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Senators honor injured trooper

FRANKFORT - The Senate Democratic Caucus Tuesday joined state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, in recognizing Kentucky State Trooper Rick Conn for his courage during the recent natural gas line explosion and fire in Ivel.

"Trooper Conn deserves to be honored for his extraordinary acts during the gas line explosion," Turner said. "He really proved to the peome in Eastern Kentucky that he will put his life on the line for them."

The senators signed a Senate Citation in Conn's honor, recognizing the trooper's bravery, skill and professionalism in serving and protecting the citizens of the Commonwealth.

"We are grateful to Trooper Conn. He is a hero," Turner said. "There are many brave men and women who serve our State, and Trooper Conn is one of the best."

Conn was driving into his subdivision when the first explosion occurred. He was burned and had to crawl out the passenger window to escape his burning vehicle.

The trooper then ran to a nearby burning house and helped Jeannie Newsome and her 2-year-old daughter Alexis get out. Conn sufered second- and thirddegree burns on his hands and face

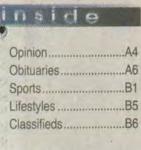


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Shoppers mobbed the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart Friday morning for their "Black Friday" shopping event.

SHOPPING FRENZY

Crowds flock to retail outlets as holiday season begins

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - "Black Friday" proved to be a shopper's bonanza despite predictions that a sagging economy would hurt holiday buying sprees.

The Wal-Mart at Prestonsburg Village saw shoppers lining up in the lobby at 3 a.m. for that store's holiday sale, which ran from 6 a.m. to noon and saw prices slashed on a host of items. The Radio Shack at the plaza opened early to invite shoppers for their holiday sales, which saw many electronic gadgets fly off the shelves by noon.

Wal-Mart manager Mike Hubert reported, "We had several hot items that are quickly disappearing. We had an arcade game system that plugs directly into your television on sale at \$20 and that was the first item to go. We saw a lot of interest in home entertainment items with two brands of DVD players selling quickly at under \$30."

Hubert reported that the big lines started forming at 5 a.m. and saw cars backed up to the Big Lots store looking for parking.

Over at Radio Shack, one manager reported that the big sellers



Kmart of Paintsville was still packed with shoppers late Friday afternoon for their Christmas sale, which ran through Saturday.

were small electronic gadgets. The most popular was a pen that also acted as a digital camera.

Nationally, the big seller at Wal-Mart was a 24-inch flat screen TV from Symphonic which is retailing for \$139.92 and was in stock at area stores. The chain was also offering big savings on DVDs to go with the bargain and was cutting the prices

of recent bestsellers like "Van Helsing" and "Dawn of the Dead" to half their retail price until noon.

The Wal-Mart of Paintsville had a similar day with all of their onsale electronic items selling out before noon as well as the halfpriced DVDs which were back to

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Guilty pleas expected in drug cases tomorrow

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG The first of what are promised to be many drug roundups in the Floyd County area by Operation UNITE will move to the adjudication stage Monday, with three drug traffickers expected to enter guilty pleas.

The roundup, which was executed on July 1, saw 45 warrants issued. The effort saw UNITE team up with the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky State police and Prestonsburg Police to issue the warrants for alleged drug trafficking, with many of the arrests based on evidence gathered by the Floyd County Drug Task Force.

The pleas on Monday will be entered by Homer New, of Mud Creek, and Foster and Paul Mitchell who were arrested in and near Mitchell's Grocery Branham's Creek.

New was arrested without incident in July at his home. Sheriff John K. Blackburn conducted a thorough search of the premises and confiscated a loaded rifle which had the serial numbers scratched off.

Foster Mitchell was arrested while walking along the road that led to Mitchell's Grocery. He was spotted by the sheriff's convoy which was on its way to the grocery store. Blackburn radioed the last cars in the convoy to detain Foster and proceeded to the grocery, where they arrested Paul Mitchell and conducted a search and identification of everyone in the store to make sure they weren't on the roundup list.

Foster Mitchell is expected to take the biggest sentence out of this group, with a 10-year recommendation by the commonwealth.

New and Paul Mitchell will most likely see sentences in the 3-to-5 year range, with some of that time

Kimbler to be sentenced

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG Anita Kimbler, of Nippa, will be formerly sentenced in circuit court tomorrow for the January 2003 incident in which she drove her vehicle onto U.S. 23 and directly into the path of another car driven by Judge Daniel Sparks of Johnson County.

Kimbler was eventually charged with assault and driving under the influence when it was determined that she was under the influence of several controlled substances when she caused the accident.

The wreck occurred in Johnson County but was

moved to Floyd after Kimbler's attorney filed a motion for the change in venue since Sparks is a friend of the Johnson County judge who was adjudicating the case.

Kimbler complained to the Paintsville Herald at that time, saying, "We are the small fish in this situation."

After the case was moved to Floyd County, Judge John David Caudill presided over it and immediately ordered an evaluation of Kimbler.

When she appeared in court last month to enter her plea, Kimbler noted that she had been diagnosed bipolar disorder. She and her attor-

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State says lighter coal trucks are moving faster

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

crackdown on overweight coal trucks has had an unexpected side effect, a state

Greg Howard, commissioner of Kentucky Vehicle PIKEVILLE - A state Enforcement, said more truckers are exceeding the speed limit.

