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briefs

Judge says sentence correct

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A La Grange inmate who believes he has served more than his fair share in the slammer got an answer he wasn't looking for yesterday, according to documents filed in circuit court.

Acting on his own behalf, Hardy Kilburn, 41, of Martin, who is currently incarcerated on a manslaughter charge at the Kentucky State Reformatory in La Grange, filed a motion Jan. 20, asking the court to grant him a furlough, claiming that he's already served the necessary sentence for crimes he pleaded guilty to nearly four years ago.

Following a hearing in February, Judge Danny P. Caudill asked the probation and parole office to recalculate Kilburn's sentence, a request that was answered in a circuit court filing yesterday.

The probation and parole office estimated that Kilburn has served 96 days since he was incarcerated on Oct. 4, 2002, the same

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Jury recommends maximum for dealer

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County Jury found Liz Goble guilty of trafficking in methamphetamine Tuesday after only one day of testimony on the previous day.

The sentence recommendation handed down by the jury was the maximum allowed at 10 years and easily dwarfed the two sentences

prosecutors offered during the plea phase of the case.

The original arrest was put together by the Floyd County Drug Task Force when they used an informant to make a \$50 purchase of methamphetamine from Goble at her home.

Prosecutors called several witnesses who were all part of the drug sting that netted Goble while her defense failed to provide a witness

to counter the commonwealth's case.

The questioning of the state's witnesses was conducted by Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor. The chief witness was a confidential informant who was able to capture the drug sale on audio tape. The jury listened to the tape in court and this

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Liz Goble, 38, waited while a Floyd County jury deliberated Tuesday in circuit court. The jury returned in 20 minutes with a guilty verdict.
photo by Tom Doty



Areas of Middle Creek appeared hardest hit by flash flooding Tuesday, as swollen creeks covered bridges and roads. No estimate of damages was available at press time Tuesday, as county officials were out in the field tallying the toll.

Rain-swollen creeks cover roads, bridges

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

High waters caused roads to be closed throughout Floyd County on Tuesday.

Route 1427, Abbot Creek Road, and Water Street Bridge in Martin were both shut down by officials from Highway District 12 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet due to rising water.

"We are monitoring all roads throughout the seven counties of District 12," said Darold Slone, PE, operations branch manager, "and will keep water-covered roads open only when there is no danger to the driving public. If the weather cooperates and the water goes down in our creeks, the closures should not last very long."

Slone urged motorists to be alert and not try to drive through

high water.

Barricades will be put up on either end of the Water Street Bridge so that equipment can be positioned to remove debris that has lodged on the upstream side of the bridge.

"We thank everyone for their understanding about this temporary inconvenience," Slone said.

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Women allege discrimination at Paintsville Fire Department

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Two former employees of the Paintsville Fire Department, Beverly J. Ratliff and Salina West, filed a wrongful termination suit Monday against the city in the U.S. District Court in Pikeville.

The suit was filed by Johnny Ray Harris, of Prestonsburg, on behalf of the two women who claim that they were victims of gender discrimination.

The women, who were fired on Oct. 16, 2002, are alleging that they were wrongfully terminated

and that they were not allowed to work the same shifts because of their sex.

The suit also claims that they never received proper evaluations after their 90-day trial periods, which they worked past. They also claim that their efforts to talk about the issue were ignored by Fire Chief Robert Dixon, Assistant Fire Chief Don Fyffe and former Paintsville Mayor Robin Cooper, who are all named individually and collectively in the suit.

Cooper was surprised to hear about the lawsuit and recalled, "They had some issues with Chief Dixon but at that point [when they

talked to Cooper] they didn't have much of an argument."

Dixon echoed Cooper's sentiments and hadn't heard about the lawsuit till he was contacted by The Floyd County Times.

"I'm surprised," Dixon said. "I haven't heard anything about this."

The suit filed on Monday failed to mention any specific incident but was clear on what the two women want. They wish to be reinstated and receive all lost wages and benefits. They also seek compensation for humiliation, suffering and wish to seek punitive damages.

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Wet roads lead to host of wrecks

by JOYAL FRAZIER
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Wet roads caused three accidents Monday, according to the Prestonsburg Police Department.

Accidents were reported to have happened in front of Cooley Medical Equipment, Dr. Herrick's office and on U.S. 23 in front of the Waffle House.

According to Trent Combs, Prestonsburg Police Officer, four people were transported with minor injuries to Highlands Regional Medical Center fol-

lowing a three-car collision after 4 p.m. yesterday on South Lake Drive. Combs said the driver of a vehicle was slammed by two other cars when he attempted to make a left turn in front of Cooley Medical.

All three drivers and a passenger in one of the vehicles was transported with head and neck injuries. The names of those involved in the accident were not available at press time.

Another wreck was called in front of Dr. Herrick's office but when Officer Combs

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Return burglars cop quick pleas

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It was over quick and easily for two alleged burglars who pleaded guilty this week following preliminary hearings in their cases.

Paul Wilburn Tucker, 18, of Virgie, and Nathan Newsome, 20, of Pikeville, were taken in by Kentucky State Police last Monday on third-degree burglary charges

after a property owner detained them with their car when the pair, who had burglarized the Big Branch of Honaker residence on Sunday, came back for a second helping.

KSP trooper Brad Hamilton, who made the arrest, said the men burglarized a building adjacent to the property owner's residence and returned that night for

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Golf course tackles lax coupon controls

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Stonecrest Golf Course Advisory Committee met in special session Monday to discuss current problems with its corporate membership passes.

Dr. Rob Herrick brought out concerns about current

business practices utilized by Stonecrest, saying that the organization needs to find more "accountable" ways of tallying its coupon receipts at the end of the day. Stonecrest employees have been utilizing corporate membership coupons for too many purposes, he said, handing them out

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Odds & Ends

■ **NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — After much howling in the Legislature, senators decided that dogs can continue riding free in the backs of pickup trucks. They voted down a bill Monday that would have created a misdemeanor offense, punishable with a \$50 fine, for allowing a dog to ride unrestrained in the truck bed.

Sponsors said they were trying to protect the animals and motorists, but lawmakers — particularly from rural areas of the state — were highly critical. The bill had been amended to exempt dogs being transported for farming or hunting purposes. Senators then amended it to apply only to trucks driving on interstates, but that wasn't enough for opponents.

They voted 13-11 against it. The companion bill already had been withdrawn in the House when it became clear that passage was unlikely.

■ **JAKARTA, Indonesia** — A candidate in last week's legislative elections in Indonesia won nearly 800 votes despite having died three months ago, poll officials said. "It's a bit ridiculous," said Andi Mappinawang, an election committee member in south Sulawesi province where the mix-up occurred. "Maybe the voters didn't know that he had died."

Mirdin Kasim died in February, shortly after the deadline for printing ballot papers had passed, Mappinawang said Tuesday. It was impossible to inform all the people in the region of his death, he said.

Kasim was one of 33 candidates contesting the south Sulawesi seat on April 5 in the regional representatives council, a newly created body that will sit in Jakarta.

■ **VANCOUVER, British Columbia** — Beach burns here could receive far too much exposure if a proposed pair of high-rise dorms are built on the cliffs above a world-famous nude beach.

If the University of British Columbia builds the 20-story residences, binoculars and Web cameras will soon be trained on Wreck Beach, ruining beachgoers' privacy, Wreck Beach Preservation Society protesters said.

"It's mean for the university to do," said Stephanie Gibson, 12, who has been raised in the buff on the beach. "I know they need more residences for the students, but they have to think of us."

University Vice President Dennis Pavlich said Monday that the university will keep the group's concerns in mind when

designing the buildings. "All that's been approved so far is the concept," he said. "We are going to run our own tests in June and they will influence design considerations."

■ **MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa** — J.R. is the nation's top dog in sniffing out drugs.

The Marshalltown police dog and his handler, Officer Melinda Ruopp, won the 2004 U.S. Police Canine Association national championships in Bay

St. Louis, Miss. J.R. earned a perfect score for his vehicle search, and a near-perfect for his building search. The performances made him the overall champion in narcotics detection.

"That dog is extremely reliable," police Sgt. Brian Batterson said.

J.R. has sniffed out drugs around Marshalltown for more than five years and has cracked some big cases. One time, a canine team searched a wooded

area for two hours without finding anything. Then J.R. started digging and found five garbage bags full of marijuana estimated to be worth more than \$100,000.

Ruopp said she trained the dog to detect narcotics by leaving a dog toy in a sack with marijuana for a few days and then hiding the toy for J.R. to find. The dog eventually associated the game with the scent, not the toy, and then learned the scent for other drugs, such as methamphetamine and cocaine.

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Today in History

The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, April 14, the 105th day of 2004. There are 261 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. (Lincoln died the following morning.)

On this date:

- In 1759, composer George Frideric Handel died in London.
- In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was organized by Benjamin

Franklin and Benjamin Rush.

■ In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

■ In 1902, James Cash Penney opened his first store, called "The Golden Rule," in Kemmerer, Wyo.

■ In 1904, British actor Sir John Gielgud was born in London.

■ In 1912, the British liner Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began sinking.

■ In 1931, King Alfonso XIII of Spain went into exile, and the Spanish Republic was proclaimed.

■ In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath"

was first published.

■ In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

■ In 1986, Americans got first word of a U.S. air raid on Libya (because of the time difference, it was the early morning of April 15 where the attack occurred.)

Ten years ago:

Two American F-15 warplanes inadvertently shot down two U.S. helicopters over northern Iraq, killing 26 people, including 15 Americans. The chiefs of the nation's seven largest tobacco companies spent more than six hours being grilled by the House Energy and Commerce health subcommittee about the effects of smoking.

Five years ago:

Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr told Congress the Watergate-era law that gave him the power to probe actions of executive branch officials was flawed and should be abolished. NATO mistakenly bombed a convoy of ethnic Albanian refugees; Yugoslav officials said 75 people were killed. British entertainer Anthony Newley died in Jensen Beach, Fla., at age 67.

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Report: Device accurately tests for coal dust

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new device that would alert coal miners to high levels of dust is getting favorable reviews, a newspaper reported, citing a government report.

The personal respirable dust monitor, or PDM, takes constant readings of the air and gives instant electronic readouts. It would tell miners and mine operators when coal dust exposure levels became dangerous.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health tested six of the devices last summer at its Pittsburgh laboratory and at four underground mines in Alabama, West Virginia and Utah, the Courier-Journal of Louisville reported.

"Results showed the units provide accurate readings of a miner's dust exposure, were rugged enough to survive the underground mine environment, and provided data on instrument faults or potential tampering," said a report prepared by the lab, obtained by the newspaper.

Mine officials like what they've heard about the PDMs.

"The thing works," said Joseph Main, administrator of the United Mine Workers union's Department of Occupational Safety and Health. "It's like going from a Model T to a Ferrari."

"Everything we're seeing right now is very positive," said Bruce Watzman, vice president of safety and health for the National Mining Association, an industry group. "We're on the

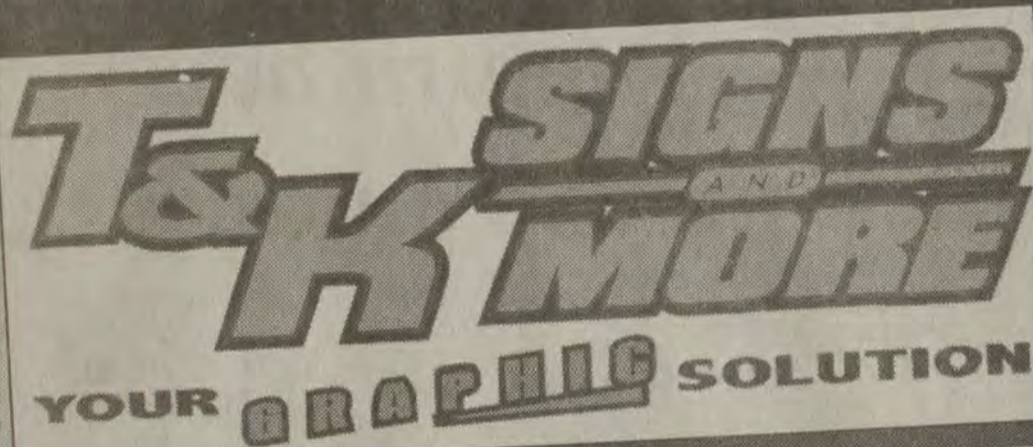
brink of a new day in terms of protecting miners and enabling miners to protect themselves from dust exposure."

About 25 of the devices will be tested this summer in additional mines, most likely including Kentucky, union and coal industry officials said. Commercial models of the device would cost \$7,000 to \$10,000 each, according to industry and government estimates.

The tests of the device came after MSHA last June suspended a controversial coal-dust testing proposal that the miners' union

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Verdict

was followed by questioning of the informant and all officers involved in the case.

Defense attorney Michael Studebaker cross-examined the commonwealth's witnesses but failed to make any of them appear unsure of their answers.

The defense failed to present a case.

Closing arguments began promptly at 9 Tuesday morning. Studebaker, for the defense, tried to point out that there were a lot of maybes in the case. He accused the tape of having too much static but at no time provided a plausible scenario for how and why any of the evidence could have been tainted. His defense consisted of repeatedly saying maybe something else could have happened at each stage of the process and he summed up by saying, "I'm not Johnny Cochran, but you can't convict on a maybe."

Taylor had a considerably easier time of it by reiterating the precautions used by the task force in gathering evidence and maintaining its integrity.

The only light moment came when he contested Studebaker's interpretation of some of the language used on the taped recording of the transaction. Studebaker had pointed out that when people on the tape were heard to be discussing "lines" they could have been talking about anything. Taylor challenged Studebaker's interpretation by asking the jury, "Is he gonna have you believe that they were in there doing wind sprints?"

Taylor also pointed out that Goble was a true saleswoman

when she told the informant that she was feeling good after sampling her products by smoking and snorting them and went on to tell the informant to "come back when you need more."

The jury deliberated for less than 30 minutes and returned a guilty verdict. This was followed by evidence given to help the jury reach a recommendation for sentencing.

The jury deliberated even longer on the sentencing but eventually came back with a

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Judge

estimate of time given for his sentence previously by the court, according to the order.

The probation and parole office credited Kilburn with 51 days in 1998 and 45 days in August 2002, when he probation was revoked.

Kilburn caused the death of a passenger in his car, Randall Elkins, on May 19, 1998, when he wrecked while driving under the influence of marijuana and alcohol. Two other passengers in other vehicles that were struck by Kilburn in that accident were injured.

Originally charged with murder and two counts of first-degree assault, Kilburn pleaded guilty to amended charges of reckless homicide and two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment on Aug. 2, 2000.

In exchange for his plea,

Lawsuit

ages. They are also seeking a trial and an order expunging any negative references in their personnel file.

The women originally filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and were issued a right to sue letter from that agency Jan. 14.

Flooding

"This is just a precautionary measure. If the rain keeps up, more debris will pile up, and could eventually reach the bridge deck. If the rain tapers off, we will be able to remove the material and get the bridge reopened more quickly. In the meantime, everyone needs to use extra caution until the waters recede."

Assessments of the water damage were still being done at press time.

Kilburn received a total of five years — two-and-one-half years on the reckless homicide sentence running consecutively with two other concurrent two-and-one-half-year sentences for the wanton endangerment charges.

Kilburn entered the jail on July 21, 2000, and was administratively discharged on Dec. 31, 2001, according to his court record. In April 2002, former Gov. Paul Patton restored his civil rights, a fact Kilburn used in his motion to show that his time had already been served on the reckless homicide charge.

Kilburn was arrested on a parole violation following the reinstatement of his civil rights, and he was resented in circuit court in 2002.

Caudill ruled in the motion, filed yesterday in circuit court, that the previously entered credit for time served by Kilburn is correct.

He will remain at La Grange until the service of his sentence is completed.

Wrecks

arrived the two parties had already left the scene. He said that there was debris on the road but no sign of the parties involved.

Prestonsburg Police Department reported that Lettie Smith was traveling north on U.S. 23, Luie Smith was turning into the Marathon Station when he was hit by Lettie Smith in the side. Both parties were taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center. The accident happened at approximately 2:39 p.m., and there were no passengers involved.

Burglars

another load when the property owners blocked their car on a hillside road.

Tucker and Newsome didn't put up much of a fuss in the courtroom Monday. They both pleaded guilty to an amended charge of misdemeanor theft.

District Judge Eric Hall sentenced them Monday to suspended 12-month sentences, placing them on probation for 24 months.

According to Hamilton, the men had stolen various items valued at approximately \$1,250. Many of those items, he said, were found in the vehicle upon his investigation at the Honaker residence.



For twenty-eight years the Honorable Greg Stumbo represented our county in the State Legislature. With Greg now having moved into the Commonwealth's Attorney General position, we have lost a leader that championed the people of our area. Now the voters must choose on who will succeed him and continue the hard work he put forth.

C. "Little Shag" Branham is the only candidate who has the proven ability to lead our area into the future. Shag has already served the people of our area in many areas that need to be fought for in the legislature. Here are some of the areas that Shag has championed.

EDUCATION: Shag has served on a site-based council; Shag is currently serving on an oversight committee for a new educational program of learning-to-serve for post secondary education for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System; Shag has fought for the children of Floyd County to receive the education they deserve; Shag currently serves as the City of Prestonsburg's Chairman of Community School Projects

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Shag is currently serving as the Chairman of Economic Development for the City of Prestonsburg and is the only candidate with a proven background to bring jobs to our communities.

HEALTHCARE: Shag has been an administrator in healthcare for a decade and fully understands the problems faced today in state funding for the people who need it the most. Shag knows what it takes to get our state to see that healthcare is not about dollars, but about people.

DRUGS: Shag has been a law enforcement officer and has seen the despair that comes with the drugs in our communities today. Shag will work diligently with law enforcement and communities to see that we WIN THIS BATTLE!!!

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Our View

Senator's response worse than remark

U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning has been on the hot seat of late, and well he should be for joking that his likely opponent this fall looks and dresses like one of Saddam Hussein's sons.

Bunning made the remark during a Lincoln/Reagan Day Dinner three weeks ago about Democratic state Sen. Daniel Mongiardo, the olive-skinned son of Italian immigrants who is considered a heavy favorite to challenge Bunning for his U.S. Senate seat in November. But worse than making the gaffe itself has been Bunning's behavior since.

After first denying making the statement, Bunning, through his campaign manager, sort of, kind of apologized 11 days later.

"We're sorry if this joke, which got a lot of laughs, offended anyone," Bunning spokesman David Young said in a statement.

Notice, there was no apology for making a stupid, insensitive, ethnic joke. Bunning, according to his spokesman, was just sorry if that stupid, insensitive, ethnic joke offended anybody.

You will have to excuse us if that heartfelt apology does not move us to tears.

And Bunning himself has had little to say about the subject. In fact, he has not attempted to make a personal apology to Mongiardo at all.

Throughout this whole episode, Bunning has displayed the classic strategy of political duck-and-cover, which goes a little something like this:

1. Make a stupid mistake.
2. Deny the stupid mistake.
3. Admit the stupid mistake, but stop short of offering a true apology.
4. Declare the issue dead.
5. Repeat 3 and 4 as much as necessary.

As offensive as Bunning's original statement was, this effort to waltz away from accountability for it is worse, because it assumes that voters are idiots who cannot see through such ploys.

If Bunning holds true to form, the next tactic on his list should be to wait until the stupid mistake makes a significant impact on his poll numbers, and then offer a seemingly sincere apology to Mongiardo. If that's the case, we'd just as soon see him skip it, because we are tired of this same old song and dance.

—The Floyd County Times



Guest Column

Poverty more common in rural areas

by THOMAS D. ROWLEY
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

In his 1964 State of the Union address, Lyndon Johnson declared "unconditional war on poverty in America." What's happened in 40 years of fighting? Obviously, not enough.

While poverty rates have declined — significantly in some areas — since Johnson's declaration of war, nearly 35 million Americans still live below the line. More than 7 million families are in poverty. Forty-seven percent of all children born today are born into families receiving food assistance from the federal

government's Women, Infants and Children program. What's more, the situation is getting worse. Those figures are higher, not lower, than in previous years.

What many people don't realize is that poverty, bad enough in urban areas, is in many ways worse still in rural ones. While 11 percent of urban/suburban residents live in poverty, 14 percent of rural residents do. While 15 percent of urban kids are poor, 20 percent of rural kids are poor. Ninety-five percent of the so-called persistent poverty counties (counties with poverty rates of 20 percent or more in each census over the last four decades) are rural. Finally, the more rural and remote you go, the more poverty you're likely to find.

According to Rachel Tompkins, president of The Rural School and Community Trust, while we may have won a few battles, we've lost the war. "The things we've been working on, don't fix [rural poverty]." Part of the reason, said Tompkins, is that for all our recent efforts in welfare reform, health

care reform, and school reform, "we've ignored the large beast in the room: persistent structural poverty."

To help rectify that situation, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2002 created three new regional poverty research centers—one of them focused on rural poverty. Recently, the Rural Poverty Research Center brought together dozens of researchers, policymakers, and rural advocates like Tompkins to help set its research agenda. And a big agenda, it is.

First, we need to know why rural poverty rates are higher. Is it the place — with fewer economic opportunities, fewer institutional resources, and the like — that keeps people poor? Or is it the people — perhaps with fewer abilities or, worse, less ambition, less admirable behavior — that beat themselves? This "structural" versus "behavioral" debate is as old as the hills, yet still alive in the policy arena—never more so than today. And how one answers the

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Letters

Pastor clarifies comments

I want to clarify a quote about myself in the Rick and Kim Hardy article that was printed by your paper last Friday.

When your reporter called me to ask if I thought Social Services had a vendetta against the Hardys, my reply was that "with the information given to be and by my involvement with the case it appeared that way to me." I advised her to call the prior social worker who resigned his position over what he thought was the bad treatment of the Hardys and other situations. He (the resigned social worker) made powerful and scary statements about this case. I told the reporter that I did not know the

Hardys when the original allegations were made and advised her to talk with the others who were involved in the case so she could get at the truth.

I met Mr. Hardy during my jail ministry. During the time I've known Rick Hardy, I've found him to be an honest, truthful and caring man.

I couldn't make a blanket statement about the actions of all social workers, because I don't know all the social workers. I've known and know some very good ones. I have several family member and dear friends who are social workers and/or counselors in social fields. Our church had enjoyed a good relationship with social services over the years. This situation took us completely by surprise.

However, real animosity was directed toward me by some of the social workers.

My wife and I were allowed to keep the new baby and his mother for a while by the court until after I was called to make a statement in court. Mrs. Hardy took excellent care of her baby while they were staying in our home. Mr. Hardy was allowed to visit for only one hour each day and observed the order to the law. We felt we were helping the system as well as the mother by allowing them to stay in our home under our supervision.

Before this article was published by your paper, we were told that our church was discussed by social services at a meeting in another county and that we were coming against social services. If a person is asked to testify and gives a truthful observation, how can that be coming against social services?

I can understand why the previous social worker

resigned and the other professional court-appointed counselor is resigning. After all, if their professional opinion is of no value why should they be involved? The reason I referred the reporter's questions to the professionals involved was because I did not want our church slurred. Our mission is to help those hurting, not to hurt those helping!

Pastor Tom Nelson
Town Branch Church

Drug test refusal disturbing

I have been very disturbed by the news report of a teacher refusing to take a drug test, to the point of engaging a lawyer. With the

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Health Extra



PMAGEK scholarship recipient Christopher Settles from Pike County Central High School.

PMAGEK awards scholarships

PAINTSVILLE — The Philippine Medical Association of Greater Eastern Kentucky awards scholarships to local high school students who plan on entering the medical field. The scholarships are \$1,000 per year (total value \$4,000) as long as the recipients meet the guidelines established by PMAGEK.

At the 5th Bi-Annual Induction Ball held recently at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville, Christopher Settles from Pike County Central High School and Sarah Fitzpatrick from Pikeville High School, the recipients of the two scholarships, were recognized. Settles is the son of Jeffery

and Christine Settles of Open Fork Road, Pikeville. He has participated in Governor's Scholars, Science Camp for Rural Appalachian Students, Kentucky Appalachian Science Program and the Carter G. Woodson Science Institute. He is involved in many school and community activities.

Settles plans to attend UK and becoming a medical doctor specializing in endocrinology or radiology.

Fitzpatrick is the daughter of Carol Fitzpatrick of Pikeville. She has attended the Governor's Scholars program and the Junior Statesman of America Program. She is active both in school and community events. She has worked part-time throughout her high school years as a cashier.

Fitzpatrick plans on attending UK and majoring in pre-pharmacy.

Hotline answers questions about Medicare drug card

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) assists seniors and disabled Kentuckians with Medicare and other issues concerning their health insurance options. SHIP has received additional funding to focus on the new improvements to Medicare with special focus on the Medicare Prescription Drug Card.

This year's funding represents an increased emphasis on one-on-one counseling for Medicare beneficiaries provided by the staff and volunteers at SHIP.

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson announced that HHS will award \$21.1 million this year and another \$31.7 million next year to state and local programs that counsel Medicare beneficiaries to help them understand and take advantage of new benefits in Medicare. Kentucky will receive \$386,714 this year.

"These counselors are among the most effective resources we have in helping Medicare beneficiaries learn about the changes to Medicare," Secretary Thompson said. "They will be able to use these new funds to equip each local organization with the tools it will need to answer beneficiaries' questions."

In Kentucky, the Office of Aging Services through the Area Agencies on Aging administers the SHIP program that provides individual help to seniors and people with disabilities with health insurance questions and problems. Kentucky has more than 200 volunteers and paid staff in nearly every county of our state. These counselors use their knowledge of Medicare and other local insurance pro-

grams and services to provide in-depth assistance to people with Medicare.

"I applaud Secretary Thompson and am glad to work in partnership with him on this

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Dr. Mary Lu-Espanol receiving an appreciation plaque from Dr. Leonor Pagtakhan-So, the new incoming PMAGEK president.

Dr. So inducted as president of PMAGEK

PAINTSVILLE — The night of April 3 was a magical moment for many doctors and their acquaintances in our local area. The Philippine Medical Association of Greater Eastern

Kentucky held its Fifth Bi-Annual Induction Ball in the Argand Room at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville.

Dr. Mary Lu-Espanol, a plastic surgeon from Pikeville, presided over the ceremony. Dr. Lu served as president of PMAGEK from 2002-2004. Dr. Leonor Pagtakhan-So, an allergist from Pikeville, was inducted as the new president of PMAGEK for the term of 2004-2006.

