in California.

"We've agreed to settle," Portland Brewing chief executive Jerome Chicvara said Tuesday. "We're saying we're not going to argue — we're going to acquiesce to their point of view, and we're not supposed to say anything more."

In December, Chicvara sent 4,500 cases of 22-oz. bottles of Governor to California, where

it was a hit at \$2.99 a bottle. The brew became the darling of bloggers worldwide, thanks to articles on CNN and MSN online pages.

Chicvara says a couple of hundred cases are still in Oregon, mostly at Columbia Distributing, but that collectors elsewhere have been paying about \$20 for a bottle of Governor on eBay.

■ **SALEM, Ore.** — Steve Bartelds has a good reason to be a cow-tipper. It's hard to give Bessy a pedicure if she's standing up.

Bartelds is a national leader in the obscure profession of hoof trimming, the president-elect of the Hoof Trimmers

Association, Inc., a Missoula, Mont.-based trade group.

First, Bartelds suspends cows sideways, using a machine called a tilt-table that attaches to his one-ton Ford.

Then, using an electric trimming tool that sends shavings flying and a special knife made in Switzerland for finer work, Bartelds can trim the hooves of four to six cows an hour.

Like trimming fingernails, trimming hooves doesn't cause the animal pain when it is done correctly. But cows hate being strapped down and flipped on the tilt-table. Knowing a little cow psychology helps Bartelds do his job without stressing the animals.

One trade secret: Never tilt a cow more than 80 degrees. "If you have a cow completely level, that freaks her," he said.

He also believes in speaking softly.

"C'mon, don't argue," Bartelds told a bellowing cow he was shooing toward the tilt-table.

Hoof trimming is an exacting process. If the trimmer removes too much of the hoof, the cow can be so seriously injured that it is fit only for hamburger.

"You can kill a \$1,500 cow instantly," said Bartelds, 53, showing a photograph of a cow's foot split in half to reveal the heavy bone just beneath the hoof.

His charges vary from \$10 to \$25 per cow depending on the size of the dairy and how often the animals' hooves are trimmed.

■ **MONTEREY, Tenn.** — Who says men never stop to ask for directions?

Jason Daniel Waddell was in jail Wednesday after authorities said he did — and allegedly told the person who helped him that he was driving a stolen car.

Authorities said the 26-year-old Maryland man stopped a woman in an apartment complex Tuesday to ask for directions to Interstate 40.

The woman called Monterey police a few minutes after the driver confided he was in a stolen vehicle, Sgt. Tim Murphy

said.

Waddell was caught about an hour later, 15 miles away and still on a state highway. He also is charged with holding up a sandwich shop and taking \$200.

Murphy said leaving Monterey, population 2,717, shouldn't have been hard.

"He was less than 200 yards from the I-40 ramp when he robbed the store," Murphy said. "I think that he panicked when he left ... and turned right into a residential neighborhood."

Waddell was taken to the county jail on charges of aggravated robbery and property theft.

■ **ORANGE, Calif.** — Between studying for geometry and playing softball, high

school student Shauna Fleming has somehow found time to organize a campaign to collect 1 million letters of appreciation for military troops at home and abroad.

With the help of her classmates at Orange Lutheran High School, Fleming began her push Wednesday to gather the letters from around the nation by the end of May — which is National Military Appreciation Month. The campaign is called "A Million Thanks."

"I believe we need to support our troops 110 percent, even if we don't agree having them over there," the 15-year-old freshman said. "We need to show them that we care for them and will support them no matter what."

Over the next two months, letters are expected to pour in

from all over the nation to the private Christian school. The mail will get sorted by students, who will receive credit toward the school's mandatory service requirement, and then get shipped to various military bases. Soldiers will then transport the letters to various points.

"For a 15-year-old to do this is just wonderful," said Alice Wax, founder of the National Military Appreciation Month. "It's resonating across the nation, and she has already gathered so much support."

Fleming helped when her father, Michael, started his own mission three years ago, sending Valentines to enlisted men and women across the world. Since that time, he has distributed more than 1.5 million Valentines to U.S. troops.

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## Today in History

- The Associated Press**
- In 1805, storyteller Hans Christian Andersen was born in Odense, Denmark.
  - In 1860, the first Italian Parliament met at Turin.
  - In 1865, Confederate President Davis and most of his Cabinet fled the Confederate capital of Richmond, Va.
  - In 1872, Samuel F.B. Morse, developer of the electric telegraph, died in New York.
  - In 1932, aviator Charles A. Lindbergh and Dr. John F. Condon turned over \$50,000 in ransom to an unidentified man in a New York City cemetery in exchange for Lindbergh's kidnapped son. (The child, however, was not returned, and was found dead the following month.)
  - In 1974, French president Georges Pompidou died in Paris.
  - In 1982, several thousand troops from Argentina seized the disputed Falkland Islands, located in the south Atlantic, from Britain. (Britain seized the islands back the following June.)
  - In 1992, mob boss John Gotti was convicted in New York of murder and racketeering; he was later sentenced to life in prison.
- Today's Highlight in History:**
- On April 2, 1917, President Wilson asked Congress to declare war against Germany, saying, "The world must be made safe for democracy."
- On this date:**
- In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon landed in Florida.
  - In 1792, Congress passed the Coinage Act, which authorized establishment of the U.S. Mint.

**Ten years ago:**  
President Clinton warned Americans against "demagogues of division" in his weekly radio address, while calling for greater personal responsibility and cooperation to overcome the nation's problems. Consumer reporter Betty Furness died in Hartsdale, N.Y., at age 78.

**Five years ago:**  
The Labor Department reported that the nation's unemployment rate fell to a 29-year low of 4.2 percent in March 1999.

**One year ago:**  
American forces fought their way to within sight of the Baghdad skyline; Iraqi soldiers discarded their military uniforms by the roadside to hide their identity. A bomb blast near a wharf in the southern Philippine city of Davao killed 16.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
Actor Dabbs Greer is 87. Actress Rita Gam is 76. Actress Sharon Acker is 69. Singer Leon Russell is 63. Jazz musician Larry Coryell is 61. Actress Linda Hunt is 59. Singer Emmylou Harris is 57. Actress Pamela Reed is 55. Actress Debralee Scott is 51. Country singer Buddy Jewell is 43. Actor Chris Meloni is 43. Singer Keren Woodward (Bananarama) is 43. Country singer Billy Dean is 42. Actress Jana Marie Hupp is 40. Rock musician Greg Camp (Smash Mouth) is 37. Rock musician Tony Fredianelli (Third Eye Blind) is 35. Country singer Jill King is 29. Actor Jeremy Garrett is 28.

**Thought for Today:**  
"No artist is ahead of his time. He is his time. It is just that others are behind the time." — Martha Graham, modern dance pioneer (1894-1991).

## Fletcher says KSP investigating alleged embezzlement

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Thursday revealed that Kentucky State Police are investigating alleged embezzlement by a former ranking official within a state agency that regulates banking.

Fletcher and LaJuana Wilcher, secretary of the cabinet that includes the state agency, said the alleged embezzlement involved tens of thousands of dollars.

The official was dismissed in late February after a review of travel reimbursement vouchers the employee submitted and approved, Wilcher said.

Fletcher presided over a news conference where the employee was identified as Barbara Nash, the former director of the division of administrative services in the Office of Financial Institutions.

Nash allegedly used state funds to pay her personal credit card bills and to purchase an array of items, including crystal candy dishes, decorative prints and clocks, said Wilcher, secretary of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet.

No criminal charges have been filed.

Nash was a longtime state employee who at one point worked for former state Treasurer Frances Jones Mills, who was dogged by corruption charges.

During her time in the state treasurer's office, Nash's self-described job duties included writing confidentiality and ethics policy for the treasurer's office, according to a job application on file with the Kentucky Department for Personnel. Nash also was a speechwriter for the treasurer, according to the application.

In the 1980s, Mills was

acquitted of theft charges involving use of state employees and equipment in one of her campaigns. Years later, she was fined by the Executive Branch Ethics Commission for violating the executive branch code of conduct.

Nash ran for state treasurer in 1995, finishing fourth in the Democratic primary. She also worked for the Revenue Cabinet.

The prosecutor in Frankfort, Franklin County Commonwealth's Attorney Larry Cleveland, said he expected to present the case to a grand jury in a couple of weeks.

"I think it's a fairly strong case," he said in an interview.

Cleveland said the investigation was limited to one suspect, but he declined to identify the person.

Nash's attorney, Larry Roberts of Lexington, said his client was cooperating with authorities. He declined further comment.

State police said the investigation is continuing.

"We're still reviewing records and gathering information," state police Sgt. Phil Crumpton said in an interview.

Albert Krieger, a nationally prominent trial attorney in Miami, was critical of the decision to publicly identify a suspect in a criminal investigation who has not been charged or indicted.

"One would certainly hope that the chief officer of a government would exercise appropriate discretion in such a matter," he said.

Wilcher said that officials were alerted to the alleged scheme after another employee pointed out a reimbursement claim for a \$200 gold bracelet that was supposed to go for a

(See KSP, page nine)



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**Charge**

information about a complaint against a server at El Azul Grande Restaurant in Pikeville. Shearer said the KSP traced the call to Banks' residence and arrested her that day. During an interview Monday, Banks said the arrest was a

"simple misunderstanding." According to her, the alleged incident occurred after she and her husband visited the restaurant, where they spent nearly an hour with another couple, who they hadn't met until that day. Banks said the couple, after

spending 30 to 40 minutes at their table, stuck them with a bill of nearly \$50. When she refused to pay the tab, Banks said the waitress at the restaurant got "up in her face," was "verbally abusive" to her and followed

her to her car, where she took down Banks' license plate number. "I did nothing wrong and I get verbally attacked," Banks said, saying that she called the waitress back later that day in an effort to resolve the situation. "Before I got off the phone

I told her that I believed it's a \$5,000 fine to take down a license plate," Banks said. "The lady wanted to know why I knew so much about the law and she asked if I was a cop and I said, 'What if I am?' ... I told her I knew Trooper Eversole." Banks said she then called

the Pikeville Police Department, where she asked dispatcher Reed to answer questions about her rights. "I didn't impersonate a police officer," she said. "The phone call was recorded, which is just fine with me. That just proves I'm innocent. I had a few drinks and had taken my medication, but I'm pretty sure I didn't impersonate an officer ... I really didn't do nothing wrong and, you know, justice will be served. It's kind of laughable, but yet, if somebody was to do that, it would be a pretty serious crime."

Banks, who said she is a friend of Eversole and has several lawyers and judges in her family, posted a \$5,000 surety bond to get out of jail on Sunday before her case file was heard in district court. She is scheduled for an arraignment April 13. Repeated attempts to reach Officer Reed and Troopers Eversole and Shearer were unsuccessful this week.

**Arson**

Investigator Don Parker. "Everyone's on edge," said James Kelly Caudill, pastor of Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church in rural Johnson County. "You don't know where these guys are going to strike again, or when." Some churches are installing surveillance cameras in the wake of the arson fires. Others are asking parishioners to be on the lookout for anything suspicious, said Rick Ratliff, chaplain at the Paintsville Fire Department and pastor of Tomahawk Freewill Baptist Church in Martin County. "We're also asking people who live in the area to pay attention to what's going on," Ratliff said. The most recent fires burned Sugar Grove United Baptist

Church in Sitka and New Bethel Freewill Baptist Church in Riceville. Parker said the other fire destroyed the Tom's Creek United Baptist Church in Johnson County on Feb. 28. Agents from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are assisting with the investigation. Parker said investigators have no suspects. "We do have a couple of leads we're trying to follow up on," he said. In an unrelated case, authorities in Perry County arrested Marty Williams, 50, of Hazard, for allegedly setting a fire Sunday in downtown Hazard that destroyed a building that housed apartments, an office supply store and a bar. Gwen Holt, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department

of Forestry, said more than half of the nearly 893 wildfires that have charred more than 18,226 acres of land in the state over the past three months are suspected of being intentionally set. Rain showers have dampened the forests enough so that arsonists have no effect. The good news, Holt said, is that the forecast calls for more rain next week. Caudill said people in eastern Kentucky are sad that churches now need the same type of surveillance cameras used in business places. "We never thought this day would ever come, but it's here," Caudill said. "It's the day we're living in, and we've got to accept it to protect our churches."

**Neighbor**

daughter, who were playing basketball on Riverside Drive. A neighbor, John P. Sammons, moved the children out of the way, the warrant alleges, and the children and adults who witnessed the alleged incident were "in fear for the children's well-being," because they were "almost hit" by Blevins' vehicle. "The children are afraid to get out of their homes now," the warrant says. Blevins was arrested Monday by Prestonsburg Police Lt. William Petry and charged

with first-degree wanton endangerment for the incident, which allegedly occurred on March 25 in the presence of four witnesses. "She's wreaked havoc on our street for a long time now," Branham said. He did not elaborate. District Judge James R. Allen placed Blevins, represented by public advocate Leta Bahanstan, under a \$5,000 cash bond. She is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on April 5.



Anita Marie Burchett, her brother, Ryan Tackett, and parents, Brian D. Tackett and Barbara Burchett Tackett, will leave today for Disneyworld as part of a dream granted by The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky.

**Girl receives dream of going to Disneyworld**

by JOYAL FRAZIER  
STAFF WRITER  
Whether 15 or 55 years old, everyone dreams of having the opportunity to visit Disneyworld. The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky is making that dream come true for Anita Maria Burchett. Today, Anita, accompanied by her parents and little brother, will set off for the trip of a lifetime. The family will travel to Florida to visit Disneyworld, Universal Studios and Sea World. While in Florida, they will be staying at Give the Kids the World Resort. Anita and her family will have complimentary dining, ice cream, and even a gift on her pillow every night before bed. Anita has severe cerebral palsy, but has the consent of her doctor to take the trip without any risk to her condition. The Dream Factory is an organization that grants wishes to critically and chronically ill

children. Since January they have granted three wishes and are now working on their fourth. They are always looking for children to fill out applications. The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky covers a 26-county area in Kentucky, as well as, parts of Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio. Jerome Greathouse, area coordinator of The Dream Factory explained, "We are always looking for children to grant dreams to. It is seldom that the children's families come to us." Since Greathouse became area coordinator in 2000, there have been 18 wishes granted to children across the region. Anyone who would like to find out more information about The Dream Factory of Eastern Kentucky can contact Jerome Greathouse at (606) 886-0556. They are always interested in hearing about children that may have a dream they can make come true.

**Award**

poverty law. He established the Mine Safety Project, the Kentucky Migrant Legal Services and Volunteer Lawyer for Appalachian Kentucky. Rosenberg has also served on various boards which helped enrich Eastern Kentucky. He helped found and chair the Eastern Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology, he served on the board for LINKS and also served on Morehead State University's Board of Regents. The award will join a list of significant honors that have been awarded him. It will join awards from the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association and honors from the American Bar Association on the Rosenberg mantle.

**Roundup**

Martin; Alisha Robinson, of Langley; Scotty Moore; Dordena Lynn Moore, of Prestonsburg; Holly K. Powers, of Printer; Paul Robinson, of Langley; and Dennis Fields, of Langley. Charged with first-degree trafficking were Burnis Newsome, of Martin; Gary Newcomb, of Harold; and Gary Little, of Skull Hollow. The efforts to stop drug trafficking are not finished with this series of arrests. Blackburn hinted that there would be more to come. "If you are selling drugs then you'll be in the next big roundup," Blackburn vowed.

**Plea**

said. "When the family of victim is pleased and satisfied with the outcome ... when the resolution in the case is okay with them, that's something we look toward in dealing with cases like these." Following Robinson's admittance in court, Circuit Judge John David Caudill adhered to the commonwealth's recommendations, giving Robinson a 12 month suspended sentence. Robinson will be "strictly supervised" for 24 months, Taylor said, and is ordered, in addition to having no direct or indirect contact with his daughter, to complete a sexual abuse treatment program and other counseling as deemed appropriate by the probation and parole office. If he wants to contact his daughter after his two-year probationary period is up, Taylor said, that decision would be left up to family court.

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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"I found more joy in sorrow than you could find in joy"

— Sara Teasdale

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Guest View

## Editorial roundup

The Palm Beach (Fla.) Post, on the 9/11 Commission:

Apparently, the Bush administration is so threatened by information that it assumes everyone is afraid of public disclosure. Republicans sent out last week to discredit former anti-terror chief Richard Clarke thought they could scare him by threatening to declassify his 2002 testimony before a bipartisan congressional committee.

But the truth, the whole truth and the public truth seems not so intimidating to Mr. Clarke and others, such as Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., who was co-chairman of that committee and was demanding release of needlessly classified material long before Mr. Clarke made headlines.

Most notably, Sen. Graham objected last year when the White House classified an entire section of his committee's report on Saudi Arabia's ties to the 9/11 attacks. Mr. Clarke, who says President Bush let Al-Qaeda slip in priority and damaged the war on terror by invading Iraq, on Sunday embraced the Bush administration's "threat."

He called for release of his 2002 testimony as well as memos he exchanged with national security adviser Condoleezza Rice prior to Sept. 11, 2001. Sen. Graham last week said that he didn't think Mr. Clarke's testimony before the congressional committee conflicted with Mr. Clarke's recent testimony before the 9/11 commission. ...

The Bush administration threatens to tell what it knows. Why is that a threat? It should be a promise.