"We are beginning to get

some complaints on speed, and we're addressing those," he said. "Of course, speed is easier to enforce than weigh limits."

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The "Brothers of the Wheel," a charity group made up of area motorcyclists, raised money outside of Prestonsburg Village Friday for their fourth annual Christmas for local needy children and provided a trim Santa to wave at motorists.

photo by Tom Doty



Odds and Ends

KANSAS CITY, Mo. -Missouri's oldest full-time state employee figures she's got 10 more years to go before it's time to retire. By then, her age will be in triple digits and she can "take four or five years off and party."

Virginia Arn, who turns 90 on Friday, said her job at the Division of Motor Vehicle and Drivers Licensing is "heaven."

"I love the people. I have a lot of fun with them. People are always asking me how old I am, and I don't mind telling them."

For the past five years, Arn has worked as a greeter at the DMV, helping people find the right line and making sure they have the correct paperwork. Office manager Dave Hostetler said she has the best attendance record in the office.

The job, combined with dancing at least four times a week, keeps her going.

"Just think about it, 90 years old and working with a smile every day at the DMV, one place most people don't like to go," said Raymond Hune, division director for the department.

Arn, a widow, has two children, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, three greatgreat-grandchildren and another on the way.

■ LOS ANGELES — This just in: Los Angeles finally has something people in San Francisco want - money.

"We love people from Los Angeles; we love when they spend their money in our town. We love that!" says Diane DeRose, the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau executive behind "Not in L.A.," a new campaign to lure winter tourists to the City by the Bay. As the campaign's name implies, whatever you can't find in L.A. you will be able to locate in San Francisco.

Links to the Not in L.A. Web site have been showing up in magazine ads, on coasters left in bars and on "mobile billboards" being moved around town. People who go to the site can find out more about places and

landmarks such as Union served up in an MRE. Square, the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island and the Mission district.

Francisco have that Los Angeles doesn't?

That question can be answered in just two words, says S.A. Griffin, an actor who moved south to pursue a career in Hollywood.

"Is there anything they have up there that we don't have here? Yeah - San Francisco," laughs Griffin. "Few places in the world are as beautiful as San Francisco. But you couldn't pay me enough money to move back up there. I couldn't imagine living any place other than Los Angeles.'

■ COLUMBUS, Ohio -Isn't it already "the incredible, edible egg"? Only if it's not used to cook eggs at high tem-

The military discontinued using eggs in its "meals-readyto-eat" pouches about 10 years So, just what does San ago after soldiers complained they were rubbery and had a grayish tint.

Now, defense officials want to dish up a tastier, tender egg to America's soldiers - and it's enlisted the help of three schools to do just that.

Researchers at Ohio State, Washington State and the Illinois Institute of Technology are experimenting with a way to preserve scrambled-egg patties by combining high temperature with high pressure. By applying pressure of 100,000 pounds per square inch, the process takes about six minutes.

The old way to preserve MRE eggs, which came in the form of an egg-and-ham omelet,

peratures for more than 90 minutes, said Patrick Dunne, senior adviser in the Combat Rations Directorate at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Center near

"You've got thoroughly cooked eggs to say the least," said Dunne, a biochemist.

The researchers have been working on the project for the past 16 months with a \$250,000

"We're kind of going through tryouts," Ohio State food scientist V.M. Balasubramaniam said of the different recipes.

The scrambled-egg patties being tested contain about 20 percent cheese. The eggs have been taste-tested by a consumer

panel at Washington State. "They blessed it," Dunne

Next, the eggs will be tastetested by food technologists at the Massachusetts soldier center, who will rate the eggs for flavor and tenderness. The packaging system must still be fire ished, and the Food and Drug Administration must approve the eggs before they can be sent to soldiers for field tests.

Dunne hopes the new egg item can be introduced next year, but said it may not get into the hands of troops until a year or two later.

SUFFOLK, Va. - When Mike Kainrath found an extra \$1.8 million in his bank account last week, he had just one thought: "Oh, no! Not again."

Kainrath had found an extra \$115,661 in the account in April 2003, and \$2,700 in November 2002.

According to the notice

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Nov. 28, the 333rd day of 2004. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 28, 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston.

On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears

In 1919, American-born Lady Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.

In 1925, the Grand Ole Opry. Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.

In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin met in Tehran during World War II.

In 1944, the MGM movie musical "Meet Me in St. Louis," starring Judy Garland, opened in New York.

In 1958, the African nation of Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.

In 1964, the United States faunched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course to Mars.

In 1975, President Ford nominated Federal Judge John Paul Stevens to the U.S. Supreme Court seat vacated by William O. Douglas.

In 1979, an Air New Zealand DC-10 en route to the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard.

In 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as prime minister of Britain during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major.

Ten years ago: Serial

killer Jeffrey Dahmer was murdered in a Wisconsin prison by a fellow inmate. Norwegian voters rejected European Union membership. Sixties war protester Jerry Rubin died in Los Angeles, two weeks after being hit by a car; he was 56.

Five years ago: Hsing-Hsing, the popular giant panda who arrived in America in 1972 as a symbol of U.S.-China detente, was euthanized at age 28. (Officials at Washington's National Zoo decided to end the panda's life because of his deteriorating health.)