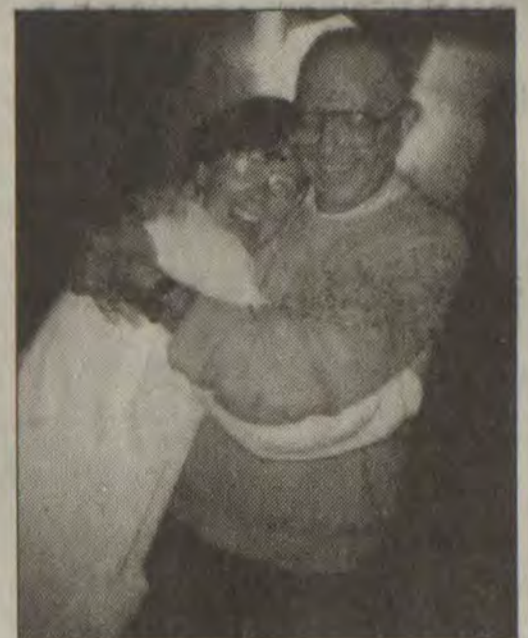
Other officers inducted for this term were Dr. Ermelinda Arriola, Vice President; Dr. Maye Berroya, Secretary; Dr. Maribel Chua, Asst. Secretary; Dr. Corazon Chua, Treasurer; Dr. Clarita Vicher, Asst. Treasurer; Dr. Ferdinand Chua, Auditor; Dr. Cesar Agtarap and Dr. Sid Shih, P.R.O.

All attendees enjoyed a delightful dinner followed by a dance. John Goble, a local pharmaceutical representative, impressed the crowd with his vocal talents along with a dance presentation by the University of Kentucky Fil-Am students.

CHARLES STUMBO RESPONDS TO THE ATTACK ON HIS DAUGHTER, JANET STUMBO

Dear Eastern Kentuckians:

My daughter, Janet Stumbo, is a Justice on the Kentucky Supreme Court, and she is running for re-election. Her opponent, Will T. Scott, recently spoke at a country club in Paintsville. He told the audience that Janet



had not "earned" the right to use her last name. A few weeks later he continued his attack in the Pikeville news-paper, the Appalachian News Express, when he said, "What I resent is her using the name Stumbo when she didn't make it famous and she's trying to hide behind famous people just like all my other opponents have."

Let me set the record straight, Janet was born a Stumbo. It is my name, my dad's name, and our family name since they came to America in the 1700s. It is the name that was given to Janet at her birth, by myself and her late mother Doris Stanley Stumbo. Everything Janet has she worked hard for and earned. When she graduated law school, she began practicing law as Janet Stumbo. She became a partner in a law firm of Turner, Hall & Stumbo. On two occasions she has been elected to both the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court and twice she defeated opponents who were appointed by the Governor.

I don't know what a woman has to do to earn the right to use her own name. I think when a coal miner's daughter grows up here, works her way through law school, becomes a Court of Appeals Judge and then a Supreme Court Justice, that means you have earned your success.

I'm no big shot, I have worked in the mines, been an electrical inspector and former employee of the ARH Hospitals. Maybe the people in Mr. Scott's country club don't think my daughter has earned the right to use the name she grew up with. That's up to them, but a lot of us are very proud of Janet and the name she has made for herself.

Rather than launching a well-deserved personal attack on Mr. Scott, I have decided to host a reception celebrating Ned and Janet's twenty-year marriage. Their anniversary actually falls on the day after the November election, but given the timing of Mr. Scott's allegations, I thought April 24, 2004, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., at the May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Park would be a nice time to celebrate Ned and Janet's twenty-year marriage. This 76-year-old retired coal miner would be honored to see you at the May Lodge on April 24th.

P.S. For further information, please visit Janet's website at www.stumbo2004.com, where you can read all of Mr. Scott's silly statements.

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Hillbilly Night

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
Saturday, April 17, 2004

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Enjoy a festive, hillbilly supper at May Lodge, featuring: roast pig carved on the line, fried chicken, barbecued ribs, country ham, chicken and dumplings, fried apples, Kentucky-style green beans, fried taters with onions, turnip greens, pinto beans, and a large assortment of salads, desserts, and beverages.

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7:30 p.m. **Comedian Munroe Birdshot:** "Munroe" is Appalachian comedy at its best. This talented performer is a part of the Kentucky Opry that performs regularly in The Mountain Arts Center. He will be at the Campground "Dance Pad."

8:30 p.m. **Square, Folk and Line Dancing:** Fun for the entire family. Get your heels a tappin' and your hands a clappin' for a good ole fashioned dance. All dances are easy and will be taught. No experience necessary. Campground "Dance Pad."

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Card of Thanks

The family of Ida Burchett Click would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the food, flowers, prayers, and all the kindness that you may have shown to our family. A special thanks to the United Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for their kind, professional, and courteous service. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF IDA BURCHETT CLICK

Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF VERNA MAE CONN

Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF BETTY JO SEXTON

Card of Thanks

The family of Helen Richie would like to acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation, all those who helped in anyway during the recent loss of our loved one. Thanks so much for the food and the flowers, and for the acts of kindness that each one has shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergyman Bobby Isaac for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF HELEN RICHIE

Card of Thanks

The family of Raymond Hall wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Red Morris, Johnny Collins, and Buddy Jones, for their comforting words, the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church for all the kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their compassion and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF RAYMOND HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Donna Faye Hall Allen would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, or just spoke kind words. All your acts of kindness will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thank-you to Clergyman Ralph Hall for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their efficient services.

THE FAMILY OF DONNA FAYE HALL ALLEN

Dollie M. Patton

Dollie M. Patton, age 84, of New London, Ohio, died Friday morning, April 9, 2004, at New London Health Care Center, following a lengthy illness.

She was born February 16, 1920, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Nelson and Syltania (Gallaspie) Harvey. She had lived in New London, since 1952. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by four sons: Bobby (Ruby) Patton and Lawrence "Dan" (Mary) Patton, all of New London, J. B. (Connie) Patton of Akron, Jack Patton, Jr. of Ashland; one daughter, Goldie (Clifford)

Goble of Clyde; 17 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Jackson "Jack" Patton; a son, Gary Patton; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 13, 11 a.m., at the New London Church of Christ, 130 Third St., with Pastor James Bond officiating.

Burial was at Ashland County Memorial Park, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home, New London.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Rev. Vernon Slone

Rev. Vernon Slone, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at his residence.

Born December 6, 1926, at Blue River, he was the son of the late Charlie and Osie Slone. He was founder and pastor emeritus of the Middle Creek Baptist Church, at Blue River; prior to his ministry, he worked at Chrysler Corp., in Minneapolis, was a U.S. Navy veteran, and was also a tax preparer.

He was saved in 1958 in Indianapolis, on Easter morning. In 1971, the Lord spoke to his heart that he should go to the hills of Kentucky to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. He surrendered to that call. The Middle Creek Baptist Church was established in June 1971. He resigned as pastor in September 2003, because of illness. His greatest joy was telling people to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. The Lord called Vernon to be with Him in Heaven on Easter morning, thirty-three years later. He served his country in the U.S. Navy, at the end of World War II. He was discharged in 1946. He served on the U.S.S. Boganville and the U.S.S. Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Lavonne "Bonnie" Pitts Slone.

Other survivors include three sons: Charles Vernon Slone of Carmel, Indiana, Michael Slone of New Palestine, Indiana, and David Slone of Fishers, Indiana; three step-sons: Duane Bottom of Deltona, Florida, Bruce Bottom of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, and Marlin Bottom of Grapevine, Texas; four brothers: Irvin Slone, Columbus Slone and Joe Ed Slone, all of Blue River, and Billy Henry Slone of Indianapolis, Indiana; three sisters: Clara Slone of Blue River, Mary Louise Nelson of Prestonsburg, and Charlene Jones of Duluth, Georgia; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Allen Slone; two sisters: Ann Delong and Beatrice Slone, and a granddaughter, Jena Slone.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, April 14, at 1 p.m., at the Middle Creek Baptist Church, in Blue River, with Rev. Eugene Cook and Rev. Don Crisp officiating; and Thursday, April 15, at 2 p.m., at the Zion Methodist Church, in Greensburg, Indiana, with Rev. Charlie Kittrell, Rev. Eugene Cook, and Rev. Dennis Hadler officiating.

Burial will be in the family cemetery in Greensburg, Indiana, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was held at the Middle Creek Baptist Church, at Blue River, and Thursday, April 15, at noon, at the Zion Methodist Church in Greensburg, Indiana. (Paid obituary)

Toy E. Mitchell

Toy E. Mitchell, age 77, of Galena, Ohio, passed away, Friday, April 9, 2004, at his residence.

He retired from Wonder Bread after 37 years of faithful service.

He is survived by his wife, Winifred Mitchell.

Other survivors include five sons: Lloyd B. (Debbie), Toy E. Jr., Joey R. (Debbie), Mickey, and Kevin L.; three daughters: Catherine A. Mitchell, Joyce (Paul) Weinberger, and Patricia (Ted) Hanawalt; two brothers: Claude (Carmel) Mitchell, and Howard (Lola) Mitchell, both of Indiana; two sisters: Ettabelle (Al) Gluba of Iowa, and Maudine Caudill of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Catherine (Tackett) Mitchell; one brother, Lloyd Mitchell; and one son, Samuel Mitchell.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 13, 10 a.m., at the Newcomer-Farley funeral home, Columbus, Ohio.

Interment was in Union Cemetery, under the direction of Newcomer-Farley Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

The family would like to give a special thanks to hospice nurse Stephanie Bosworth, for her caring and thoughtfulness in our time of need.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Vista Care, 2760 Airport Dr., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43219.

Messages of condolences may be left at www.newcomerfamily.com

(Paid obituary)

Richard Earl Martin

Richard Earl Martin, 74, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born October 26, 1929, in Lynchburg, Virginia, he was the son of Gladys Elora Mann Martin of Richmond, Virginia, and the late Ned Bernard Martin. He was a retired civil engineer and owner of Martin Engineering. He was a member of the First Baptist Church at Prestonsburg; a former president of Kiwanis Club, Prestonsburg; Advisor Council of Boy Scouts of America, a member of Society of Civil Engineers, and project manager, First Commonwealth Bank. He graduated from Hopewell High School, and graduated with a B.S. degree from V.P.I., Blacksburg, Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Vaughn Martin.

In addition to his wife, and mother, he is survived by one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Martin of New Orleans, Louisiana; two brothers: Ned Bernard Martin Jr., and David Preston Martin, both of Richmond, Virginia; and one granddaughter, Katherine Ann Wells of Paintsville.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Susan Vaughn Martin Wells.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 13, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Floyd Price officiating.

Interment was at Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville.

Contributions are suggested to Alzheimers research or First Baptist Church, 157 S. Front St., Prestonsburg.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Martin family.

Active pallbearers: Dr. Blake Burchett, Doug Adams II, "Little" Shag Branham, Bill Roberts, Frank A. Wells Jr., Rex Reynolds, and Ronnie Reynolds.

Honorary: James D. Adams, Shag Branham, Clyde Burchett, Tom Ed Music, Ed Ousley, Mike Fannin, Ronnie Hager, Yancy Ferguson, C.J. McNally, Johnny Burke, Seldon Horne, and Bill Harvey Howard.

(Paid obituary)

Lillian Thornsby Kendrick Blackburn

Lillian Thornsby Kendrick Blackburn, 70, of Martin, died Monday, April 12, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born May 30, 1933, at Dwale, she was the daughter of the late Morris and Mary Garrett Thornsby. She was a homemaker and a member of the Emma United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law: Marty and Patricia Kendrick of Dwale, and Clint and Carla Campbell of Martin; brothers: Gary Thornsby and Everett Thornsby, both of Warsaw, Indiana, and Hack Thornsby of Prestonsburg; sisters: Ida Ross and Myrtle Jo Potter, both of Prestonsburg, and Hester Layne of Elizabethton, Tennessee; grandchildren: Shane, Jarrid, Nick and Alex; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two daughters: Deborah Campbell and Penny Kendrick; and three brothers: Russell, George and Jimmy.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, April 15, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Henry Lewis and Harold Lewis officiating.

Burial will be in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Barry Potter, Billy Potter, Shane Kendrick, Herbert Layne, Jimmy Lee Brown, George Thornsby Jr., Chris Porter, and Matthew Crum. (Paid obituary)

John Clark Flanery

John Clark Flanery, age 42, of Langley, husband of Darlena Hammonds Flanery, passed away, Monday, April 12, 2004, at the St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

He was born August 30, 1961, in McDowell, the son of Libby Ree May Flanery, of Langley, and the late Thomas R. Flanery. He was a stores department envisionser for Equitable Resources, a member and past master of John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950, the Scottish Rite, Oleika Shrine, and vice president of P.A.C.E. Union Local No. 5-512.

Survivors include his wife and mother; two sons: Thomas Clark Flanery and Jackson Lowe Flanery, both of Langley; one daughter, Julia Ree Flanery of Langley; one brother, Thomas Kenton Flanery of Worthington, and one sister, Elizabeth Ann Flanery Blackburn of Stanville.

Funeral services for John Clark Flanery will be conducted Thursday, April 15, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Clergyman Robert Varney officiating.

Burial will follow in the Flanery Family Cemetery, at Langley, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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Phillip Braydon Wells



Phillip Braydon Wells, two-month-old son of Phillip and Elizabeth Shepherd Wells of David, died Saturday, April 10, at his residence.

He was born January 30, 2004, in Prestonsburg.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his grandparents: Phillip Wells and Sherrie Ratliff of Van Lear; Terry and Vickie Corns Chaffins of Garrett; Denver and Brenda Owens Shepherd of David; and Richard and Lena Blackburn Skaggs of Thelma; great-grandparents, Wesley and Verna Palmer Corns of Greenup County.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Charles and Minnie Sue Wells, Norman and Grace Allen Shepherd, and Milford and Reecie Hall Blackburn.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 13, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with Donnie Bragg officiating.

Burial was in the Norman Shepherd Cemetery, at David, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Hobert Hurt

Hobert Hurt, age 79, of Martin, passed away, Friday, April 9, 2004, at his residence.

He was born August 28, 1924, in Perry County, the son of the late Edward Hurt and Rachel Richie Hurt. He was a retired coal miner, a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church, a WW II Army veteran, and a member of the UMWA, and a lifetime member of the DAV Chapter 128, at Garrett.

He was twice married, first to Georgia Mae Collins Hurt, and later to Maggie Boyd Hurt. Both preceded him in death.

Survivors include one son, Donald Edward Hurt of Paintsville; three daughters: Freda Ousley of Bellevue, Ohio, and Theda Bailey and Wanda Vanderpool, both of Willard, Ohio; one brother, Donald Ray Hurt of Tiffin, Ohio; one sister, Grace Ella Miller of Slemp, 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, and his wives, he was preceded in death by two sons, Hobert Hurt and Jerry Wayne Hurt.

Funeral services for Hobert Hurt were conducted Monday, April 12, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Clergymen Ted Shannon and Ronnie Spriggs officiating.

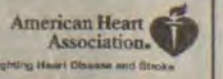
Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery, at Hazard, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Darren Bailey, Tom Vanderpool, Chris Hurt, Jason Hurt, and Kevin Wheeler.

(Paid obituary)

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House speaker says new state budget plan is 'dead'

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky lawmakers are likely to adjourn the 2004 General Assembly

without passing a state budget, as final efforts to renew negotiations broke down Tuesday, House Speaker Jody Richards said.

Chances of passing a budget

crumbled when the Senate convened Tuesday, Richards said. House Democrats were hoping the Senate would postpone its final day to give more time for negotiations, he said.

"The first official time we knew it was dead was when we saw the Senate gavel in," Richards told reporters. "And that had been the thing that we had been dreaming."

The House and Senate had been at a budgetary impasse since last week.

Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, said the House could still pass the budget plan the Senate passed Monday.

"We now find ourselves preparing to wrap up our busi-

ness here," Kelly said on the Senate floor.

Tuesday was the last scheduled workday for the legislature, which has a constitutional deadline to finish its work by Thursday. In their separate chambers, House and Senate members voted on other bills but were not moving to pass a budget late Tuesday.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher's proposal to overhaul the state's tax code has been the major sticking point between the two sides. House and Senate conferees met last week, but after two days were deadlocked over Fletcher's tax proposal.

Both sides halted negotia-

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question, guides how — or even if — one addresses the problem at all. (For the record, I'm in the structural camp — recognizing that ambition and behavior certainly play a role, yet also recognizing that a hopeless environment can quash ambition and lead to self-defeating behavior.)

Second, we need to know what to do about rural poverty. Donald Winstead, Health and Human Services' deputy assistant secretary, put it this way: "You give us an agenda that is actionable and we'll turn it into policy and programs."

Finally, we have to make a fuss. We have to make the public, and through it, the policymakers, sit up and take notice. Otherwise, we simply will never get the resources nor generate the political will needed to end rural poverty.

According to Gary Stangler,

executive director of the Jim Casey Youth Initiative, the best way to get that attention is through the media. "If the issue doesn't exist in the media," he said, "it doesn't exist for policymakers." Sadly, getting the media, public, and policymakers to care about poverty in general and rural poverty in particular may be the toughest of the three tasks at hand.

Describing that difficulty, Iowa State's Cornelia Flora lamented, "I think there's a real difference of opinion about whether people should be poor."

"Things have been far too quiet on the home front," added Penn State's Amy Glasmeier.

As is the case with most vexing problems, an understanding of and then solution to rural poverty remains elusive. Caring about it, however, should not be.

Thomas D. Rowley, is a Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) fellow. The Rural Policy Research Institute provides objective analysis and facilitates public dialogue concerning the impacts of public policy on rural people and places. Its Web site is at: www.rupri.org.

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One year ago:

Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit fell with unexpectedly light resistance, the last Iraqi city to succumb to overpowering U.S.-led ground and air forces. U.S. commandos in Baghdad captured Abul Abbas, leader of the Palestinian group that killed an American on the hijacked cruise liner "Achille Lauro" in 1985. (Abbas died last month while in U.S. custody.) Four Islamic militants were convicted in a deadly bombing outside the U.S. Consulate in Pakistan. Assaultants armed with an AK-47 assault rifle and a handgun opened fire at John McDonogh High School in New Orleans, killing one youth and wounding three others.

Today's Birthdays:

Bradford Dillman is 74. Actor Jay Robinson is 74. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 69. Actress Julie Christie is 64. Former baseball player Pete Rose is 63. Rock musician Ritchie Blackmore is 59. Actor John Shea is 55. Actor Brad Garrett is 44. Actor Robert Carlyle is 43. Rock singer-musician John Bell (Widespread Panic) is 42. Rock musician Barrett Martin is 37. Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 36. Actor Adrien Brody is 31. Rapper DaBrat is 30. Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar is 27. Actress Vivien Cardone is 11.

Thought for Today:

"If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference." — Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865).

Drug

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important initiative for our seniors," said Governor Ernie Fletcher, who was a co-sponsor of the Medicare legislation while a member of Congress. "Access to less expensive prescription medicine is crucial as we work to make health care more affordable."

Making prescription drugs more affordable was part of Fletcher's "Prescription for Kentucky" plan used during his campaign for governor.

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Senate gives final passage to marriage amendment

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Senate gave final approval Tuesday to a proposed constitutional amendment that would prohibit same-sex marriages and deny legal recognition of civil unions.

The measure was sent to the November ballot, though at least one critic warned that the proposal might draw a legal challenge.

The Senate passed the measure 33-5. It culminated weeks of intense debate and political maneuvering that gripped the House, where the measure had stalled until winning passage in a dramatic vote Monday night.

Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, Kentucky's only openly gay legislator, said lawmakers had bowed to a "mob mentality." Large crowds converged on the Capitol in recent weeks to push for the marriage amendment.

Kentucky already has a law that prohibits same-sex marriages.

Supporters of the proposed amendment insist that writing the prohibition into the state Constitution is the only way to cement it.

"The reality is that there is no case in the legal pipeline right now in Kentucky that could possibly upset that statute," said Scorsone, D-Lexington. "Everybody knows it here. There is no crisis or emergency, but yet we're rushing to change the Constitution."

The Senate vote was an anticlimactic finale to a drama that had turned the Capitol into a cultural battleground. The Senate vote came on the final day of the 2004 General Assembly's regular session.

The measure would define marriage strictly as a union between a man and a woman.

Rep. J.R. Gray, D-Benton, said Tuesday he was relieved the marriage amendment had passed the House after weeks of political maneuvering.

"I'm glad it's behind us," Gray said. "It's what Kentuckians wanted, and we've

been able to ... deliver it to them."

Even Gray — an ardent supporter of the proposed amendment — predicted that the next fight over the measure might be waged in court.

"It's an issue of such magnitude that I think there's some attorneys out there that would not be able to turn down an opportunity to contest it," Gray said.

During the emotional House debate Monday night, Rep. Paul Bather predicted that the proposed amendment would be challenged by a lawsuit.

"Get your lawyers because the battle has just begun," said Bather, a Louisville Democrat.

Beth Wilson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, said it was premature to discuss whether her group would join any legal challenge against the measure.

"We certainly think this amendment is abhorrent, and we're going to look at all of the possibilities," she said.

Wilson said if the measure secures a place on the ballot, her group will work for its defeat.

EKSC planetarium shows celebrate Astronomy Day

PRESTONSBURG — The East Kentucky Science Center will celebrate National Astronomy Day Saturday, April 24, with special programs throughout the day. Events include

■ 1:30 p.m. Planetarium Show — Navigating the Night Sky. How to Read Star Maps and learn your way around the sky.

■ 2:30 p.m. Planetarium Show — Cassini- NASA's Mission to Saturn

■ 2:30 p.m. Science Classroom — Telescope Basics. Learn how to purchase and use an amateur telescope.

■ 4 p.m. Planetarium Show — The Sky From Season to Season.

■ Various Times — See the Sun. If the day is clear, view the sun through the safe lens of the Science Center's solar telescopes.

Free star maps and other material will be given out to all who participate.

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opposed. The union and the mining industry pushed for the accelerated trials of the new dust-sampling devices, saying they could make the existing methods of dust testing unnecessary.

Using an air sensor in a miner's cap lamp, the new device checks dust levels as a miner works and can predict a miner's total dust exposure over a shift. The device also can download to a computer the miner's actual dust exposure levels after the shift ends.

"The technology appears to be sound," said Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, an industry group. "It's very encouraging. It's an example of a new technology that's going to benefit the coal industry."

The new devices are a major leap forward from current samplers, which require that filters be taken out of the monitors and sent to a lab, a process that can take weeks to obtain

results.

Under the federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, miners are supposed to limit coal-dust exposure to no more than 2 milligrams of dust per cubic meter of air over eight hours — the equivalent of a pinhead-sized speck of debris.

IN the mines, the new devices successfully measured 108 shifts out of 115 attempts, the occupational safety institute's report said.

"Under these specific test conditions the PDM demonstrated that it was convenient to wear, robust, provided accurate data, provided timely data that could be used to prevent over-exposure, and was easy to use," the report said.

Prolonged exposure to coal dust can lead to black lung, a crippling and often fatal disease that kills 1,000 people annually.

Information from: The Courier-Journal, www.courier-journal.com.

Budget

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tions last week, and leadership from each chamber went into private to work on revised budget plans.

On Monday, each chamber passed revised budget plans aimed at breaking the budgetary stalemate. But neither side agreed to move forward with either proposal Tuesday.

Fletcher's "revenue neutral" plan includes a series of tax increases and cuts. It would, among other things, raise the state tax on alcohol, tobacco and satellite TV service. Some low-income households would be relieved of state income tax. More corporations would be eligible for taxation, but at a lower rate.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, criticized Richards, saying he had been "an obstructionist throughout this entire process."

If the legislature adjourns

without a budget, it would not be the first time. The 2002 General Assembly failed to pass a budget plan.

House Appropriations Chairman Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, said this legislature would likely face criticism from the public.

"Our number one responsibility is to write a budget and approve a budget and we have failed in that attempt," Moberly said. "So I think we'll be subject to harsh criticism."

Fletcher can call lawmakers back for a special session to deal with either the budget or his tax plan.

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REVIVAL

There will be a revival at the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church on April 18, weekly, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, 6 p.m. Special singing. Preachers: Justin Williams and Ronnie Spriggs. Pastor: William Canterbury.

NURSE-COORDINATOR TO SPEAK AT JENNY WILEY AARP MEET

Kim Preston, Nurse-coordinator of the Heartburn Treatment Center at Highlands Regional Medical Center, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, on Friday, April 16, at 6 p.m., in meeting rooms A and B, of the office complex at Highlands Regional. Preston has a very informative program, which will be of great interest to many persons.

All members and friends of the chapter are encouraged to attend.

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 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.

HRMC COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Apr. 15 - Laryngectomy Support Group, Meeting Place B, 5-7 p.m.
- Apr. 17 - Child Birth Classes, Meeting Place A & B, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Apr. 22 - Alzheimer's Support Group, Johnson County Public Library, 6-7 p.m.

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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,

Letters

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heavy flow of drug traffic in all schools in Eastern Kentucky, especially high schools, I cannot imagine any teacher refusing to have a drug test.

Most if not all of these drug tests are done numerical, each person assigned a number. Nobody knows the name unless the results are positive. I assume this to be the case here.

How can we ever hope to address the exploding drug abuse in our schools unless everybody cooperates? Nobody likes to have drug tests done, but if you have nothing to hide, why would one be opposed so vigorously as to engage a lawyer to avoid testing.

Sometimes we have to give a little on "basic rights of privacy" for the greater good. Boils down, I think, to "if it doesn't affect me," "me" being the key word.

Students are not the only ones who use drugs. However, I would think that among teachers, the percentage would be extremely low. Seems to me, with the war against drugs, in this case, the only winners are lawyers!

I am also in favor of drug-sniffing dogs patrolling high school lockers. Again, if there aren't any drugs in the lockers, dogs can't smell them.

Lois Bond
Hueysville

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.

(See CALENDAR, page ten)

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Corps to host open house in Martin

MARTIN — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host an open house Thursday, April 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. at its new project office (the former Frito-Lay distribution warehouse) located at 10862 KY Street, 1428 in Martin.

Corps representatives will be available during the open house to answer questions about the Town of Martin Nonstructural/ Redevelopment project. Displays will also be on hand to help people gain a better understanding of the different parts of the flood control project.