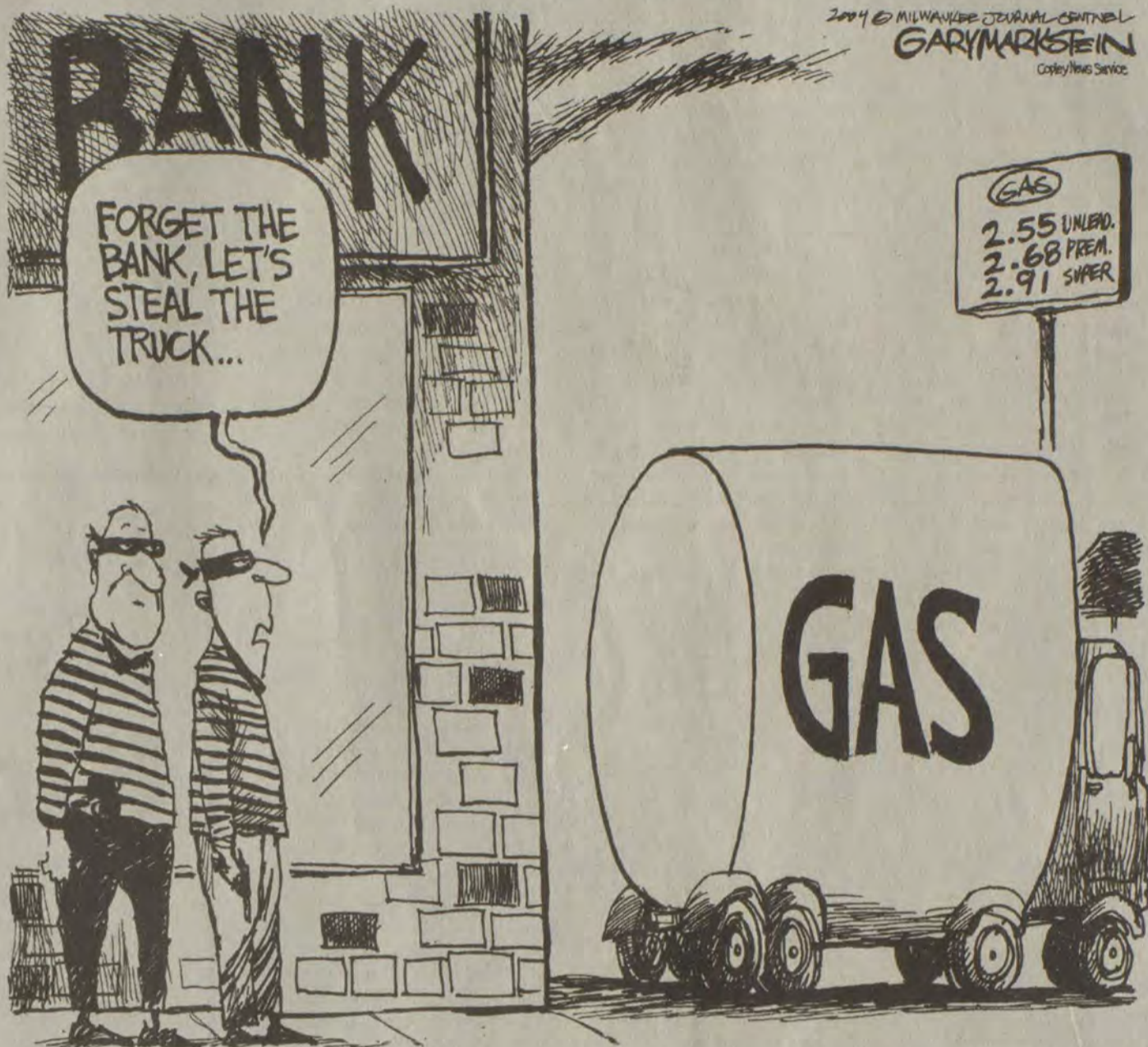
San Diego (Calif.) Union-Tribune, on American censors:

The closing of the Baghdad newspaper, Al Hawza, is a case of egregious bad judgment by the American occupation authority; it should be reversed. The Bush administration wants to create democracy in Iraq. Democracies include newspapers of all stripes, good and bad, those that support governments and those that don't.

One can make a case against public speech that incites violence or insurrection ... but that was not the charge against Al Hawza, a Shiite weekly. The charge rather was that it was anti-occupation, printed unsubstantiated rumors and occasional lies.

As to printing unsubstantiated rumors and lies, we suggest the checkout stand of your local supermarket for an assortment of scandal sheets published in this country. ...

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Guest Column

### Big new weapon in the war on poverty

by DR. JOSEPH HORTON

Will \$1.5 billion to promote marriage education help in the war on poverty? The House has passed a welfare reauthorization bill that included President Bush's request to spend \$1.5 billion over five years to promote marriage education among the poor.

Currently the bill is stalled in the Senate. The President promises that marriage education will reduce poverty. Feminists argue that the program will force women into marriages, increasing domestic violence. People of all political stripes wonder if the government has any business in people's romantic lives.

The goal of marriage education is to teach people how to have successful marriages. If the President wanted to force people to get married there would

be simpler options, such as giving cash to married people. Providing marriage education is not going to coerce people who are happily single into marriage.

Marriage education programs work because they teach people the skills that are necessary for marriages to succeed. The single best predictor of marital satisfaction is how conflict is handled. All couples have disagreements, and all couples disagree about the same things: chores, sex, in-laws and money, to name a few. Research suggests that the typical happily married couple has 10 conflictual issues that they cannot resolve. Happy couples handle these disagreements differently than unhappy couples. Research shows that we can teach people to handle conflict better and thereby improve marital satisfaction.

Does more marriage necessarily mean more domestic violence against women? No. Women are much more likely to be abused by the men they are living with when they are not married. A good marriage education program will help women avoid violent men. Marriage education includes information about choosing a mate. For example, marriage educator John Van Epp has a program called "How to Avoid

Marrying a Jerk." Furthermore, marriage education programs have been shown to reduce violence in relationships. Most people, even those prone to violence, do not begin shoving or throwing things the moment a disagreement breaks out. By teaching couples how to handle conflict in a more controlled and positive way, negative escalation and the violence that may follow are short-circuited. Marriage education will reduce domestic violence.

Is it the government's job to promote marital bliss? No. However our government has chosen to be involved in fighting poverty. Clearly our "War on Poverty" waged largely by providing the poor with financial assistance has not eliminated poverty. One option would be to declare the policy a failure and end such programs. This is untenable in our current political climate. Another option is to attempt to change behaviors that are related to poverty.

Promoting successful marriage is likely to change behaviors that are related to poverty. Because of our cultural expectations for husbands, in contrast to

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Guest Column

### Warning: Obesity (and lying about it) could be hazardous to your health

by JACOB G. HORNBERGER

Lest anyone have any doubts that our federal daddy is carefully watching over his adult-children, the Food and Drug Administration has formally announced a campaign against obesity among Americans.

You remember the FDA, right? That's the federal bureaucratic agency that wrongfully leaked the information that ultimately led to the conviction of

Martha Stewart. Stewart's friend Sam Waksal decided to unload stock in his company, ImClone Systems, after receiving the leaked information that the FDA intended to deny ImClone's application to market a new cancer treatment, and Stewart violated federal law by lying to federal officials about having learned of Waksal's decision.

Never mind that two years later FDA bureaucrats changed their minds and approved the drug. After all, even though an untold number of people lost money when their ImClone stock plummeted after the FDA's initial denial of the drug-treatment application and even though an untold number of people suffered from not being able to receive the cancer treatment for two years, no parent is perfect, not even our federal daddy, right?

As part of its anti-obesity campaign, the FDA has announced that it intends

to crack down on food sellers to make sure that their labels clearly state the number of calories their food contains, so that American adults, most of whom graduated from America's public (i.e., government) schools, will be able to more easily count their calories.

With overeating apparently posing a greater danger to the American people than terrorism, chief anti-obesity warrior Tommy G. Thompson, Health and Human Services Secretary for the U.S. welfare state, announced the gravity of the crisis: "The epidemic [sic] of obesity threatens the health of millions of Americans. Far too many Americans are literally eating themselves to death."

In other words, something has to be done! Now! Think of the millions of Americans who could be dead if we wait!

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# Street life here is still A-OK as 'Sesame Street' begins its 35th season of sunny days

by FRAZIER MOORE  
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK — Here's a kids show that still boasts plenty of street cred.

Now beginning its 35th season, "Sesame Street" remains a daily destination for millions of preschoolers, an evergreen cityscape as much a part of their world as any other play space.

It's been that way for generations of kids, as any of the show's estimated 74 million "grads" will recall from "Sesame Street Presents: The Street We Live On." This retro-

spective airs on most PBS stations 8 p.m. Sunday, then serves as the season opener the next day (check local listings).

Even if you haven't caught "Sesame Street" since around the time it premiered Nov. 10, 1969, you will be struck by how things seem much like you left them. The Muppets; the diverse community of humans; the letters and numbers that "sponsor" each hour.

Even parts of the 'hood are the same, notably the set for the brownstone apartment building at 123 Sesame St. (as it exists on Stage G at Kaufman Astoria

Studios in Queens). Now nearly 35 years old, it should qualify for landmark status.

Clearly "Sesame Street" was designed for the ages by the "urban planners" at the upstart Children's Television Workshop (now renamed Sesame Workshop). But the era that gave rise to "Sesame Street" remains part of its culture.

A telling trace lives on in the theme song: "Sunny day, everything's A-OK." Popularized by pioneers of the U.S. space program, the term A-OK is as identified with the 1960s as granny glasses and tie-dye jeans.

So, perhaps, is the idealism surging in those years. Four months before "Sesame Street" premiered, that can-do spirit had helped put the first man on the moon. Likewise, it fueled dreams of helping put things right for the nation's kids.

"Sesame Street" grew out of the Great Society programs," says executive producer Lewis Bernstein, referring to the Johnson administration's social initiatives. "That was a period when politics, educational needs and the social milieu all converged to say, 'You influence kids at an early age and you can give them the skills they need to navigate their way through school and in life.'"

And, with the civil rights movement at full throttle, racial equality became another part of the show's message.

"When I first came here (in 1972) there were a lot of ex-hippies working here with a spirit of Let's Change the World. Maybe some of us have cut our hair," Bernstein says with a chuckle, "but the passion hasn't changed."

Early on, the "Sesame Street" brand of passion paved the way to many kids-show innovations: the racially integrated cast, the inner-city setting, the fast-paced, bite-sized structure of each episode.

"Sesame Street" gathered caring, flesh-and-blood adults to offer guidance and support for the childlike Muppets. It brought in celebrity guests to catch the eye of parents, who, after watching with their kids, then "naturally reinforce and extend the learning for the child," Bernstein says.

A place with sunny days and everything A-OK, "Sesame Street" blended authenticity with aspiration: "Life doesn't exist in most places like it does on 'Sesame Street,'" Bernstein acknowledges. "But if we don't model it, it'll never exist."

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# Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

April got off to a great start for fans of television crime dramas. Leading the pack is the complete third season of "C.S.I." which is turning into CBS's version of "Law and Order," with a third series, to be set in New York, on the way.

The real good news, though, is the packaging of WISEGUY. The entire first season unspools with two stories spread out over 24 episodes. The show stars Ken Wahl as an undercover cop who must get too close to the bad guys and this provides a ton of good drama to offshoot the grisly action. The first story introduces the concept and centers on a mafia kingpin named Sonny Steelgrave. The second half of the shows introduces a young Kevin Spacey as psychotic yuppie Mel Proffit.

Crime fans may also enjoy the fourth season of "Homicide" which focuses on Baltimore detectives who are always under the gun to solve murders but too overworked to make much of a

dent in the crime rate.

Horror fans might dig the remake of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" which came out in a two-disc set with a horde of extras. Besides an alternate opening and ending you get a documentary on real life serial killer Ed Gein.

Gein actually lived and murdered in Wisconsin but proved to be the inspiration for the Chainsaw flicks and a lot of others. The best and most accurate is probably "Deranged," which features great makeup by Tom Savini ("Dawn of the Dead"). It's out on a double DVD with the similarly themed "Motel Hell."

Wrestling fans might like two new volumes of "Turnbuckle Memories" featuring ring veteran Dusty Rhodes.

The kids will probably enjoy two new discs from The Wiggles. Making their DVD bow are "Toot, Toot" and "Cold Spaghetti." These guys tour the states so much that it's amazing they have so many videos out, but you can always count on them for some wholesome entertainment. Their songs aren't bad either and

are lyrical enough to wash away all memories of those saccharine Barney tunes.

The big studio releases include two Oscar nominees. "Something's Gotta Give" is a refreshing comedy wherein an actor, in this case Jack Nicholson, actually falls for someone close to his own age.

"The House of Sand and Fog" is a moody drama that pits an angry Jennifer Connelly at the Middle Easterner who has bought her home. Ben Kingsley is much more subdued here than in "Sexy Beast," but he eventually comes apart as Connelly gets more determined to reclaim her home.

Next week shapes up as a good one for comedy fans. "The Pink Panther" films come to DVD in a collector's set and the first season of "In Living Color" debuts on DVD alongside the seventh season of NBC cash cow "Friends."

Bargain hunters should check out Superstar Video at Prestonsburg Village Plaza. If you buy a new release DVD there, it entitles you to two free rentals.

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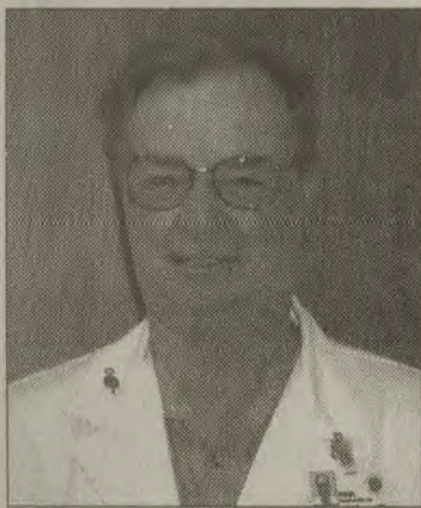
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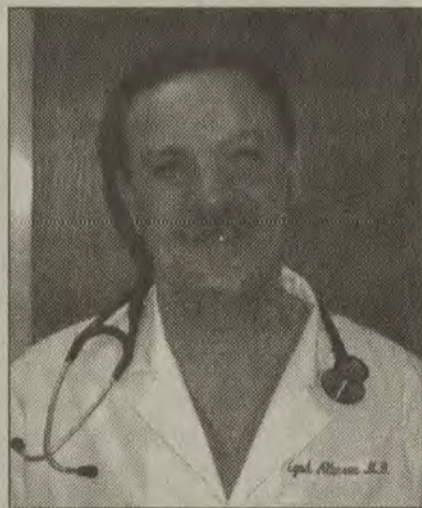
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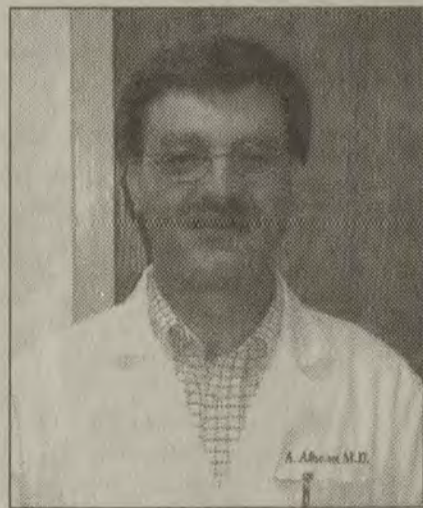
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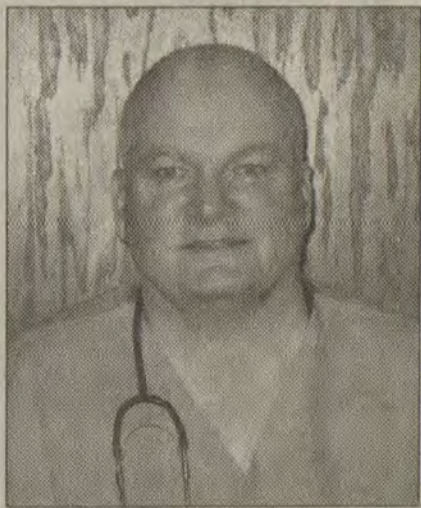
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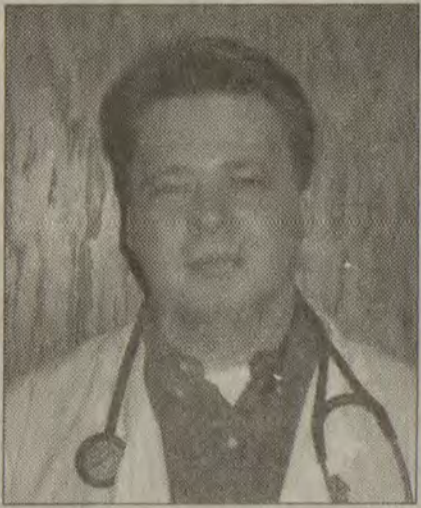
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# For the Record

## Marriage Licenses

Sabrina Lynn Martin, 19, of Pikeville, to Stephen Wayne Shepherd, 20, of Prestonsburg.  
Jessica Ruth Riddle, 20, of Williamson, to Garry Lee Cody Perkins, 20, of Lexington.

## Civil Suits Filed

Kristy Holbrook vs. Douglas Holbrook; divorce.  
Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Highways vs. Stone Newsome, Josh Mullins, J. Stanley, Linnie Johnson, P. Kendrick and First

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boyfriends, married men tend to work more hours and earn more money. Because of the long-term commitment of marriage, married people tend to save more. On average children of married parents do better in school. Thus, the cycle of poverty is broken by the academic success of the children.

Is marriage education the atom bomb that will win the war on poverty? No, but it may be the equivalent of several daisy cutters. Changing people's behavior is the best way to lift people out of poverty and provide the dignity that is absent when handouts are the primary weapon. Given that the government is going to address poverty, promoting marriage is a refreshing and promising new approach. If people can have fulfilling marriages as a consequence, that is the icing on the cake.

Dr. Joseph Horton is a psychology professor at Grove City College.

Guaranty Bank; complaint.

Mary Wireman vs. Jay Dean Wireman; divorce.

Christopher Maynard vs. Jessica Maynard; divorce.

Cloyde Meade vs. Cindy Lee Meade; petition for custody.

Layton Harvey vs. Susan Harvey; divorce.

Jake Poston vs. Diana Shortridge, verified complaint.

Oregon Financial vs. Gene Ingle; complaint.

Janet Fraley vs. Dana Fraley; divorce.

Roy Grose vs. Christi Grose; divorce.

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Al Hawza supports Moktada al-Sadr, a fiery cleric who has no use for the American occupation. Unlike Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, a fellow Shiite whose opposition to the occupation is more subtle (and, many would argue, more dangerous), Sadr's views are expressed openly and defiantly. He is anti-occupation, anti-American and unreliable. Al Hawza reflects those positions and qualities.

But should it be censored and closed? Does it make sense to drive such sentiments, which clearly exist, underground? Does censorship ever do anything but create more interest in what has been censored and more anger in those who, denied the pen, are left with the sword?

Under Saddam Hussein, the world knows, there was no dissent.

Americans should never compromise the free press principle, so vital to democracy, whether at home or in nations that fall temporarily under our control. As long as Al Hawza does not incite public violence, its freedom to print should not be curtailed.

Dorothy Polen vs. John Polen; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Dan Gillespie vs. Kim Gillespie; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Billy Stanley vs. Sheila Stanley; petition for child support and health care insurance.

## Small Claims Filings

Maggard Heating and Cooling vs. Janey Bamer; seeking costs for services rendered.

Little Y Stop and Shop vs. Mary Crittendon; collection of outstanding bill.

Prestonsburg Housing Authority vs. Tracy Hicks; collection of money owed.

Trenton Ward vs. Willie Marshall; collection of debt.

Prestonsburg Housing vs. Erlene Collins; payment for property damage.

Jerry T. Bow vs. Brian Howard; collection for back rent.

Melinda Moore vs. Ethel Ritchie; seeking the balance of money owed.

## Charges Filed

Douglas Dwayne Martin, 36, Grethel; alcohol intoxication.

Adam T. Keathley, 37; Galveston; alcohol intoxication.

Kathy Ann Arnett, 27, Fleming Neon; public intoxication.

Trenton Ward, 31, Martin; third-degree criminal trespass.

Estill Blackburn, 18, Dana; harassment.

Tenn Blackburn, 46, Orangeburg, S.C.; harassment.

Angela L. Johnson, 36, Garrett; complicity to commit second-degree forgery.

Terry Samons, 56, Martin; assault of a sports official.

Nicholas Samons, 23, Martin; assault of a sports official.

Wanda Osborne, 52, Ivel; harassment, menacing.

Dennis Osborne, 36, Ivel; menacing.

Greg Howell, 44, Stanville; harassing communications.

Alex Skeens, 20, Prestonsburg; harassing communications.

Brian McKenzie, 27, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Jimmy D. Skeens, 32, Martin; violation of an emergency protection order.

Frank M. Childers, 68, Blaine; first-degree drug trafficking and second-degree drug possession.

Larry J. Hall, 39, Ivel; convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

Charles Keith Hall, 36, Beaver; first-degree wanton endangerment.