One year ago: President Bush returned to his ranch in Crawford, Texas, after a secret, nearly 36-hour journey that took him to Iraq for a Thanksgiving visit with U.S.

Today's Birthdays: Recording executive Berry Gordy Jr. is 75. Former Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., is 68. Singer-songwriter Bruce Channel is 64. Singer Randy Newman is 61. Movie director Joe Dante is 58. CBS News correspondent Susan Spencer is 58. "Late Show" orchestra leader Paul Shaffer is 55. Actor Ed Harris is 54. Actress S. Epatha Merkerson is 52. Country singer Kristine Arnold (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 48. Actor Judd Nelson is 45. Movie director Alfonso Cuaron is 43. Rock musician Matt Cameron is 42. Comedian Jon Stewart is 42. Actress Garcelle Beauvais-Nilon is 38. TV personality Anna Nicole Smith is 37. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dawn Robinson is 36. Hip-hop musician apl.de.ap (Black Eyed Peas) is 30. Actress Scarlett Pomers ("Reba") is 16.

Thought for Today: "I am not sure that God always knows who are His great men; He is so very careless of what happens to them while they live." - Mary Hunter Austin, American novelist and playwright (1868-1934).

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Trucks

Howard said trucks can go faster operators to offset financial losswhen they're not bogged down with overweight loads, and some truct-- may be taking advantage of that to speed up to haul more loads each day.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said speeding among coal truck drivers hauling lighter loads shouldn't have come as a sur-

"We told them that would happen," Caylor said. "We were worried not just about truckers driving faster but potentially working more hours where you would have the fatigue factor coming into play."

The number of overweight trucks has been drastically reduced in eastern Kentucky since the crackdown began sbased on the number of violations officers are seeing, Howard

"At one time, if we weighed 100 trucks, 99 would be overweight," he said. "Now if we weigh 100 trucks, we might find 10 that are overweight."

Officers began strictly enforcing weight limits in June, sparking intermittent labor strikes by drivers who demanded more money per ton from coal es that came with hauling small-

er loads. Truckers complained that they were caught in the middle, risking fines each time they hauled too much coal. Yet, they said they were unable to afford fuel and insurance unless they violated the weight limit.

increased the amounts they paid the truckers, and officers began writing citations to coal companies caught overloading coal trucks at their loading facilities.

Howard said the problem of overweight trucks hasn't been for their scores to be included in entirely solved.

"We have made a big dent in to be playing on the same field for a change.

lookout for truckers who speed it harder to hold those schools with their smaller loads.

Caylor said speeding in the huge rigs could have dire consequences on eastern Kentucky highways.

"You can't place that blame on the coal operator," he said. "This is something that falls solely on the shoulders of the enforced, period."

New rule excludes students' test scores from school totals

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE results for more than 7,000 Kentucky students were exclud-As a result, coal companies ed from their school's state and federal accountability scores this year.

> It's the result of a new state rule requiring students to attend the same school at least 100 days during the academic year the school's score.

Although those students' it," he said. "Everybody seems scores still count toward the district and state scores, critics say excluding so many children He said officers are on the from individual schools makes accountable.

> "No school is being held responsible for them," said Bob Sexton, director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, a statewide education group. "That lessens the schools' focus on those kids."

Before the change, prompted truckers, and the law needs to be by a provision the federal No

Child Left Behind Act requiring schools to define a full academic year for testing purposes, Kentucky schools were held accountable for every student in their classrooms when spring testing began.

That requirement stuck no matter how long the student had been there.

Schools that fail to meet state and federal academic goals in two or more years must let students transfer to better-performing schools and face harsher penalties, including a state takeover, unless they improve.

Kathy Christie, an analyst for the Education Commission of the States, a policy research group, said the exclusion of mobile students from school scores is an "emerging issue" nationally that "people should be talking about." She said Kentucky's 100-day rule isn't unusually stringent compared with other states, which set varying definitions for a "full academic year."

requires students to attend 162 days in a single school, according to Indiana education officials. The minimum number of instructional days for Kentucky public schools is 175.

When Kentucky was making its decision, educators argued the old system was unfair. They persuaded Kentucky's Board of Education in December to set its "full academic year" as at least 100 non consecutive days attendance at the same school during the school year.

As a result, about 7,600 students, or 2.4 percent of the 323,000 students tested, had their results counted in district or state scores but not in any school's score, according to preliminary estimates from the Kentucky Department of Education.

State education officials, who plan a more detailed district-level analysis of those numbers, said they expect the change to have the biggest impact in urban districts where

Indiana, for example, more students switch schools. A February study by Louisville's Metropolitan Housing Coalition found that about 5,000 district students changed residences during the year, and about 30 percent moved more than once. They tended to be from poor neighborhoods and posted lower test scores, the report

> Parent Traci Priddy, who leads Jefferson County's Parent-Teacher Association, said she's concerned that the state's attendance change could prompt schools to nudge failing students to transfer before they accrue 100 days.

But Leon Mooneyhan, director of the Ohio Valley Education Cooperative and former chairman of a group of superintendents that studied the issue last year, said what's important is whether districts use those students' results to improve instruction - even if they don't count toward that school's

Sentence

ney, Bob Gainstine, noted for the record that her condition understanding the proceedings. Nevertheless, Caudill went over the plea in painstaking detail and quizzed Kimbler on it to make sure she understood what rights she was giving up by entering a guilty

Kimbler has agreed to a 12year sentence that was negoti-Attorney Brent Turner.

to not getting fair treatment in Johnson County were dismissed by Turner, who said. "From the beginning, his [Sparks] only concern was that the community be protected."