To better serve the citizens of Martin, Corps representatives will conduct office hours every Tuesday, beginning April 27 through May 25, from the hours of 1 to 6 p.m. at their new project office. This will give the local citizens more opportunities to talk with Corps representatives about the redevelopment

project.

The city of Martin has suffered numerous flooding events that have devastated the community. Corps' plans for the city of Martin include relocation of businesses and private residents out of the floodplain. The Corps has completed the relocation of Parker Cemetery and is currently clearing the hilltop redevelopment site. Award of the construction contract for the redevelopment site is scheduled for June of this year.

Other work efforts currently underway include the remodeling of an existing structure to house the Corps construction project office as well as the temporary fire station. The permanent fire station will be constructed near the intersection of Route 1428 and Route 80.

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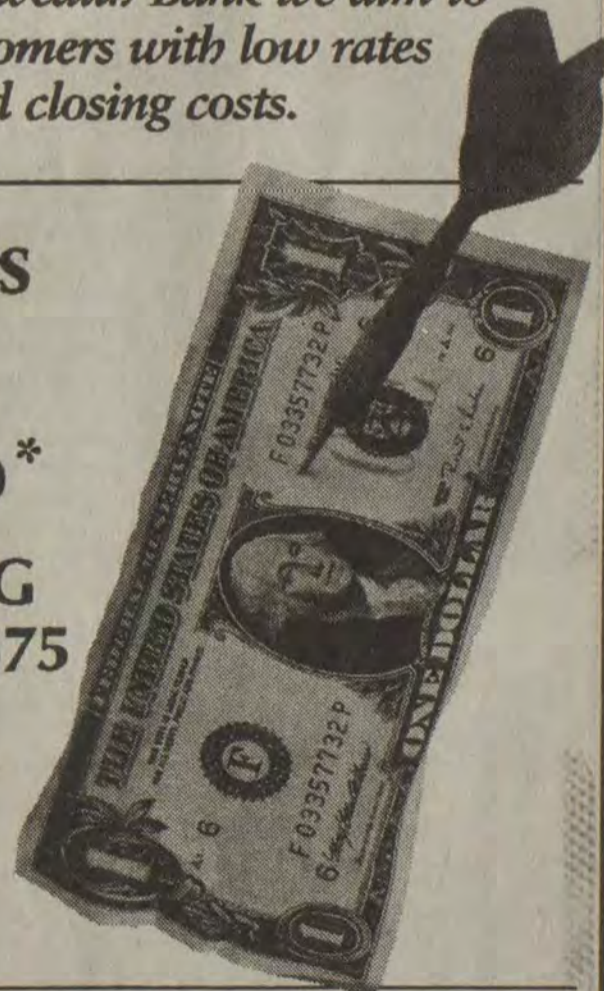
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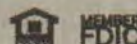
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as rain checks to complaining customers and as gift certificates, in addition to using them as corporate membership coupons.

"From a business standpoint, we have no accountability for them," Herrick said, pointing out that using the unnumbered coupons for more than one purpose makes it difficult to calculate how many free rounds are being given away and how many are paid for with the purchase of those coupons. "We need better basic business practices in the ways we handle these things."

Other members agreed with Herrick, pointing out that the lack of accountability could lead to a loss in revenue for Stonecrest.

"What it boils down to is we'll have Jo-Bo playing all season without paying," member Harry Adams said, pointing out that using lax business practices in calculating the total amount of coupons used or returned could lead to employees being overgenerous with customers, who could easily misuse the current system. Adams later recommended that Stonecrest employees record on the free coupons the reasons why they are given away to each complaining customer.

Last year, the business sold 45 corporate books, which are each filled with 20 coupons for free rounds of golf, a value of \$650, or \$32.50 per round, according to head pro Jason Crum, who told members employees have been ignoring the expiration date (dated for March 1) on those coupons as a way to improve public relations

at the course.

"I feel that there shouldn't have an expiration date on them," Crum said. "We've got their money. They've paid for them. Why not let them use them?"

Another member, Danny Hamilton, agreed with Crum, but the rest of the group disagreed.

They compromised by passing a motion to eliminate the corporate membership coupon book altogether. Instead, Stonecrest will publish a new coupon book, with each coupon numbered for accountability purposes. Customers who purchase the books, which will be valid for two years from the purchase date, will not receive any membership privileges, as they had in the past, members decided. Formerly, those customers were allowed to play in the club

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tournament and carried the same privileges as a regular member.

Stonecrest employees will ensure accountability of those coupons by filing a summary sheet at the close of every business day, detailing coupon receipts, rain check receipts and gift certificate receipts.

Additionally, members decided that any existing coupon, even those purchased at Stonecrest's opening three years ago, would be valid until May 31.

Following the discussion, members went into executive session for approximately an hour to discuss personnel issues with summer workers.

Upon their return, they passed a motion to keep summer workers already hired, and changed the job of one employee, who worked in the shop, to work on the course as a bag boy.

Verdict

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10-year recommendation, which is the maximum for the offense.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner was pleased with the decision and pointed out that it was the first jury conviction in Floyd County for trafficking in methamphetamine.

"Meth is an epidemic that is spreading here from Western Kentucky," Turner said. "Hopefully this sends a message to anyone looking to get into this line of drugs."

Taylor was quick to give most of the credit for the con-

viction to the Floyd County Drug Task Force.

"We came in with a rock-solid case built on the work of the drug task force," Taylor said. "We've got a whole bunch of their cases coming up. We're gonna take an aggressive stance."

Studebaker was obviously less enthusiastic about how the trial ended.

"Basically Liz, at the outset, wanted a jury trial," Taylor said. "We put the best case on that we could. We were shooting for something less than 10 [years]."

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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.

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■ 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 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

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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 monthly 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

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My main concerns are education, drugs, economic development, health care, infrastructure, compensation rates, malpractice rates and flooding in our district. There are many more concerns that I intend on addressing. I strongly believe and feel within myself that I can make a difference for all citizens of the 95th district.

I would like to give you a brief background of my family and my education. My birth parents were the late Curtis and Virginia Mullins Fitzpatrick of David, Kentucky. Preceding them in death one brother, Robert Fitzpatrick of Mississippi; two sisters: Sharon Chaffins of Louisville, Kentucky and Paulette Fitzpatrick of Paris, Kentucky. I have two sisters living, Peggy, wife of Frankie Francis of Garrett, Kentucky and Ann Fugate, wife of Curtis Fugate of Garrett, Kentucky. I am the adoptive son of Tessie Campbell and the late Bob Campbell of Garrett, Kentucky.

I have been married 33 years to Patricia (Patty) Gibson of Langley, Kentucky. My wife came from a big family. She has three brothers: David, Randy and Lanny Gibson. She has six sisters, Gloria Marcum, Libby Easterling, Jane Brock, Alta Chapman, Tammy Lafferty and Jenny Taylor.

My wife taught pre-school/Headstart for 19 years at Duff and McDowell Elementary. My wife and I have three children, Crystal, wife of Ronnie Collins of Langley, Kentucky. They have one son, Kelly, wife of Jeremy Coleman of Elkhorn City, Kentucky. They have one son. Our son Robert Fitzpatrick who is attending Alice Lloyd College on a baseball scholarship. I graduated from Garrett High School, attended Lees Junior College, Prestonsburg Community College and Morehead State University, also the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Academy in Beckley, West Virginia. I have worked in the coal industry for 23 years. I worked 7 years for Alminco, Inc. as General Superintendent and Safety Director. I taught at Garth Vocational Center as a Mine Maintenance Instructor, I also taught the 48 Hour Underground Mine Safety Class, 24-hour Surface Mine Safety Class, EMT 1st Responder Class, First Aid, CPR, and MET instructor. If I get elected as your State Representative, I know, I will face many roadblocks, but my fight will be for the people of our county. We need to create hope and encouragement for our children and grandchildren that when they complete their education they can stay at home and find a job in their own county. My voice will be heard loud and clear and I will not back down because, I believe in the common man. Your support and encouragement has been greatly appreciated.

I have met so many wonderful people throughout our county. I would like to have the opportunity to speak out and address each one of your concerns. May 18th election will determine if we can make a difference in the 95th district. It would be my pleasure and honor to work for the people of Floyd County. I will be easy to find, your problems will be my problems. I will fight for a better and brighter future for all the citizens of the 95th district.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND MAY GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU.

Ed. for by Mike Fitzpatrick

Prosecutor in Oklahoma City bombing trial to defend fund-raiser

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A former federal prosecutor who helped convict Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh has been hired to defend a Pikeville political fund-raiser in a vote-fraud case.

Former Justice Department attorney Larry A. Mackey, 53, of South Bend, Ind., was granted permission last week by U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell to serve as counsel for Ross Harris in a federal vote-fraud case set for June 28 in London.

Mackey was chief deputy prosecutor in the McVeigh case and lead prosecutor against conspirator Terry Nichols.

"I think what's important is

to make clear that, as far as I'm concerned, my past is not the story," Mackey said. "It's all about ten hardworking Kentucky citizens who are going to fight hard to protect their good names."

Harris, a lawyer and businessman from Pikeville, and nine others are accused in a 2002 vote-fraud conspiracy, including former state Sen. John Doug Hays, D-Pikeville, and Loren Glenn Turner of Floyd County, a cousin and former campaign treasurer of state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift.

Harris hired Mackey after his former attorney, former Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott C. Cox, and Hays' attorney, Steve Owens, of Pikeville, withdrew

because of potential conflicts created when Knott County Judge-Executive Donnie Newsome decided to cooperate with prosecutors and testify in Harris' case. Both Cox and Owens defended Newsome.

Newsome was sentenced to 26 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Danny Reeves.

A revised indictment in the Pike case says Harris, through Turner, also funneled \$20,000 to Newsome in 2002 for his successful re-election bid in Knott County.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ken Taylor declined comment on Mackey's entry into the trial.

Mackey was assigned to the

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Pikeville College will host "Jazz Night" featuring a jazz combo and big jazz band on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The jazz combo will be performing such tunes as "Impressions" by John Coltrane, "Anthropology" by Charlie Parker, and "I Love You" by Cole Porter. The combo is under the direction of Alan Robinson, assistant professor of music. The big jazz band's performance includes "Theme from Shaft" by Isaac Hayes, the very popular "Zoot Suit Riot" by Paul Murtha, and the infamous "Harlem Nocturne" by Earle Hagen. The big band is under the direction of Brad Daniels, assistant professor of music and director of bands. The free concert is part of the Pikeville Concert Association's 2003-04 concert season and will be held in Booth Auditorium, Record Memorial Building, on the Pikeville College campus. For more information, call the Office of Public Affairs at (606) 218-5271.

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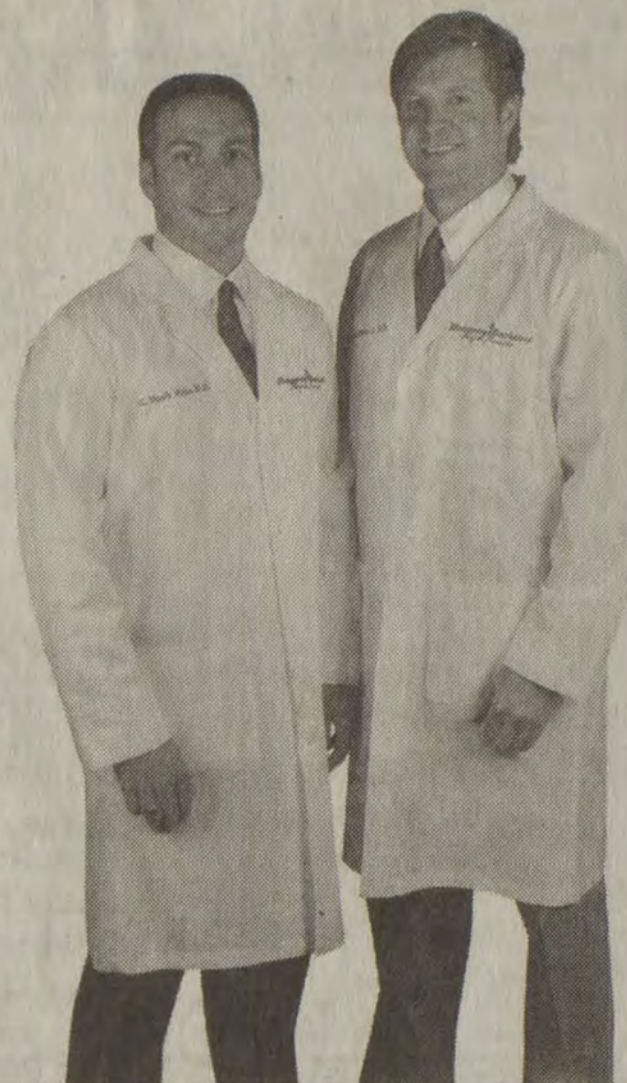
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Bill to deregulate broadband industry wins final passage

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky legislators voted to deregulate broadband service during a final flurry of action Tuesday before the 2004 General Assembly's regular session was gavelled to conclusion.

Sputtering budget negotiations overshadowed the final day of the session, but lawmakers also found time to pass a stack of bills.

Another bill that won final passage is meant to spur independent cigarette makers into joining the industry's "master settlement" with the state of lawsuits over the cost of treating sick smokers.

The measure barely cleared the House on a 45-38 vote. It would have the effect of forcing

higher prices for independent cigarette brands.

Meanwhile, the legislation to free broadband service from state regulation passed the House 78-12. Broadband service is the vehicle for high-speed Internet access. The bill earlier passed the Senate.

Under the measure, only regulations of the Federal Communications Commission would apply to the industry.

The bill would enable the state Public Service Commission to investigate consumer service complaints of broadband service.

But the state would be barred from regulating the availability of broadband facilities or equipment, along with rates and terms of services.

The bill also would set up a task force to keep tabs on installation of broadband services around the state as technology evolved.

The measure was heavily lobbied by the telephone industry.

The measure is aimed at giving large phone companies, such as BellSouth, an incentive to invest in expensive broadband technology.

Smaller phone companies and some Internet service providers expressed concerns

about what could happen with a broadband industry regulated only by the FCC.

The tobacco bill also was intensely lobbied. Some cast the issue as Big Tobacco against small companies that produce lower-priced cigarettes cutting into the market share of well-known corporate brands.

The independents have been required to put money in escrow as a hedge against future health-related lawsuits. The bill could make it more practical for some companies to sign onto the master settlement.

Rep. Stan Lee, R-Lexington, called the measure "anti-consumer" and "anti-competitive." He said it would hurt a couple of small tobacco companies in Lexington.

Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Scottsville, countered that most of the cheap cigarettes are manufactured overseas and contain no Kentucky tobacco.

He said the issue boiled down to "who's going to pay for the cost of paying tobacco-related illness."

Another bill that won final approval would impose penalties against merchants for price gouging in times of emergency.

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Defend

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Oklahoma City bombing cases by the Department of Justice. At the time, the attack was the deadliest act of terrorism ever committed on U.S. soil.

He gave the closing argument in the government's case against McVeigh in Denver in 1997. McVeigh was convicted of murder and executed June 11, 2001, in Terre Haute, Ind. Nichols was convicted in 1998 of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter and is serving a life sentence.

After Nichols' trial in 1998, Mackey left the justice department and joined Barnes & Thornburg of South Bend, the largest law firm in Indiana.

Information from: Lexington Herald-Leader, www.kentucky-connect.com.

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Nurse-coordinator to speak at Jenny Wiley AARP meet

Kim Preston, Nurse-coordinator of the Hearburn Treatment Center at Highlands Regional Medical Center, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, on Friday, April 16, at 6 p.m., in meeting rooms A and B,

of the office complex at Highlands Regional. Preston has a very informative program, which will be of great interest to many persons.

All members and friends of the chapter are encouraged to attend.

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SUPPORTS ORIGINAL
SENATE BILL 245

YES to ORIGINAL SENATE BILL 245!

Representative Charles "Chuck" MEADE Favors and Supports the ORIGINAL SENATE BILL 245—an amendment defining marriage and prohibiting "civil unions."

Dear Friends,

All Floyd Countians and Kentuckians should know my stand on the issue of marriage and civil unions in relation to SENATE BILL 245. We all know how opponents in any campaign and in addition, the other party—will say or do anything to discredit their opponent and to try to divert attention from other issues, and as your representative, I want you to know my stand on SENATE BILL 245. Let me have your attention today, as I make clear my stand and position on this important issue:

1. I support, am in favor of the original Senate Bill 245, and fought to get a vote on the bill.
2. I have worked to try to get the original bill to the House floor for a vote. On two separate occasions, I was 1 of 24 fellow Democrats who voted for allowing a vote on the original bill, but lost to the liberal Democrats in the Democratic House. Also, during a meeting of the House Democrats, I voted to leave alone the language of the original SB 245, to bring the bill up again, and voted against the amendments, but was in the minority and lost.
3. I have made it known to fellow representatives, my stand on the issue. A letter on my behalf, and yours, was sent to each Democratic member of the House urging them to take a stand and to allow a vote on the original Senate Bill 245.
4. I have been working closely with Don Pinson of the Family Foundation over the past weeks to try to get Senate Bill 245 up for a vote.
5. I have voted YES to the modified version of Senate Bill 245, and would vote YES again, because I will always vote for a bill that defines marriage as between one man and one woman. The modified version removed the language prohibiting civil unions, but did define marriage as between one man and one woman. I am not for civil unions.
6. I support a vote on the original Senate Bill 245 with the original language, have done everything I can to see that it was brought up for a vote, and will always support the institution of marriage as one man and one woman, and do not support any language that would substitute for the word marriage.

My VOTE for ORIGINAL SENATE BILL 245 IS YES!

Today, I am also publishing the letter that was presented to each Democratic Representative in my efforts to support the original Senate Bill 245. The family is what I'm about, and I support you and your families and the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman.

NOTE: Senate Bill 245 in its ORIGINAL language was PASSED by the House on April 12, with a vote of 84 YES to 11 NO!

The letter published was presented to all fellow Democrats of the House of Representatives by Representative Charles Meade

Paid for by Representative Charles "Chuck" Meade

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Dear Representative:

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When Floyd County citizens sent me to Frankfort, I came here with a pledge and was elected on my promise to fight for the families, and children of Floyd County. Being the newest and most freshmen among you, I have been observing and listening how each of you represents the people who elected you. And so it is today, that I must take a strong, clear stand for my district and for Kentucky as a whole, for all families and for family values.

I came to Frankfort to do one thing, and one thing only, and that is to give good, solid representation to the people in the 95th District. My time of observation is over, and today I urge you to not waiver and to stand in support of the family institution.

In doing this, I realize that I will not be the most popular among you as my colleagues, yet, I remind you that we must allow Kentuckians to vote on the original Senate Bill 245. Today, I will listen to my heart and to the people of Floyd County, and I urge each of you to simply represent the people in your district and allow them the opportunity to vote on this issue.

I want it to be known that I am taking a clear, concise stand on the important issue of marriage. In fear of God I stand, and must follow my convictions. So, it is with all due respect to you as fellow representatives that I urge you to do what is right for the people whom you represent, because that is what I must do and am determined to do.

Please take time and think about what the people want and are asking. Isn't that what it is all about?

Sincerely,

Charles Meade
Representative Charles Meade

Lawmakers enter final week on the verge of budget-less session

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — House and Senate lawmakers returned to Frankfort last week for budget negotiations that were expected to yield an agreement on next year's spending plan.

Instead, they finished the week with prospects for a General Assembly-agreed upon budget teetering on the verge of collapse.

After two days of heated deadlock, budgeteers recessed their conference committee indefinitely. Amid partisan finger-pointing, both sides left the negotiating table and said they planned to work on their own budget plans in private.

The primary stumbling block in the negotiations was whether conferees would discuss Gov. Ernie Fletcher's tax plan as part of the budget or separately.

Senate Republicans maintained it was necessary to dis-

cuss the tax plan first to know how much revenue they could be dealing with.

House Democrats, meanwhile, argued the tax plan was a separate issue and was irrelevant to the budget talks. Because Fletcher's tax plan was supposed to be "revenue neutral" it shouldn't have an effect on next year's budget, which begins July 1, they said.

After negotiations halted Thursday, Senate Republicans said they were crafting their own spending plan that would be considered friendly to House Democrats. They would then present it to the Senate and the public on Monday, Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said.

The proposal would then head to the House for consideration.

"We're enthusiastic about the budget that we're sending back over there and I think it will be very difficult for anyone in good conscience ... to vote against that," Williams said.

However, House members may not get a chance to formally consider it. House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, has said he would rule such a move "out of order," and

the House would not act on it.

Williams contends the House could suspend those rules if it wanted.

Still, Richards said House Democrats were likely to produce their own budget document. It likely would not include a tax plan, Richards said.

Lawmakers may present those plans on Monday.

If neither plan is approved by both chambers the legislature may likely repeat the 2002 session. That year, lawmakers adjourned without an agreed budget, leaving then-Gov. Paul Patton to produce his own emergency spending plan.

Leaders of both chambers last week accused the other of sabotaging budget talks. Both claimed the other had "killed" the plan or walked away from the negotiating table.

Richards said it would be a "travesty" for lawmakers to adjourn without a budget.

"I think it probably makes the whole process look bad, and I hate that," Richards said. "That's why I have been so adamant about trying to, you know, we've been pleading with the Senate Republicans not to walk away from the table."

Williams criticized Richards, saying he was not "acting in good faith," with the negotiations.

"He is providing a disservice to the members of his caucus to the entire membership of the House and to the people of this commonwealth," Williams said. "And I hope he reconsiders his position."

Lawmakers have to wrap up their session by April 15, according to the state constitution. The governor could call them into a special session if they haven't agreed on a budget by then.

Lawmakers would have to show up, but they wouldn't have to settle anything.

"It's not to the governor's benefit, it's not to anybody's benefit not the legislature, not the people of Kentucky not to have a budget," Richards said. "We need a budget and that's what we're going to try to do."

Bill

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Retailers would face fines of up to \$5,000 for a first violation and as much as \$10,000 for subsequent violations. The bill would apply to food, fuel, medical and emergency supplies and building materials.

The bill would be triggered when the governor declares a state of emergency or when the U.S. Department of Homeland Security issues a code-red alert, the highest in the nation's five-color terror alert system.

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The Saga Ends

May 28, 29, 2004

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Rebel Battalion, Band to host hoops tourney

Winning team will play UK Seniors

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – A team of local basketball players will have the chance to play some of the finest former college basketball players in the nation.

The Allen Central High School Rebel Battalion and Rebel Band will host a basketball tournament at J.E. Campbell Arena May 3-8. The tournament's championship team will take on the University of Kentucky Seniors on Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m.

No more than 20 teams will be allowed to participate in the tournament. Entry fee is \$100 per team. The registration deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, April 23. Uniforms are required. Teams must have numbered, same colored jerseys.

The tournament will be single-elimination. Following the April 23 deadline, all registered teams' names will be drawn from a bucket with the first team drawn getting the Team 1 bracket assignment through the 20th team getting the Team 20 bracket assignment.

Here's some tournament rules, regulations and reminders.

Tournament games during the first through quarterfinal rounds will have two 18-minute halves.

During all tournament games, the clock will continuously run, except for shooting fouls, timeouts and the final two minutes of each half.

Single bonus free throws will be awarded after 10 fouls per half, per team (no double bonus).

Two full 60-second timeouts are available for each team, each half.

Each game will include a five-minute halftime.

During the last two minutes of each half, the clock will stop on every whistle.

The semifinals round and the championship game will consist of two 20-minute halves. The rules will remain the same except the clock will stop on all whistles with three minutes remaining in each half and each team will have three full 60-second timeouts per half.

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. If unsportsmanlike conduct is displayed, a technical foul will be assessed and the player will sit out of the game for five minutes.

Should a player receive a second technical foul, an ejection will follow. The ejected player will be asked to leave the Allen Central High Schools grounds. If the player doesn't cooperate, his team will forfeit the game.

To register for the tournament, contact SSG Jerry T. Hardy, or LTC Larry D. Maynard via telephone or fax at 358-5305.

Today's high school baseball games

Breathitt County-Morgan County; Clay County-Bell County; Cordia-Fleming-Neon; Fairview-Ashland Blazer; Ironton, Ohio-Raceland; Lee County-Hazard; Owsley County-Buckhorn; Paintsville-Betsy Layne; Powell County-Estill County; Prestonsburg-Belfry; Seneca-Fern Creek; Sheldon Clark-Shelby Valley; South Floyd-Pikeville; Whitesburg-Cawood.

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Area 3 Games returning to P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Special Olympics athletes from Floyd and several surrounding counties will come together Saturday inside Blackcat Stadium on the campus of Prestonsburg High School for the Area 3 Spring Games. Prestonsburg is set to host the Area 3 Games for a second straight year. The Area Games were previously held in Hazard.

Ed Senig, who heads Floyd County Special Olympics, is the Area 3 Track and Field Competition Manager.

"We're looking forward to the Area Games again this year," said Senig. "Everything went real well last year, we had nothing but compliments from the delegations that attended."

The Area 3 Games is the step forward to state competition for area athletes.

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file photo by Steve LeMaster
 The Johnson Central High School delegation was one of many groups present during last year's Special Olympics Area 3 Games.



photo by Tony McGuire

East Ridge head coach James Hurley had the opportunity to coach some of the top players in Eastern Kentucky Saturday when he participated in the Gatorade Mountain All-Star Classic.

GATORADE ALL-STAR CLASSIC HELD IN HAZARD

by TONY McGUIRE
 HAZARD HERALD

HAZARD – Local sports guru Ira Combs hooked up with Gatorade to create a Mountain All-Star Classic to showcase the talents of Eastern Kentucky's senior basketball players. On Saturday, the inaugural event took

place at the Sherman Neace Athletic Center here in Hazard. In all, 48 seniors (boys and girls) from the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th regions took part in the event.

The event allowed college coaches and recruiters a final look at area players before making scholarship offers. It also allowed

mountain seniors the opportunity to showcase their talents while enjoying an evening of basketball. During the night's festivities, there was a three-point shooting contest (won by West Carter's Stephanie Hall and Lewis

(See **CLASSIC**, page two)

Mullins represents 15th Region

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD – Allen Central senior point guard Terri Mullins led the North All-Stars back Saturday in the Gatorade Mountain All-Star Classic. Mullins was three-of-eight from the

field and three-of-six from the foul line, finishing with nine points. Mullins dished out a game-high seven assists and pulled down four rebounds for the South team, which fell just short, losing 75-70.

"She just had a very good floor game," said Allen Central Coach

Mark Martin, who was in attendance Saturday at the Eastern Kentucky high school basketball showcase.