Walt Carroll Jr., 36, Martin; menacing, first-degree wanton endangerment.

David Joe Spradlin, 22, Prestonsburg; first-degree criminal mischief, second-degree assault.

Crystal L. Coleman, 22, Tram; shoplifting.

Ollie Hall, no age listed, Printer; theft of an automobile.

Linda McKenzie, 49, Prestonsburg; theft.

Jessie Blair, no age listed, Denver; theft.

Ronald L. Gibson, 36,

Columbus, Ohio; first-degree drug possession, prescription in an improper container, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

Jessica M. Decker, 24, East Point; first degree drug possession, prescription in improper container, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

Kenneth Gayheart, 53, McDowell; improper passing, reckless driving, driving under the influence, first-degree wanton endangerment, two counts of second degree drug possession, third-degree drug possession, failure to wear seat belts, no insurance, possession of an open alcoholic beverage, no moped licensee.

Angela Wellman, 27, Pikeville; theft.

Woody A. Judge, 27, Pilgrim; public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree drug possession.

Robin Blevins, 35, Prestonsburg; first-degree wanton endangerment.

Jerrica McKale Banks, 22, Hueysville; impersonating a peace officer.

Inspections

McDonald's, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: No labels on some containers in

walk-in refrigerator, men's restroom soap dispenser empty, walk-in freezer floor in disrepair. Score: 96.

Hall Community Market, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some refrigerator and freezers without thermometers, food items observed stored on floor, food contact counter in disrepair, wiping cloth use unrestricted, floors in disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair. Score: 90.

Slope's Market, Bevinsville, regular inspection. Violations noted: No thermometer in display refrigerator, food items stored on floor, wiping cloth use unrestricted, floors and ceilings in disrepair. Score: 93.

Prestonsburg High School, regular inspection. Violations noted: Wooden handled utensils in use, hand towels missing from hand sink, restroom door not self-closing.

Allen Elementary, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometer in milk cooler broken, floor in janitor's closet in disrepair, some dumpsters missing lids. Score: 96.

Little Caesar's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Onions stored on floor, proper hair restraints not in use.

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# Obituaries

## Alma Jean Meade

Alma Jean Meade, age 75, of Melvin, passed away, Tuesday, March 30, 2004, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born July 28, 1928, in Ligon, the daughter of the late Albert Meade and Hattie Martin Meade Mitchell. She was in the U.S. Air Force, a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, a retired teacher, having taught in Kentucky, and Morrow and Lebanon, Ohio.

Survivors include one sister, Alberta Burns of Lanesville, Indiana; three nephews: Mark A. Hall, Hugh P. Burns and William

R. Meade; five nieces: Hattie Belinda Miller, Sandra Jean Burns, Tammy Toney, Patricia Rose, and Pamela Meade.

Funeral services for Alma Jean Meade were conducted Thursday, April 1, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Lola Mae Cochran Shepherd

Lola Mae Cochran Shepherd, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born May 14, 1924, in Lawrence County, she was the daughter of the late Mark Cochran and Lora Blair Cochran. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Lancer Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Shepherd Sr., on January 7, 1975.

Survivors include three daughters: Barbara Wolfinger of Findlay, Ohio, and Brenda Thompson and Wilma Haley, both of Prestonsburg; two sons: Melvin Shepherd of Circleville, Ohio, and David Shepherd of Hager Hill; two brothers: Denzil (Barney) S. Walker of Prestonsburg, and John E. Long of Enon, Ohio; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 2, at 1 p.m., at Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Bobby Carpenter officiating.

Interment will be at Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Shepherd family.

Pallbearers: Chris Haley, Dustin Haley, Scott Thompson, Travis Wolfinger, Shawn Shepherd, Tommy Wilson Jr., and Reece Ray. (Paid obituary)

## Denver Stewart

Denver Stewart, 69, of Honaker, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at his residence.

Born February 1, 1935, in Honaker, he was the son of the late William B. and Annie Kidd Stewart. He was a disabled coal miner and an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Parsons Stewart.

Other survivors include three sons: Christopher Micheal Stewart of Pikeville, Samuel Floyd Stewart of Ligon, and Shawn Stewart of New London, Ohio; two step-sons: Randall Adkins of Prestonsburg, and Jefferey Adkins of Printer; one daughter, Jayne Ann Carroll of New London, Ohio; one brother, Delmer Stewart of Harold; four sisters: Ruth Widner of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Lois King of Louisa, Nell Harvey of Georgetown, and Bonnie Humble of Milan, Michigan; 10 grandchildren: Garth, Cory, Ashley, Nicole, Micheal Devon, Jacob Tanner, Ethan Blake, Megan Nicole, Isabelle Grace, and Hanna Faith; and three step-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Helen Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 2, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Tracy Patton officiating.

Burial will be in the Grant Akers Cemetery, Little Mud, at Honaker, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Claude Johnson

Claude Johnson, 76, of Bevinsville, died Monday, March 29, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born July 21, 1927, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Levi and Clara Waddles Johnson. He was a retired coal miner, a member of U.M.W.A. Local No. 5899 of Wheelwright, a Christian, and attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Martin Johnson.

Other survivors include two brothers: Jack C. Johnson of Dema, and Levi Johnson Jr., of Weeksbury; three sisters: Peggy Jo Bates of Melvin, Bobbie June Hoover of Dema, and Judy Rose Parham of White Georgia; one grandson, Vernon Brian Johnson of Bevinsville; two great-grandchildren: Jordan C. Johnson of Wheelwright, and Eden Johnson of Prestonsburg; and special nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Vernon Bolen Johnson; one grandson, Matthew Brandon Johnson; three brothers: Clyde Johnson, Roy Gene Johnson, and Hobert Johnson; and two sisters: Charles Fern Akers, and Gladys Johnson.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, April 2, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery, at Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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

Active pallbearers: Craig Tolliver, Brent Hoover, Randal Akers, Barry Martin, Jordan Johnson, Terry Akers, Dwayne Quakenbush, and Vernon Brian Johnson. (Paid obituary)

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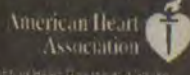
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**First Assembly of God, Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Yannucci, Minister.  
**New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.  
**Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

**BAPTIST**

**Allen First Baptist, Allen:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.  
**Auxder Freewill Baptist, Auxier:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.  
**Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.  
**Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.  
**Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.  
**Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Com Fork:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.  
**Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.  
**Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.  
**Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.  
**Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.;  
**Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Jim Fields, Minister.  
**Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.  
**Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Expt. on Rt. 1428:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.  
**First Baptist, Garrett:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.  
**First Baptist, Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.  
**First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial):** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, Minister.  
**Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2656 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.  
**Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
**Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branch's Creek Rd.):** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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**Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.  
**Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.  
**Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter  
**Liberty Baptist, Denver:** Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.  
**Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon:** Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.  
**Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill:** Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.  
**Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.  
**Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.  
**McDowell First Baptist, McDowell:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.  
**Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.  
**Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg:** Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385  
**Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.  
**Prater Creek Baptist, Banner:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor.  
**Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, J 102:** Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, President; 874-9468/478-2978.  
**Rock Fork Freewill Baptist:** Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.  
**Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett:** Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.  
**Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville:** Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.  
**Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.  
**Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch:** Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
**The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
**Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers):** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.  
**Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist:** Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.  
**Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist:** Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.  
**United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville:** Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.  
**Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.  
**Mother's Home Church, Toler Creek, Harold:** 9:30 the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of every month. Moderator, Kermit Newsome.  
**CATHOLIC**  
**St. Martha, Water Gap:** Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Damon, pastor.  
**CHRISTIAN**  
**First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Sunday School, 10 a.m.;** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.  
**Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett:** Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.  
**Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.;** Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.  
**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.  
**Church of Christ, South Lake Drive:** Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.  
**Harold Church of Christ, Harold:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.  
**Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.  
**Hueysville Church of Christ:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.  
**Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonnie Meade, Minister.  
**Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Martin Church of Christ, Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

**Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.  
**Weeksbury Church of Christ, Weeksbury:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.  
**CHURCH OF GOD**  
**Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.  
**Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin:** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.  
**First Church of God, Sunday School, 10 a.m.;** Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.  
**Garrett Church of God, Garrett:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.  
**Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.  
**Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.  
**The Church of God of Prophecy, Hi Hat:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Fraley, Jr., Minister.  
**EPISCOPAL**  
**St. James Episcopal:** Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.  
**LUTHERAN**  
**Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville:** Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKJW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.  
**METHODIST**  
**Auxier United Methodist, Auxier:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Lawson, Minister.  
**Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.  
**Christ United Methodist, Allen:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lamaster, Minister.  
**Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.):** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosoldo, Minister.  
**Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.  
**Emma United Methodist, Emma:** Sunday Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Jack Howard, Minister.  
**First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue:** 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Waiz, Pastor.  
**Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier:** Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.  
**Martin Methodist, Sunday School, 10 a.m.;** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.  
**Maytown United Methodist, Langley:** Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.  
**Salisbury United Methodist, Printer:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.  
**Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.  
**Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.  
**Drift Pentecostal, Drift:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.  
**Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.  
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**Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton:** Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.  
**Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David:** Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.  
**Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line:** ; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister, 297-6262.  
**Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Saturday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift:** Worship Service, 11 a.m.  
**First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive:** Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.  
**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
**Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway:** Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Sheph, Minister.

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**Drift Independent, Drift:** Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
**Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale:** Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Woodrow Crum, Minister.  
**Grace Fellowship** Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 899-0905.  
**Faith Bible, Martin:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.  
**Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg:** Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.  
**Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.  
**Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville:** Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.  
**Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.  
**Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.:** Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.  
**Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.:** Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.  
**Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin:** Sunday School, 11 a.m.; 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.  
**Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg:** Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heintzelman, Minister.  
**Town Branch Church:** Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.  
**The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.  
**Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright:** Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.  
**Zion Deliverance, Wayland:** Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene Amett, Pastor  
**York Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.**  
**International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin;** Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.  
**Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.;** Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.  
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# Community Calendar

## CALENDAR ITEMS WILL BE PRINTED AS SPACE PERMITS

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

### PRESTONSBURG VA CLINIC EXTENDS HOURS

The Prestonsburg VA Outpatient Clinic has expanded its hours of operation. Every second and fourth Thursday of each month, the clinic, located at 5230 Kentucky Route 321, will be open until 5:30 p.m. Veterans needing an appointment or enrollment and eligibility information may call the clinic at 606-886-1970 or toll-free 1-800-827-8244, ext. 5300.

### TVN "IDOL"

"Come and be a star." Sunday, April 4, from 2-5 p.m. Booth Auditorium, Pikeville College. Categories: Vocal, dance, bands and other. Age divisions: Junior, 8-12; senior, 13-18; adult 19 and over. Top performers advance to finals in Pigeon Forge on Saturday, April 17. Entry fee: \$20 per person. The TVN-IDOL will receive a free recording session valued at \$3000. Runners up also receive prizes. For more information, call and ask for Mark Noel at 865-286-8001 or 865-429-1435, or e-mail NOEL121457@AOL.COM To enter, fill out the entry form completely and mail \$20

fee per person or \$40 per group to: TVN, P.O. Box 5644, Sevierville, Tennessee, 37864.

### 4-H BREADS WORKSHOP

There will be a 4-H breads workshop on April 2, at the Floyd County Extension Office, 921 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., for anyone who is interested in learning how to make different types of breads and the basics of baking. Fee is \$1.00. Register by Friday, March 26, if you will be attending.

### CAKE DECORATING CLASS

Bonnie Crisp will be teaching a cake decorating class in the near future. A list of "eager" students is already being compiled. This will be a series of evening classes, and will be held at the Floyd County Extension Office, every Monday night in April (April 5, 12, 19, and 26) at 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Contact Theresa Scott at (606) 886-2668 for further detailed registration information. Registration deadline for this workshop is March 29. Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people, regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

### A CHILD NEEDS YOU

There is a child who needs you! We are seeking dedicated individuals who are married or single to serve as full-time or part-time foster parents for Kentucky's children. Our program serves the Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin, and Magoffin counties. If interested, call PCWA Big Sandy Treatment Foster Care at (606) 886-7008 or 1-800-677-2720.

Saad-Goodman to instruct Mother/Daughter self-defense seminar  
Toufic Saad and Patricia

Goodman will be instructing a Mother/Daughter Self-Defense Seminar on Monday, April 12, at the Floyd County Extension Office, at 7 p.m.

- This seminar will cover
- Avoidance/Awareness
- Fear Management
- Rape Prevention

All mothers and teenage daughters need to come to this seminar! There is no charge for attending.

Contact Chuck Stamper, Floyd County 4-H Youth Development Agent for more information, at the Floyd County Extension Service, at 606-886-2668.

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### BIG SANDY SENIOR GAMES

The Big Sandy ADD is currently taking applications for the 19th annual Big Sandy Senior Games event, which will take place at the Dewey Lake Down Stream area on Friday, May 21, 2004. Games include bowling (held May 14, at the Mark III in Pikeville) billiards, mile walk, football toss, softball toss, horseshoes, and bingo, among others. Medals will be awarded for first, second, and third-place finishes in all events. The event is open to all residents, 55 or older, in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike counties. Call 1-200-737-2723 for more information.

### BLHS CLASS OF '94

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

### MAYTOWN HOMECOMING 2004

Homecoming event will be held Memorial weekend, May 28-31, at the Maytown Lifetime Learning Center. Registration will be held Friday, May 28, from 3-6 p.m. A traditional Gospel Sing will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 29 - Registration and full day of scheduled events. Sunday, May 30 - Church services. Those wishing to participate in the gospel sing event may email: coachf@mikrotec.com. Those wishing to donate items to the auction may price and mail items to: Ruth Martin, P.O. Box 186, Eastern, KY, 41622. Those who wish to share in the breakfast, noon and evening meals should send \$20 each to: Betty Frasure, P.O. Box 17, Langley, KY 41645; those who wish to skip the breakfast meal should send \$15. Those who wish to visit only and not share in meals are welcome to do so.

### FUN FAIR

"Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents" will be held on April 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Mini-workshops, educational information, exhibits, door prizes, goody bags and refreshments. All expectant parents and parents of children up to one year of age are invited to attend.

### PHS CLASS OF '69

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1969 will hold a reunion on Saturday, September 4, 2004 (Labor Day weekend), at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park. Pre-dinner meeting will be held from 5-6 p.m.; Dinner will be at 6 p.m., in Lodge dining room; Reunion meeting following dinner, from 8 p.m. until midnight in Lodge conference rooms. For more

info., contact Ken & Jan at 886-8328, or Mike at 886-0252.

### HRMC CALENDAR..

■ March 25 - Diabetes Support Group, 5-7 p.m., Floyd Room.  
■ March 25 - Alzheimer's Support Group, 6-7 p.m., Johnson County Library.

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

### FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

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

### 'EARN WHILE YOU LEARN'

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

### 'LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?'

■ Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First

Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

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

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

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

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

■ Community Weight Loss Support Group - To meet Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center, beginning Feb. 5. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

■ Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-

(See CALENDAR, page ten)

## Health

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Given that two-thirds of Americans are now overweight and, therefore, potential targets in the federal government's anti-obesity campaign, Americans are now faced with a double danger: obesity and, even worse, the possibility that officials of the FDA and the Justice Department will conduct unannounced visits asking them how much they weigh.

Warning! Warning! Warning! When you receive a knock on the door and the visitors in black suits and ties and white shirts pull out their federal badges and ask to sit down with you for an informal chat about your eating habits, whatever

you do, don't lie about your weight! Because, if you do, you'll soon find that lying to a federal bureaucrat is even more hazardous to your health than obesity. Just ask Martha Stewart!

But hey, don't despair: If you have a hard time losing weight and you end up getting sent to federal prison, either for obesity or lying, there's always a chance that you'll get to work next to Martha Stewart - in the prison kitchen. That's assuming, of course, that our federal daddy, under provisions of the Americans with Disability Act, widens the prison doors for you.

## Record

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wiping cloth use not restricted. Score: 95.

Lakeview Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: No thermometers in freezer, proper hair restraints not in use, restroom door not self-closing, floor in slight disrepair. Score: Food 96, Retail 96.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food contact area has small accumulation of encrusted food, floor in storage area in disrepair, no lockers for employees. Score: 96.

Long John Silver's, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Hard to find thermometers in refrigerators, some food items in refrigerators not covered adequately, no towels at hand wash sink in food prep area, wiping cloth uses not restricted. Score: 93.

Roadie's, Hi-Hat, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigerator units, ceiling in disrepair, food contact surface in disre-

pair. Score: 95.

Newman's Country Store, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Display refrigerators have no thermometers, pet food bags stored on floor, restroom door not self-closing. Score: 94.

Allen Central High School, regular inspection. Violations noted: Countertops around sink in poor condition, floor and ceiling missing tiles. Score: 89.

Jenny Wiley State Park, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some light fixtures need bulbs replaced. Score: 98.

Rio Grande, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, outside dumpsters need lids, floor tile in disrepair, men's restroom needs more lighting, mops need to be stored off the floor. Score: 90.

Johnny's Pizza, Branham Creek, regular inspection. Violations noted: Floors in disrepair, restroom door not self-closing, no soap at hand wash sink. Score: 97.

Sissy's Groceries, Branham Creek, regular inspection. Violations noted: No thermometers in refrigerators or freezers, restroom door not self-closing, floors in disrepair. Score: 96.

Tackett Stop and Shop, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers in refrigerator and freezer units were hard to spot, light in retail section not properly shielded. Score: 98.

## Property

### Transfers

Donna Bays Jewell to Donna Bays Jewell, property located, Bull Creek.

Janice Lynn Bentley and Elmer Bentley to Diana Marsillett, property located, Old Middle Creek Road.

Robert L. Jones Jr. and Maedea Jones to Russell Irvin Lewis and Pamela Lewis, property location not listed.

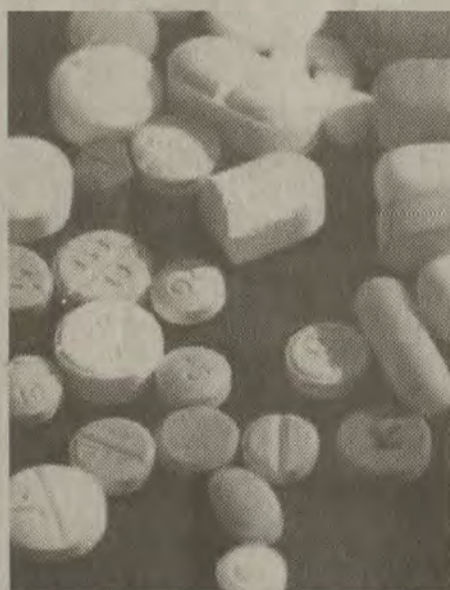
Katrina Davis to Katrina Davis and Ruben Davis, property located, Prater Creek.

Edgar Tackett to Ruth F. Tackett, property located, Mink Branch of Mud Creek.