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Turner added that Kimbler had actually been convicted of two did not prevent her from ated by Commonwealth's felonies before this incident and saw the charge of persis-Kimbler's remarks alluding tent felony offender added on to her case for that reason.

Kimbler's husband, Joey Kimbler, was also in the vehicle at the time of the incident and his injuries resulted in the second assault charge.

Shopping

their original price of \$19.99 at noon. Store co-manager Calvin Stapleton said that all of the toy items on sale sold out and that the crowd began gathering when he got to work at 5

The Paintsville Kmart tried a

different approach and held three sales. The first was on Thanksgiving Day, with an early morning sale starting Friday at 6 a.m. and ending at noon. They also introduced a third sale which ran through the weekend and saw the store still packed

Continued from p1 with shoppers Friday evening.

Kmart prepared for the buying frenzy by having all but one of its registers open to handle the extra customers. Once again the big sellers featured were in electronics and toys, with many video games on sale running out.



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Gavin's grandparents are Jeff Hunter of Wayland, Priscella Micochero, of Columbus, Ohio, Barbara Colier, and Gary and Judy Ousley, of Prestonsburg. Special thanks to all our family and friends for the wonderful gifts he received on his Special Day.





George Rasmussen, the producer-director of the Envi Awards ceremony, presented the Aurora Award to Karen Engle, who was PRIDE's executive director during the 2003 Envi Awards and now heads Operation UNITE, and Richard Thomas, PRIDE's current executive director.

PRIDE earns international recognition

SOMERSET — The PRIDE Envi Awards ceremony recently won an award of its own. The 2003 awards ceremony, as it was broadcast on WYMT-TV of and Kentucky Hazard Educational Television, earned a 2004 Gold Award in the international Aurora Awards competi-

The Aurora Awards recognize excellence in the film and video industries. The Envi Award ceremony competed in the category of external communications/public relations related to environmental protection. "Great things are happening

in our region, and this award shows that we are not hiding our light under a bushel," said Congressman Hal Rogers, PRIDE co-founder. "We are telling the world that our region is full of civic-minded, hardworking people who are taking care of our beautiful natural resources. We couldn't ask for better advertising than showcasing our people and environment."

"I want to thank George Rasmussen, our producer-director, for putting together an incredible show," said Richard Thomas, PRIDE executive director. "I also want to thank WYMT and KET for broadcasting it."

"I enjoy working with the dedicated people involved with PRIDE and believe this program deserves recognition," said Rasmussen, an independent producer-director who operates Cedar Rose Pond Productions. He nominated the 2003 show for an Aurora Award and recently surprised the PRIDE Executive Committee with the award stat-

The 2003 Envi Awards ceremony was held April 21, 2003 at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. The edited, one-hour version of the ceremony was broadcast by WYMT and KET that summer. The show included performances by the Kentucky Opry and a tribute to the late General James Bickford, co-founder of PRIDE, and the late Tony Turner, former chair of the PRIDE Executive Committee and WYMT-TV news director.

The Aurora Awards competition is open to programs and commercials created for a local or regional market. U.S. and overseas production groups, advertising agencies and television stations submit entries. A panel of film and video professionals judge entries for their effectiveness, creativity and production quality. About one in five programs entered in the competition receives the Gold Award, the second-highest honor. One in 10 nominees earn the highest award, the Platinum Best in Show.

PRIDE began the annual Envi Awards ceremony in 2001 to honor the individuals and organizations who excelled during the year at pursuing the PRIDE mission - Personal Responsibility In A Desirable Environment. The PRIDE initiative is dedicated to improving water quality, cleaning up illegal dumps and promoting environmental education in 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky. PRIDE is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.



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- Felix Frankfurter

Our view Basketball's thugs

Kudos to the National Basketball Association for coming down hard on thuggery. Reacting swiftly to the worst brawl among players and fans in NBA history, the league handed down tough suspensions to three members of the Indiana Pacers.

Ron Artest was suspended for the remainder of the 2004-05 season. Jermaine O'Neal will sit out 25 games, and Stephen Jackson was banned for 30 games. Two other Pacers received short suspensions for their peripheral role in the shameful, ugly spectacle of players fighting fans last Friday night.

Taken together, Artest, O'Neal and Jackson will forfeit millions of dollars in pay. Their seasons, and that of their franchise, are ruined. Civil suits and likely criminal prosecutions loom. Good. Players who charge into the stands and assault fans, whatever the provocations, break an inviolate rule of professional sports, or any sports. Violence in the form of criminal assaults directed at spectators is more than unacceptable. It should disqualify the perpetrators from the sport, at least temporarily if not permanently.

Neither professional basketball nor any other sport can tolerate pampered, multimillionaire athletes who imagine that no rules apply to them.

Poor security and boorishly unruly, probably intoxicated, fans contributed to the shocking sequence of events at the Palace of Auburn Hills, home of the NBA's Detroit Pistons. That's still no excuse for professional basketball players charging into the stands and throwing haymaker punches at spectators.