The Allen Central senior triggered a comeback that saw the South squad battled back from a 42-27 halftime

(See **MULLINS**, page five)

Second annual Tiger HOOPS Classic to include diverse group of teams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – The second annual Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic will showcase some of the best boys prep teams from Kentucky and across the world.

"This is a very strong and competitive field, which the fans will enjoy," said Bob Lyons, Event Manager.

This tournament will be held Dec. 27-30 and will involve 16 teams. The format will be pool play with four divisions, East, West, North and South, consisting of four teams each. Each team will play a minimum of three games. The winner in each division will advance into the championship round of four. The four winning teams will advance to the championship game, with the two losers playing for third- and fourth-place. The final four teams will receive trophies indicating tournament finish and an All-Tournament

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Historic 201 Speedway drops green flag on 20th season

by CHRIS BELCHER
 201 SPEEDWAY TRACK WRITER

SITKA – After months of preparation, a rain cancellation the previous weekend, and the looming threat of showers this past Saturday night, the 201 Speedway opened the gates and threw the green flag on the 20th season of continuous dirt track racing action with many familiar faces in the pit area along with several new cars entering the sport, especially in the ever-growing Four-Cylinder divisions.

Twenty-five Four-Cylinders made a single qualifying lap to break up the two divisions which will race at 201 this season. Only five qualified in the under 22-second bracket with Hindman's Jason Hall under the wheel of the 911 car making the quickest lap at a 20.87 in the Pinetop Motors sponsored Toyota

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UK seniors barnstorming to Allen Central High School

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – University of Kentucky men's basketball seniors Antwain Barbour, Erik Daniels, Gerald Fitch, Cliff Hawkins and Matt Heissenbuttel are coming to Floyd County. In May, the UK seniors will visit Allen Central High School as part of the men's basketball program's annual senior barnstorm-

ing tour. The UK seniors will make a stop at Allen Central High School and play on the J.E. Campbell Arena floor on Tuesday, May 11.

The event is being sponsored as a joint effort between the ACHS band and the school's Junior R.O.T.C. program.

Tip-off on May 11 is set for 7 p.m. Pre-game festivities will

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Daniels



Fitch

Blackcats drop two in Lawrence County tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA – Early on, the competition has been tough for the Prestonsburg High baseball team. The Baseball Blackcats dropped a pair of games over the weekend in a tournament held in Lawrence County. Ironton, Ohio produced 11 base hits with three home runs in a 10-2 win over Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg was led in hitting by Brandon Campbell, Jarred McGuire and Kyle Wicker, all of whom had two hits apiece.

John Mark Stephens, Jason Hughes and

Michael Morrison each had one hit. Prestonsburg managed hits in the setback to the Ohio opponent, but fell short in the end, stranding base runners too often.

Huntington, W.Va. 13, Prestonsburg 1
 Against Huntington (W.Va.) High, Prestonsburg ran into a very physical, strong baseball team.

Huntington High had nine base hits in a 13-1 win, including one home run.

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County's Tyler Clark), a one-on-one contest (won by Wayne County's Kenita Ball and Barbourville's David Vance), and a slam-dunk contest (won by Wayne County's Tyrone Green).

Neither team was able to take the early advantage in the girls' game. A last second shot gave the South team a 16-14 advantage after the first period of play. In the second quarter, Perry Central's Polly Sebastian and Brittany Baker began to take control of the game. Sebastian was able to break down the North team's defense to get the ball into the low post to Baker. Once she received the ball, no one was able to stop Baker from scoring.

The Commodore connection worked to perfection through the first half of the second period. By the time the clock reached the midway point of the period, the South team had built a double-digit

lead. The switch in lineups did not hurt the South team as they continued to add to the margin, and eventually went into the locker room with a 42-27 lead.

The South team continued to hold a sizable advantage throughout the third period, allowing the North team to cut but two points off the margin before the final period (58-45). The North team made a substantial run at the South during the fourth quarter, cutting the lead to three with a minute to go in the game. The South was able to hold off the final charge and went on to the 75-70 win.

Stephanie Hall of West Carter led the North and all scorers with 24 points on eight three-pointers. Brittany Baker of Perry Central led the South to victory with 21 points.

South (75) - Polly Sebastian (Perry Central) 4, Natasha Boggs (Cawood) 12,

Sheena Lee (Cumberland) 8, Heather Benton (Leslie County) 10, Brittany Baker (Perry Central) 21, Chasity Napier (Perry Central) 3, Kenita Ball (Wayne County) 5, Kacy Stewart (Bell County)

7, and Sarah Wixson (Wayne County) 5.

North (70) - Stephanie Hall (West Carter) 24, Hoope Thomas (Wolfe County) 5, Patience Hylton (East Carter) 13, Cassie Whitaker

(Whitesburg) 5, Ciara Pittman (Jenkins) 1, Ashley Stidham (Whitesburg) 6, Lindsey Stevens

(Breathitt County) 7, and Terri Mullins (Allen Central) 9.

BOYS' GAME: South 113, North 109

In the boys' game, the South took an early 12-0 lead behind four consecutive three-

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Teams

field, with an MVP will be announced. Each participant from all 16 teams will receive complimentary gifts, prior to the first game played.

All the games will be played at the Paintsville High School Gym, with morning and evening sessions. The gym will seat approximately 2,000 and is handicap accessible. Teams that have verbally committed include host Paintsville; Shelby Valley; Allen Central; Morgan County, Louisville Seneca, Louisville Manual, Heath, Middlesboro; University Heights; St.

Marguerite d' Youville, Canada; Colony, Alaska; Stone Mountain, Ga.; Blackburn, Australia; Mosley, Florida; Ripley, Ohio and Clear Lake, Texas.

The quality of play and teams from the 2003 tournament helped in promoting the Tiger HOOPS Classic.

"I had 42 teams contact me about participating this year," added Lyons.

The sponsorship from area businesses and support was overwhelming last year and the crowds were huge.

"We couldn't have this tournament without our wonderful sponsors and the fans," said Lyons.

Over the four-day 2003 tournament, there were approximately 4,000 fans in attendance. The Paintsville tournament has already provided some outstanding teams and individual players for the fans and the 2004 event will offer the same. Visit the tournament website at www.phshoopsclassic.com for

the 2003 tournament recap and sponsors.

Several teams that participated in 2003 chose to have their own tournament during Christmas.

"Les (Trimble) had committed and opted out, to combine on a boys/girls tournament at Johnson Central," said Lyons.

The Paintsville tournament will showcase talent from across Kentucky and the world. There is a sanction process with each state and the NFHS (National Federation of High Schools) that must be followed in hosting a tournament of this

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magnitude. The economy of Paintsville and Johnson County, plus the surrounding area will certainly benefit.

"I spoke with a lot of merchants and business leaders that really had a boost in sales last year during the tournament," said Lyons.

Sponsorship forms will be sent out to local businesses, requesting help with offsetting costs of lodging, meals, costs and promotion of various businesses. Tickets will remain \$5 per session. Students will still be able to get in for \$3.

Boggs outlasts Powers, wins Willard Late Model feature

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLARD - Grayson driver Jackie Boggs took the checkered flag and the \$1,500 prize Saturday in the Late Model feature race at Willard Speedway. Fans had another thrilling experience as the engines roared as the high-powered racing machines sped around the red clay oval.



Boggs

Boggs, in his Miller Brothers/McDonald's sponsored No. 4B ride, coming out of turns one and two early in the race,

racing three-wide at times, prevailed through skill and precision to take the lead and keep it throughout the rest of the contest.

Boggs was challenged only a few times early in the race by two competitors. One of them was David Powers of Salyersville, driving the No. 97 JMC Motorsports sponsored car, who won the first heat race and also won the fastest qualifier

bonus of \$100 provided by Luv Homes of Ashland. Terry Hicks of Grayson was the other challenger, who won the second

heat race in his Thomas Concrete sponsored No. 64 car. Powers and Hicks, exchanging places several times, finally came in second and third, respectively.

Fourth place was held by Nick Bocook of Huntington, W.Va. Richard Smith of Portsmouth, Ohio finished fifth.

The Modified and Bomber feature races were won by Joey Back of Olive Hill. Following him in the Modified feature was Rick Walker, Gary Turner, Thomas May and Mike Gue.

Jason Perry drove the fastest qualifying Modified and won a \$50 bonus.

Second through fifth in the Bomber feature was Brian Lawson, James McDaniel, Kenneth Howell and Kenny Chapman.

First place in the V6 Stock feature was Glenn Marshall. Second through fifth in the V6 Stock race were John Maynard, Chester Artis, Chris Skaggs, and F.W. Roberts.

The Four-Cylinder feature race winner was Mitchell Fields. Fields was followed by Dennis Meadows, Jeff Isaacs, Shawn Ousley and Brandon Kelly.

A regular show this weekend at Willard Speedway will offer \$1,200 to win for Late Models. For more information, check the track's official website at www.willardspeedway.com.

Open Buddy Bass Tournament, Open Youth Tournament scheduled for Jenny Wiley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

On May 15, Johns Creek Bassmasters of Pikeville will host a Open Buddy Bass Tournament at Jenny Wiley State Park in Prestonsburg (swimming pool ramp) from 7 a.m.

through 3 p.m. (signups will begin at 6 a.m.). There will be a five fish limit per boat (A team can consist of one person or two people per boat). Boat position will be in order entries are received. For an entry form visit the club's website at <http://jcbassmasters.expage.com>

TENNIS SERVED WITH A SMILE

The weather is getting warmer and it is time once again for outdoor sports. If you have not played tennis all winter, Doctors of Chiropractic warn that it is very important to get the body back in shape with exercise and stretching. A thorough warmup will prepare the body and help prevent injuries such as tennis elbow. Without the proper exercise, the muscles and tendons will be tight and stiff. A limited flow of blood to the forearm area can result in a lack of oxygen and nutrients for the muscles.

Tennis elbow, or lateral epicondylitis, is a condition when the outer part of the elbow becomes painful and tender, usually as a result of a strain, overuse, or a direct hit. Normally it comes from overuse of the muscles that pull the hand backwards, extending the wrist's capabilities. All the extensor muscles of the hand attach to the elbow at the outer part or the lateral epicondyle. If they are strained, they become inflamed, causing swelling, pain and tenderness to touch.

It is wise to have an annual checkup with your chiropractor before starting any sport or strenuous activity. If you have any subluxations or misalignments of the vertebrae, the condition can worsen as you play. The doctor can give you a complete diagnosis and ensure that you are in proper form to win the game.

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Prestonsburg High had seven base hits, but was unable to score the needed runs.

Jarred McGuire led the Prestonsburg hitting attack with two base hits. McGuire scored the only Prestonsburg run of the game when John Mark Stephens delivered with an RBI. Stephens, Kyle Wicker, Michael Morrison, Jason Hughes and Brandon Campbell also each had one base hit.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College baseball team played six games last week. On Wednesday, the Eagles traveled to Cincinnati to play Mount St. Joseph College. The Eagles lost 5-0. After the game, the team went to Great American Ball Park to watch the Cincinnati Reds win a game over the Chicago Cubs.

On Thursday, Alice Lloyd traveled to Danville to play a doubleheader against Centre College. The Eagles lost the first game, 7-6, and the second game, 15-5.

Alice Lloyd hosted

Tennessee Wesleyan on Friday and Saturday in a three-game Appalachian Athletic Conference series.

Tennessee Wesleyan is ranked as one of the top 10 teams in the country. Wesleyan scored three runs in the top of the ninth inning for a 4-3 win on Friday. ALC pitcher Travis Slusher allowed only one earned run in the game. On Saturday, the Eagles trailed by only one run going into the last inning, but Wesleyan broke the contest open with six runs for a 9-2 win in the first game. Wesleyan won the final game of the series 10-0.

SOFTBALL - The ALC softball team played only two games last week. On Wednesday, the Lady Eagles traveled to Lindsey Wilson College for a doubleheader. The ALC softball squad lost the first game 10-2. Natasha Stratton went two-for-two in the game. Tasha Rice had a double and an RBI and Tiffany Turner had a triple and an RBI. In the second game, Turner had another triple and Sarah Meyer had a single and an RBI in a 12-1 loss. The Lady Eagles' game against St. Catherine scheduled for Thursday was canceled.

This Monday's game against Pikeville was postponed and no other games were scheduled.

Bowlers enter national tourney ranked second

TIMES STAFF REPORT

When the Intercollegiate Bowling Championships begin this week, a lot of people will have an eye on the Pikeville College Lady Bears.

The tournament will be held at River Lanes in Tulsa April 15-17, with the top 16 teams in the country doing battle for the crown.

The National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association released its final poll last week, and in it, the Lady Bears are ranked behind only one other team.

Wichita State University received nine of the 11 first-place votes and picked up 422 polling points and is the top-ranked team in the field.

Pikeville College got one of the remaining first-place votes and is second. The Lady Bears picked up 354 points, 50 ahead of third-place Morehead State, the only other team to pick up a top-line vote.

"I'm very pleased to see our girls ranked that highly and think it reflects all the hard work they've put in since we started in the fall," said Coach Ron Damron. "But at the same time there are a lot of talented teams out there and we'll have our work cut out for us. We'll have to be ready to roll Thursday morning."

Pikeville and Wichita State met four times during the season, with each team winning twice.

"They're a very good team, obviously, and have been consistently good all year," Damron said of the Shockers. "But we think we're pretty good too. I just hope we get a shot at them somewhere along the way."

The tournament begins Thursday two qualifying rounds. Each team will bowl four four-game sets using the Baker format, where five play-

ers roll two frames each per game.

On Friday, the teams are seeded based on their qualification and a 16-team double-elimination tournament begins, with each round using the best-of-seven format to the finals.

Once the finalists are determined, they will meet in a best-of-three series to be televised nationally on Saturday at 3:15 CST.

"This is what we've been working toward all season long, and I think we're ready," said Damron. "We just hope to represent the college and our community well. More than anything else, that will determine our success."

Seniors

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begin at 5:30 p.m.

Additional former UK players, based on availability, will join the seniors on the Eastern Kentucky stop.

Pregame festivities will include pictures with the UK Wildcat mascot, face painting and local performances.

A basketball tournament will be held at Allen Central High May 3-8. The winning team to make its way out of the tournament will earn the right to play the UK seniors. A limited number of teams will be accepted for participation in the tournament. Tournament rules will be given to teams upon payment of the mandatory entry fee. No one that is high school eligible will be allowed to play in the tournament.

For more information on the basketball tourney and tournament registration, call 358-5305.

For questions regarding the barnstorming tour and events scheduled for May 11, contact ACHS Band Director Ricky Wells at 358-9543.

All tickets are general admission and cost \$6. Tickets are available at the following businesses - Video Magic 2000, Martin; The Perfect Setting, McDowell; Wayland Texaco; Mike's TV and Appliance, Prestonsburg; and Harley Davidson of Pikeville.



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SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

UNION — Scott Bloomquist will go down in the history books of dirt Late Model racing as the very first winner of a North American Racing Association (NARA) Late

Model event. Bloomquist, a native of Mooresburg, Tenn., had a historic win on Saturday night at the Florence Speedway in Union. Bloomquist piloted his own Bloomquist Race Cars Ford Mustang powered by a Custom Race Engine and sponsored

by Miller Brothers Coal/Allstar Performance/Hawkeye Trucking and Sweet Manufacturing to the victory in the annual Spring 50 event which marked the debut of America's newest dirt late model sanctioning body,

NARA. Bloomquist earned \$10,000 out of a more than \$40,000 purse that was up for grabs. Bloomquist passed race leader Earl Pearson Jr. on the 33rd lap and went on for the win. Pearson was second followed by Steve Francis, Don O'Neal and Rick Eckert. A total of 67 cars were on hand for the race which was taped for a later broadcast on ESPN2.

The 24-car starting field took the green with Pearson taking the point from the start with Bloomquist falling into second place followed by John Gill and Francis. Pearson put the hammer down and started to immediately pull away from Bloomquist in the early going as both Pearson and Bloomquist started running the top groove around the half mile high banked oval. Both drivers started to distance themselves from what was turning out to be quite a battle for third amongst Gill, Francis, Mike Balzano and O'Neal. Pearson started lapping cars by the 11th circuit with Bloomquist looking for ways to track him down as he would close the lead taking seconds off of Pearson's advantage. Heavy traffic started to influence the race by the 15th lap at this point Bloomquist had closed right behind Pearson as Pearson was having a slight problem getting passed some of the cars he was trying to lap. The only caution flag of the event came out for debris on the backstretch on lap 22. With Pearson out in the lead, a double file restart would see the cars of Bloomquist and Gill start the process lining up right behind Pearson as all lapped cars were sent back around to the tail. The restart would see Pearson maintain the point with Bloomquist staring him down at every turn. Bloomquist would then really put the heat on Pearson as the duo entered traffic again and when Pearson made contact with a car he was trying to lap, it really got interesting as Bloomquist would take advantage of Pearson almost losing control of his car as he would go to the outside of Pearson against the outside

retaining wall and pass him for the lead of the race. Now it was Pearson's turn to try and chase down Bloomquist. On the 40th lap third place running, John Gill broke something going down the backstretch and ended up hammering the wall in turn four. Gill would slide to the infield and over the berm protecting the inside of the track as he was done for the night. There was no caution as Gill was out of harm's way. Gill exited his car and was checked by infield personnel and was able to move away on his own. While this was happening to Gill, the race was still going on with Bloomquist pulling away from Pearson over the last 10 laps of the race as he would go on to take the victory. Pearson finished second in the Carlton Lamm/Lucas Oil Products/Rocket Ford Taurus followed by Steve Francis in the MOPAR Performance Parts/Rocket Dodge Intrepid

R/T. Finishing in fourth was Don O'Neal in the A1 Auto Salvage/C.J. Rayburn Monte Carlo and rounding out the top five was Rick Eckert in the Raye Vest Excavating/Rocket Ford Taurus.

Completing the top-10 was Mike Balzano, Shane Clanton, R.J. Conley, Brian Birkhofer and Davey Johnson.

Brian Birkhofer set quick time at 17.504 seconds. Heat races were won by Mike Balzano, Scott Bloomquist, Earl Pearson Jr., R.J. Conley, John Gill and Steve Francis. Matt Miller and Kevin Weaver won the last chance races.

The next NARA event will be this Saturday night at the Brownstown Speedway in Brownstown, Ind. for the 21st Annual Hoosier Dirt Classic race, paying \$7,000 to win. For more information go to www.brownstownspeedway.com.

Floyd County youth soccer teams get in their kicks

TIMES STAFF REPORT

After two weeks of cancellations, the spring soccer season got underway in earnest Saturday with Floyd County teams in action throughout the Big Sandy Area. This past Saturday, teams in the East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association observed Silent Saturday, a day on which coaches and spectators must be silent and only the players and the referee may talk to each other during the game.

U8 THUNDERBOLTS — Over the weekend, the Floyd County U8 Thunderbolts traveled to Pike County to play the Pikeville Leprechauns. The Leprechauns fielded a team, but did not have any players for substitution purposes. The Thunderbolts had enough for one player substitution. It was a challenging game, but the Thunderbolts were victorious in a 5-3 final score. Chase Thacker and Jordan Ray led the Thunderbolts with two goals each. The Thunderbolt scoring was rounded out with a goal by Derrek Studebaker. One of Ray's goals was made possible by an amazing assist from

Dustin Moore

Alisha Owens contributed a quality overall performance, playing aggressively in offensive and defensive modes. Her pressure and perseverance were motivating to her team and intimidating for the Leprechauns.

The Thunderbolts next game is Saturday at 10:30 in Floyd County.

U8 BULLDOGS — The Floyd County U8 Bulldogs started their season off with a 7-2 win over the Belfry Knights. Goals were made by Gabriel Walker (3), Steven Little (1), Robert Campbell (1), and Jackie Kidd (2). Other members of the Bulldogs are Haley Johnson, Katie Porter and Elizabeth Campbell.

U12 LIGHTNING — Last Saturday, the Floyd U12 Lightning traveled to Johnson County to play the Raptors in their first game of the season. Within the first five minutes of the 30-minute half, Nick Conn and Brad Hicks each scored a goal. Assisting them with passes was Branston Jarrell. As the time went by both Conn and Hicks found their marks again. Michael Walz also made a shot from far beyond the box.

Keaton, Studebaker, Katy Petry, Cody McCoy, and Joseph Kidd helped to keep the ball primarily on the Raptor side of the field.

For the Raptors, Jeralynn Kelsey was able to get by the Lightning defense and score a goal. Right before halftime, Caleb Petry was fouled and got to kick a penalty shot, which he made with ease.

In the second half, Brad Stanley came forward, out of the goalie position, and proceeded to score a goal. Shortly after that, Petry, who was now playing forward along with McCoy, scored a goal and then assisted McCoy in scoring. The Raptors answered with goals by Trent Davis and Alyson Salyer. Another goal was scored by the Lightning duo of Petry and McCoy. Davis was able to connect one last time for the Raptors on a direct kick.

Throughout the entire game, the Lightning moved the ball quite skillfully from one end of the field to the other, perfecting ballhandling skills. The game ended with the Lightning on top 10-4. Next up for the Lightning is a trip to Belfry to take on the Fire.

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The Floyd County U8 Bulldogs — Front row, left to right: Steven Little, Robert Campbell, Gabriel Walker, Haley Johnson, Katie Porter, Jackie Kidd and Elizabeth Campbell. Back row, left to right: Coaches Campbell and Porter. Not pictured: Coach Kidd



Midfielder Madyson Nunnery of the all-girl U12 Trailblazers, kept the ball inbounds and away from the Irish midfielder.



Trailblazer forward Kaitlyn Minix took a clearing pass from her defense and moved toward the Irish goal.

BRIEFS: Bonds hits 660th home run, ties Mays

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mays carried the torch before the 2002 Olympics.

BASEBALL

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds hit his 660th home run to tie godfather Willie Mays for third on baseball's career list.

Bonds connected in the fifth inning of San Francisco's 7-5 win over Milwaukee. He hit a 3-1 pitch from Matt Kinney over the right-field wall into McCovey Cove — a three-run shot that traveled an estimated 442 feet.

The 39-year-old Bonds was greeted at home by several teammates and he stepped on the plate and raised both hands in the air.

Mays also greeted the six-time NL MVP with a hug and a kiss outside the dugout and presented his godson with a torch decorated with 25 tiny diamonds, symbolic of the number Bonds wears. Both Bonds and

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA filed a legal brief in support of the NFL's appeal to keep former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett out of the draft.

President Myles Brand said that college sports' largest governing body asked the federal appeals court to consider six points regarding antitrust legislation before issuing a decision. The points were not cited in the statement.

The court will hear the dispute over whether Clarett can enter the NFL draft less than a week before its April 24 start.

The NFL has asked the court to overturn a lower court ruling that said the league's rule that a player must be out of high school three years for draft eligibility violated antitrust law.

Clark ends regular-season with doubles win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville men's tennis team closed out the regular season by edging visiting Virginia Tech 4-3 Saturday at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center. The win gives the Cards their second consecutive undefeated season and home and increases their home win streak to 28 matches.

U of L took the doubles point as the team of Matt Mayer and Jeremy Clark, No. 18 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings, defeated Stephane Rod and Soren Spanner 8-5 at the top seed and Damar Johnson and Jakob Gustafsson topped Andreas Laulund and Adel Abbas 8-3 at No. 2. Virginia Tech's Arvid Puranen and Brent Wilkins posted an 8-4 win over Octavian Nicodim and Mark Kennedy at the three-spot.

Clark, a native of Floyd County, is a sophomore and has played both doubles and singles for the Cardinals.

The Hokies picked up three singles wins as Laulund, No. 38 in the ITA singles rankings, defeated Mayer 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 at the top seed. Rod topped Jhonny Berrido 6-0, 6-4 at No. 4 and Angel Diankov defeated Clark 7-6, 6-4 at No. 6.

Louisville's Johnson registered a 6-7, 6-3, 7-6 win over Spanner at No. 3 and Gustafsson outlasted Abbas 7-6, 4-6, 7-5 at No. 5. Nicodim clinched the match for the Cardinals, edging Puranen 5-7, 7-6, 7-5 at No. 2.

"This was a great win for this group of players," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma. "We were down so many match points, it looked like there was

no way we were going to win. This was a defining moment for the team, responding under a great deal of pressure to come back to win is indicative of how our season has gone. Octavian Nicodim really came through for us today. Even though he is only 5-5, he played like he was seven feet tall. Going undefeated at home for two consecutive seasons is quite an accomplishment.

Hopefully this can give us some momentum going into the Conference USA tournament."

No. 41 Virginia Tech falls to 14-8 on the season.

The Cardinals (18-7), No. 45 in the ITA rankings, will travel to Memphis for the 2004 C-USA Men's Tennis Championship. Play in the tournament begins Thursday.

Defense dominates Kentucky scrimmage

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LEXINGTON — Karl Booker intercepted a pass and Dustin Williams recorded a sack Saturday as Kentucky's defense dominated the team's first spring scrimmage.

Senior quarterback Shane Boyd, the frontrunner to start as next season begins, completed 8 of 14 passes for 140 yards and a touchdown. Boyd also rushed six times for 25 yards.

The Wildcats' first-team defense, with nine starters back from last season, allowed no points and only 62 yards in seven series.

Booker, a sophomore, intercepted a pass by backup quarterback Andre Woodson. Junior linebacker Dennis Johnson forced a fumble.

"I really think that the defensive front is controlling the tempo," said Kentucky coach Rich Brooks. "The defensive front should be, and is, ahead of the offensive front."

The first-team offense looked better against the second-team defense. Sophomore receiver Keenan Burton had a 65-yard touchdown run and Boyd threw a 65-yard TD pass to Glenn Holt. Burton also had a 41-yard reception from Boyd.

"We have some big-play capability on offense but have to be more consistent," Brooks said. "The quarterbacks have thrown more accurately in practices than they did today in the scrimmage. We need to get past that."

Kentucky wraps up spring practice with the Blue-White Game on April 24.



Boyd

Derby picture becomes even more cluttered

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Bobby Frankel is at it again, working wonders with a 3-year-old colt from his home base in California.

This time, Master David is the horse Frankel hopes will end his Kentucky Derby drought. The Hall of Fame trainer is 0-for-6 at the Derby, but at least he's got another shot on May 1.

Master David didn't win his first race in more than two months, but his promising runner-up effort to Tapit in Saturday's Wood Memorial at Aqueduct was proof enough he carries the necessary credentials to end up as the Derby favorite.