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Ashland, KY 41102  
Telephone: 606-928-0205, ext. 215  
Fax: 606-928-3785  
Email: [bidding@kedc.coop.k12.ky.us](mailto:bidding@kedc.coop.k12.ky.us)

Or contact  
Gina Amos, Floyd County Board  
106 North Front Ave.  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
Telephone: 606-886-2354  
Fax: 606-886-4540  
Email: [gamos@floyd.k12.ky.us](mailto:gamos@floyd.k12.ky.us)

Bid Categories: Bids are requested for one or more of the following:

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| Band Uniform                    | Business Forms                       |
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| Duplicating Supplies            | Fire Extinguisher Inspections        |
| Fire/Safety/Security Items      | First Aid                            |
| Food Service                    | Food Service Equipment               |
| Food Service Furniture          | Food Service Repairs                 |
| Food Service Custodial Supplies | Food Service Uniforms                |
| Furniture                       | Instructional Supplies               |
| Laminating & Binding Supplies   | Library & Textbooks                  |
| Lumber & Garden Supplies        | Miscellaneous/Other                  |
| Office Supply                   | Playground Equipment & Supplies      |
| Printing Services               | Professional Services (Hourly Rates) |
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| Toner                           | Tools & Equipment                    |
| Transportation                  | Trophies & Awards                    |
| Uniforms                        |                                      |



# Food City breaks ground on new 'Superstore'

by JOYAL FRAZIER  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Local residents will soon have a greater selection of grocery stores at which to do their shopping.

A ground breaking ceremony was held Wednesday on the land that will soon hold a new Food City Superstore. The new store will be located on Route 1428, also known as University Drive. Completion of the 40,000 square foot facility is expected by fall.

The Food City that is located on Route 114 will continue to stay open as well. Representatives of the Food City Corporation said the company wants to make it more convenient for area residents by giving them two locations to shop.

"We have certainly enjoyed serving the residents of Floyd County through our existing

location and we're very excited to be bringing a new state-of-the-art Food City to Prestonsburg," said Steven C. Smith, president and chief executive officer of K-VA-T Food Stores Inc., Food City's parent company.

Plans for the new store include a bakery and deli, complete with a hot food bar and sit down cafe, and a floral boutique, offering a large assortment of fresh cut and silk floral arrangements, bouquets, a variety of gift items and staffed with a floral designer seven days a week. The store will also include a video department stocked with the latest releases and classic favorites, seafood and expanded meat departments. Expanded grocery, frozen food, produce and health and beauty care departments will be included as well.

The new Prestonsburg location will offer the added convenience of a Food City Pharmacy, where a registered pharmacist will be on hand to meet prescription needs and answer health-related questions. And, customers can stop by the Food City Gas 'N' Go.

"Our shoppers can count on the same top quality products, courteous service and competitive pricing they have come to expect from Food City, with added selection and services," said John Cecil, executive vice president store operations.

Customers will be able to move quickly through the checkouts, thanks to six traditional lanes and two express lanes. And the location will be the first in Kentucky to feature a new interior design concept, featuring large department signage and a new store-wide color scheme.

"The location's enlarged departments will allow for enhanced variety and selection

and greater ease maneuvering through the store," commented Luther Baldrige, district manager. "Our customers are really going to enjoy shopping this new state-of-the-art facility."

Food City opened its first store in Ambingdon, Va., and expanded its fourth store here in Prestonsburg 35 years ago.

K-VA-T Food Stores is the corporate name of a supermarket chain operating in three states under the name Food City. This privately held, family owned company has grown over the years by expansion and acquisition. With 11 units in southeastern Kentucky, 22 units in southwest Virginia and 54 units in northeast Tennessee, K-VA-T is an acronym of its trade area, Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee. The 87 store chain serves a current trade area population of over 2.5 million people and over 980,000 households.



Excitement was in the air as the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Food City Superstore took place Wednesday. Several corporate, as well as local executives were there to share in the excitement of the business opening in Prestonsburg.



photo by Tom Doty

Ladies' Fitness Center has moved to a new location at 926 Broadway in Paintsville.

## Women's fitness center moves

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The Ladies Fitness Center of Paintsville moved to its new location at 926 Broadway, in Paintsville, on Monday. The facility only serves women and is a women-run business from the ground up.

The facility is run by Linda Castle, of Martin, who is also the mother of owner April Smith, of Williamstown.

Castle retired from nursing in the 1980s and was recently recovering from an illness when her daughter told her about a women's fitness center in Williamstown. They both lamented that it was too far away to meet Castle's needs but soon realized that they could establish a similar facility in Eastern Kentucky.

The two began the operation eight months ago and it has become a thriving business with unique qualities that have attracted many area women.

The most obvious difference is the lack of men, except for the male shaped punching bag, but Castle pointed out that "it is just for building upper body strength" and shouldn't be seen as any kind of symbol because they don't make them in the form of women.

The facility also sports a working mother-friendly environment which is evidenced by the play area set up for children. This feature is a big attraction and Castle said that, "A lot of women say they joined because they can bring their kids."

The establishment also eschews any sense of competition by having all weighing and measuring done in a private room. Competition is not encouraged and the tone of the place tends toward a warm atmosphere.

The workout offered also avoids weightlifting and is instead comprised of several stations which offer aerobic exercise and are broken up into 40 second phases. The shift changes are announced over a public address system which also reminds clients to check their pulse.

Castle firmly contests the old philosophy of "no pain, no gain."

"It's not true," she said. "You can be comfortable and still sweat."

Currently the clientele ranges in age from age 13 to 72. The facility can only be used by younger children if they have a doctor's permission.

Anyone interested in learning more about the center can call (606) 788-0035.

## KSP

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retirement present. Nash also allegedly charged the state hundreds of dollars in travel expenses to pick up the retirement gift, Wilcher said.

The initial internal review of travel documents was expanded to include other financial records allegedly approved by Nash, Wilcher said.

Cabinet investigators discovered significant discrepancies in the payments approved for those items, officials said.

Nash allegedly submitted numerous invoices for fictitious companies that were then paid by the state, Wilcher said.

As a result, the state paid for hundreds of items — including duffel bags, crystal candy dishes, decorative prints and ornate clocks, Wilcher said. So far, the state hasn't located the items, she said.

Wilcher first revealed that there was an investigation in her cabinet in an interview late last month with The Associated Press but did not provide details.

Krieger said in an interview that naming someone who hasn't been indicted or charged "plays havoc with the right of a defendant to be tried by a non-impassioned jury."

"I think it is inappropriate, improper and a statement made in disregard of the fundamental rights of an individual," he said.

Krieger is past president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and

past chairman of the Criminal Justice Section of the American Bar Association.

Cleveland said that over the years, his office has prosecuted dozens of embezzlement cases, both inside and outside state government.

"The way this office does business is we don't issue a statement until after the grand jury returns an indictment, other than to confirm an investigation is ongoing," he said.

Fletcher defended his decision to identify Nash before the investigation was completed. He said his administration had received numerous inquiries about the investigation.

"I think it's important to let the people of Kentucky know how we're conducting business," Fletcher said. "I'd also rather have you fully informed rather than rumors, innuendoes floating about this state."

Fletcher campaigned last year on a theme of eliminating "waste, fraud and abuse" in state government. The governor said Thursday that people expect him to deliver on the promise.

Fletcher said he has issued executive orders aimed at preventing such alleged abuses of state money from occurring in the future.

Among those changes, he said, are new financial controls in departments and increased accountability to review employee expense reports.

## Street

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Today, after 4,057 episodes, more than 8 million viewers tune in at least once a week. The show remains a top 10 weekday program among children aged 2 to 5, with its preschool audience up 9 percent in 2002-03 from the season before.

"Preschoolers' needs haven't changed," Bernstein says. "But the world has changed so much! So we've tried to take what's going on and stay a step ahead of it with the lessons we offer to kids."

Accordingly, the show stays steadfast while constantly adapting.

Two years ago, Maria and Luis, long the proprietors of a fix-it shop, made a career change, opening a Mailboxes Etc.-type outlet. Smart move. People don't get things repaired the way they used to.

A more substantial change: "Elmo's World," the popular feature which, since 1998, has swept young viewers off

Sesame Street and into a virtual realm, where, logged onto his PC, Elmo takes them on cyber-explorations.

But the more things change, and however more dangerously, the more "Sesame Street" remains a safe haven.

That's why the detail of Secret Service agents seemed so terribly out of place deployed in Studio G the morning of Sept. 19, 2002, when Laura Bush dropped by to read a storybook to Elmo and Big Bird.

The nation's state of high alert meant an unprecedented level of security for the first lady. But everything went A-OK. Then, after Mrs. Bush took her heavily escorted leave, other agents, assigned to stay behind, got to do what any "Sesame Street" viewer, past or present, would delight in: They took turns posing with Elmo for souvenir snapshots. Stone-faced agents were suddenly grinning like kids.

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### Birth Announcement

Kadynce Chailynn Hackworth, daughter of Lonnie and Missy Hackworth of Prestonsburg, was born on Jan. 28, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs., 3 ounces, and was 20-3/4 inches long. Kadynce has a 3-year-old sister, Skyler Alyssa Hackworth.

Maternal grandparents are Gold and Betty Slone of Prestonsburg. Paternal grandparents are Homer Jr. and Lydia Hackworth of Prestonsburg. Great grandparents are Doug Burke of West Prestonsburg, and the late Martha Burke; the late Jim and Sadie Slone; Betty Hackworth of Prestonsburg, and the late Homer Hackworth; and Wilson Halsey of Pikeville, and the late Zola Halsey.

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# Restaurant goes smoke-free for one day to 'kick butts'

by JOYAL FRAZIER  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Health Department celebrated "Kick Butts Day" Wednesday, by setting up a booth at the Country Deli in downtown Prestonsburg.

The restaurant agreed to go smoke-free all day to help bring attention to this national day set aside to help people stop smoking.

"I contacted a couple of restaurants in the area and the Deli agreed to go smoke-free and let us come in today," said health department representative Helen Crider.

The booth she had set up consisted of keychains, suckers, pamphlets and statistics about smoking and what it can do to a person's health. She also had a list to be signed by people who had lost a loved one due to a smoking-related illness.

Crider is very passionate

about helping people kick the habit.

"When you smoke, you aren't just getting nicotine," Crider said. "You are getting at least 4,000 other chemicals in just one cigarette and 40 to 60 of them are known to cause cancer."

Crider provides Cooper Clayton classes that are free for adults who want to stop smoking. The classes are 12 weeks long and are offered at the health department. Crider said that she also has the classes at other locations for businesses that have employees wanting to quit.

Lung cancer and heart disease kill 300,000 people each year in the United States alone. Crider explained that if school had been in session, they would have had a couple of different projects for students to do, to bring attention to the dangers of smoking to the children in the community.

For instance, Crider said she had wanted the schools to ring a bell every 72 seconds to represent each person who dies each day from tobacco related diseases. The other thing she was interested in is placing a piece of tape on the floor each time the bell rang so students could have a visual aid of how many people would be buried each day due to smoking. In an eight-hour work week 400 people will die. One pack of cigarettes a day for one year will gather one quart of tar on your lungs.

Crider's last remark was, "If you are smoking because of stress, the cigarette only eliminates the problem for a few minutes. When you put it out, you will still have the same problems."

If you would like more information about quitting, or the Cooper Clayton classes, contact the Floyd County Health Department at (606) 886-2788.



photo by Joyal Frazier

Country Deli and More took part in "Kick Butts Day" Wednesday by going smoke-free in the restaurant all day. The employees helped to participate by notifying customers that there would be no smoking anywhere in the restaurant that day. The Floyd County Health Department was also there giving out information about the dangers of smoking and free classes to help adults quit.

## Calendar

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

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

■ East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold month-

ly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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

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## MSHA boosts auditing after criticism, official says

by GAVIN McCORMICK  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia.

BECKLEY, W.Va. — Federal mine safety officials are strengthening internal controls in response to a 2003 congressional report that said lax enforcement was endangering miners, a Labor Department official said Thursday.

"We're rolling out a new program to hold ourselves more accountable," said John Correll, deputy assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. He said the program includes more internal audits and performance reviews.

"Our challenge has been consistency - getting 2,300 (employees) to act the same way every day," Correll said.

Congress' investigatory arm, the General Accounting Office, reported in October that the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration was inadequately overseeing mine safety plans. The lax oversight could be causing mines to operate with insufficient ventilation and roof support systems, it concluded.

MSHA oversees safety for the nation's 107,500 underground and surface coal miners.

Congress asked for the review following a September 2001 explosion that killed 13 miners at the Jim Walters Resources No. 5 Mine in Brookwood, Ala., and a July 2002 flood that trapped nine miners for three days in the Quecreek Mine near Somerset, Pa.

United Mine Workers of America officials also charged that lax MSHA enforcement contributed to three fatalities at CONSOL's McElroy Mine near Moundsville in January 2003 and another death at Cody Mining Co. near McDowell, Ky., last June.

Correll said the two most recent accidents had no direct relationship to MSHA inspections, calling them "isolated situations."

But he acknowledged that "inspection practices were suspect" and said he has since traveled to field offices across the country reviewing agency policies and training.

"It was an isolated thing, but we saw areas we could improve," Correll said.

Correll spoke to reporters at a one-day MSHA safety seminar meant to address the high number of coal mining deaths

The three states have since 2002 produced 44 of the nation's 63 coal mining fatalities. Kentucky leads the region with 19 deaths, followed by West Virginia with 18 and Virginia with seven.

Four of the nation's six coal mining deaths this year occurred in the tri-state region. While overall U.S. mining fatalities have declined each of the past three years, Correll said, the regional trend was alarming enough to call for the summit.

United Mine Workers President Cecil Roberts said the union was not invited to participate in the meeting, which occurred on a historical holiday for union miners. April 1 is the birthday of John L. Mitchell, the UMW's fifth president, and the day is a negotiated holiday.

"We trust the scheduling of this seminar was not done intentionally by MSHA, but it does beg the question, 'How in touch with coal miners are the industry and the government?'" Roberts said.

Correll said UMW officials were informed of the seminar three weeks ago. He said there was "no specific reason" union officials were not put on the agenda, which has been a practice at past MSHA seminars. He said he was disappointed no union officials attended.

Of UMW criticism that MSHA has cut enforcement under the Bush administration, Correll said, "We never back away from enforcement, but we have increased our emphasis on education, training and technical support. We think that's the right formula."

Agency officials told seminar attendees that coal miners new to a company, even those with decades of experience, are more likely to get hurt or killed. Training programs should be altered to focus on new hires with experience at other mines, they said.

More than two in five mine fatalities occur during a worker's first year at a mine, about half of those during a worker's first week, officials said.



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## East Kentucky Invitational baseball tournament

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 Prestonsburg-Breathitt County, 3:30 p.m.  
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## Ante up for Ancie

by RICK BENTLEY  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

While the attention of March Madness is (correctly) focused on the student-athletes, it can be a time of celebration for adults as well.

That was the case the night before the 87th Boys State Basketball Tournament for a Pike County man who has made quite a name for himself on the hardwood when Phelps native Ancie Casey was one of 15 inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame, receiving an honor he had easily earned.

It's difficult to say how Casey made such a name for himself. Officials are said to be at their best when no one notices, meaning they work in the background and do nothing to draw attention to themselves.

But over the years, few officials did their job better than Ancie.

In my time as a sports writer, I always



Rick Bentley

(See BENTLEY, page two)

## Prestonsburg concludes spring drills

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — A rare quiet time around the Prestonsburg High School football program comes each summer when the KHSAA Dead Period kicks in. Besides that, and the occasional Spring

Break, or off day, gives players some time away from the gridiron. Spring football this March found the Blackcats retreating back to the basic fundamentals of the sport. The Prestonsburg High football team has finished second in the state twice.

"We used this spring to work a lot on the fundamentals," said

Prestonsburg High head coach John DeRossett. "We did a lot of throwing and catching with our quarterbacks, backs and receivers."

Quarterbacks that got the most work during spring drills included returning starter

(See DRILLS, page five)



file photo by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett was pleased with the fact that his team got through spring practice without any injuries.

## ALL-STAR INVITATION



file photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne senior Whitney Lykens, pictured going up for a shot against Allen Central in 58th District play this past season, will represent the 15th Region as the only invitee to the all-star tryouts.

## Lykens only player from 15th invited to all-star tryouts

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Betsy Layne senior Whitney Lykens scored over 2,000 points in her high school basketball career. For her efforts this past season, she was named the 15th Region Player of the Year by the

Kentucky Basketball Coaches Association. By being named the player of the year in her region, Lykens received an automatic invitation to try out for the Kentucky All-Stars. She was the only player from the 15th Region invited to attend the tryout for the team.

"We are proud of Whitney being

named the player of the year in the (15th) region and being invited to try out for the all-star team," said Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers.

Lykens traveled to Bowling Green last Friday and during the

(See LYKENS, page five)

## Lofton leads group of all-star invitees

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Mason County star Chris Lofton heads the list of the boys invited to tryout for the 2004 Kentucky all-star team. Still undecided on where he will attend college, Lofton is the frontrunner for the 2004 Mr. Basketball award. Another

Mason County player invited to the tryouts was Jarrod Litzinger.

Pike County Central senior Chase Lyons earned the chance to attend the tryout after being named player of the year in the 15th Region. Al Holland Jr., who has signed to play football at Wake Forest, was named player of the year in the 14th Region

and with that honor was invited to attend.

Other notables invited include Lyon County standout Ty Rogers and Caverna center Boris Siakam.

A complete list of the 2004 boys' all-star tryout invitees follows.

(See LOFTON, page three)

## Wooden bat tourney: Blackcats crack Knott Central

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — Prestonsburg got win number one of the 2004 high school baseball season Wednesday evening, doubling up and beating host Knott County Central 8-4 in the first round of the East Kentucky Invitational wooden bat tournament.

Prestonsburg went on top early. Kyle Wicker, batting number two in the Blackcat order, walked and scored in the opening inning to give the visiting Blackcats a 1-0 lead. Nick McGuire got on base after drawing a walk in the second inning and eventually came around to score to give Prestonsburg a 2-0 cushion.

A solid pitching performance helped Prestonsburg to the win.

Prestonsburg senior John Mark Stephens and eighth-grader Josh Rodebaugh each pitched two innings. Stephens started and went through the second inning, giving way to Rodebaugh, who pitched the third and fourth frames. Nick McGuire pitched the fifth, sixth and seventh innings, closing things out.

Blackcat pitchers combined to record 10 strikeouts the first game out.

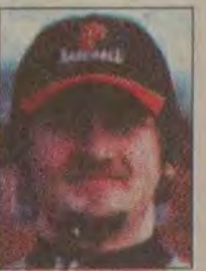
At the plate, Prestonsburg had productive offensive innings in the middle innings, scoring three runs in both the third and fourth innings.

Wicker scored three of Prestonsburg's eight runs. Nick

(See CRACK, page five)



Wicker



Stephens

## DIRT TRACK

# 201 Speedway gets green flag Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SITKA — For the past 20 years, the historic three-eighths-of-a-mile red clay oval on Route 201 in Johnson County has been exciting fans with dirt track racing action. On Saturday, the green flag will fall on the second decade of racing at the track with what is expected to be one of the best seasons yet. Over the past several years, several significant changes have been made to the 201 Speedway. The officials at 201 have added grandstands not only on the frontstretch, but on the backstretch as a part of Floyd County history lives on with the completion of the Backstretch

Blackcat Bleachers, which are the old grandstands from Prestonsburg High School. Also, added seating has just been completed over the first turn, giving fans yet another spectacular view of all the racing action from high above the track itself.

Spacious restroom facilities are now available in both in the outside pit area and behind the top seating area. Two years ago, the Battle of the Bluegrass Dirt Late Model touring series made its debut on the high banks of 201 with Eddie Carrier Jr. taking his first win of the series on a track

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## Knox, Davis receive national honors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

It is a tidy bow on the fabulous careers of two Pikeville College seniors.