The specter of thuggish violence threatens other sports, as well. Last weekend's South Carolina vs. Clemson college football game was marred by a bench-clearing brawl that overwhelmed even state police and both schools' coaching staffs. Professional football, professional baseball and college football are plagued with players sidelined not by injuries or ineligibility but because they've been arrested for committing crimes.

Whether professional or college, American sports must not be permitted to succumb to the kind of violent mayhem that, for example, regularly produces bloody soccer riots in Europe. The immediate antidote is for officials who oversee these sports to take the sternest possible disciplinary action against transgressor athletes. The NBA has now done that. The larger answer is to reaffirm a code of character and sportsmanship that has waned badly in American athletics.

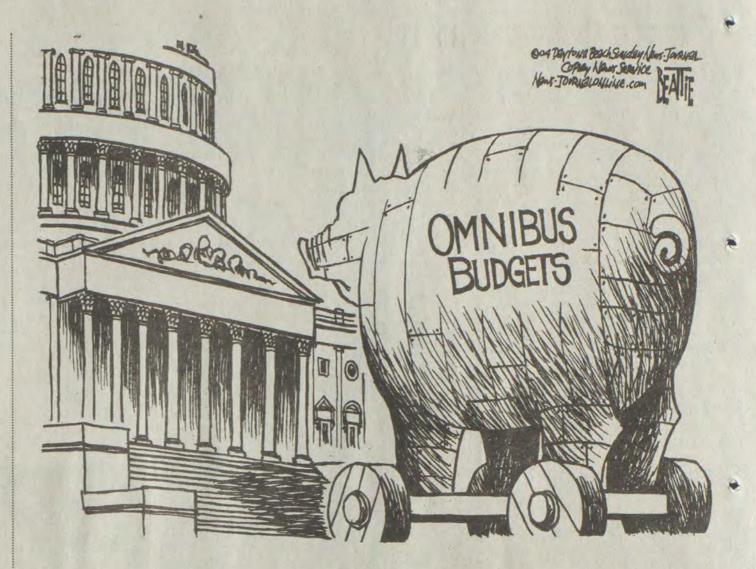
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-Rich Lowry Column

Where are the heroes?

You have never heard of Brian Chontosh. That's a shame. Not for Brian Chontosh, who I suspect couldn't care less. But

In March of last year, Chontosh was a 29-yearold Marine lieutenant. He was leading his platoon on Highway 1, just outside Baghdad, when his troops came under heavy fire. He ordered

toon on Highway 1, just outside Baghdad, when his troops came under heavy fire. He ordered his vehicle to head directly for the enemy trench, jumped out and began firing with his rifle and pistol, before running out of ammunition. The citation for Chontosh's Navy

and pistor, before running out of animunition. The citation for Chontosh's Navy Cross picks up the narrative: "With complete disregard for his safety, he twice picked up discarded enemy rifles and continued his ferocious attack... When his audacious attack ended, he had cleared over 200 meters of the enemy trench, killing more than 20 enemy soldiers and wounding several others."

This is a battlefield exploit worthy of

someone you have heard of, Sgt. Alvin York. He almost single-handedly killed 25 Germans and captured 132 "enemy combatants" — yes, they existed before the Bush administration — in 1918. You might know of York because he was played by Gary Cooper in the eponymous movie about him. Or maybe because of the half-dozen books that are still in print about him. Or maybe just because he used to be a household name.

We have collectively lost our ability to make popular battlefield heroes like York. With a few exceptions — say, the extraordinary Pat Tillman, who left the NFL to join the Army Rangers —

people become famous in our wars by being victims or villains. Jessica Lynch was captured by Iraqis and rescued, an ordeal to be sure, but not the kind of fear-some courage that has been celebrated by warring nations at least since Homer sang of Hector. Charles Graner has been pictured multiple times in most major papers in the country, appearing next to his inspiration — the stack of naked Iraqi prisoners. Lynch and Graner are each, in

their very different ways, anti-heroes, but they are more well-known than troops who have done much more notable things.

They are better known than Lance Cpl. Joseph Perez, who led his men to victory in a firefight in Iraq despite serious gunshot wounds. They are more famous than Marco Martinez, then a corporal, who launched a captured rocket-propelled grenade into a building full of Iraqis ambushing his platoon and then single-handedly captured the building. We know more about them than the more than 125 Americans who have been decorated with Silver Stars or other high honors for bravery in Afghanistan and Iraq.

few exceptions — say, the extraordinary Pat Tillman, who left the NFL to join the Army

In a brilliant piece in the United States Naval Institute's journal "Proceedings," Roger Lee Crossland identifies Vietnam as marking the break with traditional notions of battlefield heroism. Besides the prisoners of war, there were no heroes from that war.

Today our culture tends to look for "heroes" who can be portrayed, not as warriors, but as ordinary people who overcame a struggle — like the daytime TV guest who managed to beat anorexia as a teenager — while remaining ignorant of those extraordinary people who risk so much to defend our freedom. Men like Brian Chontosh.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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– beyond the beltway

Great Americans — there's no end

by DONALD KAUL

There's been a nice response to the "Great



Americans
Who Were
Never
President"
Contest (if
you can call
something
without a
winner a
contest).
Here are
some of the
suggestions

readers sent along:

"Alexander Hamilton — Besides having fought for independence in the Revolutionary War, it was he who called for the convention that led to the U.S. Constitution ... He served as our first Secretary of the Treasury and in that capacity called for the establishment of a federal bank." — Richard Finn

He was the last name I took off my list. He saw the future of our nation as an industrial world power far more clearly than his more illustrious contemporary, Thomas Jefferson, who clung to a romantic, Arcadian vision.