Yes, Smarty Jones won Saturday's Arkansas Derby to remain unbeaten in six races, but Master David has faced tougher competition with consistent results and remains No. 1 on this week's Derby Prospects list.

The rest of the top 10 underwent a major reshuffling after the final Derby prep Saturday, with Smarty Jones moving up to No. 2 and The Cliff's Edge hitting the chart at No. 3 with his victory over Lion Heart in the Blue Grass at Keeneland.

"I am happy with where we are," Frankel said. "He's a tough little horse, not as big as some of the other ones, but he gave it everything he had."

Master David has never been off the board in seven starts. The son of Grand Slam began his career on the grass in England, where he lost by a neck and then a nose before his

first victory. In America, he finished second to Read the Footnotes in the Remsen at Aqueduct last November.

That's when Frankel took over for new owner Peter Minikes, who operates Georgia Stable. The trainer with two runner-up Derby finishes — Empire Maker last year, Aptitude in 2000 — sent Master David out to a third-place finish in the Santa Catalina behind St. Averil on Jan. 17. Three weeks later, the colt won the Sham Stakes, beating Derby contenders Borrego and Preachin'atthebar.

A slight illness kept Master David out of the Florida Derby, but his run in the 1 1/8-mile Wood — he lost by a half-length and held off Eddington

by a nose for second — gave every indication he's ready for a strong effort on Derby day. In fact, Frankel thought victory was possible as jockey Alex Solis guided Master David along the rail.

"I think he got beat because he didn't see the other horse on the outside," Frankel said.

Finishing second in the Wood has been a good omen for Derby hopefuls. Among Wood runner-ups winning the Derby are Funny Cide (2003), Monarchos (2001) and Go for Gin (1994).

The Derby field is limited to 20 horses. If more enter, only the top 20 graded stakes earners will start.

One last prep is set for Saturday — the Lexington

Stakes at Keeneland. Among prospective starters are Minister Eric, Pomeroy, Quintons Gold Rush and Saratoga County.

The Derby would be the next stop for each prospect.

The top 10:

1. Master David (Bobby Frankel, trainer; Alex Solis, jockey) — Dug in gamely in Wood to hold on for second. ... Returns to Hollywood Park on Tuesday. ... Derby future wager odds (pool 3): 12-1.

2. Smarty Jones (John

Servis, Stewart Elliott) — Will attempt to become first undefeated Derby winner since Seattle Slew in 1977 and second Pennsylvania bred to win Derby (Lil E. Tee in '92 was the other). ... Would collect \$5 million bonus from Oaklawn Park for sweeping Rebel, Arkansas Derby and Kentucky Derby. ... Odds: 10-1.

3. The Cliff's Edge (Nick Zito, Shane Sellers) — Zito's third-stringer came through, collaring Lion Heart in the stretch to take Blue Grass for

his first win of the year. ... Odds: 16-1.

4. Borrego (Beau Greely, Victor Espinoza) — Cracks top 10 at right time after finishing second in Arkansas Derby, colt's third straight runner-up finish. ... Was second to Wimbleton in Louisiana Derby and to Master Davis in Sham. ... Odds: 16-1.

5. Friends Lake (John Kimmel, Richard Migliore) — Worked five furlongs in very

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Classic

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pointers. The North finally got on the board a couple minutes into the game when Perry Central's Al Holland grabbed an offensive rebound and stuck it back. However, the South was able to keep the upperhand throughout the quarter and took a 30-21 into the second quarter.

Early in the second quarter, the North began to make their move. The North completed their comeback with a little over two minutes remaining in the half when Hazard's Parker Carter hit a three-pointer from the right side of the floor. The two team went into the half knotted at 53.

The South recaptured their early magic in the third period

and quickly jumped out to a double-digit lead. By the end of the period, the South's lead was ten at 84-74. The fourth quarter would see the North make several runs at the South, cutting the margin to a single basket on several occasions. Despite several excellent opportunities late in the game, the North was unable to get the baskets necessary to retake the lead. The South went on to win the game 113 to 109.

Parker Carter of Hazard and Greg Fugate of Boyd County led the North and all scorers with 21 points each, while David Vance of Barbourville led the South to victory with 19 points.

South (113) — David Vance (Barbourville) 19, Steven Gabbard (Jackson County) 15, Jerod Gibbons (Wayne County) 2, Chase Lyons (Clay County) 13, Bo Cook (Whitesburg) 7, Michael Petrey (Whitley County) 13, Tyrone Green (Wayne County) 15, Jordan Marcum (Bell County) 9, Jared Baker (Powell County) 6, and Oliver Mansour (North Laurel) 14.

North (109) — Adam Howard (Ashland) 6, Tyler Clark (Lewis County) 7, Eric Mullins (Hazard) 6, Al Holland (Perry Central) 13, Greg Fugate (Boyd County) 21, Jason Miller (Breathitt County) 2, Brandon Ratliff (East Ridge) 10, Tyler Halsey (Wolfe County) 7, Parker Carter (Hazard) 21, Ryan Phipps (Morgan County) 7, Jesse Miller (Breathitt County) 3, and Robbie Spears (East Ridge) 6.

photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central sophomore Tyler Turner watched for signs during last week's win over Letcher. Allen Central and many other area high school baseball teams have been pushed away this week due to recent wet weather that invaded Eastern Kentucky earlier this week.

Waltrip avoids crash, wins Pepsi 300

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GLADEVILLE, Tenn. — Michael Waltrip avoided a crash that took out the top four drivers with two laps to go, and won the Pepsi 300 on Saturday at Nashville Superspeedway.

Rookie Clint Bowyer was racing rookie Kyle Busch for the lead coming out of Turn 2 on lap 224 when he tapped Busch's Chevrolet. Busch started to spin,

and Johnny Benson ran into the back of Bowyer, sending the trio and Robby Gordon into the infield.

Waltrip drove past the crash by hugging the wall.

NASCAR ruled that Waltrip had already passed Johnny Sauter when the caution came out and the field was frozen, giving Waltrip his 11th Busch Series victory and first since August at Bristol.



Churchill Downs makes offer for track

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Churchill Downs Inc. has offered to buy the financially troubled New Orleans Fair Grounds for \$45 million, according to a published report.

The Kentucky-based company reached an agreement with the Louisiana horsemen's association to purchase its legal claims against the track and then

made the offer, The Times-Picayune reported Tuesday.

The newspaper said it had obtained documents related to the proposal. The Fair Grounds faces a Thursday deadline to submit a bankruptcy plan.

Under Churchill's proposal, \$33 million would go to the Louisiana horsemen, with the remaining \$12 million paid to the Fair Grounds' other creditors, according to a letter of

intent signed by Churchill officials.

Churchill has given the Fair Grounds a deadline of 4 p.m. Wednesday to sign the letter.

If Fair Grounds officials accept, the track would not be allowed to negotiate with other prospective buyers for a specified period. But the Krantz family, which owns a controlling

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Kicks

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U12 TRAILBLAZERS — In their first game of the season on Saturday, the all-girl Trailblazers faced a familiar opponent. The Irish, a predominantly male team from Pikeville which had stunned the girls 8-1 in the fall, traveled to the Floyd County soccer fields at Christ United Methodist Church at Allen to take on the Blazers. In a well-played and hotly contested game on Silent Saturday, the two teams fought to a 3-3 tie.

The front line of the Trailblazers pressed the attack early, having several shots on goal which were handled by the Irish goalie, but the Irish drew first blood to take the 1-0 lead. Forwards Kaitlyn Minix and Clara Osborne came right back on the attack, and Minix booted in a goal to tie the score. During the first half, much of the action took place in the midfield area, as Blazer midfielders Kathleen Smith, Madyson Nunnery, Elizabeth Davis, Rachel Sanders and Leandra Padgett battled the equally active Irish midfielders. Late in the first half, the Irish became very aggressive, but goalie Alexis DeRossett made several great stops.

The first half ended with the Irish on top 2-1. In the second half, the defensive line of the Trailblazers turned back many advances by the Irish offense. Great clearing kicks by center fullback Trista Damron sent the ball behind the Irish midfielders, where the Trailblazers forwards were able to use their speed to get beyond the defense. After several forays deep into Irish territory, the Blazers capitalized on a corner kick by Nunnery when the Irish defense deflected the ball into the goal. Elizabeth Hardt, Katie Hutchinson, Brenna Ousley, Tori Hunt and Meghan Banks were stalwart in the defense of their goal, and DeRossett made several more great stops, but an agile and speedy Irish forward was able to slip the ball past the defense to make the score 3-2 in favor of the Pike County team late in the game.

With the clock now their enemy, the Blazers found new life in yet another corner kick

after a Damron clear. This time, forward Smith placed the ball right in front of the goal, where Minix bumped it into the net, making the final score 3-3.

The Trailblazers play the Johnson County Raptors next Saturday morning at 10:30 at the EKYSY fields at Allen.

U14 WARRIORS — The U14 Floyd County Warriors traveled to Pike County on Saturday to take on the Pikeville Sharks. The Warriors defeated the Sharks 5-3 in an exciting, hard-fought, physical matchup.

As the game began, only seven of the Warrior players were present. With that situation present, for the first few minutes

of the game, those seven athletes, dropped back into defensive position until reinforcements could arrive. Once 11 players were on the field for the Floyd County team, they took an early 3-0 lead with three goals by Luke Greene. The Sharks had several attempts at goal in the first half, but all were denied by the quick defensive actions of Jackson Osborne, the Warrior goalie. When the first half ended, the Warriors were on top 3-0.

The Warriors came out sluggish to start the second half and allowed the Sharks to score the

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Trailblazer forward Kaitlyn Minix, trailed by midfielder Kathleen Smith, and referee Hagan Bush, moved the ball toward the Irish goal. Minix scored two goals in the 3-3 tie.

GOLF: Mickelson masters Masters

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Phil Mickelson's agonizing pursuit of a major ended Sunday at the Masters when he made an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole, a spectacular conclusion to a back-nine duel with Ernie Els.

Gone is that ugly streak of being 0-for-42 in golf's biggest events. Mickelson delivered a

command performance to the very end, with two birdies on the final three holes for a 3-under 69 that gave him a one-stroke victory over Els.

Mickelson finished at 9-under 279 and earned \$1.17 million for his 23rd career victory.

It was the sixth straight major won by a first-timer — something that had never happened in 144 years of championship golf.

Half Mountain Speedway ready to kick off 2004 season

by JAMES TRIMBLE
HMS TRACK WRITER

ROYALTON — After a long winter break, Jim Branham and the crew at Half Mountain Speedway are ready to kick off the 2004 dirt racing season with a special practice for the drivers. The practice will allow drivers a chance to get their setups ready for a chance to be known as the first driver to be known as Half Mountain Speedway King of the Mountain, the title going to the driver who can capture the season-long points battle in his or her division.

On Sunday, Half Mountain Speedway will host drivers, race fans and the media from all over the area. This will be the first time any rac car has been on the track since the end of the September of last year. Drivers and racefans are anxious to get back to Half Mountain Speedway on what many people have said is the best racing surface and racing program in the region and one of the top tracks in the state.

Sunday's practice will be open to all divisions that will compete at Half Mountain Speedway on a regular basis dur-

ing the upcoming season — Late Model, Limited Late Model, Modified, Super Bomber, Bomber, Road Hog, and Four-Cylinder.

Gate will open on Sunday at noon with racers hitting the speedway at 1 p.m. The practice will continue until it gets dark. The practice day will be run under race condition settings with the track prepared like it was a race night. HMS officials will be in place to cover the action. The practice will be run in race condition sessions as well with the first couple hours devoted to qualifying type practice with each car in attendance getting five laps alone on the track to see what adjustments are needed. Drivers may return several times to the track during the first segment to workout setup problems they may be having.

After the designated time limited for the first segment has passed the action on the track will be red flagged to allow HMS track officials a chance to work on the track if needed, or get ready for the second segment of practice which will be heat race and feature practice. In this segment of the practice, each divi-

sion will get a set time limit to come out and do some side by side racing with the other cars from their division, allowing work on race condition setups. This type of practicing will run the rest of the day until it starts getting dark.

When HMS officials decide that its too dark to continue with the practice, the red flag will be displayed ending the daylong practice. Drivers and track officials will then take the information learned from the practice and use it to prepare for the Season Opening event which will be on April 24 with all seven divisions returning to Half Mountain for a regular show in all divisions. Concessions will be available at the practice and the practice will be free of charge to the drivers to get out on the track. Anyone that wants to get a preview of the action at HMS in 2004 is invited to attend the session.

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Celica.

Mud Creek driver Stacy Hall went around in 21.22. James Dartel Mosley ran a 21.54. Defending Four-Cylinder Champion Jack Clevering qualified in 21.63.

Michael Paul Howard made the quickest Super Bomber qualifying effort of 16.90 with his Allen's Tire sponsored 24H. Howard went on to lead all 20 laps of the feature for the first feature win of the season in his George Caldwell Performance-powered 2004 Monte Carlo. Longtime racer Beadie Blackburn finished in the runner-up spot, ahead of Elva Smith and Jackie Buskirk of Martin County.

Without even making his own victory lap, Howard quickly ran from the third turn to the staging lane to board the No. 48, R&G Motorsports Bomber, sharing the front row to the inside of the 6F machine of John Fitzpatrick.

Something new to the drivers this season at 201 is the fact that all cars for the feature have to be lined up in the staging lane prior to

the completion of the last feature or start from the rear of the field in order to make the show go a little faster, getting the fans and drivers home earlier.

Howard led the parade through the first set of turns and had a three or four carlength advantage by the flagstand on the first lap. The next lap saw the 48 car of Howard have to get on the brakes a little to correct the machine in the middle of the second turn, allowing Fitzpatrick to get to within a foot of the leader by the flagstand on the third lap.

After racing the next couple of circuits often side by side, Howard firmly took control of the point off the third corner. The most hotly contested race on the clay quickly was for the third spot with the 20W ride of Davey Warnock on the inside and defending Bomber champion, Bannie Blair, in the B4 car, on the outside. On the sixth lap, after a fierce battle between the two, Blair and Warnock made contact with each other. In the mishap, Blair got completely sideways off

the second turn, yet managed to correct his machine only to pull up lame with a flat on the next lap in the first turn, bringing out the first caution of the 15-lap feature. Blair returned to stay on the lead lap and ended up with a fifth-place finish.

When the first Bomber checkers of the 2004 race season flew it was the R & G Motorsports, GCP Racing Engines powered Mr. Bill's New and Used Furniture sponsored No. 48 ride of Howard with the win, ahead of the No. 20W of Davey Warnock and Ervin Blair in Charles Blair's T1 car. Fitzpatrick finished behind Blair.

In the Road Hog feature, Royalt's Ryan Risner got the early lead over West Liberty's Scott Pennington in the B4U racecar, with the race for second being the race to watch by the fourth lap between Pennington, and River's Walt Castle. On the fifth lap, Castle found a lane to the inside of Pennington off the second turn and cleared him down the backstretch for second.

When the field was shown the halfway flags, Castle's H2R had a tire go down, and had to watch the remainder of the feature from the pits. The same misfortune put

Pennington on the trailer on the eighth lap. Pennington went on to take the Road Hog checkers in the Scrub Contracting, Dr. Pepper, Red Fusion sponsored 84 car. Risner took the Road Hog checkers ahead of first-year driver Derek Powers of Leander and Rick Baker of Perry County.

Mud Creek driver Stacy Hall took the checkers in the first Four-Cylinder feature, finishing ahead of Jason Hall of Hindman.

Sixteen-year-old Mark Jude had the inside pole of the second Four-Cylinder feature with McDowell's Alan Newsome. Jude was able to hold Newsome in the M55 right to the inside rail in the corners and held the lead on the first lap. Mud Creek's Junebug Newsome found a good run off the fourth turn and drew right up to the side of Jude by the flagstand. But when they hit the first set of turns, each chose a totally different path through the turns with Jude all the way up against the rail and Newsome searching for speed two lanes higher through the turns. As Jude extended his advantage, Newsome faced the challenge of the 25M of fellow Mudcreeker, Erik McKinney, with the two trading sheet metal and paint off the corners nearly every

time.

On the third lap, McKinney looked to the outside in turns one and two to take second from Newsome, then set his sights on the leader. After looking to move to the outside again off turn two, McKinney dove to the inside of Jude, the raceleader, off the fourth turn to be posted as the leader on the fourth lap. Jude was quicker through one and two, getting right back with McKinney with more side by side racing down the backstretch. Jude regained the lead on the sixth lap by almost a full carlength, then went back to holding back to the inside rail. When they saw the white flag, Jude had McKinney by only two or three feet. McKinney made one last run at the leader, off the fourth turn to the checkers, but got there just a carlength behind the winner, Jude, in the M55 J and K Auto Parts, Blackburn Racing Engines and Fabrications sponsored 1992 Cavalier. Morehead driver Audie Keeton finished third in front of Ronnie Maynard (35).

Eventhough Late Models and Modifieds weren't on the schedule for Saturday night, six showed up for practice in each class and track owner Bill Mike Vaughn decided to have a \$200 to win shootout for each division. Daniel Williams collected the Late Model checkers, finishing ahead

of Corey McKenzie, Jim Lemaster, Jamie Ferguson, and Robert "Taco" Fletcher. Logan, W.Va. driver Tim Moore won the Modified race ahead of Paintsville attorney Mike Osborne.

Looking to the weekend ahead, 201 Speedway will host a full racing card, featuring Late Models, Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, Road Hogs, and two divisions of Four-Cylinders. On April 24, Four-Cylinders will be racing for double the money. Gates will open Saturday at 4 p.m. The driver's meeting is set for 6 and qualifying for around 7.

Mullins

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deficit.

Betsy Layne senior Whitney Lykens and Magoffin County senior Savannah Howard each chose not to compete in the game. Lykens, by being the 15th Region Player of the Year, has earned the right to tryout for the Kentucky All-Stars. The tryouts are scheduled to take place this week, Friday and Saturday.

Mullins, who enjoyed an eventful high school basketball career at Allen Central, remains undecided on college.

Locals named CJ honorable mention

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The Louisville Courier Journal announced its all-state high school basketball teams for the 2003-04 season Sunday. Several players from the 15th Region, both boys and girls, received honorable mention nods.

South Floyd High senior

Adam Tackett was named honorable mention. Paintsville's Shane Simpkins, East Ridge's Brandon Ratliff and Seth Kiser of Shelby Valley were also given honorable mention nods.

The Betsy Layne duo of senior Whitney Lykens and junior Kim Clark made honorable mention as did Pike Central freshman Haley Ratliff.

Kicks

next two goals. The Warriors regrouped and Josh Holbrook scored, extending the Warrior lead to a 4-2 advantage. The Sharks came right back with a goal of their own with about seven minutes remaining in the game. The Warriors kept up the intensity and Ethan Filowiat put one in for the Warriors, to put the Floyd County team on top 5-3 to end the game. Christian Smith, Rob Allen, Jarred Tackett, Katie Walz, Jimmy Greene (a U10 player providing the 11th body), Nick Banks and Adam Kimbler provided solid offensive and defensive plays throughout the physical game.

The Warriors will play Perry County 2 next week at the

Floyd County field in Allen. The Warriors, who are now 2-0 on the young season, are coached by Danny Greene and Mike Filowiat.

Golden Wave ties Belfry team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The U8 Golden Wave Floyd County youth soccer team traveled to Belfry on Saturday and

interest in the Fair Grunds, also can reject the offer and seek a deal with another buyer or find another way to satisfy the track's debts.

"We are looking at it and evaluating our options," said Fair Grounds bankruptcy attorney Douglas Draper. "There are things that we can live with, and there are things that are troublesome."

Churchill spokeswoman Julie Koening declined comment.

A court ruled last month that the Fair Grounds owes the horsemen \$89.9 million for withholding video-poker proceeds for purses for the past decade, making the horsemen by far the Fair Grounds' largest creditor.

took on the Patriots. Although the Golden Wave kept pressure on the Patriot goal most of the first period, the host Belfry team scored first on a kick high into the goal over goalkeeper Davey Sanders and added another goal in the second period on a break-away.

The game eventually ended in a 2-2 deadlock.

In the second half, the Wave continually pressured the Patriot goal again, with many scoring attempts. The Floyd County team's persistence paid off as Logan Hutchinson scored two goals. Colin and Juliann Green, Sarah Dare and Taylor Crawford all contributed to hold off the Patriots' final effort and to give the visiting team a tie in a well-played game.

Games

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Athletes must participate in an Area Track & Field event in order to qualify for the State Summer Games. All Area Track & Field events will be conducted according to USA Track & Field rules. After the Area competition, each delegation will receive a delegation report which will include the results from the Area Games. The results should be used to complete registration forms for Summer Games.

Lunches will be provided on Saturday for all participating athletes. A concession stand will also be open.

Attending delegations are asked to drop off athletes at the entrance of the athletic complex and then park in the lower lot.

Looking ahead, the State Summer Games will be held in Richmond.

Check-in for Saturday's Area 3 Games is 8 a.m. Athletes will line up for a parade at 9 a.m. Opening ceremonies are set for 9:15 a.m. Competition is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

Betsy Layne duo named All-State honorable mention

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — When the Lexington Herald-Leader released its All-State high school basketball teams Sunday, Betsy Layne senior Whitney Lykens and junior Kim Clark were each honorable mention selections. Another honorable mention selection was Pike

County Central freshman Haley Ratliff.

The Lexington paper conducted voting among coaches throughout the state.

On the boys' side, Morgan County's David Barnett, Shelby Valley's Seth Kiser, Pike County Central's Chase Lyons and East Ridge's Robbie Spears were all named honorable mention.

Derby

slow 1:04 3/5 at Payson Park in Florida on Saturday. ... Florida Derby winner will be off seven weeks entering Derby. ... Odds: 22-1.

6. Lion Heart (Patrick Biancone, Mike Smith) — Strong in Blue Grass stretch, losing by just a half-length. ... 3-for-3 last year, two runner-ups this year — to Imperialism in San Rafael was the other. ... Odds: 16-1.

7. Read the Footnotes (Rick Violette Jr., Bailey) — Will be Violette's first Derby starter. ... Winner of five of seven races, including Fountain of Youth. ... Faded to fourth in Florida Derby last time out. ... Odds: 17-1.

8. Imperialism (Kristin Mulhall, Espinoza) — Won San Vicente and San Rafael before being cut off in the

stretch in Santa Anita Derby and finishing third (moved up to second after runner-up Rock Hard Ten was DQ'd and placed third for interference). ... Odds 15-1.

9. Tapit (Michael Dickinson, Ramon Dominguez) — Overcame lung infection and ran down leaders to take Wood by half-length. ... Has won three of four career starts, and trying to become first Derby winner off just two 3-year-old starts Sunny's Halo in 1983. ... Odds: 23-1.

10. Wimbledon (Bob Baffert, Javier Santiago) — Looks like Baffert's only shot. ... Enters Derby off fifth-place finish in Santa Anita Derby. ... Odds: 16-1.

Keep in mind: Birdstone, Castledale, Limehouse, Pollard's Vision, Preachinathebar.

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POISON OAK

A distinct culture; a rich history

I was paying some bills the other night when the phone rang. When I answered it, I immediately recognized the friend who asked, "What's goin' on?"

"Just getting ready to back a letter to Big Sandy TV Cable," I answered.



Clyde Pack

There was a slight pause, then he said, "Man, I haven't heard that expression in years."

"What expression?," I asked, although while I was asking, I'd figured out what he was talking about.

"Back a letter. I haven't

heard anyone say 'back a letter' since my grandmother used to say it," he said.

A couple of days later, I stumbled across an article discussing examples of dialect common to Eastern Kentuckians.

Like, for instance, my Dad would say that something was "lopper jawed" whenever it was lopsided. I've also heard him speak of the time when he was a boy and a "painter cat" was reported to be living in the hills of his native Martin County. A "painter cat" was a panther.

To his generation, if someone was very sick, he was "bad off." If he recovered, then got sick again, he had a "backset."

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KIM'S KORNER

Bad moon a-risin'?

What on earth is going on? Seems as though since last Friday, everywhere we've gone we've had to witness actions of the "most impatient of all time." On several of these occasions I found myself wanting to just go up to people and say, "Take a deep breath and count to 10!"

Probably would've gotten my head knocked off.

One of the impatient acts I witnessed nearly blew me away. It occurred in a local parking lot, here in Prestonsburg, when a gentleman was discovered experiencing trouble with his car. He had gotten out to check on the

problem, when the person in the car behind him began to blow their horn. The stranded motorist held up one of his fingers in an attempt to say, "Just a minute," when the impatient (and irate) person in the car behind him, flipped him another kind of finger (and it wasn't intended as a way to say, "Just a minute back at ya," either, get my drift?

I thought my poor old eyeballs were gonna pop right out, for I couldn't believe what I had just seen.

For heavens sake, the man was having car trouble! Like he really wanted this in his day, you know?

Before long, the two had begun to shout at one another. I was in total dis-

(See KORNER, page nine)

Applications available for Transy's Academic Camp

For Appalachian students
- July 11-16

Transylvania University will hold its 12th annual Academic Camp for Appalachian Students July 11-16. The five-day camp will give high school students entering their sophomore, junior or senior year the oppor-

tunity to experience college life and will introduce these students to the liberal arts through discussion in nine academic areas. Students will also learn how to prepare for college work and learn how to better their scores on standardized examinations.

Transylvania professors will serve as teachers and Transy students will

serve as mentors and group leaders.

The camp is free; however, a \$50 application fee is required by May 1. Enrollment is limited to 25 students. Applicants must have a B average and be recommended by two individuals, one of whom is a teacher or counselor who can verify that the student is interested in the camp and

would benefit from attending.

Applicants must also attend school in the Appalachian region.

The camp is supported in part by the Jessie Ball duPont Foundation.

For more information or an application, please contact professor Mike

(See APPLICATIONS, page eight)



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Members of the Betsy Layne High School Jr. ROTC participated in an alcohol and drug awareness program held Monday afternoon in the school gymnasium. The program focused on the stark realities of traffic related deaths among teenagers.

'GHOST OUT'

program promotes safe teen driving at BLHS

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

The speaker's voice rang out, clear and sincerely, "I promise if you give me just one more chance, God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world...Please, God, I'm only 17."

The words were read during a production of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Drive Smart educational program, "Ghost Out," held Monday afternoon in the Betsy Layne High School gymnasium.