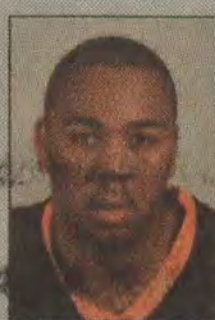
Center Teon Knox was named a Second-Team All-American on Tuesday night at the championship game of the NAIA Div. I national tournament, while teammate Greg Davis was selected as an Academic All-American.

The 6-8 Knox is a native of Baltimore, Md., and earned the

honor after a season which saw him average 15.94 points and 8.68 rebounds per game for the Bears. He also shot the ball exceptionally well, hitting 48.2 percent from the floor and 78.4 percent from the free throw line.

Over the course of his senior season, Knox was named player of the week in the Mid-South Conference three times. A first-team All-MSC selection, Knox was runner-up for the league's

(See HONORS, page two)



Knox



Davis



**Bentley**

said the only teammates I had in an arena were the officials. Both writers and referees just want a cleanly-played, fast-paced game where no one gets hurt and, with any luck, overtime is not required.

I've watched many officials work through the years and would rank none higher than Ancie Lee Casey. And why would I? Consider that in his time as an official, Casey:

■ Worked district tournaments 19 times;

■ Worked regional tournaments 19 times;

■ Worked seven-Sweet 16's.

I was in Memorial Coliseum for the very first game of the very first All "A" Classic state tournament. Pikeville was representing the 15th Region and while they weren't playing, I was there early to take in history.

When the teams walked to center court, who was the official that stepped in the middle and tossed the ball in the air? Ancie Casey.

I'm telling you, friends, when it comes to officiating, this man is a legend. Only a handful of

referees are in anybody's hall of fame. None are more deserving than Ancie.

I always liked to work games with Ancie. In my time as a sports writer he was the best, and I figured if I was at a game he was working, I was probably in the right place.

Ancie could be at his best when he didn't make the call. He had a good rapport with the kids, and could often avoid calling a foul by talking to the players instead of blowing the whistle.

But when a call was needed, he was never afraid to make it. And trust me on this: Nobody could sell a call like him.

Eventually, though, he decided enough was enough and walked away. Instead of officiating games, he took the title as assigning secretary of 15th Region officials and helped train those who followed in his footsteps.

In addition to working with mountain officials, he also supervises referees at the All "A" Classic and has helped with the Sweet 16.

But I suppose the reason I've

always respected Ancie is that he always refused to work games in his native Phelps. "I've got to live with those people," he would say, and often talked about how he'd feel uncomfortable doing games at the school he considered his own.

During last month's regional tournament he told me that coaches visiting Phelps often asked him to officiate those games, but he always refused.

That's the way it should be: Anyone with a personal connection to a school should not be involved in a game it plays.

On a Tuesday night in mid-March, Ancie Casey shared the stage with 14 other people or groups of people, and I'm sure he liked that just fine. A referee never stands alone while plying his craft, and I'm positive he was happy to share the spotlight.

During the fourth quarter of the 15th Region championship game, with the game very much in doubt, I was sitting with Ancie on the stage at Prestonsburg High School. Watching the goings-on, he leaned over to me and said, "I'd

love to work these last seven minutes."

Not meaning any disrespect to the three officials that night, my reply came quick. "I'm sure both of these coaches would like to have you work them too," I said.

That Tuesday night was the Coup de Gras for the career of Ancie Casey, a tidy bow on his fine time wearing a striped shirt. Oh, he could still do it; of that there is no doubt. But when he decided to hang up the whistle, the mountains lost one of its best known and widely respected representatives.

In his time, though, there wasn't a better official around than Ancie Lee Casey. And now, his legacy will live for eternity.

**201**

familiar to the Leburn racer. This season, 201 Speedway and the Battle of the Bluegrass series have teamed up for two exciting shows, the first on May 1, followed by a Stars, Stripes and Speed at Sitka event on July 4, a Late Model feature, which has drawn attention from many local racers as well as the BoB stars.

On June 11, 201 Speedway will hold its first-ever Auto Annihilation Demolition Derby, sanctioned by Evil Kazeevil Promotions. For more information on the demo derby event, go online to [www.demolitioninc.net](http://www.demolitioninc.net). The Battle of the Bluegrass Series will also showcase open wheel talent with the inaugural visit of the Modified version of the BoB series on at least one date this season. Several special races for drivers in six divisions, Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, and two divisions of the fastest growing class at 201, the Four-Cylinder class, which will have a Stock class and a fast and furious, Super Street division, will all be a part of the upcoming season. In addition, 201 will host all of the area talent in each class on a weekly basis, as well as drivers from five or six states. For those who have not visited 201 in the past several years, the many changes will be evident upon entrance through the front gate.

A favorite dirt track of many in the area, 201 is extremely fan friendly, with every seat at the track giving fans a great view of all the racing action from high above the track itself and driver friendly, with spacious pit areas, inside the track, as well as on the outside of turns three and four, capable of handling many of the larger rigs.

Track owner Bill Mike Vaughn and the entire staff of 201 invite all area drivers and fans to make dirt track racing part of their summer at the track where for 20 years, action has always been the main attraction.

**Honors**

player of the year award.

He helped lead the Bears to a 26-8 season and their third trip to the NAIA tournament in four seasons. The two seasons Knox played in Pikeville were the first back-to-back trips to the tournament in school history.

"Certainly Teon Knox is very deserving of the recognition he has earned," said Coach Randy McCoy. "Teon is a terrific player who provided a lot of stability for our team. He proved what hard work and dedication can accomplish, and I'm very proud of him."

"Better still, Teon is a quality person, someone who has been an outstanding representative of Pikeville College. We owe a lot to Teon Knox."

In the Bears' 67-65 loss to Lewis-Clark State College in last week's tournament, Knox had nine points, 14 rebounds and three blocked shots.

At the same time, guard Greg Davis was among those named Daktronics-NAIA Men's Basketball National Scholar-Athletes. It was the second consecutive year Davis has received the honor.

Davis, a native of Kermit, W.Va., holds a 3.7 grade-point average and is seeking a degree in psychology.

In addition, Davis averaged 8.3 points and 1.7 assists per game while hitting 39.8 percent of his three-point tries.

**Shelby Valley bench press meet rescheduled**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

ROBINSON CREEK - The Shelby Valley High School bench press competition has been rescheduled for April 24. The competition was originally scheduled for April 3. For more information, call 606/639-0033. Each participating lifter will receive a T-shirt. A trophy will be given to the first-place finisher in each weight class. First-, second-, and third-

place trophies will be given to the top three teams.

Registration cost is \$10 per lifter.

Food and drinks will be available during the competition.

Teams already contacted for the competition in addition to host Shelby Valley include Pikeville, Betsy Layne, Grundy Va., Belfry, Whitesburg, East Ridge, Pike Central, Paintsville and Johnson Central.

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Gates will open Saturday at 4 p.m. The driver's meeting will be held at 6 with hot lap sessions following at 6:30. Racing is scheduled to hit the red clay at 7. For more information about the 2004 201 Speedway race season, contact Vaughn by calling 606/886-2190 or Chris Belcher at 606/297-6871.

**201 SPEEDWAY SCHEDULE**

**APRIL RACING**

April 3 - OPENING NIGHT: Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Street Four-Cylinders.

April 10 - REGULAR SHOW: Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders.

April 17 - REGULAR SHOW: Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, Street Stock Four-Cylinders.

April 24 - REGULAR SHOW: Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, double purse in both Street Stock Four-Cylinders, Super Four-Cylinders.

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Note: A complete 201 Speedway schedule for the 2004 season will appear in Sunday's edition.

**Larson sidelined by another weird setback**

**by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS**

SARASOTA, Fla. — If there's a virus going around, Brandon Larson is sure to catch it. If a foul ball whistles toward the dugout, his head is liable to be the one turned the other way.

The pitcher lets one slip? There's no doubt it'll zero in on some part of his body.

That's just the way it is. "He's got that cloud," Cincinnati Reds manager Dave Miley marveled.

The third baseman is under it again. He'll open the season on the disabled list, done in by a sprained toe that wiped out most of his spring training.

"Turf toe!" Larson said Wednesday, sitting wearily — and warily — in a clubhouse folding chair. "I wouldn't wish it on anybody, I'll tell you that. Me

especially. It's just another chapter to a string of spring training incidents. It's really disappointing."

This time, a toe. Last month, it was an eye infection. Before that, a rash.

And that's just the latest in a thick medical history brimming with bad moments that have derailed a promising career.

The Texan led Louisiana State to its second straight College World Series title in 1997, winning MVP honors, and was drafted by the Reds in the first round.

Before long, things started to go wrong.

Only 18 games into his second season in the minors, he tore up his left knee while sliding into home plate and needed reconstructive surgery. A year later, he bruised the same knee and was forced on the disabled list.

He was just getting started. After an uneventful 2001 season that included his first promotion to the majors, his luck took a turn for the weird.

Larson had one of his proudest moments on Aug. 15, 2002, hitting a homer off Randy Johnson the first time he ever faced him. Naturally, it wasn't long before euphoria gave way to a jolt of pain.

One plate appearance later, one of Johnson's sliders landed squarely on Larson's right big toe, breaking it.

The toe got better. The luck didn't.

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16. Eastern; 17. Rockcastle County; 18. St. Xavier; 19. Lawrence County; 20. Warren Central; 21. Harrison County; 22. Pulaski County; 23. Webster County; 24. Daviess County; 25. Boyd County.

Following is the preseason Top 25 poll as conducted by the Kentucky Fast Pitch Softball Coaches Association.

1. Owensboro Catholic; 2. North Laurel; 3. Mercy; 4. Greenwood; 5. Middlesboro; 6. Elizabethtown; 7. Ballard; 8. Christian County; 9. Hopkins Co. Central; 10. Grayson County; 11. Reidland; 12. Allen Co.-Scottsville; 13. Madison Central; 14. Eastern; 15. Boone County; 16. Dixie Heights; 17. DuPont Manual; 18. Sacred

Heart; 19. Meade County; 20. North Hardin; 21. Franklin County; 22. Paul Dunbar; 23. South Laurel; 24. Lexington Catholic; 25. Russell.

**Girls' basketball season is a wrap**

Sacred Heart became only the second school to win three consecutive Girls' State Basketball Championships with a 43-34 win over Lexington Catholic in the championship game of the Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament last week in Bowling Green.

For complete tournament coverage, log on to [www.khsaa.org/basketball](http://www.khsaa.org/basketball).

**Safe Boating Certification available on the Internet**

FRANKFORT - Kentuckians required to have a safe boating certificate before getting on the water now have another way to become certified through the internet.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) reminds boaters that those ages 12-17 must obtain a safe boating certificate (card) before operating any watercraft over 10 horsepower by themselves.

From April through September, in each of the state's nine KDFWR law enforcement districts, a six-hour free boating certification course is offered twice a month. Pre-registration is not necessary.

The Kentucky Boater Education course provides instruction on the safe operation of various watercraft and all boat-

ing laws. At the conclusion a test is given. Those that pass the test are issued a safe boating certificate as their proof of complying with the law. The course completion card must be carried by 12 through 17 year-old boaters while operating watercraft alone on public waterways.

To increase course availability and opportunity to become certified, Kentucky boaters can now gain their safe boating certificate (card) over the web, in lieu of attending an instructor-led course. Boaters can go on-line, log on to [www.boat-ed.com](http://www.boat-ed.com) and then click on Kentucky to get the required training and take the safe boater test. (A direct link from the Kentucky

Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' (KDFWR) at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) will be available soon.) The on-line course matches the

home study materials and the "live" course taught by KDFWR Wildlife and Boating officers. The on-line course will cost the student \$15 to take the Safe Boating Certification exam. Students may study the material and take the practice tests as much as they like at no cost. Study manuals are available from the KDFWR for either the on-line or instructor-led course.

Kentuckians may check Boater Education class availability on the KDFWR website at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov). Select the Boating tab from the homepage and then pull up the class schedule or certification requirement page. Those without internet access may call the KDFWR information center at 1-800-858-1549 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for course times and locations in their region, or to request study materials.



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# It's down to four top-tier teams

by JAIME ARON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Based on pedigree, this should be a great Final Four.

The teams left chasing the NCAA championship include the preseason No. 1, the winner of the top preseason tournament, a perennial power that spent a month at No. 1, and a top conference's regular season and tournament champs.

Further proof that there are no sleepers: The lowest seed left, No. 3 Georgia Tech, already has beaten Duke and Connecticut, the teams the Yellow Jackets could play in the finale if they get past Oklahoma State on Saturday night.

"Whoever wins the championship, I think, will really be the true national champ this year."

UConn coach Jim Calhoun said Wednesday. "I think most years they are, but this year I can clearly say you have to win two great basketball games."

Seeing the cream rise to the top doesn't always make for a

memorable NCAA tournament. Fans love stories of underdogs' pulling off upset after upset to reach the final weekend, or one star player carrying his school to a string of victories.

Yet there's something to be

said about the way it's worked out this season. Especially when players who could dominate in college are instead going to the NBA straight from high school or after one year of school.

These clubs still have their

marquee players, but the common denominator is that they earned their way to San Antonio by becoming well-rounded teams capable of rising to challenges.

"The continuity of college basketball is not what it used to be," said Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt, the only Final Four newcomer among this year's coaches. "You no longer have to have guys play together for one or two seasons. Now maybe half a season, three-quarters of a season might be enough to have them become a cohesive unit and then get hot at the right time walking into the tournament."

The Yellow Jackets and Cowboys, who meet in the early game Saturday, were long shots

six months ago because of uncertainties.

Georgia Tech was trying to overcome the loss of freshman sensation Chris Bosh, now with the Toronto Raptors. Even with him, the Jackets missed the tournament last year. Then practices began, and Hewitt quickly believed his team could be among the nation's best.

He even told them so. They responded by winning the preseason NIT, going 27-9 and tying for third in the ACC. They've kept winning in the tournament even with leading scorer B.J. Elder hobbled by a sprained ankle.

"Because we play so many

(See TEAMS, page five)

## BRIEFS: Garciaparra on DL

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra will start the season on the disabled list with an injured right Achilles' tendon and is expected to be out at least three weeks.

The All-Star said that doctors told him to stay off his feet. Pokey Reese will be at shortstop when Boston opens the regular season Sunday in Baltimore.

Garciaparra was examined in Florida by Mark Slovakia, an ankle and foot specialist from New England Baptist Hospital.

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Jeremie Robertson was traded by the Astros to the Cleveland Indians.

In exchange for Robertson, who led major league rookies with 15 wins last year, the Indians gave up outfielder Luke Scott and the rights to outfielder Willy Taveras.

Robertson went 15-9 with a 5.10 ERA in 2003, but the left-hander was dropped from the Astros' starting staff when Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte signed with Houston.

FOOTBALL

PALM BEACH, Fla. — NFL owners adopted a 15-

yard penalty for excessive celebrations.

The penalty will be in addition to fines previously in place for choreographed and multiplayer celebrations.

The infractions are considered unsportsmanlike conduct penalties. The yardage will be marched off from the spot at the end of the previous play or, after a score, on the ensuing kickoff. If the infraction is flagrant, the player will be ejected.

BASKETBALL

ORLANDO, Fla. — NBA scoring leader Tracy McGrady will miss the rest of the season after the Orlando Magic put him on the injured list because of left knee tendinitis.

McGrady, averaging 28 points, skipped the past two games because his knee was sore and now also will be sidelined for the Magic's final seven games.

At 19-56, Orlando has the league's worst record.

## Reds send Bong, 5 others to minors

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SARASOTA, Fla. — Left-hander Jung Keun Bong and five others were sent to the Cincinnati Reds' farm system Wednesday, leaving 30 players in camp.

Bong, obtained last week from Atlanta in a trade for reliever Chris Reitsma, was optioned to Triple-A Louisville along with infielder Tim

Hummel. The Reds want Bong to be a starter in the minors.

The Reds also assigned four nonroster players to their minor league camp: left-hander Mike Matthews, outfielder McKay Christensen, utility player Jermaine Clark and outfielder Jacob Cruz.

The Reds have 15 pitchers left in camp, including reliever Todd Jones, who agreed to a minor league deal last week.

## Clark, Mayer upset in doubles

Cards lose doubles point, respond with singles sweep

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MADISON, Wis. — The University of Louisville men's tennis team defeated Wisconsin 6-1 Wednesday at the Nielsen Tennis Stadium.

The Badgers took an early 1-0 lead by winning two of the three doubles matches to capture the doubles point. Wisconsin's Scott Green and Alex Conti defeated Octavian Nicodim and Mark Kennedy 8-6 at No. 2.

Clinching the doubles point for the Badgers was Wisconsin's 32nd-ranked Alex Kasarov and David Hippee who upset the No. 26 duo Matt Mayer and Jeremy Clark, 8-5. Louisville's only doubles win came at No. 3 where Damar Johnson and Jakob Gustafsson topped Ward Bortz and Mark Weinig 8-5.

Unshaken by the fact that Badgers won the first set in three of the six matches, the Cardinal fought back to sweep Wisconsin in the singles competition.

At the No. 1 spot U of L's Mayer defeated Kasarov in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, while Nicodim took down Hippee, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2), at No. 2. Johnson, defeated Green 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the third slot. Jhonny Berrido pushed past Alex Conti, 6-3, 6-1 at No. 4 and Jakob Gustafsson took down Ward Bortz, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 at the No. 5 seed.

Louisville's Clark, a graduate of Prestonsburg High, came back to defeat Weinig, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 at the six spot.

The 44th-ranked U of L squad improved to 15-7 overall. The Badgers dropped to 5-8 on the season.

"This match was won with mental toughness," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma. "Our team was down, but did not give in and fought back. It is always difficult to play Big Ten teams on the road, but we met the challenge. We've now won seven straight matches and are building momentum as we head into the Conference USA Tournament."

U of L (15-7) will play host to IUPUI and Eastern Kentucky in a doubleheader Tuesday, April 6 at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center. Matches are scheduled to start at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.

## Lofton

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Zack Allender, Nelson County; Marcus Barron, Lafayette; Melvin Beasley, Iroquois; Jermaine Bentley, Eastern; Parfait Bitee, Western; Thomas Britt, DeSales; David Byrd, Barren County; Tyler Clark, Lewis County; Brad Cofer, South Oldham; Damell Dial, Lafayette; Terrance Farley, PRP; Demetrius Green, Lexington Catholic; Tyrone Green, Wayne County; Brian Griffin, Clay County; Demetrius Guions, North Hardin; Bo Harris, Clark County; Tony Harris, Scott County; Tyler Hicks, Scott County; Al Holland Jr., Perry County Central; Brett Hoskins, Carlisle County; Jamie Litzson, Butler County; Jarrod Litzinger, Mason County; Chris Lofton, Mason County; Richard Long, Apollo; Chase Lyons, Pike County Central; Matt Maresca, Warren Central; Eric McKee, Anderson County; Harrison Morton, Lexington Catholic; Matt Nestheide, Covington Catholic; Blake Nix, Trinity; Ty Rogers, Lyon County; Boris Siakam, Caverna; Justin Taylor, Tates Creek; Jonathan True, Lincoln County; Brock Whitney, Warren Central.

## Blue Jays 5, Reds 1

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Jimmy Haynes reassured the Cincinnati Reds that he's ready for the rotation, pitching five shutout innings Wednesday before the Toronto Blue Jays rallied for a 5-1 victory.