"Put Elizabeth Cady Stanton at the top of

the list. Sweet Jesus in the cabbage patch! What a woman! You've noticed, I'm sure, that entries on Stanton in encyclopedias do not mention her battle for religious freedom, her effort to get the nation to break the chains of church dogma." — Richard Newby

Yes, I did notice that, which is the reason I've stopped reading encyclopedias. One of the reasons, anyway.

"Thomas Edison hobnobbed with Henry Ford ... holding salons at his mansion in West Orange, N.J., while standardizing the production of Portland Cement, modern concrete forms, concrete highways (for Ford's automobiles), storage batteries, commercial generation and distribution of electricity, the making and distributing of motion pictures and, of course, the light bulb. Among thousands of other things." — Deb Bledsoe

It makes you wonder how he had any time left over for hobnobbing, doesn't it? The only thing I've ever invented is excuses.

"Eleanor Roosevelt — she made her own contributions to social progress by virtue of her groundbreaking work in the still controversial areas of labor reform, civil rights, women's rights and the establishment of international peace." — J. Jordan

Yes, and I think she was the first American woman who was able to make a persuasive case to middle class women that a women's place was not necessarily limited to household duties. A first-class First Lady.

Then there were the Marshalls — John the first great Supreme Court Chief Justice; Thurgood the great civil rights attorney and, later, Supreme Court Justice; and George C., the general who got us up to speed in the early days of World War II and later, as Secretary of State, gave his name to the plan that reconstructed Europe.

The Harriets — Harriet Tubman, the for-

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mer slave who became a powerful force in the abolitionist movement, and Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," perhaps the most influential novel ever written by an American.

The Clever Ones — Sylvan Goldman who invented the shopping cart; Garret Morgan who gave us the stop light, and Thomas Crapper who invented the flush toilet.

The Entertainers — Walt Disney, Mickey Mouse's father, Jackie Robinson, much more than a baseball player, and Elvis Presley, the King.

Perhaps my favorite entry:

"More than anyone in this country Jack Webb improved the image of police officers. With his TV shows such as 'Dragnet' and especially 'Adam 12,' he showed that police officers weren't just bullies in uniform, but they can be polite, dedicated ordinary people with an extraordinary responsibility." — Robert Meador

I love the idea of Jack "just the facts, Ma'am" Webb being up there with Ben Franklin, Thomas Edison and the rest of that crowd.

Many others were mentioned: Robert Moses, George Washington Carver, Adlai Stevenson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Katherine Graham, all worthy. And some (in my opinion) not so worthy: Jefferson Davis, Rush Limbaugh, Robert E. Lee and George W. Bush

It should have come as no surprise, I suppose, that no one mentioned George Mason, easily the most under-appreciated of our Founding Fathers. He was a seminal figure in the creation of our nation after the Revolution and can justly be called the author of the Bill of Rights. Still, I was surprised.

That's it. If you have any more candidates, keep them to yourself.

Faith Extra

*Being Hindu in the Bible Belt

by TONYA S. GRACE KENTUCKY NEW ERA

HOPKINSVILLE Ketki Shah recalls the day that classmates at her daughter's school told the young girl she and her family were

going to hell. "That's when we started meeting every week," said Shah, a Hopkinsville resident and follower of the Hindu faith, as she spoke recently to students and staff gathered during an assembly at Hopkinsville Community College.

Featuring guest speaker Mahtani Nandini Nashville, Tenn., the meeting was a part of the college's ongoing Religion and Philosophy Club speaker series and included a brief presentation from Mahtani followed by a panel discus-

Serving on the panel, in addition to Shah, were Dr. Manoj Majmudar, a local pulmonary physician, and Ragini Chirravuri, a Hopkinsville resident who grew up in India and attended a Catholic school as a child.

All of the panel members are students of the Bhagavad-Gita, which contains the words of the Hindu god Krishna.

The local group meets regularly to discuss the thoughts and ideas of the late Rev. Pandurang Athavale Shastri, founder of a Hindu group called Swadhyay which encourages people to let divine presence guide their actions.

The Hopkinsville group

nization known Devotional Associates of Yogeshwar.

"There's nothing peculiar or weird about our religion," observed Chirravuri, who said she wanted those attending the recent meeting to have a better understanding of Hinduism.

Describing her religion as a wholesome one, she noted that Hindus are accepting of other religions and believe that it is OK for each person to follow his own spiritual path because all paths lead to

"I like talking about Indian culture and our religion," added Chirravuri, who doesn't often find people in Hopkinsville who are familiar with her religion.

Known as Swadhyay Parivar, the local group of about 23 families has, however, discovered an acceptance among the people of Christian County and other

"I love to be here in Hopkinsville," commented Dr. Prakesh Shah, who is a local physician and Ketki Shah's husband. "The community is very nice, and (we have) no problem."

Prakesh Shah said he's encountered "no obstructions in the Bible Belt," and he noted that Hindus tend to rely on the idea of putting sugar in milk to give it a sweet taste.