"Ghost Out" is an alcohol and drug awareness program aimed at teenagers. Teenagers, according to nationwide statistics, are 40 times more likely to be killed in automo-

bile crashes than are adults. Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among this age group, with an average of 133 teenagers dying each week in traffic crashes. That amounts to approximately one teenage death every 33 minutes. Almost 50 percent of these deaths are alcohol related.

Armed with such alarming statistics, Ernie Walker, BLHS media specialist, coordinated the Ghost Out event to increase student awareness of the dangers associated with driving while under the influence of drugs/alcohol. "We try each year to have something of this sort - like last year, we staged a mock wreck - around prom time," Walker said.

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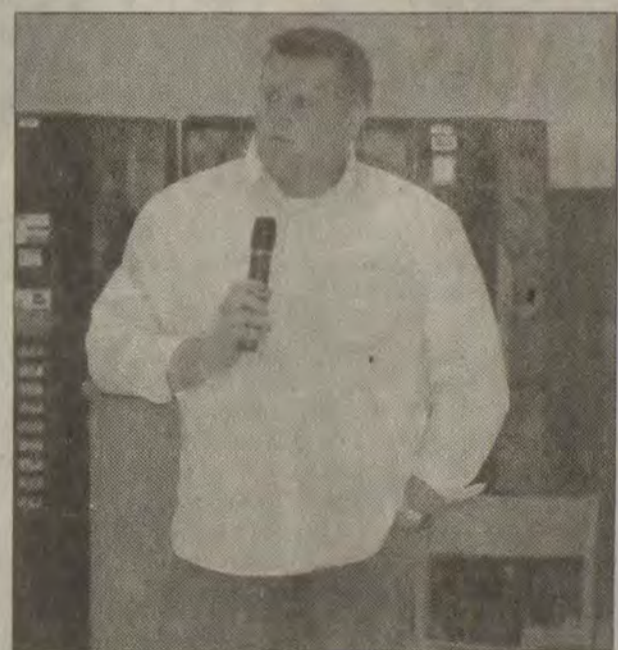


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Chris Bailey, of Hall Funeral Home, shared a personal experience in regard to traffic related fatalities with the BLHS students. Chris is a former athlete and graduate of Allen Central High School, whose best friend was killed in a teenage car crash.

CRITTER CORNER

GDV Syndrome requires prompt attention

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris,
DVM

Gunner, our Doberman Pinscher, had a close brush with a serious illness last week. We were in the middle of a busy afternoon when someone called to my attention that he was acting strangely. We had just been joking that he was unusually well-behaved, since he wasn't

giving off his usual "someone's here to kill us all" barking every time the front door opened (a behavior I've been unsuccessfully trying to curb for some time now).

Now he was standing stretched out like a show horse, shifting his weight back and forth and generally looking really uncomfortable. To my horror, I thought his stomach

looked larger than normal. I was going into panic mode, frantically searching for emergency equipment, when I realized that no one else had a clue what was happening. It dawned on me that Teresa and I were the only ones on staff who had ever seen a case of bloat, and Teresa had left for the afternoon for a meeting.

(See CRITTER, page eight)



This is "Slim" Harris, a cute and wiggly little Dachshund owned by Robert "Kay" and Teresa Harris, of Drift. Here, Slim was all dressed up for a professional photo shoot with "Mom and Dad." Thanks, Jamie, for this adorable pic!

School Calendar

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 rec room, please call the center.

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

coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

■ 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

■ Thru April 16 - FRC Fundraiser (Buy one-Get one FREE food cards).

■ Apr. 15, & 29 - Health Dept. nurse in center.

■ Apr. 14 & 21 - Blue Ribbon activity (K-3).

■ Apr. 15 - SBDM Council meeting, 6 p.m., in school library. All welcome.

■ Apr. 17 - Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents - Mt. Arts Center.

■ Apr. 19 -23 - Volunteer Appreciation Week and Blue

Ribbon Month Observance (wear your blue ribbons all week).

■ Apr. 22 - Kindergarten transition meeting for parents.

■ Apr. 23 - Wear Blue Day.

■ Apr. 27 - "Give Yourself a Break Day" for parents - Mt. Arts Center.

**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 FCHD nurse is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment.

■ 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.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years

(April 20 and April 22, 1994)

The Floyd County Board of Education put an end to months of debate and dissonance, Monday evening, authorizing the advertisement of bids for a school renovation project at Betsy Layne Elementary. That action effectively closed the books on a series of misadventures that have plagued the project from its inception...Although the meeting room was packed above the maximum occupancy level, standing room only was not the most heated issue discussed at Friday's Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting. For the last two months, several citizens attending the monthly fiscal court meetings have complained that they have difficulty breathing in the small meeting room, because of cigarette smoke...A Floyd County man got more than he bargained for, when he allegedly broke into a Johnson County residence Monday night. Jack E. Farley, 39, of Wayland, was shot once in the leg, after he broke into the Staffordsville home of Mildred King, 50, at 11:55 p.m., state police in Pikeville said...City government almost came to a halt in Wayland, Monday night, during a city council meeting after two city councilmen and an auxiliary policeman resigned. The Floyd County Board of Education, in a split vote, Monday, authorized a plan to make up for days lost during last winter's spate of severe weather that will add one hour and twelve minutes to each school day for the next five weeks...Floyd County's solid waste program did something in March that it hadn't done in quite a while. It took in more money than it spent...Floyd County Fiscal Court members voted, at a special meeting, Thursday, to accept the low bid on bonds to be sold to build a new jail; but in a 3-2 vote the court rejected a recommendation to review construction bills before paying them...William F. Warrix, 71, of Lane Brown Branch Road, Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, after he had fallen from a lawn tractor he was operating at his home...Five fugitives, including a West Virginia man wanted on a murder charge, were arrested in Floyd, Pike, and Johnson counties, Wednesday, by Kentucky State Police. Among them, James G. Maynard, 43, was arrested in South Williamson by troopers Henry Banks and Jim Booth. Maynard is wanted by the West Virginia State Police on murder, arson and armed robbery charges...There will be a new director at Wheelwright's minimum security prison next month, but not because eight prisoners have walked away since it opened. "It is too good an offer to refuse," Otter

Creek director Tim Maguigan said this week. "It is a good opportunity for me, and a good move for my family..."Wayland and Garrett firefighters literally dodged bullets, Monday evening, while they fought a fire on Stamper Branch at Wayland. Gun shells in the mobile home of Steve Banks exploded in the fire, said Steve Henegar, a Wayland firefighter, posing a hazard to firefighters and young children standing near the area...Soil and Water Stewardship Week kicked off, Wednesday morning, with the Floyd County Conservation District's annual Stewardship Breakfast at May Lodge...Earl Compton, 66, of Prestonsburg, former administrator of the Floyd and Martin county health departments, died Tuesday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center...There died: Marjorie S. Akers, 71, of Dana, Monday, April 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dove Newman Hall, 76, of Southgate, Michigan, formerly of Hi Hat, Tuesday, April 12, at her residence; Woots Shepherd, 79, of Hunter, Thursday, April 14, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Larry D. Isaac, 44, of Hebron, formerly of Martin, Saturday, April 16, at St. Luke Hospital, West Florence; Elder Claude Ousley, 85, of Shelby, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, April 18, at Hillside Acres Nursing Home, Willard, Ohio; Dora M. Johnson, 94, of Brownstown, Michigan, formerly of Melvin, Friday, April 15, in Brownstown; Earle Sister Triplett, 74, of Mousie, Monday, April 11, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Raymond Daniels, 66, of Monroe, Michigan, Thursday, at his home; Freddie Waller, 47, of Meally, Sunday, April 10, in Middlesboro; Sheila Frasure, 28, of Grethel, Monday, April 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Jo Allyn Scott Howell, of Harold, Sunday, April 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Marie Durbin, 76, of Paintsville, Friday, April 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maryland Collins, 84, of Topmost, Wednesday, April 20, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Willie H. Hamilton, 78, of Teaberry, Wednesday, April 20, at his residence; Harvey (June) Johnson, 76, of Kite, Wednesday, April 13, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Earl Compton, 66, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, April 19, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Virgil Epling, 67, of Virgie, Wednesday, April 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ernestine Miller Holbrook, 54, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, April 19, at her residence; John B. Pigman, 72, of Johnstown, Ohio, formerly of Dema, Monday, April 18, at his residence; William F. Warrix, 71, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, April 19, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington.

Twenty Years Ago

(April 25, 1984)

The federal Department of Labor was asked, by Prestonsburg City Council, to sack the Singer Corporation, and find a new manager for the Prestonsburg Job Corps Center...They have themselves to blame, a state official told members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, some of whom were clearly irked at being asked to come again to the rescue of the county's embattled solid waste system...Although flooding in the county was not severe, Archer Park was inundated, as it is, almost annually, by the waters of Middle Creek...The Floyd County School System's budget was loosely handled, and hundreds of dollars may have been improperly used, said state auditor Mary Ann Tobin...There died: Bobby David Justice, 37, of Betsy Layne, April 18, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Elmer Samons Sr., 75, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Kendrick Johnson, 57, of Teaberry, last Wednesday, of a heart attack; Joseph Willard Stegell, 58, of Hi Hat, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; William Birchfield Little, 33, of Weeksbury, Saturday, at his home; Zella Stumbo, 77, of Printer, April 17, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

(April 24, 1974)

Commonwealth's Attorney Harold J. Stumbo, said, Tuesday morning, that the investigation into the gunshot deaths, Sunday night, of Mrs. Nan Wallen Ousley, 62, at her West Prestonsburg home, and of her estranged husband, the Rev. John Wesley Ousley, 63, at the home of his daughter on Buck's Branch, near Martin, has not been completed...The Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, last week, filed, on behalf of seven environmental protection and sportsmen's groups, a petition asking the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to issue regulations "designed to correct ongoing and future destruction" of Corps controlled water resource projects, by pollution from coal mining, particularly strip-mining...The outlook for teaching positions in the Floyd School System, next school year, is gloomier than last, Superintendent of Schools Charles Clark, said Monday...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doyle Howard, of Winchester, formerly of Prestonsburg and Allen, a daughter, April 18, at Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie

Miller, of Prestonsburg, a son, James Ray, April 13; to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kidd Jr., of Betsy Layne, a son, David Lee, April 8; to Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Harris, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Jerrie Lynn, April 11; to Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Conn, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Anna Louise, April 13; to Mr. and Mrs. Oval Pack, of Weeksbury, a son, April 10; to Mr. and Mrs. Okie Thompson, of Grethel, a son, April 14...There died: Mrs. Bossie Martin Hall, 75, former Wayland resident, at her home in Somerset; Ulysses Crum, 57, formerly of Dwale, April 15, at Lenoir, N.C.; Mrs. Oma W. Litteral, 67, formerly of Lackey, April 15, at Marion, O.; Harry Lee Sparkman, 85, of Hueysville, Thursday, at Martin; Mrs. Shannon Gayheart, 73, of Garner, April 14, in Virginia; Silver (Buster) Jones, 49, of East McDowell, last Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Forty Years Ago

(April 30, 1964)

Three prominent Floyd Countians, Roy Ragan Denney, 50; his wife, Mallie Turner Denney, 50, and Thomas Spencer Combs, were shot to death near Drift, late last Thursday afternoon, by blasts fired from a shotgun, at close range, as an aftermath to a long-standing dispute over a property boundary line...Riley Renolds, 38, of Amba, was shot to death last Sunday afternoon, at his store there...President Lyndon B. Johnson's person-to-person tour to Martin and Johnson counties, last Friday, led to his immediate action on behalf of eastern Kentucky, and the entire hard-pressed Appalachian region...The American Folk Song Festival developed by Jean Thomas, Kentucky's Traipsin' Woman, will open the Jenny Wiley State Park's new amphitheatre on June 14...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Wells, of Paintsville, a son, Mark Alan, April 21, at Paintsville...There died: Mrs. Maggie Shepherd, 91, Sunday, at the home of a daughter on the Auxier Road; Mrs. Tacie Hitchcock, 41, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, at Bethel, Ohio; Mrs. Edith H. Mullins, of Wayland, Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital; A. L. Gearheart, 86, formerly of Floyd County, April 7, in Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Pearl Newman, 45, Tuesday, at her home at Hi Hat; Mrs. Mary L. Hall, 83, of McDowell, Monday, at the home of a daughter; Mrs. Mayte B. Conn, 70, of Dana, Friday, at Pikeville; Joe Howell, 75, of Harold, Saturday, at Williamson, West Virginia.

(See **YESTERDAYS**, page eight)

New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

- March 21, 2004**
A daughter, Samantha Jo Collinsworth, to Christine & Billy Collinsworth
- March 21, 2004**
A son, Clayton Nick Johnson, to Patricia Bays
- March 23, 2004**
A son, Johnny Michael Hall, to Kelly Grimm
- March 23, 2004**
A son, Brexton Skyler Hall, to Rheiba Ann & Shawn McCleave Hall
- March 23, 2004**
A daughter, Chandra Shevonne McCoy, to Ronnx M'ielle McCoy
- March 25, 2004**
A son, Walker Lee Rigsby, to Misty & David Rigsby
- March 25, 2004**
A son, James Douglas Kenneth McMackin, to Lonna & James McMackin
- March 25, 2004**
A son, Dylan Thomas Moore, to Crystal & Bradley Moore
- March 26, 2004**
A son, Micah John Shenk, to Delores & John Shenk
- March 27, 2004**
A son, Christian Alexander Seth Howell, to Rosanna & Jerry Howell Jr.
- March 28, 2004**
A son, Shaden Andrew Salyer, to Sue Ellen Morman

- March 30, 2004**
A daughter, Karisia Ann Keeton, to Christy Ann Keeton
- March 30, 2004**
A daughter, Hayley Alexis Freeman, to Joseph Michelle Freeman
- March 30, 2004**
A daughter, Olivia Sarah Renee Mullins, to Pamela Renee Jacobs
- March 30, 2004**
A son, Jacob Andrew Briggs, to Jessica Rae Kidd
- March 31, 2004**
A daughter, Savannah Dawn Maguire, to William & Amanda Maguire
- April 1, 2004**
A son, Charleston Rigs Rowe, to Rebecca Ann White
- April 2, 2004**
A daughter, Destiny Faith Adams, to Linda Gail Sparks
- April 2, 2004**
A daughter, November Lynn Adams, to Linda Gail Sparks
- April 3, 2004**
A daughter, Cynthia Lee Ann Risner, to Rushie Roberta & Stanford James Risner
- April 5, 2004**
A son, Braden Jacob Jones, to Claudia & Joshua Jones
- April 6, 2004**
A daughter, Brooklyn McKale Johnson, to Charles & Misty Johnson

Critter

Fortunately, everyone is used to my behavior in emergency situations-I am incapable of complete sentences. They usually however, already know what I want as I gesture and yell a dozen things at once. Wanda had grasped that whatever was going on was serious, and stopped me on my frenzied search through the cabinets in surgery.

"Tell me exactly what it is that you need, and what it looks like," she said when she finally had my attention.

"Stomach tube-long hose with a sort of funnel on the end of it. And a roll of two-inch adhesive tape. Do we have any Gas-X? I'll need x-ray set up," I replied.

She accepted this strange assortment of requests as if they were nothing out of the ordinary. Jon, one of the volunteers, thought he knew where the stomach tube was, so Wanda dispatched him for this while she went off on the rest of the oddball scavenger hunt.

By this time Pat had arrived home from work. He took in the scene and immediately realized what was going on-unfortunately he had seen it before. He and Wanda steadied Gunner while Jon held the dog's mouth closed on the roll of adhesive tape placed lengthwise inside. I passed the stomach tube through the hole in the center of the tape, down his throat and into his stomach. Thankfully, we could all hear gas escaping through the tube. Even the dog realized this was helping and stood still for us to work.

Reinforcements were also arriving-we had reached Teresa by phone, and she came through

the door about the time that both Patty and Teresa's cousin Malessia showed up with an assortment of anti-gas medications. Patty had gone to the store when she couldn't find anything at the clinic, and I'm still not sure who called Malessia.

After several doses of Gas-X and having been stomach-tubed a total of four times, Gunner was much better, and my entire staff had had a crash course in the treatment of canine bloat.

I decided I should write about this to alert other dog owners to this problem. The full name of the condition is Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus Syndrome, or GDV. It tends to occur in large deep-chested breeds of dogs, such as Dobermans, Great Danes, German Shepherds and the like.

No one knows exactly what brings on an attack of GDV. A heavy meal, exercise too soon after eating, and eating too fast have all been implicated as possible causes. Other times, as in Gunner's case, there is no obvious inciting factor.

For whatever reason, sometimes in these dogs the food starts to form unusually large amounts of gas and fluid. If the gas can't escape-food or frothy stomach contents may block the opening to the stomach-it starts to build up and the dog's stomach starts to swell. This is the dilatation (DIL-UH-TA-SHUN) part of the syndrome. Luckily, in our case, we were able to remove the excess gas with the stomach tube and prevent more from forming with the anti-gas medication.

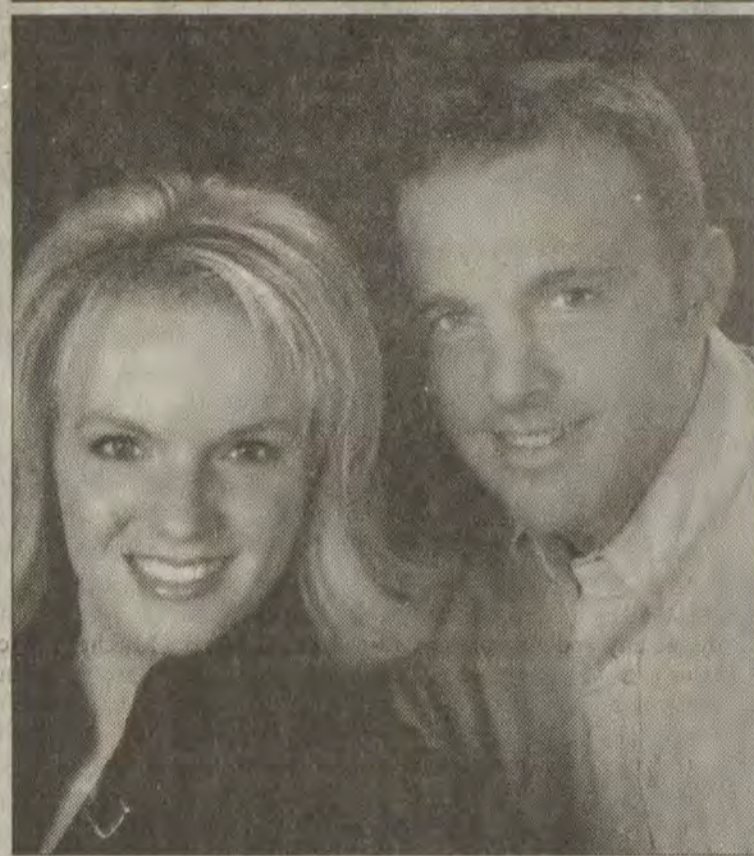
If the gas cannot be evacuated, the entire stomach will eventually become so large that it flips over on itself, which is called volvulus (VOL-VU-LUS), or torsion. Imagine placing a tennis ball inside a tube sock. Hold the sock at both ends with the tennis ball in the middle. Your hands represent the area where the stomach meets the esophagus on one end and the entrance to the small intestine on the other. Now flip the tennis ball over a couple of times, twisting the sock on each end. You now see what happens when the stomach twists on itself. Both ends are sealed off, the gas is continuing to build, and at this point it is impossible to pass a tube into the stomach.

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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 jump-started by sending along a few questions about "pet things you've always wanted to know but have been afraid to ask"! You can send both pictures and questions to: Kathy Prater at the Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or you may e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. You may also send questions only to Dr. Carol at: 1768 KY Rt. 7, Estill, KY 41666, or e-mail to: carolbcac@tiusa.net. We'll be waiting to hear from you!

Weddings



Blackburn-Napier

Doug and Rhonda Kretzer of Stanville, and Cliff Blackburn of Pikeville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Leigh Ann Blackburn, to Mr. Michael Eric Napier, son of Ken and Helen Napier of Pinckneyville, Illinois. Miss Blackburn is a graduate of Transylvania University and is now a sales representative for Verizon Information Services in Lexington, Kentucky. Her maternal grandparents are Aileen Hall of Betsy Layne, and the late Walter Hall. Her paternal grandparents are Cero and Irene Blackburn of Pikeville. Mr. Napier attended Southwestern Illinois College and is presently employed at Kentucky Eagle Beer, Inc. in Lexington. The wedding will take place Saturday, April 24, 2004, at South Elkhorn Christian Church in Lexington. A reception will follow at Equestrian Woods Country Club. After a honeymoon trip to Playa del Carmen in the Mayan Riviera, Mexico, the couple will reside in Lexington.

School

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

- 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.

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

- Apr. 21 - Child Abuse Awareness Informational Booth in school foyer. Students, employees and community welcome to stop by.
- Apr. 26 & 27 - Self-Esteem presentation.
- Apr. 28 - CPR training.
- May 4 - Drug Awareness presentation.
- 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.

& 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.

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PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

School now has applica-

OK

We still hear those kinds of phrases, especially from older folk.

As was pointed out in the article, it is not at all unusual for us to pronounce single vowels as diphthongs (double vowel sound): "bad" becomes "ba-ud," "end" is pronounced "i-und," and "door" is often pronounced "do-ur."

We're also known for pronouncing words ending in "ow" as if as if they ended in "er." Folks in these parts live up a "holler," not a "hollow." And, he is a fine "feller," not a fine "fellow." We also still have a tendency to change the "a" to "y" when we have us a "sody" pop. However, we've just about lost the habit of putting an "a" before a verb. It's been a right smart bit since I've heard someone say, "He's a-goin' home." It's also been a while since I've heard anybody say, "right smart bit."

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There's more than a little irony in the fact that this entire discussion came about as a

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Apr. 17 - "Fun Fair for New

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

- Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.
- Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.
- Wednesday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11:30 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 358-3400.
- Thursday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 285-5111; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500; PCC (Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

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

Applications

LeVan at (859) 233-8603 or professor Kenny Moorman at (859) 233-8245 or visit <http://homepages.transy.edu/~camps/>.

Transylvania, founded in 1780, is the nation's sixteenth oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

Yesterdays

Sixty Years Ago (April 27, 1944)

Floyd County, this week, oversubscribed its \$22,500 Red Cross War Fund quota...Only 170 high school seniors will be graduated from this county's high schools, County Superintendent Town Hall said, this week...Fire destroyed a patrol grader at the state highway garage at Allen today (Thursday)...Three Floyd airmen have been decorated for heroic action; T-Sgt. Eugene Hyden, of Auxier, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Air Medal; Lt. David Marrs, of Martin, a second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air medal; T-Sgt. W. Lee Roberts, of Harold, the Distinguished Flying Cross...Wayne Bradley, of Madison, West Virginia, is the new manager of the A.W. Cox Department Store here; succeeding W. H. Coffman, who has entered the Navy...Married: Hazel Reffett, McArthur, O., formerly of Langley, and James Caldwell, Southgate, Ky., April 6, at Covington; Kathryn Marie Spradlin, Warsaw, Ind., formerly of Bonanza, and Milo W. Griffith, also of Warsaw, April 8, at Marion, Ind.; Betty Jean Goodall, of Wayland, and Cpl. Ralph Damron, of Weeksbury, March 1, at Detroit...There died: Bud Howard, 16, of Pyramid, Saturday, the result of an accidental gun-

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shot; George Harrison Hall, 66, of Betsy Layne, Thursday; Jonathan Spradlin, 77, April 13, at Spradlin Branch, near here; Samuel P. Spradlin, 89, formerly of Tram, April 19, at Tomahawk, Martin County.

Seventy Years Ago (April 30, 1934)

Governor Laffoon has been subpoenaed to appear here before the grand jury investigating the C.W.A. operation in this county, at the urging of Commonwealth's Attorney O. C. Hall. The governor said, Tuesday, he will appear in answer to the summons...Announcement was made, this week, of the purchase of the Francis Grocery, from Paul Francis, by Roy Perry...W. W. Burchett, of Prestonsburg, is one of the new members to be initiated recently at the University of Kentucky by Phi Delta Phi, professional legal fraternity...Born: to Atty. and Mrs. Oscar P. Bond as their home, here; April 23, their second child, first son—Charles Daniel...There died: Glenn Moore, 25, of Eastern, Sunday, when struck by pieces of an engine pulley which burst at the Turkey Creek compressor station of the Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company; Mrs. Alice Minix Crace, 42, native of Abbott Creek, Friday, at Salyersville; Mrs. Geneva Compton Connor, 63, April 17, at Banner.

Time to Register for UCM classes

It is time to begin the registration process to enroll in classes offered by the partners of the University Center of the Mountains (UCM). The UCM is a unique, emerging partnership allowing students to obtain bachelor and master degrees on the campuses of Hazard Community and Technical College (HCTC). The partnership consists of the following: Eastern Kentucky University, Hazard Community and Technical College, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and Morehead State University.

In order to register, you must first complete the admissions process for the school from which you plan to take classes. You must also send official tran-

scripts from other educational institutions previously attended to the school of your choice. It is also highly recommended students complete their application for financial aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible, listing all schools they may attend.

Eastern Kentucky University will hold advising sessions during the month of April. If you would like information on these sessions or have an advising question, please contact Jeannie Trumbo at (800) 246-7521 ext. 73182 or (606) 487-3182 or by email at Jeannie.Trumbo@eku.edu. Registration begins April 8 for new students.

Hazard Community and Technical College will be conducting Student Success

Seminars on the following dates: June 15 and July 27, 9 a.m., at the Lees College Campus; June 16, 9 a.m. and July 21 at 1 p.m. at the Knott County Branch; June 16, 5:30 p.m. and July 20, 9 a.m. at the Hazard Campus; June 17 and July 22, 9 a.m. at the Technical Campus; June 18 and July 28, 9 a.m. at the Leslie County Center. During Student Success Seminars, students receive information, advising and register for HCTC classes. If you have any questions, or wish to attend one of the above seminars, please contact the HCTC Admissions Office at (800) 246-7521 ext. 73062 or (606) 487-3062 or by email at Pamela.Bates@kctcs.edu



Dr. Angela Maggard will speak to Fun Fair registrants on the subject of post-partum depression.

Mt. Arts Center Show Schedule

APRIL 2004

HONK! An Ugly Duckling Story - April 16 & 17, 7:30 pm; Tick: \$8/\$10/\$12

JAMES GREGORY, COMEDIAN - Friday, April 23, 8 pm; Tickets: \$25.50

GEORGE JONES - Thurs., April 29-7:30 & Friday, April 30-8 pm; Tickets \$51.