For the second day in a row, the Reds played without Ken Griffey Jr., who strained his right calf while running out a grounder on Monday night.

Griffey got more treatment and showed major improvement, Dr. Timothy Kremchek said. Griffey might resume running on Thursday and is expect-

ed to be fully recovered by opening day.

"He's a lot better," Kremchek said. "He has virtually no soreness and full motion. We're very optimistic."

Haynes, who started the Reds' season opener last year, provided evidence that he has fully recovered from a bulging disc in his back that bothered him all last year.

Haynes had some weakness in the back when he showed up for spring training, setting him back. Newcomer Cory Lidle has been given the opening day start.

In five innings, Haynes allowed only five hits and didn't

walk a batter. He induced three double plays from a mix-and-match lineup.

"I had everything working for me, really," Haynes said. "I feel great. My arm feels good, my back feels good. I'm just trying to keep it that way."

Manager Dave Miley hasn't figured out where Haynes figures in the rotation, waiting to see how he did before making up his mind. Miley plans to set the rotation on Friday.

"He's been fine," Miley said. "Every (pitch) limit that's been thrown at him, he's gotten to without a problem."

The Blue Jays sent 10 batters to the plate for five runs in the seventh inning off left-hander Jesus Sanchez, trying to win a spot in the bullpen. Jeff Guiel started the rally with a solo homer.

Right-hander Chris Baker pitched five innings, giving up three hits, as a fill-in for Roy Halladay. The AL Cy Young winner pitched eight shutout innings against Yankees Triple-A players in Tampa, staying on schedule to start Toronto's season opener.

Notes: Lidle pitched four innings against Minnesota's Triple-A players, giving up three runs and three hits. ... Reds 3B Brandon Larson, on the DL with turf toe, went 2-for-4 in the same minor league game with a double and a homer. ... RHP Todd Jones threw in the bullpen without any problems. Jones, trying to win a spot in the Reds' bullpen, was hit on the right arm by a line drive Monday night.

## Pass on the heritage: Take a family member Fishing

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — The first true short sleeve weather of the year is upon us. The birds sing, the grass grows greener, insects appear and anglers daydream about trophy fish. Each beautiful early spring afternoon spent at work becomes true torture for those who chase finned species.

Drags scream in our dreams. Already bulging tackle boxes are stuffed even more with all the new lures purchased over the winter while anticipating warmer weather. New rods are placed in the corner of the closet and old, outdated rods migrate to the garage or attic.

This year, take some of those unused lures and a couple of those older rods and give them to your son or daughter or other family member. Buy them a small tackle box, place some lures inside, reepl and oil an old reel and place it on that old rod and give it to them. Unlike purchasing a video game, when you give a youngster an old rod and reel you no longer use, you give a gift that will last for years and will in all likelihood, be their favorite rod for all eternity.

You may recruit a lifelong angler into the fraternity of people who like getting wet and muddy and brag about smelling like a fish.

The bonding that happens when you take a son or daughter or a niece or nephew fishing lasts for a lifetime. Most seasoned anglers look back at those

first fishing trips with father, uncle or grandfather with reverence.

Those experiences are some of the most cherished memories in life.

A way to return the favor is for an adult to take their father, grandfather or grandmother fishing. Working adults seem to have less and less free time each year. Relations with older family members often suffer from work and family pressures. Finding work may sometimes require a move far away from family members. A fishing trip with older family members is a great way to reconnect with them during a holiday or vacation.

Family members now old enough to drive are also old enough to need a fishing license. Give a license to the family member for their 16th birthday - then take them fishing. This will instill in them the importance of buying their license annually.

For more information about fishing opportunities this spring in Kentucky, call 1-800-858-1549 or log on to fw.ky.gov.

## Larson

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Three weeks later, Larson was in the dugout in St. Louis when Todd Walker lined a foul his way. The ball smacked him behind the right ear.

That wasn't the most painful part. He fell to the floor while trying to get out of the way, put his left hand down to break his fall and broke it — the hand, that is.

Last year, he strained his rib cage during spring training, then lost the starting third base job by going .083 in the first three weeks of the season. He had surgery on his left shoulder in September, finishing off another disappointing year.

Given a chance to reclaim the starting job this spring, he came down with a stomach virus, got an infected eye, then hurt his toe. He hasn't played since March 10, prompting the move to the disabled list.

"Just weird stuff," Larson said.

And disappointing, too. At age 27, he's starting to run out of time before some younger prospect passes him by.

"I definitely need to make the most of the opportunity given me, no doubt about that," Larson said. "And I plan on doing that. I've got a lot of years left playing."

First, he has to heal.

The Reds put him on the disabled list because they wanted him to get more at-bats before he plays, a move he expected and dreaded. Larson was down-cast after getting the news, thinking about how he was going to miss out on the season opener against the Chicago Cubs.

"It's real disappointing that I couldn't be out there on opening day," he said. "I've been think-

ing about that day forever. But you have to have at-bats. You can't just go out there cold turkey and face Kerry Wood."

He also has to figure out how to escape the cloud that follows him wherever he goes.

Before his first at-bat in a minor league game on Tuesday, Larson stood next to home plate in the bullpen as a Reds minor leaguer warmed up, working on his timing as he watched the pitches go by.

The young pitcher got nervous and let one slip, nailing Larson on the left wrist. It left a welt that added to the legacy.

"I was just standing in there trying to read some pitches and end up getting smoked on the wrist," Larson said. "Like I said, it's just freak things."

## Supersonics fall to Johnson County squad

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ALLEN — The Floyd County U10 Supersonics took their home field in a season-opening match this past Saturday. The opponent was a Johnson County U10 squad. The Supersonics produced a great effort, but fell short, falling to the Johnson County squad 3-2. The game featured goals by Supersonics

Allison Sanders and Cameron Love. James Sanders and Jacob Wells both played well in the goal and were assisted by excellent defensive contributions from Andrew Padgett, Savannah Bryant, Kathryn Sanders and Bryant Studebaker. The Floyd County team gave great effort and with only one substitute available demonstrated excellent fitness and dedication.

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# Instant replay extended for five years; NFL optimistic about keeping Claret out of draft

by DAVE GOLDBERG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PALM BEACH, Fla. — The NFL once again compromised

on instant replay, deciding Tuesday to continue it for five more years rather than putting it in permanently. The owners did decide,

however, to add an extra challenge for teams who have successfully used two challenges. Since replay was reinstated in 1999, teams were limited to just two challenges, except for the last two minutes of each half, when a replay official could order a review.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and league counsel Jeff Pash also said that a federal appeals court in New York agreed to hear arguments to overturn the lower court ruling allowing Ohio State sophomore Maurice Claret and other underclassmen and high schoolers into the draft. Pash said if the court rules in the NFL's favor before the April 24-25 draft, Claret, Southern California sophomore Mike Williams and seven others would not be included.

Should that happen and the NFL subsequently loses the appeal, a supplemental draft for those players would be held within 10 days of the court decision.

The vote on replay was 29-3, with Kansas City, Indianapolis and Cincinnati voting against, but Arizona voting for it for the first time in the two decades it has been considered.

"Some people were still concerned about replay," Tagliabue said about not instituting it permanently. "And there were many, including myself, who felt that putting it in for five years rather than permanently would provide an incentive for the officiating department and the league office to continue to find ways to improve it."

Twenty-four votes were needed from the 32 teams to keep it. That was another reason, Tagliabue said, why some teams were reluctant to put it in permanently — if that were done, it would require 24 votes to get it out.

In other action Tuesday: —The owners renewed the NFL Trust, which provides \$4 million per team in licensing revenue for shirts, hats and

other products with team logos. But Tagliabue agreed to appoint a nine-member committee to look at all aspects of revenue sharing in the face of questions from several teams, led by Washington, Dallas and Miami.

—Tagliabue said he was

receptive to a contract extension beyond May 2005, when his current contract expires. However, the commissioner, who will turn 64 in November, added: "I don't want to work forever."

(See NFL, page five)



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## KENTUCKY FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

### Music City Bowl attendance record still intact

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Yes, University of Kentucky football fans love to follow their team.

It has been more than four years since Kentucky played in the Music City Bowl, but the impact the Wildcat fans made that day is still well-known in Nashville.

Official bowl attendance figures for the 2003-04 bowl season have been released. The Auburn-Minnesota matchup in the 2003 Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl drew 55,109 fans, a 41 percent increase over the previous year, but still short of the record that UK fans continue to

hold. A total of 59,221 fans were in the Coliseum for the Kentucky-Syracuse game on Dec. 29, 1999, setting an attendance record for that bowl which remains unsurpassed. And, it was almost completely a crowd comprised of Kentucky backers. As UK fans remember, there was only a smattering of Syracuse orange in a stadium full of Kentucky blue.

One season prior, a huge contingent of Wildcat faithful helped the Outback Bowl achieve the first sellout in its history as 66,005 packed Tampa's Raymond James Stadium on Jan. 1, 1999, when

Kentucky played Penn State.

■ Four Southeastern Conference teams, including two of Kentucky's opponents for next season (Alabama and Georgia), had juniors who have given up their final season of eligibility and declared for the 2004 National Football League Draft. The departed SEC players include:

- Alabama: DT Ahmad Childress, LB Brooks Daniels, DE Antwan Odom, OG Justin Smiley
- Arkansas: OT Shawn Andrews, CB Ahmad Carroll, TE Jason Peters, FB Mark Pierce
- Georgia: DE Robert Geathers, S Sean Jones
- Louisiana State: WR Michael Clayton, DE Marquise Hill, QB Matt Mauck

■ Coach Rich Brooks will have his spring practice radio call-in show on Tues. Apr. 20 from 7-9 p.m. at Damon's Restaurant in Lexington. The show is produced by Host Communications and UK play-by-play announcer Tom Leach will serve as host. Brooks will give his observations on the team's progress during the spring as the Wildcats prepare for the Blue/White Game.

■ Former Wildcats Derek Abney, Jared Lorenzen, and Leonard Burress are writing diaries for various entities as they prepare for the 2004 NFL Draft in April.

Abney's diary is featured on CANSI.com. Lorenzen's diary is in the Lexington Herald-Leader. Burress' diary is at website InsideTheLeague.com.

Kentucky Football Calendar April 20 - Rich Brooks Call-in Radio Show, 7-9 p.m., from Damon's Restaurant in Lexington

April 24 - Blue/White Spring Football Game, 1 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium

### Sinister G, Madcap Escapade top list of late Triple Crown nominations

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The surprise winner of a Kentucky Derby prep race and an unbeaten filly were among 15 late Triple Crown nominations announced Tuesday.

Sinister G, a 16-1 shot, won the Grade II Lane's End Stakes at Turfway Park on March 20, upsetting highly regarded Birdstone. Sinister G is trained by John Toscano Jr. and owned by Robert Toscano and John Toscano III, both sons of the trainer, and family friends Kim Corrado and Yamile Carlat.

The colt is 3-2-1 in eight starts, the first seven in New York. His last win before the Lane's End Stakes was in an allowance race in January at Aqueduct. Sinister G's next race probably will be in either the Grade I Wood Memorial at Aqueduct on April 10 or the Grade II Lexington Stakes at Keeneland on April 17.

Madcap Escapade, another late nominee, is a filly who has

won all three of her starts. Her last win came by 4 3/4 lengths in the Grade II Forward Gal Stakes at Gulfstream Park on March 13. Owned by Bruce Lunsford and trained by Frank Brothers, Madcap Escapade is one of 10 fillies nominated for the Triple Crown races.

Another late stakes-winning nominee was Kilgovan, who won the Grade III El Camino Real Derby on March 13 at Golden Gate Fields in California. The other 12 late nominees are Quiet Hero, Ascertain, Call Me Shane, Gambin, Kaufy Mate, Mustanfar, Little Math Man, Humorously, Monocular, Pure American, Song Of The Sword and Trieste's Honor.

Three of those horses — Ascertain, Call Me Shane and Gambin — are trained by Niall O'Callaghan.

Owners paid \$6,000 each for their nominations. The 434 horses nominated earlier for the Triple Crown races cost their owners \$600 apiece.

### Indiana officials put off decision on simulcasts

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The state Horse Racing Commission held off on a decision that could keep all of Indiana's betting parlors from simulcasting this year's Kentucky Derby.

But the commission could vote on the issue at its next meeting on April 21.

At issue is Kentucky officials' refusal to allow races to be televised at Indiana Downs betting parlors in Clarksville and Evansville. The Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association maintains that allowing the simulcasts could hurt nearby race tracks and betting parlors operated by Churchill Downs Inc.

Shelbyville-based Indiana Downs has said the blackout already is hurting its business and asked the state commission to consider cutting off simulcasts of Kentucky races unless all of Indiana's betting parlors are allowed to televise them.

Officials from both states and both racetracks have been trying to negotiate a settlement, but so far none has been reached.

"It was a substantive first step, but no more than a first step," said Joe Gorajec, executive director of the Indiana commission, who attended one of the sessions.

Indiana Downs attorney J.D. Lux said that cutting off the Kentucky signal was "not good for horse racing on either side of

the border," but urged the commission to take action soon.

Chairman Dick Darco said a deadline would show Kentucky and Churchill Downs officials that the Indiana commission was willing to take "a serious step" if there is no agreement.

Don Kubovchik of the Indiana Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association also asked the commission to act if a deal is not reached soon.

One commission member made a motion to cut off the Kentucky simulcasts if a deal is not in place by April 19, but stipulated that signals from the races on Derby weekend be exempted.

However, the motion was withdrawn after Karl Schmitt Jr., president of Churchill Downs Simulcast Network, said he believed that the Kentucky track would require Indiana to simulcast all the races or none of them.

### Alice Lloyd-Centre baseball scratched

DANVILLE — No college baseball game was played Tuesday in Boyle County. Centre College was scheduled to host visiting Alice Lloyd, but the game was called due to the weather. Alice Lloyd, coached by Scott Cornett, is currently 15-18 on the season with a 3-10 conference worksheet.

— Times Staff Report

### Lady Bears to host Cumberland College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — If the weather cooperates, the Pikeville College softball team will host Cumberland College for one game today and another one tomorrow.

Pikeville, coached by Robert Staggs, has games scheduled against University of Rio Grande and Campbellsville University for next week. The Mid-South Conference Tournament will be held April 22-23.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

|                  | W | L | Pct  | GB | L10   | Str | Home | Away | Intr |
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| New York         | 1 | 1 | .500 | —  | 1-1   | W-1 | 0-0  | 1-1  | 0-0  |
| Tampa Bay        | 1 | 1 | .500 | —  | 2-1-1 | L-1 | 1-1  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Baltimore        | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Boston           | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Toronto          | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Central Division |   |   |      |    |       |     |      |      |      |
|                  | W | L | Pct  | GB | L10   | Str | Home | Away | Intr |
| Chicago          | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Cleveland        | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Detroit          | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Kansas City      | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Minnesota        | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| West Division    |   |   |      |    |       |     |      |      |      |
|                  | W | L | Pct  | GB | L10   | Str | Home | Away | Intr |
| Anaheim          | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Oakland          | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Seattle          | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Texas            | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0   | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |

### NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

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| Atlanta          | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Florida          | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Montreal         | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| New York         | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Philadelphia     | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Central Division |   |   |      |    |     |     |      |      |      |
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| Cincinnati       | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Houston          | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Milwaukee        | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Pittsburgh       | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| St. Louis        | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| West Division    |   |   |      |    |     |     |      |      |      |
|                  | W | L | Pct  | GB | L10 | Str | Home | Away | Intr |
| Arizona          | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Colorado         | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| Los Angeles      | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| San Diego        | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |
| San Francisco    | 0 | 0 | .000 | —  | 0-0 | W-0 | 0-0  | 0-0  | 0-0  |



**Teams**

guys, it's a different (star) every night," Hewitt said. "People may get lulled into thinking that they're not very good, that the sum is greater than the individual parts. But the individual parts of this team are very, very good."

The Cowboys came into the season trying to blend five transfers with three holdovers. They got their growing pains out of the way early, then breezed through the Big 12. They entered the NCAA tournament having won 17 of 18 games, with the only loss by one point in double overtime on the road against Missouri.

The other national semifinal features teams whose fans probably marked this weekend in ink on their calendars back in October.

Connecticut started the season ranked No. 1, lost its fourth game — to Georgia Tech — and dropped five more, mostly after star center Emeka Okafor was injured. The Huskies' talent and depth carried them through rocky times, and Ben Gordon has taken over the scoring load in the tournament. They've won each of their tournament games by at least 16 points.

Now UConn gets Duke, the team it beat in the 1999 championship game. Although Blue Devils coach Mike Krzyzewski showed his team tape of victories that sent previous teams to the Final Four, he dismissed that title game as having "little relevance in our game Saturday."

"No relevance, to be quite frank with you," he said, "because ... none of these kids

played in that game."

Perhaps more relevant is this: Duke senior Chris Duhon is the only player at this Final Four who has been there before. He was a freshman when the Blue Devils won it all in 2001.

With Stillwater, Okla., about 500 miles from the Alamodome, Oklahoma State is the geographic favorite. The Cowboys also could become the sentimental pick.

Their story lines include John Lucas' arrival from Baylor after that program was rocked by tragedy and scandal, plus coach Eddie Sutton's attempt to shed the label of owning the most wins without a national title. There also are the memories of 10 people who died in a plane crash while returning from a game three years ago. Starter Ivan McFarlin and reserve Terrence Crawford were on the Cowboys' roster that season.

"There's not a day goes by that I don't think about one of those 10 people," Sutton said. "I'm not sure there's ever complete closure. I think it's always going to be in your heart and in your mind."

**Lawrence golf course on track to open April 19**

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — East Ridge, the exciting new golf course at Yatesville Lake State Park near Louisa, will open for its first full season on April

16. The challenging par 71 course was designed by noted golf architect Arthur Hills & Associates. The course rests on hilly terrain and offers dramatic views of the wooded countryside and scenic Yatesville Lake. The course is aptly named; American bald eagles have in fact been sighted around the course.

Park Manager Mark Reader said the course features a fully stocked pro shop offering equipment, apparel, snacks and related merchandise. Rates are \$36 per weekday for cart and green fees, \$42 on weekends. Hours are daylight to dusk, seven days a week, weather permitting. The toll-free reservations number is 1-866-906-7888. The local number is 606/673-4300.

**NCAA Tournament**

FINAL FOUR  
At The Alamodome  
San Antonio  
Semifinals  
Saturday, April 3  
Oklahoma State (31-3) vs. Georgia Tech (27-9), 6:07 p.m.  
Duke (31-5) vs. Connecticut (31-6), 8:47 p.m.  
Championship  
Monday, April 5  
Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

**Bramble injured in fall**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLORENCE — Trainer Clyde "Butch" Bramble remained in critical but stable condition Wednesday after falling from a horse at Turfway Park.

The incident occurred Monday morning during training hours. Bramble suffered arm and shoulder injuries in the fall, The Kentucky Post reported.

Bramble was taken to University Hospital in Cincinnati and was scheduled for additional surgery on Wednesday, the track said.

A hospital spokeswoman said no other information about Bramble's condition would be released.

Turfway Park President Bob Elliston did not immediately return a phone message.

Bramble's fall is the second serious injury involving a rider

at Turfway this year. On February 4, jockey Michael Rowland suffered massive head injuries in a three-horse spill. Rowland, 41, died Feb. 9.