"That's how we are," he said. "We try to learn and accommodate everywhere we go."

The panelists noted that, although their children have encountered some questions also is part of a larger orga- and issues at school, for

as instance, they have not really had a lot of challenges toward their worship.

And school has also been a boon, giving the families more exposure in the community and allowing people to get to know them, according to Majmudar.

The doctor suggested that people need a lot more education about religions in general, which he believes could help foster a better understanding among the different beliefs.

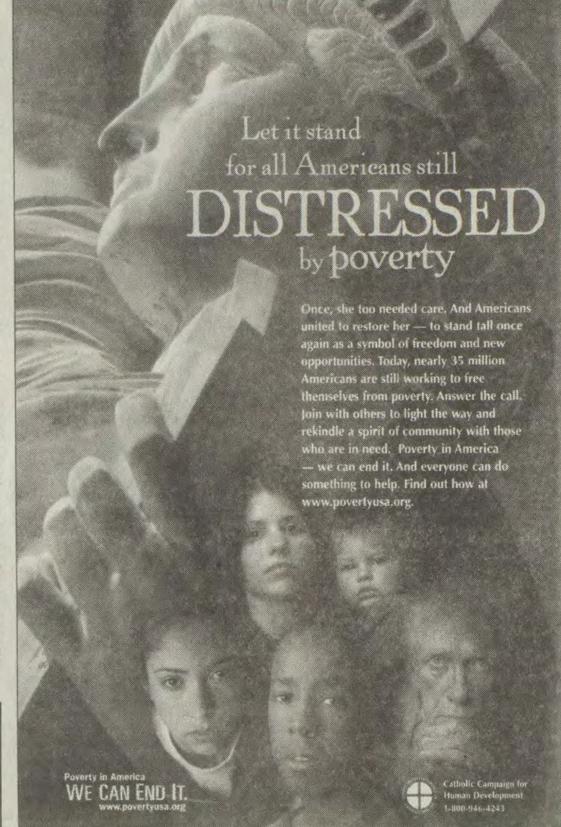
He noted that Hindus usually consider every day a day of worship, for example, although the local group to which he belongs meets each Sunday afternoon because it is a convenient time for its members to study.

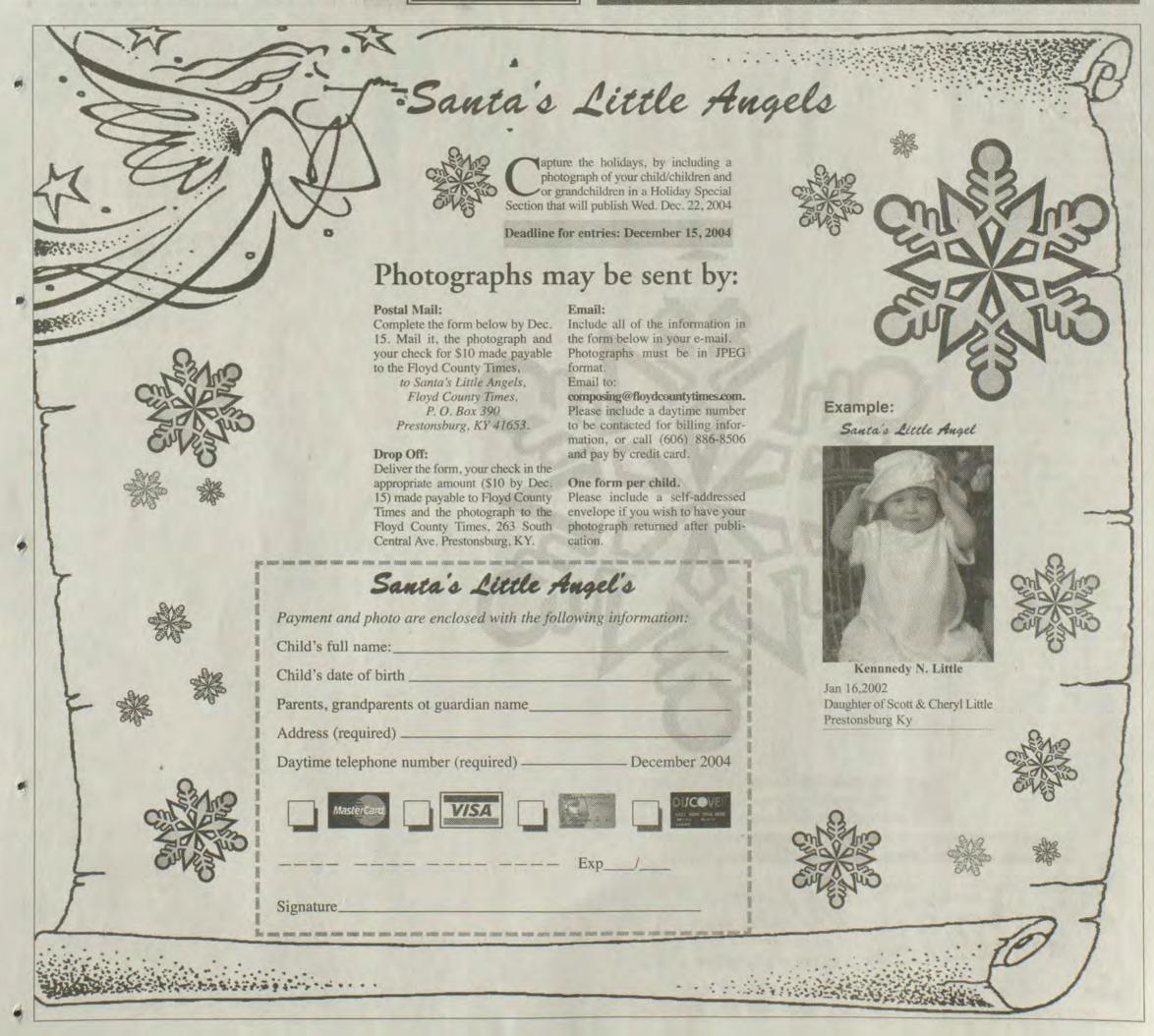
Followers of the religion generally have a temple in their home, and those living in Hopkinsville will also go on occasion to the Ganesh Temple in nearby Nashville,