MAY 2004

LORETTA LYNN! Celebrate Mother's Day - Sunday, May 9, 8 pm; Tickets: \$40/\$42

GOSPEL CONCERT OF 2004 WITH THE SINGING COOKES, COOKE BROS, DAVID TAYLOR, May 21, 7pm, Tick: \$10 in advance; \$12 after 9 am 5/21.

JUNE 2004

GOOSE CREEK SYMPHONY - Saturday, June 12, 8 pm, Tickets \$18/\$20

KENTUCKY MUSIC TRAIL 2004 SHOWS...

RICKY SKAGGS, FRIDAY, JUNE 18; TICKETS: \$24/\$22

KENTUCKY OPRY, SATURDAY, JUNE 19; TICKETS: \$10 - \$13

DIERKS BENTLEY, FRIDAY, JUNE 25; TICKETS: \$24/\$22

KENTUCKY OPRY, SATURDAY, JUNE 26; TICKETS: \$10 - \$13

KENTUCKY OPRY, SATURDAY, JULY 2; TICKETS: \$10 - \$13

SARA EVANS, FRIDAY, JULY 9; TICKETS: \$30/\$28

KENTUCKY OPRY, SATURDAY, JULY 10; TICKETS: \$10 - \$13

KENTUCKY OPRY, FRIDAY, JULY 16; TICKETS: \$10 - \$13

JOHN ANDERSON, FRIDAY, JULY 23; TICKETS: \$24/\$22

KENTUCKY OPRY, SATURDAY, JULY 24; TICKETS: \$10 - \$13

MARK WILLS, FRIDAY, JULY 30; TICKETS: \$24/\$22

KENTUCKY OPRY, SATURDAY, JULY 31; TICKETS: \$10 - \$13

PAM TILLIS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 6; TICKETS: \$24/\$22

KENTUCKY OPRY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 7; TICKETS: \$10 - \$13

SAWYER BROWN, FRIDAY, AUGUST 13; TICKETS: \$24/\$22

KENTUCKY OPRY, SATURDAY, AUGUST 14; TICKETS: \$10 - \$13

KENTUCKY OPRY, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4; TICKETS: \$10 - \$13

SEPTEMBER 2004

HIGHLAND FOLK FESTIVAL - FRIDAY & SATURDAY

OCTOBER 2004

DOTTIE RAMBO & BARRITT FAMILY - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 - 7 PM; TICKETS: \$15/\$12

KENTUCKY OPRY HALLOWEEN SHOW, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30 - 7:30 PM; TICKETS: \$10 - \$13

NOVEMBER 2004

THIRD TYME OUT, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5; TICKETS: TBD

KENTUCKY OPRY CHRISTMAS SHOWS NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 - 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 - 3 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 3 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 - 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 - 3 PM

Dates & Times May Be Subject To Change... Call TOLL FREE: 1-888-MAC-ARTS or LOCALLY 886-2623



Challenger Center discussion

Learning how a community and technical college works with a Challenger Learning Center was the subject of discussion when a group from Radcliff visited Hazard Community and Technical College (HCTC). In Radcliff, the Challenger Center is owned by the city and they are considering a change to have Elizabethtown Community and Technical College run the facility

there. "We explained to them the benefits of having a Challenger Center associated with a college and how the Challenger Center's programming fits well with the HCTC mission of lifelong learning," noted Dr. Jay K Box, president of HCTC. Shown above, from left, Julia B. Mitchell, Vice President of Resource and Community Development; Dr. Box; Al Rider - President/CEO

of North Central Education Foundation; Hazard Mayor William D. Gorman; Sheila Enyart - Mayor of Radcliff; Dr. Thelma White is President/CEO Elizabethtown Community & Technical College; Terry Bennett - City of Radcliff Attorney; Tony D. Whitaker, First Federal Savings and Loan and Chair of the Hazard Independent College Foundation.

photo by Kathy J. Prater



Students were led away by the "Grim Reaper," portrayed by BLHS student, Brent Newsome, during the "Ghost Out" program.

Ghost

"We just think it's really important that our students be aware of the dangers, whether they might be doing the drinking and driving, or just riding along. It's important that they be aware."

Students and staff have worked together over the past weeks coordinating Monday's program by manning an information table during lunch periods and handing out pamphlets, hanging posters in school hallways, and making school-wide weekly "alcohol facts" announcements.

The efforts culminated with this week's program presentation when a selected group of students participated in a skit portraying classmate reactions to a peer's "death," and by the staging of mock deaths and the reading of mock student obituaries as the "Grim Reaper" strolled school hallways looking for his latest victims.

As students were selected each 33 minutes throughout the day, they were led away by the Reaper and instructed to not socialize with other students for the remainder of the day in order to impress upon others, and themselves, that they no longer "existed" due to being involved in a vehicle related traffic accident.

ies of "victims" were covered with sheets, and a coffin provided by Hall Funeral Home was displayed as a vivid reminder of the dangers associated with drunk driving.

As an obvious stillness permeated the gymnasium, some students were visibly shaken by what they had seen.

"We had some students cry and become quite upset during the program," said Walker. "It certainly gave them something to think about. We just hope they'll be thinking come prom night and graduation."

For more information on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Drive Smart educational programs, contact Brandon Muravchick, Cheryl Trotter, or Billie Johnson, at 502-564-1438 or log on to the following website: www.kvtc.ky.gov.

The following Betsy Layne High School students participated in the Ghost Out driver safety awareness program on Monday: Brent Newsome, Jordan Case, Samantha Meade, Shaina Parsons, Eric Westfall, Ryan Bryant, Eric Rice, Rachel Hunt, Courtney Thomas, Shawn Hamilton, Bill Collins, Breann Akers, Casey McMillan, Braxton Branham, Matt Irick, Michael Blevins, Natalie Stanley, Amanda Goble, Jessica

Biliter, Natalie Newsome, Brentton Akers, Jeanette Burchett, Allison Spears, Heather Hamilton, Brandi Johnson, Tabettha Witt, and BLHS teacher, Denny Layne.

Korner

belief. Then, it wasn't but a half an hour or so later, that I stopped in at a local convenient store only to find one of the girls behind the counter a total wreck. This poor girl had just been cursed because she wasn't able to provide a certain item that a customer had wanted to purchase. Now again, as if she were trying to deny this customer totally on purpose, you know?

And, if that wasn't enough, once we stopped for a bite to eat, we again found ourselves witnesses to some of the worst behavior exhibited toward a hard-working waitress that I have ever seen.

"Is there a full moon tonight," I asked the Spouse. "What is up with all these tempers?"

My heart broke for the waitress - she was swamped with tables and running from one to another as fast as she possibly could. And, all the while with a smile, I might add.

total grace although she looked as though she might break into tears at any moment.

Where is the compassion, people?

What has happened to the days when people were quick to help one another in a time of need? What has happened to respect?

Lord, help us all! And before closing this week, just let me clarify the position I took in last week's column about my statement regarding the recent Eddie Miles concert held at the Mountain Arts Center, just in case there were any misunderstandings.

You see, being involved with different groups and individuals that have rented the MAC for Gospel Sings and other such events, I am well aware of the fact that it is the responsibility of those who rent the entertainment facility to advertise their "OWN" shows.

This responsibility is NOT that of the MAC staff! And, I think, the MAC folks go out of their way to make this known to those who

Learning Differences/ Dyslexia and Your Child: Q & A

Q: What is a learning difference/dyslexia? A: A learning difference/dyslexia is a reading disorder that is evident despite good schooling and adequate intelligence.

Q: Are children with a learning difference/dyslexia intelligent? A: Yes. Children with a learning difference/dyslexia have average or above average intelligence.

Q: What causes the reading disorder? Is it the parent's fault that a child with a learning difference/dyslexia has trouble reading? A: No, it is not the fault of the parent. The brain of a child with a learning difference/dyslexia processes information differently.

For more information about learning differences/dyslexia and available tutoring programs, or to schedule a screening for your child, call the Hindman Settlement School's James Still Learning Center at 606-785-4044.

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I can understand if those who haven't been involved in doing so may think otherwise.

It just really bothered me to sit in the Mountain Arts Center after having paid \$23 for my ticket to see Miles, and then have to listen to his downgrades aimed at the fine people of Prestonsburg.

I have lived here now longer than I lived on Left Beaver, and I that evening I just couldn't help but think, "Hey, what about those of us who are sitting here from Prestonsburg who paid to see you tonight?!"

It seemed to me he was more upset towards those who weren't there, than he was concerned about performing for the ones who were.

My opinion, people! And, who knows? Maybe there was a full moon that night, too!

Again, I say, "Lord, help us all!"

'Til Next Week...

Business/Professions

Governor's budget includes \$1 million for University Center of the Mountains



Gov. Ernie Fletcher stopped at Hazard Community and Technical College on Thursday, April 8 to encourage legislative support of his proposed state budget and tax modernization plan while touting two local educational projects.

Gov. Fletcher said the pro-

posed budget being considered by the state legislature included \$1 million for the University Center of the Mountains. A group of students and staff from Dennis Wooten Elementary were on the stage and in audience to lobby support for \$8 million in construction funds for

their school, also in the budget.

The governor spoke to a crowd of nearly 200 persons in the First Federal Center on the Hazard Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College (HCTC). HCTC President Dr. Jay K. Box introduced Governor Fletcher. Also on stage were: Rep. Howard Cornett of Letcher County; Ron Daley, the Director of the University Center of the Mountains, from Hindman; Nadine Vannarsdall, the principal of Dennis Wooten Elementary, from Perry County and Jerry Ritchie, a student of HCTC and the University Center of the Mountains, from Perry County.

Gov. Fletcher stressed the importance of education and explained his budget and tax reform plan. Later in the evening he addressed the citi-

zens of Kentucky on a televised address on the topic.

During his introduction of Governor Fletcher, Dr. Box said, "The University Center of the Mountains is unique - the first of its kind in Kentucky. It is collaboration of post-secondary institutions that have joined together for the purpose of expanding access - increasing opportunities for Eastern Kentuckians to obtain undergraduate and graduate degrees. Governor Fletcher is a believer in the University Center of the Mountains because he knows that it allows for our people in local communities to obtain a four-year degree and beyond right here. He knows that the UCM is cost effective for the students, an efficient use of state dollars, and provides an economic boost for our communities."

"The immediate goal of the UCM is to increase the number of bachelor and master degree programs in the region. Seven bachelor and three master degree programs are presently available through the UCM, and with Governor Fletcher's interest and support - we expect that number to grow substantially in the coming years. The new center headquarters will be located here on this campus and will allow the university partners to have advisors, faculty and staff in one central location to meet with current students and potential new students. But the UCM will also have offices in Jackson and will provide classes in Jackson, Hyden and Hindman as well as Hazard.

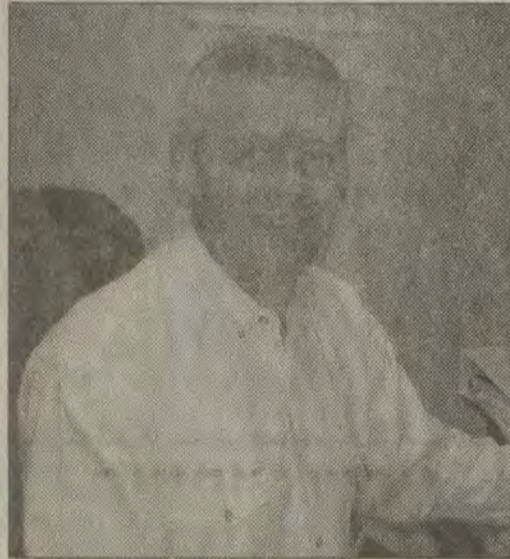
All local legislators in the eight-county service area of UCM have supported the funding. Gov. Fletcher announced his support for the UCM and its funding while as a candidate last fall.

Only 8.6 percent of the citizens over 25 years of age in KRADD have a bachelor's degree compared to 17.1 percent in Kentucky and 24.4 percent in the nation. Only 10 percent of the eligible population in Knott County has a bachelor degree.

The originating partners of the UCM are Eastern Kentucky University, Hazard Community and Technical College,

Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and Morehead State University. Ron Daley, the former publisher and editor of the Troublesome Creek Times, left his position as Campus Director at the Knott County Branch of HCTC last summer to direct the UCM.

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Jimmy Williamson Jr., Highlands Regional Medical Center's new Director of Facilities Services, served as State Fire Marshall over Floyd, Pike, Martin, Letcher, Harlan, and Knott Counties for seven years.

Jimmy Williamson named HRMC Director of Facilities Services

Jimmy Williamson Jr. has been named Director of Facilities Services at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He assumed the position on March 22, 2004. This move is the result of Highlands going forward with in-house management of Facilities Services, which was previously contracted with ServiceMaster, Inc. Before coming to Highlands, Williamson was employed for seven years at the ARH facility in Williamson, WV as the Chief Engineer. He is familiar with the area and all the rules and regulations that apply to maintaining a health care facility due to his seven years of experience as the region's State Fire Marshall.

As Director of Facilities Services, Williamson will be responsible for maintenance and repairs throughout Highlands and its off-site locations including the Paintsville Medical Offices, Harold Primary Care, and other

properties. Williamson said that his first priority is to service and maintain the major equipment to maintain a safe, comfortable environment for patients and employees. He said, "Highlands is a large facility and it is important to prioritize and manage our department resources and time efficiently to provide the best service for all our customers, the employees, patients, and visitors. I believe each day is a new opportunity and I look forward to being a part of the organization."

Williamson will proudly tell you that he is a US Army veteran and served as a member of the Presidential Honor Guard at Arlington Cemetery, in Washington, DC. He is even more proud that his son, who is a firefighter with the US Air Force, just returned three weeks ago from a tour of duty in Iraq. Williamson and his family live in Pikeville.



John's Creek Station newest Chamber member

Ken Idle, left, owner, John's Creek Station, accepts certificate of membership from Kathy Stumbo, right, chair, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. Idle and his wife, Joyce, own and operate the Van Lear business, which includes a bait shop, picnic area and cafe for area visitors. The business is located at 9718 Lake Road.

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When responding to Personal ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

\$\$\$\$ Reward \$\$\$\$ for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who burglarized the home of Edward Richie on Sat. April 3, 04 at Wayland, Ky call **\$\$\$ 358-2103 \$\$\$\$**

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Precinct conventions for the Floyd County Democratic Party will be held at 10:00 a.m., local time, on April 17, 2004, at each precinct's regular polling place. **Earl D. Ousley, Treasurer**

900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8053, Renewal

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Central Appalachia Mining LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for renewal for a permit for a preparation plant, located 0.25 miles south of Ivel, in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 25.35 surface acres.

The operation is approximately 0.25 mile south from US 23's junction with Ivy Creek Road, and located 0.25 mile south of the Levisa Fork of Big Sandy. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by J.K. Stratton Heirs and Wendell E. Stratton.

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, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION NO. 1 C.A. NO. 02-CI-1258

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PLAINTIFF VS. JEFF L. HALL, GENIA D. HALL, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF FLOYD, BY AND ON

RELATION OF SARAH JANE SCHAAF, SECRETARY, REVENUE CABINET, FLOYD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY, KENTUCKY FORESTRY SERVICE, FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION, AND APPALACHIAN REGIONAL HEALTHCARE, INC. DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of February, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$18,587.25, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 29th day of April, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at Wheelwright, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract of land, lying on Shop Fork of the left fork of Otter Creek, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

TRACT NO. 1 Beginning approximately 3 feet south of southeast corner at a brick store building owned by Robert & Shirley Hall this point being marked with 1/2" gal. pipe, thence southwest 1 ft. west and with a stone storage building said line continued beyond stone building in a southwest direction to a fence line where another 1/2" galvanized pipe marks the south west ending thence a westward direction with said fence line to the original Elkhorn Coal Co. line now known as the Old Inland Steel on Island Creek line thence northeast with

said line to beginning so as to enclose approximately 1 acre of line and all buildings within said boundary. This being the same property conveyed to Mortgagees, Jeff L. Hall and Genia Hall, his wife, by Deed dated September 18, 1981, as recorded per Deed Book 226, Page 515, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TRACT NO. 2 Beginning at an iron pin or road right of way and in a drain; thence leaving drain with road right of way S 6° 12' W 150 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving road right of way S 75° 45' W 1160 feet to a stake; thence N 6° 12' E 150 feet to a stake thence N 75° 45' E 1160 feet to an iron pin at the beginning, containing 4 acres more or less.

This being the same property conveyed to Mortgagees by Deed dated February 15, 1988, Jeff L. Hall and Genia Hall, his wife, from Bill L. Hall and Ruth Hall, his wife, as recorded per Deed Book 317, Page 047, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real estate taxes, will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Septimious Taylor 4830 Towne Square Court Owensboro, Kentucky 42301 (800) 648-1606

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. NO. 02-CI-

1036 FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. SIDNEY L. MEADE, INDIVIDUALLY, AND DBA MEADE'S HEATING & COOLING; MARY L. MEADE; WEST VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Amended Judgment, entered on March 27, 2003, and Summary Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of March, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$64,680.72, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 29th day of April, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT 3: Beginning at a stone on the state road, west of the church; thence running east about 50 feet to a stone; thence running south about 50 feet to a stone; thence running west about 50 feet to a stone; thence running a straight line to the beginning.

Beginning at the southwest corner of same; thence west to a drain; thence North with said drain or ditch opened for said drain to the state road and the east with said road to the beginning corner.

TRACT 2: Beginning at the middle of the road at the corner of the yard at a rock N.E. [on the line of the original Mary C. Hatcher estate approximately 120 feet from the creek (Abbott Creek)], and from the said mentioned rock with the line of the original Mary C. Hatcher deed to the state road; thence down the road to a rock nearly opposite a locust post and a rock (approximately 100 feet from the state road for of Abbott Creek); thence down the center of road about 100 feet to the beginning corner at a rock.

Beginning at a stone on the state road, west of the church; thence running east about 50 feet to a stone; thence running south about 50 feet to a stone; thence running west about 50 feet to a stone; thence running a straight line to the beginning.

Beginning at the present county or state road, corner to M.E. Church South's property formerly, but now owned by the first party; thence south with the line of same and property of first party and which formerly was owned by Mrs. G.M. Hatcher, to within ten (10) feet of the southwest corner of same; thence west

and more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1: Beginning at the state road on a telephone pole, corner to M.E. Church South's property; thence South with the line of said church property and Mrs. G. M. Hatcher's lot to within ten feet of the southwest corner of same; thence west to a drain; thence North with said drain or ditch opened for said drain to the state road and the east with said road to the beginning corner.

NOTICE FOR A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FLOYD COUNTY BOSCO BRIDGE AND APPROACHES OVER THE RIGHT FORK OF BEAVER CREEK ITEM NO. 12-1067.00

The Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways has scheduled a Public Information Meeting for Thursday, April 15, 2004, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., at the Hueysville Church of Christ located on Mulberry Lane near the Hueysville Post Office in Hueysville, Kentucky 41640 (also known as Bosco). This Public Meeting has been scheduled to afford all interested persons an opportunity to become better informed and to express their views concerning the proposed project.

The project is the Proposed Bridge Replacement of the existing bridge over the Right Fork of Beaver Creek in Bosco/Hueysville. The subject bridge lies approximately 0.3 mile west of KY 550 on Salltick Creek Road, CR 5277.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this Public Meeting, which will be conducted in an "Open House" format. A brief overview of the project will be presented at the meeting. Interested persons may come and go any time between 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Attendees are welcome to review plans, discuss the project and express their views concerning the social, economic, historic and environmental effects the project, as proposed, will have upon individuals businesses, cultural resources and other organizations in the area. Representatives of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet involved in the details of the project will be present to answer questions, address comments, and assist the public with any information made available.

Handouts describing the project's purpose and need will be distributed at the Public Meeting. Information concerning right-of-way acquisition procedures will

also be available. Both oral and written statements may be submitted during the Meeting, as well as at the District Office, and shall be made part of the meeting record. For convenience, a comment sheet will be provided with the handouts for soliciting written comments. Statements will also be accepted and project information made accessible for review from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., prevailing local time, Monday through Friday, at the District Office up to fifteen (15) days after the Public Meeting.

Once compiled, the minutes from this Meeting and other supporting documentation will be made available for review and copying only after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records Requests must be submitted to the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Administrative Services, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622.

In accordance with the "Americans With Disabilities Act," if anyone has a disability for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify Mr. Chris James, Project Manager, or Ms. Berita Castle in the Pikeville District Office of the necessary requirements by Wednesday, April 14, 2004. This request does not have to be in writing. Your request may be received at (606) 433-7791, or mailed to:

Danl Hall, P.E., Chief District Engineer Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways District # 12 Office 109 Loraine Street Pikeville, Kentucky 41502

FLOYD COUNTY BOSCO BRIDGE & APPROACHES OVER RIGHT FORK OF BEAVER CREEK FD52 036 1277 BRZ 1203 (229)

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Martin L. Osborne 119 East Court Street Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 606/886-1615

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5441, Renewal No. 4

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located at Beaver in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 161.88 surface acres of which 1.69 acres overlie mining area and will underlie 1,999.92 acres, of which 184.67 acres overlie permitted surface or underground mining area, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,975.44 acres.

The proposed

operation begins at the intersection of KY Route 79's junction with Mitchell Branch Road and is located within Mitchell Branch of Mud Creek and also lies along Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Vickie Lynn Bryant, Bernardo Maldonado, Leonard Skeans, Walker Hall, Carl Mitchell, Carl Mitchell et al., Interstate Gas, Christopher Mitchell, and Kennis and Ruby Hamilton. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Vickie Lynn Bryant, Bernardo Maldonado, Leonard Skeans, Walker Hall, Carl Mitchell, Carl Mitchell et al., Interstate Gas, Christopher Mitchell, and Kennis and Ruby Hamilton.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

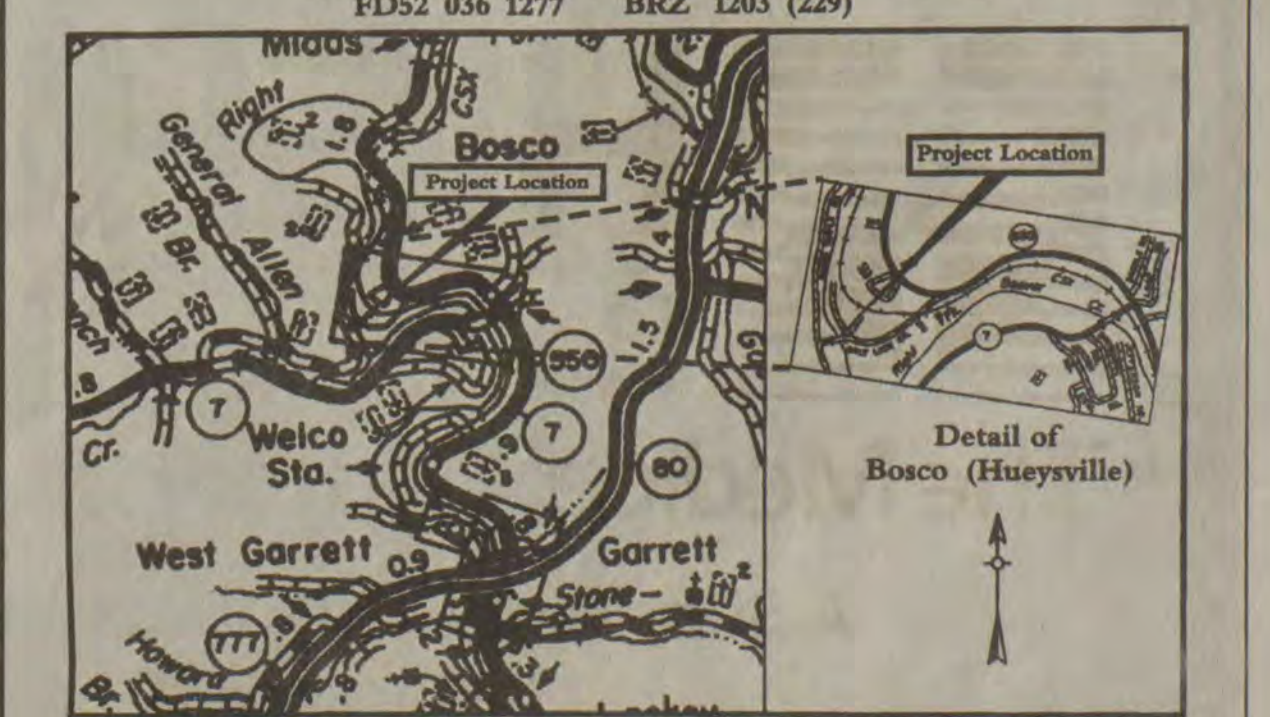
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To all interested citizens of Prestonsburg, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting applications under the 2004 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The City of Prestonsburg intends to submit an application for assistance to expand the existing Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center. The City of Prestonsburg will hold a public hearing prior to the submission of the application. The public hearing will be held on Friday, April 23, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., at the

Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views of housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate income persons in developing proposals. Any persons requiring special needs assistance should contact Denise Thomas at 606-886-2374, prior to the meeting.

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D. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.

E. A summary of

other important program requirements.

Comments on Application

A copy of the CDBG application will be on file at City Hall, at 200 North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg for citizen's review and comment during regular business hours, from April 14, 2004, through April 22, 2004. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of Mayor Jerry Fannin, until the close of business on April 22, 2004.

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Responses must be in writing and submitted in a sealed envelope with PR-8292 clearly marked on the front. Please send responses to Facilities Department, Administrative Office of the Courts, 100 Millcreek Park, Frankfort, KY 40601-9320. (FAX responses will not be accepted.) Each proposal should include the type, location, floor plan and availability date of the property.

All proposals must be received before 1:00 PM EST, April 21, 2004. Bids will be opened and publicly read at the AOC offices at that time.

A representative of the AOC will make an appointment to inspect all proposed lease space that meets the requirements stated above. Property must be approved by the Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction, Division of Building Codes Enforcement, and must meet OSHA and the Americans with Disabilities Act specifications, and all applicable building codes. For any additional information, contact Trevor Hanson in the Facilities Department at (502) 573-2350.

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There's a Hole in the Sky!

Scientists have discovered that there is a hole in the ozone located over Antarctica and its surrounding ocean. What does it all mean? Today's Kid Scoop page fills you in about the ozone hole.



Use the code to find the missing words.

What's that thing, Zett?

That's a **▼+X+R+O+J+X**. Earthling scientists use them to take special pictures of the earth's atmosphere.