Information from: The Cincinnati Post, <http://www.cincypost.com>

**NFL**

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—The owners heard more on the proposal to build a new stadium for the New York Jets on the West Side of Manhattan. Tagliabue said there would be further discussion on the stadium, perhaps even on Wednesday, but emphasized there had been no commitment by the league for a future Super Bowl there.

**Jr. fined for intentional spinout**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. was hit with a \$10,000 fine and the loss of 25 NASCAR Nextel Cup points for purposely causing a caution flag in the race at Bristol.

Earnhardt had fallen behind because of a tire problem and was in danger of going down a lap when he spun, bringing out a yellow flag that allowed him to pit for tires and stay on the lead lap during the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway last Sunday. He wound up finishing 11th.

After the spin, Earnhardt was heard telling his team on the radio that he had never spun on

purpose before. **Indianapolis Motor Speedway to get repaved**

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Motor Speedway is expected to receive its first complete repaving this year.

The \$2 million upgrade to the 2 1/2-mile oval was scheduled to begin the day after the Aug. 8 Brickyard 400, officials said.

The last similar project was in 1995, but that did not include the warm-up lanes or pit road. This year's facelift will take two months and use 36,500 tons of asphalt. — The Associated Press

**Lykens**

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Girls' Sweet 16 state basketball tournament, accepted the 15th Region Player of the Year award.

Crystal Kelly, Sarah Elliott and Jade Perry were also among those selected to try out for the 2004 Kentucky girls all-star team. Others from Eastern Kentucky invited included East Carter's Kim Stapleton, Perry County Central's Polly Sebastian and Leslie County senior Heather Benton, the 14th Region Player of the Year.

A complete list of the 2004 Kentucky girls all-star tryout invitees follows.

Patrika Barlow, Barren County; Cary Bell, Bowling Green; Heather Benton, Leslie County;

Candyce Bingham, Manual; Nicole Chiodi, Newport Central Catholic; Tarah Combs, Pulaski County; Terran Duncan, Metcalfe County; Sarah Elliott, Jackson County; Stephanie Fields, Marshall County; Megan Gray, Harrison County; Rachael Howard, Owensboro Catholic; Crystal Kelly, Sacred Heart; Ashley Lewallen, Butler; Johnna Lewis-Carlisle, Henry Clay; Whitney Lykens, Betsy Layne; Megan McGrath, Butler;

**Crack**

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McGuire and Jarred McGuire each scored twice.

Knott County Central had single runs in the second and fifth innings.

The Patriots mounted a late rally, scoring two runs in the final inning, but it fell short, as Nick McGuire closed out the game.

The Blackcats seemed to adjust well to the wooden bat tournament.

"It's a real nice tournament," noted Prestonsburg assistant coach Kimber McGuire.

Play in the Knott Central tournament continues today.

**Breathitt County 6, Allen Central 5**

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — Allen Central scored first, plating two runs in the second inning and had five hits to Breathitt County's third, but couldn't outscore the Bobcats. Breathitt County scored three runs in the third inning and three more in the fourth on its way to a 6-3 win over Allen Central in the East Kentucky Invitational wooden bat tournament at Knott County Central. In the loss, Allen Central committed four errors.

Tyler Turner, Justin Jacobs, Ramond Spurlock, Ryan Hammonds and Nick Music each had a base hit for Allen

**Drills**

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Trevor Compton, junior-to-be David Shaffer and current freshman Wes Hall.

Members of the Blackcat football program have been on an intensive offseason training program that has paid off for most all.

The Prestonsburg head coach has also seen an improvement in a strong group of sophomore offensive linemen.

"Our offensive line has improved greatly over the winter," DeRossett added. "We have a strong sophomore class that'll be a junior class in the fall."

Most of Prestonsburg's key skill players were out for spring drills. Prestonsburg, known statewide for its aggressive play, took it easy during the spring.

"We wanted to be safe and healthy through spring practice," DeRossett added. "We didn't want to get anyone hurt."

Prestonsburg finished the 2003 season with a 7-5 record that included a playoff win over defending Class 2A state champ Breathitt County. The first game of the 2004 season will put Prestonsburg on the road against Pikeville in the Pike County Bowl.



J. McGuire



N. McGuire

Central. Turner had two of Allen Central's three runs batted in.

Scott Little took the loss for Allen Central (0-2). Little faced five Breathitt County batters and gave up three runs. Hammonds started on the mound for Allen Central and allowed all three Breathitt County hits. Before exiting off the mound, Hammonds, who faced 16 batters, also gave up three runs. Two of the three runs

Breathitt County came across with against Hammonds were earned.

Turner and Wilfredo Diminguez also saw time on the hill for Allen Central. Turner and Hammonds each fanned two Breathitt County batters apiece.

Breathitt County led 3-2 at the end of the third inning. Allen Central came across with one run in the top half of the fourth inning to tie the game up again. Breathitt County scored three runs in the fourth inning to grab a 6-3 lead, an advantage that would stand

**Bristol Dragway season to kick off with Test & Tune, doubleheader**

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The 2004 Bristol Dragway Bracket racing season kicks off a 16-race schedule this weekend with a Test & Tune today followed by a doubleheader of racing on Saturday and Sunday.

The season has been expanded by two races with the run for the six class championships ending with the finale on Sept. 26. Once again, racers will be gunning for track titles while competing for cash and prizes in excess of \$50,000. Each race also pays \$2,000 to Super Pro winners, \$1,000 to the top Pro, \$100 for the Sportsman victor, \$60 to the Pro Bike winner and \$100 savings bonds for Junior Dragster winners.

Smith, Owen County; Anitha Smith-Williams, PRP; Kim Stapleton, East Carter; Corkey Stiger, Christian County; Olivia Terry, Madison Central; Trish Todd, Assumption; Ashley Trooper, South Oldham; Courtney Watts, Mercer County; Katie Willinger, Mercy.

Today's Test & Tune is from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. Cost is \$20 for all classes except Junior Dragster, which is only \$5. Spectators can watch for \$5.

The gates open on Saturday at 10:30 p.m., time trials begin at noon and eliminations will follow. Gates open on Sunday at 9 a.m. with one time trial at 10 a.m. Eliminations will follow. Cost to race each day is \$45 for Super Pro, \$35 for Pro, \$20 for Sportsman and Pro Bike and \$10 for Junior Dragsters. Admission for spectators is \$10.

Bracket racers who would like to join the Bristol Dragway Bracket Club can still do so on Saturday prior to eliminations. If they're signed up at that point, Saturday's points will count toward the championship.

**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**



Kyle Wicker, Prestonsburg High School Baseball



Selena Williams, Pikeville College Women's Basketball



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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Paybacks are a heck

If you read my column last week, you have to realize that I am in dire need of a little R&R. I'm taking off this week in hopes of getting a little of just that, but I have to be honest - the kids are off this week, too, so I can't say I'm greatly optimistic about getting too much rest. I guess if I can begin to get the yard in summer shape and dust off some of that wintertime dust from the shelves and draperies, I'll be doing good.



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

If you've given me an article in the past couple of weeks that you haven't seen yet, know that I've tried my very best. And, if you brought something in this week, I hope I'll be back in the office come Monday morning with a renewed energy.

Wish I could tell you that I'm going to be spending the week soaking my toes in the sand at

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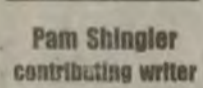
### POSTSCRIPT

## Color my world

Yellow, I think, is my favorite color in nature.

(Of course, I may have a change of heart when the redbuds bloom.)

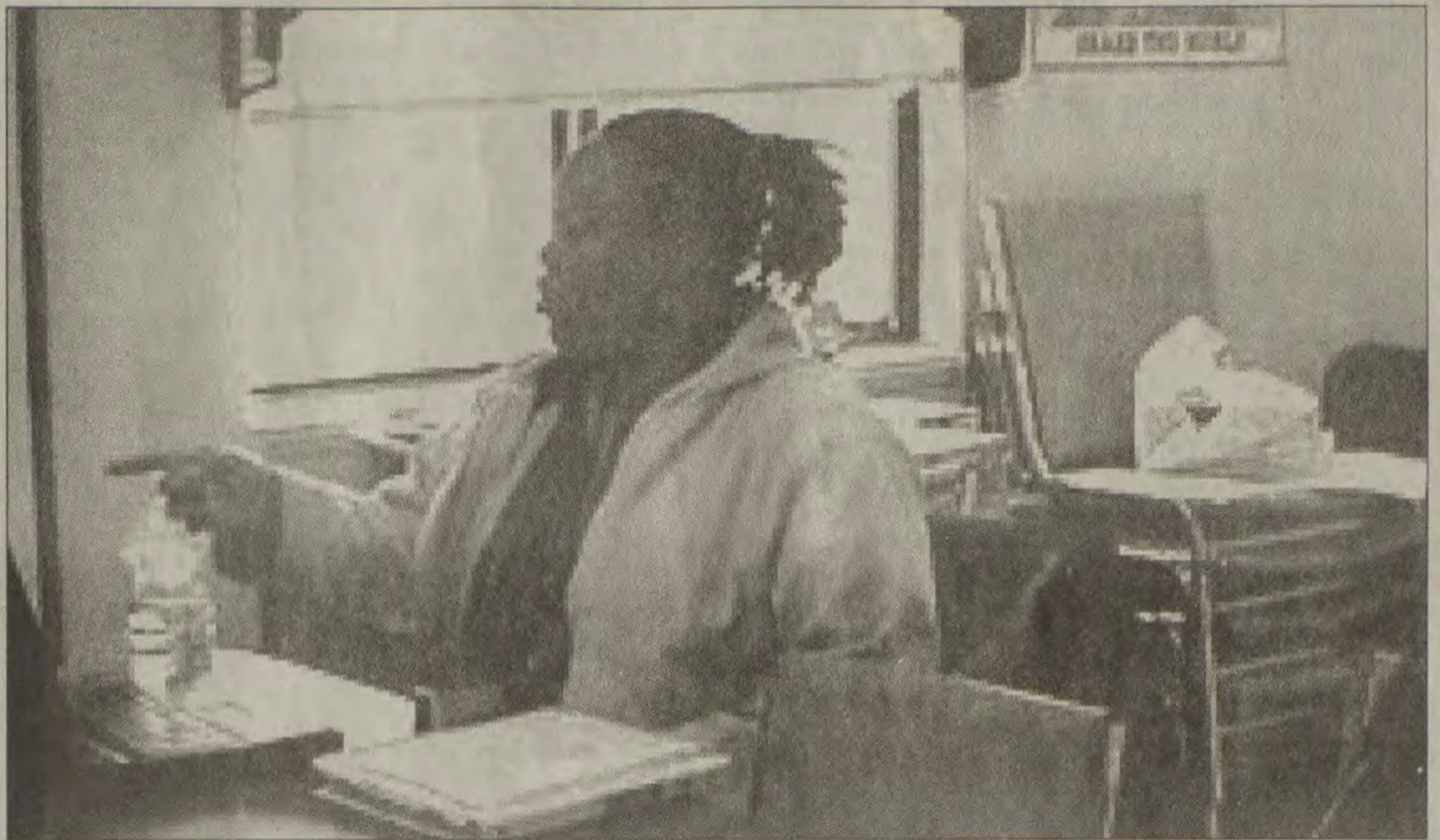
I favor yellow primarily because of daffodils and forsythia. Despite winter's chill that remains in the air, it's as if they can no longer contain themselves. They have burst forth with brilliance. I usually associate daffodils with a cultivated yard. Most have been planted at some time in a planned manner. But occasionally you'll see a cluster on a parcel of land with no house in sight.



Pam Shingler  
contributing writer

You have to wonder if a house

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Ingrid Bullock

# Neighborhood Network Centers Receive On-Site Technical Assistance

### Submitted article

The Neighborhood Network Learning Centers at Cliffside and Highland Heights were provided technical assistance March 15-17 at the Cliffside NNC, Prestonsburg. Of the many nominations and requests received only 50 centers were chosen across the nation. The Department of Housing and Urban Development sponsors 33 centers in the state of Kentucky and 1100 nationwide.

Aspen Systems, a technical assistance corporation in Rockville,

*Aspen Systems, a technical assistance corporation in Rockville, Maryland was employed by HUD to make a full assessment of the centers needs, challenges, goals and objectives. They employed a private consultant firm, Ingrid Bullock and Associates to come on site for three days and work with the Church Housing staff and stakeholders to strategize in areas such as business plan, workforce, partnerships, and microenterprise development.*

days and work with the Church Housing staff and stakeholders to strategize in areas such as business plan, workforce, partnerships, and microenterprise development. Other areas included outreach to residents through programs to help meet the needs of residents at the housing sites. Some of these were: resident council, neighborhood watch, boy and girl scout troops; classes in dance, exercise and nutrition, parenting, non-smoking, budgeting and

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From left to right, Sue Blackburn, Floyd County Drug Task Force, Valerie Butterworth, Cliffside Apartments tenant, and Theresa Scott, Floyd County Extension Office, sit in on technical assistance training program held at Cliffside Apartments.



### THINGS TO PONDER

## Things to ponder: Kids' moral decisions

A big guess is that many of us who "wanta be good" parents have often wondered, "Have I really taught my child the value system that I wanted him to have? How long will I have to wait to know, that he knows, the difference between right and wrong? Where do kids learn compassion, kindness, and other important morals?" How do you think your child would respond to the following situation? A student tells a close friend that she plans to commit suicide—and says that she trusts her friend not to tell anyone. What should the friend do?

Much research has been done examining issues around learning to make moral decisions. The basis of which is moral development, referring to individuals' conduct and attitude toward other people in society. This has to do with whether or not everyone follows society's norms, rules, and laws. For kids, this pertains to their ability to distinguish right from wrong.

A Swiss named Jean Piaget began studying moral development in children, in the early years of psychology. He told the children a story with a "moral dilemma" and asked, "Which boy is naughtier?" Is it the boy who accidentally breaks 15 cups, or is it the boy who breaks one cup, trying to sneak into the cookie jar, when his mother is not around?"

Piaget found that younger children showed a much more primitive understanding of right and wrong behavior than do older ones. They said the "naughty" behavior was the boy that broke the most cups, no matter if he meant to or not. In contrast, the older children told Piaget that the bad behavior happened when the boy broke only one cup, because his

motives were bad. This last boy intended to do something wrong. Piaget's opinion was that children did not fully develop this stage of moral development before the ages of 12 or 13.

In the 1970's, Lawrence Kohlberg was a developmental psychologist at Harvard University who became famous after he started doing research having to do with moral education. He also looked at moral development as Piaget did, even into adolescence and adulthood, such as the basis



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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# School Happenings

## Happy Spring Break!

### ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ 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.

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

■ 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

\*\*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

■ 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

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

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

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

### MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ 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:

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

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

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

### PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Character Education words for the month of April - Caring & Helpfulness.

\*\*PES wants to THANK everyone for helping us reach our goal of \$400,000 in Food City receipts!!\*\*

■ April 5 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., in school auditorium. All welcome.

■ April 8 - Image Photo Company will be at the school to take springtime class pictures. If you would like to purchase a photo of your child's class, the

purchase price is \$7. You must pre-pay for the photo the day the picture is taken.

■ April 9 - FRC Summer Camp registration. Summer Child Care Camp will be held June 21-July 16. Total fee is \$190. A \$95 (non-refundable) deposit is required on the day of registration.

■ April 13 - "Connecting with Kids" will be shown on WYMT-TV. Topic: "Silent Epidemic."

■ 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 20 - PTA meeting, 7 p.m., in school auditorium. SBDM parent election (school year 04-05) will be held at this time.

■ April 20 - Family Reading Night, 6 p.m., school library.

■ April 27 - "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!

■ May 3-14 - Spring testing.

■ May 21 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in school auditorium.

■ 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

■ School now has applications for 2004 Summer School program, dates to run from June 1-June 28, 2004 for 1 credit. For more information, call 886-2252.

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## Eyes

some Florida beach, but alas, I have teenagers and there's just never any money for playing, it seems. (If you're feeling sorry for me, give me a call and I'll let you know where you make a small deposit to my cause.)

In the meantime, I'll leave with a little tidbit that keeps me going when the young'uns are hollering. Hope you enjoy it. Take care and I'll see you next week!

### When I'm an Old Lady and live with my kids Author Unknown

When I'm an old lady, I'll live with each kid,  
And bring so much happiness...just as they did.

I want to pay back all the joy they've provided,

Returning each deed. Oh, they'll be so excited!

(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.)

I'll write on the wall with reds, whites and blues,

And bounce on the furniture wearing my shoes.

I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out,

I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!

(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.)

When they're on the phone and just out of reach,

I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.

Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their heads,

And when that is done, I'll hide under the bed!

(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.)

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,

I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat.

I'll gag on my okra, spill

milk on the table,

And when they get angry, I'll run...if I'm able!

(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.)

I'll sit close to the TV, through the channels I'll click,

I'll cross both my eyes just to see if they stick.

I'll take off my socks and throw one away,

And play in the mud 'til the end of the day!

(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.)

And later, in bed, I'll lie back and sigh,

I'll thank God in prayer and then close my eyes.

My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,

And say, with a groan, "She's so sweet...when she's sleeping!"

(When I'm an old lady and live with my kids.)

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## Ponder

for ethical behavior progressed through a series of stages.

Kohlberg believed that moral development had three general levels. The first one he called Pre-conventional, that was perceived as being at the elementary school level, and included children up to 10 years of age. This level begins with "Obedience and Punishment," where the kids behave and follow what is acceptable, because an authority figure, a parent or teacher, tells them what to do. The children are more likely to be obedient, since there might

be the threat of punishment, and they will do what is needed to avoid it. The later part of this level has to do with Individualism, which pertains to them getting their needs met.

Kohlberg's second level of moral development was considered typical of children over 10, and on to adulthood. This level has to do with moral thinking supported by what society thought was acceptable, so comes the name "Conventional." Typically, in the first portion of this stage, the children and adults' attitude pertains to doing what is necessary to gain the approval of others. The second half has to do with following laws or wanting to do the right thing, because it is good for the group, family, or institution.

Kohlberg did not think that many folks reached the third level of moral development—Post-conventional. The first portion has to do with an understanding of social order and establishment. This is when individuals govern their behavior by the relative values and opinions of the groups they live and interact with. His last stage was apparently very difficult to reach. It was based on respect for the universal principle, that may or not agree with society's laws. This is apparently when the individual follows the principles instead of the laws, if the laws do not support the principles.

A more recent author (Robert Coles, "The Moral Intelligence of Children," suggested that character or moral development is an interaction between nature (born with) and nurture (from environment). It develops as a result of how parents interact, balanced discipline styles, and children's own choices. He also stressed that children learn

about right from wrong from their earliest experiences. If the parents take care of the child's need, without being extreme in doing so, then the child is more likely to develop characters that accept rules and tolerate frustrations, later in life.

Another writer (Ron Huxley, "Love and Limits: Achieving a Balance in Parenting") points out the need for balance between discipline and the child's needs. He thought that when there is too much love, and a child becomes spoiled, the children ends up expecting their every want and need to be met regardless of other people's wants and needs. This was thought to cause children to be stuck in the early stage of being a selfish individual. How many adults do you know, and guess, were spoiled "to death" as children, because they are now middle-aged and still expect the world to turn around them?