Q: What's the ozone?

A: The ozone is a layer of the atmosphere that blocks ultra-violet sun rays from making it to the surface of the earth.

The pictures can tell them how much **○-○-X** is in the earth's atmosphere.

Q: How did the ozone hole form?

A: During the Antarctic winter, sunlight causes chemical reactions in the cold air trapped over the South Pole.

Man-made chemicals called **chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)** and **halons** are contributing to the hole in the ozone layer. These chemicals, in sunlight, attack and destroy ozone.

Over **7-4+9+U+J+M+7**, the pictures show what looks like a **5+0+7+X**.

CFCs are used in aerosol sprays, refrigerators, air conditioners and other products.

The '**5+0+7+X**' is actually a place where there is so little ozone that pictures can't detect any.

CODE					
7	=	A	4	=	N
2	=	C	0	=	O
X	=	E	U	=	R
5	=	H	▼	=	S
J	=	I	+	=	T
U	=	L	◀	=	Z

Holes in the Story

Quick! Fill up the holes in the story using the words below.

plankton big sunscreen survive planet kills cancer

Too Many Rays

Ultra-violet rays can cause skin **_____**. People with all skin types need to wear **_____**, even if they don't live in Antarctica. Our atmosphere has lost ozone all around the **_____**. Most of the loss is over Antarctica, but there is some loss just about everywhere.

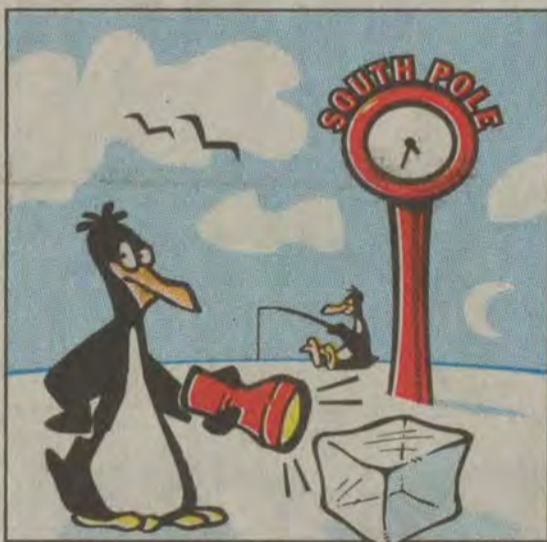
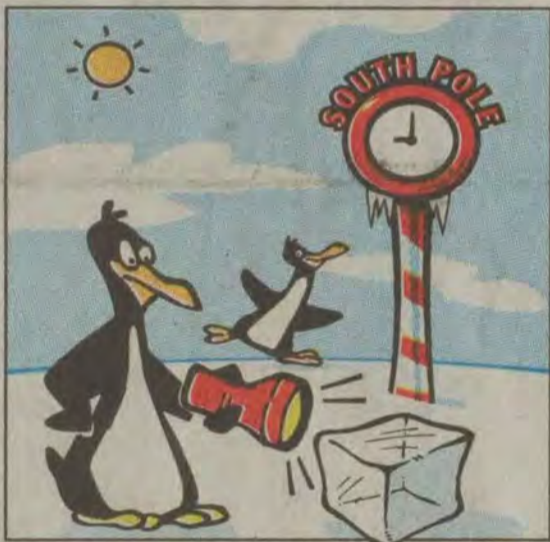
Too much ultra-violet radiation also **_____** small plants and animals, such as **_____**. Larger animals need to eat the small plants and animals to **_____**. So if the little guys go, the big animals will have trouble surviving. Scientists warn us that too much ultra-violet radiation can cause some really **_____** problems.

Standards Links: Earth Science: Students know the role of the ozone layer in absorbing ultra-violet radiation. Reading Comprehension: Students use context to understand the meaning of words and sentences.

Q: Will the ultra-violet rays melt the Antarctica ice cap?

A: No. Our sun sends out different kinds of rays. Some rays are heat rays and others, like ultra-violet, are light rays. Light alone can't melt ice.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know the role of the ozone layer and the way in which it varies both naturally and in response to human activities.



Find the differences in these two pictures.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Extra! Extra!

Clean Air Bumper Sticker

Look through the newspaper for words you could use to write a clean air message on a bumper sticker.

Standards Links: Sentence Structure: Understand and be able to use complete sentences in writing.

The Good News!

In 1987, representatives of countries from around the world met in Montreal, Canada, and made an agreement to stop using chemicals that cause ozone to disappear from our atmosphere. The agreement, called the Montreal Protocol, seems to be working. Ozone is not disappearing as fast as it was 15 years ago.

To find out what year scientists think that the atmosphere will have all of its ozone back, color all the odd-numbered squares **blue** and the even-numbered squares **orange**.

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5	6	2	6	5	4	5	6	4	2	9	4	9	8	9
9	5	7	8	9	3	1	2	9	9	9	8	9	9	9

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know the role of the ozone layer and the way in which this layer varies in response to human activities.

Double Double Word Search

RAYS
ATMOSPHERE
AEROSOL
OZONE
LAYER
EARTH
SCIENTISTS
POLE
HOLE
SUN
COLD
SKY
LIGHT
CAP
HEAT

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

Z	R	V	O	P	H	E	A	T	S
H	L	O	S	O	R	E	A	O	Y
Z	T	Z	K	L	N	D	Z	L	A
E	N	R	Y	E	O	O	O	I	R
O	L	Z	A	J	N	D	N	G	E
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A	W	C	Z	P	A	C	Y	U	L
S	T	S	I	T	N	E	I	C	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Focus on the Air

Look through the newspaper for articles that mention the air or the environment. Write a paragraph that summarizes one of the articles.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write summaries that contain the main ideas of the reading selection and the most significant details.



What is the dirtiest word in the world?

ANSWER: Pollution!

Weekly Writing Corner

Ode to Air

Our Earth needs air
oxygen is very helpful
You need it to live
Garden plants reproduce air
from carbon dioxide
Even if you can't see it, it is
always there
Never fear, air is here!

Walker,
4th Grade

My candle had a flame,
With a match I lit it there,
I put a jar on top, it died,
Because it used up all the air.

Francisco,
4th Grade

If we did not breathe, we
would be knocked out in the
first three minutes. In the next
two, you would die.

Christopher,
4th Grade

I think it is important to keep
the rain forest the way it is
because we need oxygen, and
that is where it comes from.
Don't cut trees; they are
homes to animals.

Jordan,
4th Grade

Oh air, you blow my hair.
Air like a scary bear,
You taste like a delicious pear
With your sweetness in the air.
For you are my refreshing air.

Selena,
3rd Grade

Air helps everything live. Air
carries smell. Air carries sound
for us to hear. Air makes
waves to surf. Air helps planes
fly. Air pushes rain clouds
away so the sun comes out.

Jordan,
8th Grade

Air: All humans and animals
need it to live and to survive.
It helps our fields and plants
grow. Without air, we would
quickly perish away. Also,
trees would die if we didn't
have air.

Jeremy,
4th Grade

If I did not have air it would
be like standing there, holding
your breath, waiting for your
lungs to explode.

Kyndal,
6th Grade

Air is important in many
ways. It can help us breathe. If
we die, it isn't going to be a
nice sight. I'm also too young
to die.

Ethan,
4th Grade

Write On!

Ode to Air

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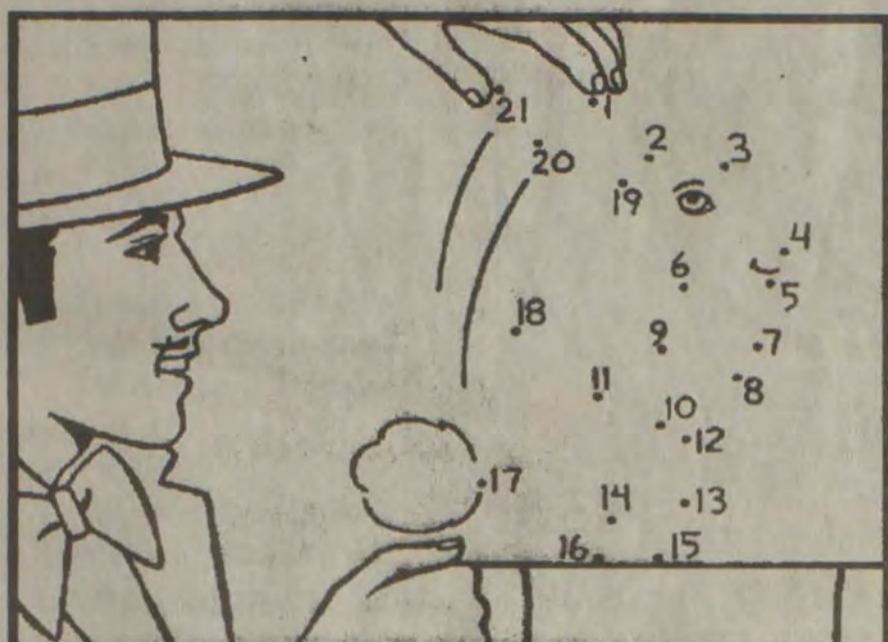
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DOTS LIFE! Yeah, it's only me again. Who'd you expect, Tyrannosaurus Rex? Draw dot to dot to complete the picture.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



UNDO-IT-YOURSELF TV CAPER

So your TV's down, repair shop's closed, and you're bent on fixing it yourself. Such a person is shown at left, and pictured with him are some trials and tribulations in the fix-it process.

Is our good friend successful, or is he a bust? To find out, start with panel 1, study clues, and see if you can rearrange panels 2, 3 and 4 in chronological order.

Time limit: 2 minutes.

Fix-it tale unfolds in this order: 1, 4, 2, 3.

SAFE BET! Bet someone that he or she has a hole in a sock. You can't lose. Every sock has a hole in which to insert foot.

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ROBIN 'HOOD! Four more five-letter words are needed to complement the word ROBIN in the diagram at right, and thereby form a word square — a cluster in which all words used read the same both across and down.

Definitions: 1. "On the eighteenth of —, in Seventy five..." 2. Pennsylvania railroad town. 3. Heralded first bird of spring (ROBIN, in place). 4. Trojan War epic by Homer. 5. Singer Ronstadt, for one.

Let's see how quickly you can fill in these words to complete the square.

1	2	3	R	4	5
2			O		
3	R	O	B	I	N
4			I		
5			N		

LETTER GO! Insert a letter (the same letter) in the middle of each of these words to form another word: 1. ROOT. 2. TALE. 3. ALUM. 4. REEL. 5. COOL. What letter complies?

Letter B — 1. ROBOT. 2. TABLE. 3. ALBUM. 4. REBEL. 5. COBOL (a computer language).

Answers: 1. April. 2. Paoli. 3. Robin. 4. Iliad. 5. Linda.



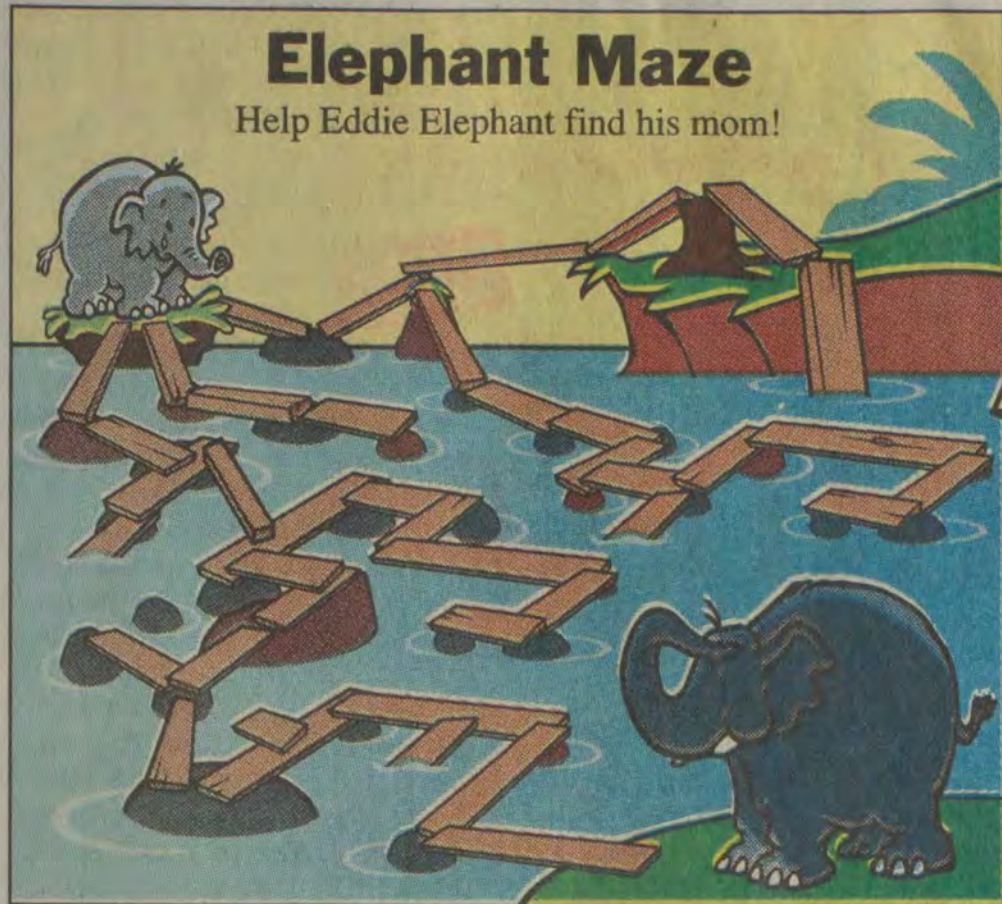
Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My Kid Scoop™

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My name: _____

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.



My Rhyme Time

E was the elephant;
Sixpence a ride but
Eric soon found that
You can't sit astride!

My Letters

E is for Elephant
e is for elephant



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter E. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that begin with the sound the letter E makes at the beginning of the word elephant?

My Numbers

How many eggs?

How many envelopes?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



An elephant is _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the same sound as the letter E in elephant.	Math Play Point to the number 6 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Big E and Little e On one page of the newspaper, search for an uppercase letter E and a lowercase letter e. Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more uppercase and lowercase E pairs?	Elbow Search Show your child your elbow. Then look for pictures of elbows in today's paper. How many can you find?	Two-By-Two Look through the newspaper for things that come in pairs, or in twos. For example, two eyes are a pair of eyes; two elbows are a pair of elbows; two shoes are a pair of shoes.	It All Adds Up Count the pictures on one page of the newspaper. Then count the pictures on another page of the newspaper. Write the numbers on another sheet of paper as an addition problem. Count how many pictures in all.	Sort the News Make three pretend "trunks." Tell your child one trunk is the "Sports Trunk," another is the "People Trunk," and the third is the "Toy Trunk." Have your child look through the newspaper and find pictures for each of the three imaginary trunks.

Learning Buddies!

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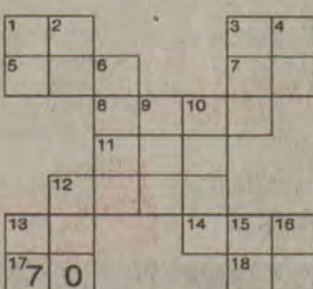
HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS

- Three times 18-Across
- Five times 13-Down
- 1-Across plus 12-Down
- Two less than 18-Across
- One thousand more than 6-Down
- 7-Across times 2-Down
- Two times 3-Down
- 16-Down minus 13-Down
- 9-Down plus 12-Down
- Five times 13-Across
- Seven more than 13-Across

- Forty less than 17-Across
- 5-Across plus 14-Across
- Three less than 1-Down
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- One digit is the sum of the other digits
- 8-Across plus 11-Across
- Two times 17-Across
- Five more than 15-Down
- Fifty less than 1-Down
- One more than 2-Down

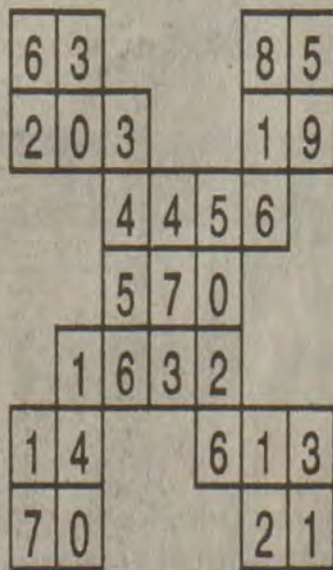
DOWN

- Two times 16-Down

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Rational Numbers

answers



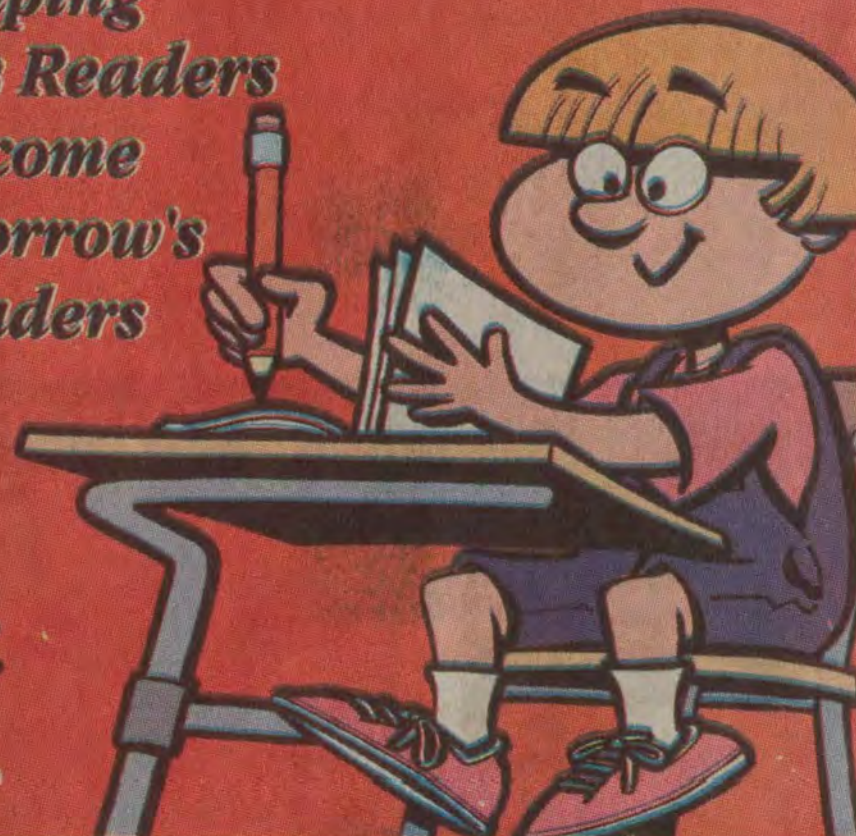
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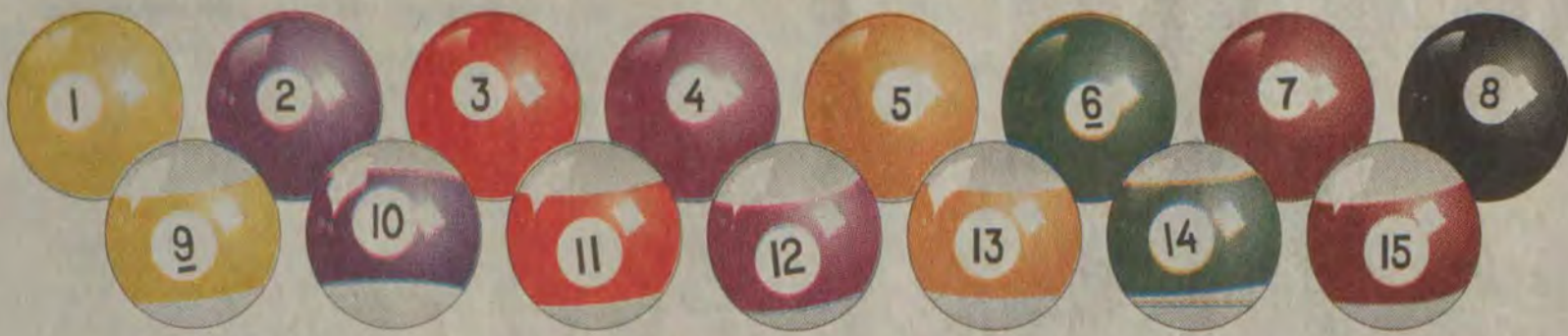
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A game of kings

Billiards is thought to have begun as a 14th-century lawn game that resembled croquet. Historians disagree about where it began — Persia, France and England have all claimed to be the first to play billiards. No one knows when the game was moved indoors or when it evolved into a tabletop game, but the first historical evidence of the tabletop version is from a 1470 inventory record of a billiard table that belonged to King Louis XI of France. It was said to have a hole in the middle.

Billiards became a popular game among royalty. Mary Queen of Scots (1542–1587) and King Louis XIV (1638–1715) played. But billiards was not just for the rich and famous. A reference to billiards in Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* (Act II, Scene V), "Let's to billiards," suggests an early 17th-century familiarity with the game that the playwright expected common people to understand.



Louis XIV playing billiards. Note the wooden mace with the flattened, curved end. The cue stick evolved as players increasingly began using the mace's narrow tip (the top end) to hit the balls.

Kinds of games

The most popular forms of billiards are pool, snooker and carom billiards. Pool is the game of choice in North America and is played with a cue ball and 15 object balls. Snooker, a popular billiards game in England, is played with a cue ball and 21 object balls. Pool and snooker are played on a table with six pockets. Carom billiards is played on a table without pockets. Three or four balls are used. Players try to stike, or carom, the cue ball off the object balls and the table's raised sides in specified ways for points.

Some characters, milestones and trivia of 19th- and 20th-century billiards

1859 — Michael Phelan and legendary billiard player Jim Seereiter played in Detroit for \$15,000 (a huge amount at the time). The contest lasted four days. Phelan won.



Michael Phelan (1817–1871)

1903 — First coin-operated billiard table patented. The cost of the game was one penny.

1920s — Ralph Greenleaf won the world professional title six times and defended it 13 times. His dramatic flare helped to increase the game's popularity.



Ralph Greenleaf (1899–1950)

1960s — Minnesota Fats is arguably the most recognized name in the history of billiards. He was a billiards showman and hustler whose original name was Rudolph Wanderone, but he officially changed it to Minnesota Fats after the Jackie Gleason character in the 1961 movie "The Hustler."



"Minnesota Fats" Rudolph Wanderone Jr. (1912–1996)

1865 — Louis Fox and John Deery competed in Detroit for \$1,000. Fox was distracted by a pesky fly and missed his shot. Deery won the match.

1892 — William A. Spinks was granted a patent for a new billiard chalk that was gritty and greatly improved shot making.

1900 — The game of eight-ball pool was invented.

1920s — The largest billiard hall was built in Detroit. It had 103 tables, 88 bowling lanes, 20 barber chairs and a restaurant that could seat 300.

1940s and 1950s — Willie Mosconi is considered by many to be the all-time greatest pool player. He dominated the game in the 1940s and '50s, winning 15 world titles. He once achieved a record run of 526 balls.



Willie Mosconi (1913–1993)

1995 — A study by the Billiards and Bowling Institute of America found that 42.4 million Americans played billiards at least once that year, a 20.4% increase from 1986. The survey also found that 30% of pool players were women.

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What's in a name?

The word "billiards" is derived from one or two French words — *billiard*, a wooden stick, or *bille*, which means "ball." The word "cue" is from the French word *queue*, which was the name for the handle of the mace (a long stick originally used to move the balls). "Billiards" is often referred to as pool. The word "pool" is from the word *poule*, which was French slang for "betting."

A bad reputation

In the 13th and 14th centuries, the church viewed all recreational games (including billiards) as dangerous sins. But when billiards was later played by royalty it enjoyed a noble popularity. Who would question a king's favorite pastime? Moral opposition to recreation and gaming resurfaced in colonial New England. Because of this, billiards became associated with unsavory men who drank, gambled and smoked in dark taverns. In the 19th century, billiards was banned in many parts of the United States. The game was viewed so negatively that the purchase of a second-hand billiard table for the White House in 1825 by President John Quincy Adams put his moral character in question and hurt his career. (A new table was reinstalled in the White House in 1869.)

Respectability

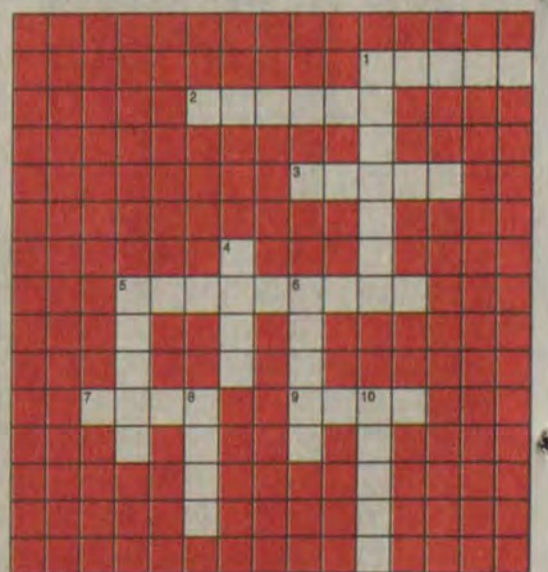
Michael Phelan is often called the father of American billiards. He was an expert pool player and a manufacturer of billiard tables. Phelan is credited with being the first to install ivory diamonds on table rails. Phelan opened an elegant billiard room in New York which helped to change the negative perception of billiards. In 1850 he wrote "Billiards Without A Master," which provided easy-to-follow instructions and diagrams on hundreds of billiard shots.



Michael Phelan (1817–1871)

What do you know?

- ACROSS**
1. Early billiard balls were made of this.
 2. Author of "Billiards Without a Master."
 3. Elephant tusks provided this material.
 5. Early reference to billiards is found in Shakespeare's *Antony and* —.
 7. Game of choice in North America
 9. Stick with a curved end
- DOWN**
1. Favorite billiard game in England
 4. This material is still used to cover billiard tables.
 5. Billiard game played on a table without pockets
 6. U.S. president who got in trouble for buying a pool table.
 8. The earliest form of billiards was probably played on this.
 10. This is rubbed on the tip of a cue to increase friction when hitting the ball.



- ANSWERS**
- ACROSS**
1. STONE
 2. PHELAN
 3. IVORY
 5. CLEOPATRA
 7. POOL
 9. MACE
- DOWN**
1. SNOOKER
 4. WOOL
 5. CAROM
 6. ADAMS
 8. LAWN
 10. CHALK

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