In contrast, too many limits were thought to support the child in developing a low sense of worth and a lack of self-control. This usually results in an overly rebellious child or an unhealthy submissive one. It can also lead to young adults who will often do anything to get away from home and parents, to be on their own, whether or not they are ready to do the right thing.

Piaget and Kohlberg believed that most moral development occurs through social interaction, or being and doing with others. Kohlberg also thought that it was important to present children with moral dilemmas for discussion, that would help them to see and understand the reasonableness of next stage of thinking. The adults in children's lives need to provide opportunities for discussions, not "strict-sounding lectures," to take place about such topics as standing firm against peer pressure, teaching kids now to make good decisions on their own, and helping children make good friends without being overprotective. Young people need help to look more critically at the choice they face, analyze the consequences of those choices, and then make the right choice.

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# Program helps young woman find a career

PRESTONSBURG — Jamie Grindle was a young woman who had dropped out of Prestonsburg High School in the 11th grade. She was a single mother with a young son.

Grindle's difficult situation brought her to the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program service office in Prestonsburg in May 2003 and to the WIA SuccessNSight program.

Grindle actually wanted to pick up just a few essential work skills and then to get assistance with finding a job as quickly as possible. Career Advisor Michelle Justice explained the SuccessNSight program and what the program could do for Grindle.

Grindle agreed to be tested for enrollment in the program. Achievement testing indicated that her math and reading skills were below the eighth-grade

level.

Grindle entered the three-week SuccessNSight program in May 2003. She received training in essential workplace skills, completed basic employment research, learned about banking and credit, and participated in career counseling sessions.

Her confidence grew as the days passed and she became determined to develop her academic skills further. She began to prepare to take the GED test. She also completed five weeks of work experience as a nursing aide at a local hospital.

While in the work experience component, Grindle became focused on becoming a certified nursing assistant in addition to developing her basic skills. In November, she enrolled in the short-term training program at Big Sandy Community and Technical College to become a certified nursing aide. She continued to participate in the GED classes, also.



Jamie Grindle

In the end, Grindle passed her GED examination and the state board CNA testing. She had met the challenge with some help from BSACAP and WIA.

## Assistance

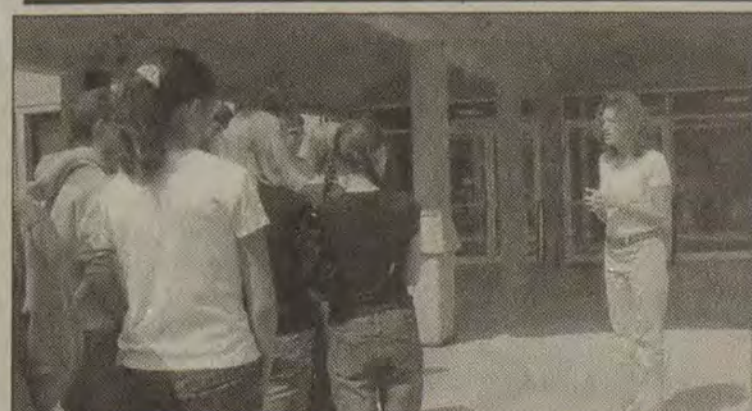
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financial planning, youth leadership using community volunteers, computer and networking, GED, and homemakers. The centers provide tutoring and homework assistance for all students. The students and residents have access to computers in each center.

Those in attendance were: Ingrid Bullock, On-site consultant, Janice Paige, HUD Neighborhood Network Coordinator and Project Director; Fran Howell, Administrator Church Housing Assoc.; Rev. Steve Pescosolido, Chairman of Board of Directors, Church Housing, along with other Church Housing project managers, maintenance workers and residents. Others in attendance were Teresa Scott, Floyd County Ext. Office; Jane Bond, Floyd Co. Health Dept.; Mayor Jerry Fannin, City of Prestonsburg; Jean Rosenberg,

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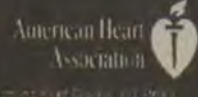
## Announcements



Students from Prestonsburg High School toured the facilities of the Hager Hill, Mayo and Prestonsburg campuses of Big Sandy Community & Technical College on March 23 and March 24 as a part of The Century Program. The Century Program (TCP) is an initiative of Foundation for Excellent Schools (FES), a Vermont-based nonprofit group. TCP will involve 100 colleges and universities nationwide who will partner with 100 K-12 schools to nurture aspirations, spark achievement, and foster college admission of its participating students. The Century Program is supported from grant monies received through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

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



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# Family Medicine

By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



# Pinkeye has many causes, usually curable



**Q** My child got sent home from preschool with pinkeye. We took her to the doctor. He confirmed it was pinkeye, gave her some eye drops to use, and told her to stay out of school until her eye was clear. What exactly is pinkeye, and why did she have to stay out of school? The following week her brother got pinkeye. Did he get it from her?

**A** Pinkeye is the common term for an inflammation of the conjunctiva — the outer clear membrane covering the eye. In medical lan-

guage it is called conjunctivitis — combining the root of “conjunctiva” with the ending “itis,” which refers to inflammation.

Many types of conjunctivitis can spread from one person to another. Millions of Americans are affected at any given time. Conjunctivitis can be caused by bacterial or viral infections, allergies and chemical irritants. Common examples of the latter are contact lens products and other eye drops or eye ointments. In preschool-age children, the inflammation is most commonly caused by a bacterial infection, with viral infection being the next most common cause.

This infection typically comes on suddenly, usually in just one eye. The primary symptom is a red, watery eye that may be associated with some mucus-like discharge from the corner of the eye. Frequently, the child wakes up with the eyelids “stuck shut” from the discharge. Sometimes they complain of itching and burning of the eye. Eventually, the other eye may become infected as well. While pinkeye is usually seen in children, it can occur at any age. Pinkeye can also be associated with ear infections.

Bacterial conjunctivitis is treated with antibiotic eye drops or ointment. It's a good idea to clean the eye with warm water and a soft tissue before using the medication, which will usually clear up the infection in three to five

days. Viral infections will clear on their own in eight to ten days. Allergic conjunctivitis is treated by identifying and treating the underlying allergy.

Bacterial and viral conjunctivitis are quite contagious. The infection is easily spread through direct contact with the infected eye. For instance, a person may touch the infected eye and then touch your hand; then you touch or rub your eye. You can also acquire the bacteria or virus through the victim's coughing or sneezing as well as through exposure to towels, washcloths and pillows he or she may have used. Putting used towels and washcloths directly into the hamper and changing the pillow case daily can reduce the spread of conjunctivitis. It's also important for you and everyone in your

family to follow good handwashing practices. That means washing your hands after any contact with your daughter or articles she may have used.

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## School

### 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

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 Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

### W.D. OSBORNE “RAINBOW JUNCTION” FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

“Lost and Found” located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items

not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

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

### FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.

Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult

Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

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

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## Postscript

sat nearby once upon a time, a modest house perhaps, occupied by people who appreciated yellow and blooming reproductive things.

When I was in college in Georgia, one of my best friends planned to marry on March 15, during the quarter break. One of our journalism professors lived in a penthouse apartment on top of a building near campus. He generously allowed us to use the penthouse and its patio area for a wedding shower for our friend a week or so before the ceremony.

I had seen a field out in the country near Athens that was filled with daffodils. There were

thousands of them, dancing to a windy tune and praising the maker with their vibrancy.

A group of us piled into my little Opel, drove to the site and gathered a trunkload of yellow flowers. We decorated the penthouse patio with the daffodils. Every possible container on every possible ledge and table brimmed with the color of the sun. It was a sight to behold as our friend was ushered into a marriage that lasts 'til this day, 36 years later.

(All right, so the flowers had nothing to do with the stability of the marriage, but it's a good story, nevertheless.)

The forsythia bush is just as

impressive this time of year. It seems to send out a few feelers after the first mild days of the year. Then, as if it cannot control itself, overnight it broadcasts blossoms all over itself with what seems pure joy.

In Whitesburg, a kind of shortcut from KY 15 to Madison Street and Appalshop goes around the high school, along a narrow, curvy, steep road. Right now, the wall on the school side of the lane is a sea of yellow. Forsythia bushes in full fire cascade over and above the wall. The scene is breathtaking.

I look at those two glorious plants and I wonder what we would do without yellow in our

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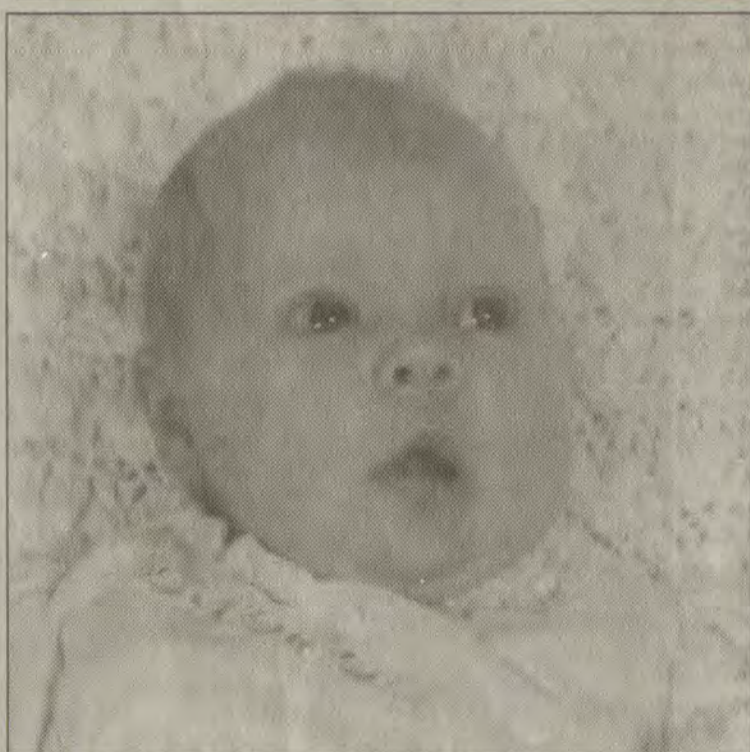
## Assistance

Big Sandy Area Technical Center, BSCTCS, Prestonsburg campus; and Sue Blackburn, Floyd Co. Drug Force Case Worker.

The centers will receive ongoing assistance from the Aspen Systems. This will help make the centers a valuable resource to assist residents in meeting their goals of self-sufficiency. The directors of each center will attend a Regional Technology Assistance Workshop in Memphis, Tenn., April 21-23. If you want further information, please call the center at Cliffside NNC and ask for Carole Rice at 886-9860; or, Highland Heights NNC, Patsy Williamson at 886-0608.

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## Births



Abigail Brooke Conn was born at Highlands Regional Medical Center, on January 14, 2004.

She weighed 8 lbs., 2 ozs., and was 22 inches long. She is the daughter of Brian and Jennifer Conn of Auxier. Her maternal grandparents are Jim and Myra Gillispie of Auxier.

Her paternal grandparents are the late Albert Conn and the late Irene Conn, of Martin.

She has one “Big Brother,” Payton Alexander Conn.

## Weddings



Riddle-Perkins

Jessica Ruth Riddle and Garry Lee Cody Perkins announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The ceremony and reception will take place Saturday, April 10, at St. James Episcopal Church in Prestonsburg.

# ‘Redbud Trail’ to add beauty to Eastern Kentucky’s National Scenic Byways

Beautiful pink and purple flowers of Redbud trees have always provided a splash of color to Kentucky's highways. Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association is working to enhance the beauty and impact of the trees with the launch of the Redbud Trails program.

SEKTD will identify locations on and near National Scenic Byways where the red-

buds are found in abundance, and plant new trees to create a Redbud Trail. They will also plant new trees in areas that are readily viewable to passersby.

Not only will the addition of the redbuds add to the scenic natural beauty of the National Scenic Byways, it is hoped the profusion of blooms will lengthen the tourist season.

U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers proposed the idea with the hope of strengthening the local econo-

my through increased tourism.

Redbuds typically begin to bloom in late March — about a month and a half prior to the traditional tourist season. The Redbud Trails program creates an enticement for tourists to make the trek to Kentucky earlier in the year, in order to admire the highways strewn with vivid redbuds. Earlier visitors may encourage seasonal businesses to open sooner in the year, which in turn could

persuade even more visitors to come to Kentucky early.

SEKTD plans to kick off the Redbud Trails program with multiple tree planting ceremonies May 10, in conjunction with PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment). Local school-children will take part in this planting, learning about the environmental benefits of tree planting, and will each take home a Redbud of their own.

“We plan to plant good size trees for this kick-off” said Sheila Kuczko, SEKTD executive director, “which will have an immediate impact on the scenery of the area.”

Three planting ceremonies will take place on May 10; one each in the London, Paintsville, and Red River Gorge areas.

SEKTD's mission is to promote, develop and expand the existing and potential tourism industry throughout Southern and Eastern Kentucky in an effort to contribute to the economic and cultural growth of the region.

For additional information on the National Scenic Byways program, Redbud Trails, or SEKTD, contact SEKTD at 606-677-6099.

# Free writers workshop at HCTC

HAZARD — Hazard Community and Technical College will host the 8th annual Spring Writers Workshop 2004 on Friday, April 30.

Writers who will be leading sessions this year are:

**Gurney Norman** — Celebrated Kentucky writer, Gurney Norman, will conduct three fiction workshops. Norman is the author of *Kinfolks*, *Divine Right's Trip*, and he is contributing editor of *Back Talk* from Appalachia: *Confronting Stereotypes*. He was born and raised in Hazard, Kentucky.

**Silas House** — The national best selling author of *Clay's Quilt* and *A Parchment of Leaves*, Silas House will conduct three creative writing workshops. House has won several awards, among them the Chaffin Award for Appalachian Literature from Morehead State University and the Fiction Award from the National Society of Arts and Letters.

**Nikky Finney** — Affrilachian poet and co-founder of the Affrilachian Poets, Nikky Finney will conduct three poetry writing work-

shops. Finney is the author of four books of poetry, most recently *The World is Round*, and she is currently the Associate Professor of Creative Writing at the University of Kentucky.

The program begins at 10 a.m., and admission is free. The workshops are sponsored by Hazard Community and Technical College and are funded in part by the Kentucky Humanities Council.

For more information, contact Scott Lucero at 487 3200 or 800-246-7521, ext. 73200.

# April 21 is deadline for ‘Star Search’

HAZARD — A Wednesday, April 21, deadline is approaching for those wanting to be in the first-ever “Appalachian Star Search,” which is scheduled for Hazard Community and Technical College on Saturday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in the First Federal Center, Room 123, at the Hazard Campus.

Two student organizations, Phi Theta Kappa and Student Government Association, are organizing the event.

The contest will have seven categories: Comic act of all ages; best singer, ages 1-12; best female singer, age 13 and older; best male singer age 13 and older; best group or ensemble; instrumental category (all ages); and non-singing category,

(all ages) which can include magic acts or dance.

An application and \$5 entry fee must be submitted by Wednesday, April 21. Prizes will be awarded in each category and a grand prize will be donated by Kemper Furniture. Applications can be obtained by emailing HCTCSTARS@hotmail.com, or calling Helen at 800-246-7521, ext. 73077.

Tickets will be sold to the public at the door for \$3.

“We expect to find some great talent as the result of this show and I hope the public will attend to see these gifted folks on stage,” noted Cindi Osborne, who is helping to organize the event.



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#### 460-Yard Sale

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**Yard Sale, Saturday, April 3, from 8am to 3pm.**, 1 mile up Abbott Creek! Good clothes, baby clothes, paperbacks, Household items, ect..

**April 3 Sat. only A.E.P.** Prestonsburg parking lot includes clothing, household items, Home interior Lots of other miscellaneous Items starts at 8 am

**5 family Sat. 8-4, 1st turn** on right on Spurlock Large woman and kids clothing and dishes. wooden crafts call 886-0966

**Yard Sale, Weather Permitting, April 1-2** Tremble Branch behind Prestonsburg Elementary School. Miscellaneous items.

**2 family garage sale, Friday and Saturday April 2-3 8am,** Children's clothes, housewares, toys, sound equipment, and lots more, 256 S. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, Ky.

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#### 590-Sale or Lease

**Building #1- Shop Metal Building** 120 wide x 60 deep, insulated, gas heat, office bath with 5 large bays, each with 12' wide x 14 high doors, Approximately 165 wide x 240 deep

#### 610-Apartments

**2 bed room** partially furnished central air, utilities already turned on, 5 miles from Martin on Route 1210, \$335 plus \$150 deposit call 285-3641 anytime

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**NOTICES**

**805-Announcements**

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**812-Free**

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**900-Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5435, Renewal

In accordance with 405 KAR 8.010, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has filed an application for renewal of a permit for an underground mining operation, located 2.6 miles southeast of McDowell, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation will affect a surface disturbance of 4.0 acres, and will underlie an additional 846.49 acres, for a total permit acreage of 850.49 acres. The operation is located 1.5 mile southeast from KY 680's junction with KY 1929, and located 0.11 mile south of Hall Fork. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37°26'58" and longitude 82°42'00". The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Premium Elkhorn Coal Corporation and Klein and Doris Stumbo. The operation will underlie land owned by Sam Eversole, Klein and Doris Stumbo, Loretta Sue Newman, David Akers, Dorothy Bentley, Brenda Moore, Earl Evans, John B. Newsome, and Premium Elkhorn Coal Corporation. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Heartland Estates Inc., 1735 Right Fork of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 8.29 acres located 1.5 mile west of Auxier, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.25 mile southeast from Ky. Rt. 1428's junction with Hager Branch Road, and located along the waters of Paint Creek. The latitude is 37°43'57". The longitude is 82°47'13". The proposed operation is located on the Prestonsburg U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by James Guess. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Ky. Rt. 1428. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. This application contains a request for a variance for experimental practice from the requirement to return to approximate original contour as required under regulation No. 405 KAR 16.190. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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 at Beaver in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 20.01 surface acres within the permit boundary. The proposed operation begins at the intersection of KY Route 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road of Mud Creek in Floyd County. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the haul road only method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Carl Mitchell et al., Sam Hamilton, and Carmel and Marie Clark. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

(1) In accordance

with KRS 350.0093, notice is hereby given that FDCD Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Ky. 41501, has applied for Phase 1 bond release on Permit No. 836-5368, which was last issued on 04/22/2003. The application covers an area of approximately 122.24 acres, located 1.5 mile north of Drift, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 1.5 miles North from KY's 122 junction with Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell Quadrangle Map, at latitude 37°29'30". The longitude is 82°44'46".

(3) The bond now in effect for the Permit 836-5368, is a surety bond in the amount of \$13,400.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$13,400.00 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes backfilling, grading and seeding. Completed October 13, 2003.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Div. of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 24, 2004.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 25, 2004, at 9 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 24, 2004.

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Pursuant to Application No. 858-5064, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Ky. 41214, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Odds, in Martin, Floyd, and Johnson counties. The proposed amendment will add 3.50 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 5873.16 acres. The proposed amendment is approximately 2.5 miles south of Kentucky Route 3's junction with Big Sandy Regional Airport Road, and located at the mouth of Bear Water Branch on Daniels Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Thomas and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and

Enforcements Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2, Hudson

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing will be held on April 21, 2004 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses in the Application of Kentucky Power Company D/B/A American Electric Power For Approval to the Extent Necessary to Transfer Functional Control of Transmission Facilities Located in Kentucky to PJM Interconnection L.L.C. Pursuant to KRS 278.218 Errol K. Wagner Director of Regulatory Services Kentucky Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power

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