Comparing Hinduism to Christianity, Mahtani noted that just as there are many western religions that identify themselves as Christian, so too there are many different groups that make up the Hindu religion.

"Hinduism is a huge umbrella," observed "Under that Mahtani. umbrella, there are really many groups."







Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

J.W. Hall Lodge 950 Christmas program

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, Martin, will conduct its Christmas program, on Sunday, December 5, at 4 p.m., at the lodge hall. Santa Claus will be present, and dinner will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

Open House

Sunday, December 12, 6-7 p.m., at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Wittensville (6 mi. north of Paintsville, on Rt. 1559, across from Tom's Creek FWB Church). Featured speaker: Lisle Brown, Patriarch, Huntington, WV stake. Topic: "Eternal Families." Special music, refreshments. Community cordially invited to attend. For more info: Bonnie Howell, 297-6668, Mary Jo Kirk, 298-3180, or Sheila Burden, 789-8657.

Maytown Center

7 p.m. Talent show with featured guest Tommy Webb (gospel).

Also, "A Christmas Spirit Event," to be held Saturday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. Fitness & Fashion Show, live entertainment, buffet dinner. Presented by Progressive Fitness.

D.A.V. Chap. 18

The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Flovd County Democratic Women's Club

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, McDowell. All invited to

Christmas Auction

Saturday, December 4, at Minnie, Fire Station #3, at 6 p.m. Items to be auctioned include furniture, toys, computer equipment, appliances, hardware, gift certificates and more. Call Tina at 377-6342 or 377-9296 for more information.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Van Lear Coal Miner's Museum. Pancakes and sausage. Call 789-8540 for more information.

Cheer & Dance Challenge

The 2004 Southeast Cheer & Dance Challenge will be held Dec. 4, at Johnson Central High Friday Night Live, Nov. 26, School. For elementary and Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. More info. - call 789-4133 email

asturgil@Johnson.k12.ky.us.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

•GED classes - Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Later times may be arranged - call office to make arrangements.

·Craft/Sewing Club Mondays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

•Creative Sewing Mondays, 6-8 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

For more information about these activities and class fees, call 886-0709.

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

PARENTS!

Are you in need of child care services? If so, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. The office is part-

middle school age teams, nering with Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition. For more information on how we can help you, call Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or toll free at 888-872-

> Also, if your child is currently enrolled in a child care program, find out if your provider is a member of the STARS for KIDS NOW voluntary program for exceeding licensing stan-

And, learn about how you can stay home with your own children and still earn an income by caring for other children. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Wednesday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission. Martin: 1st Thursday, 6

p.m., Martin Church of Christ. Newbee (Beginner) Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office, Prestonsburg.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 Extension a.m., Office, Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

"Looking For a Support Group? ·Alzheimer's Association

Care-giver Support Group -Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

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

·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 care-

·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-

•US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group -For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

*Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. 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."

•Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

·Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in

your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

*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 m o n t h ly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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



Odds

Kainrath received Nov. 17 have been transferred between a different bank in New York and one in the Netherlands Antilles

Kevin Heine, a spokesman for the bank, said that sooner or later the error would have been caught when banks reconciled their transfers to each other.

Kainrath, a marketing research manager at The Virginian-Pilot newspaper in Norfolk, said he is going to make one change the next time he's in New York, just in case another huge sum lands in his account again, even for a few days.

"I'm going to change it to an interest-bearing account," he said.

■ KEARNEY, Neb. — Amy Springer really loves her husband, Marine Lance Cpl. Brett Springer. She's married him twice in the last 12 months.

The Springers had planned a November 2004 ceremony but found themselves tying the knot at the courthouse a whole year earlier, before Brett was shipped out to Iraq. They said their "I do's" again Friday, the date they had originally picked for their wedding. This time, though, the setting was First United Methodist Church in Kearney.

"We were already planning this (Friday's) wedding when we found out he was leaving," said Amy, 23. "So we just decided it would be easier to get married before he left

Amy's father, 52-year-old from the Bank of New York, Mike Oliver, couldn't be at will turn 31, husband Billy the money was supposed to the church ceremony because will be 35 and their twins, he is in Kuwait with the Nebraska Army National Guard's 1075th Medium Truck Company.

> "It was either do it while he (Brett) was here or do it while my dad was here," Amy said. At the reception, Amy

played a video tribute to her father during what would have been their dance together.

Brett, 28, is scheduled to return to Iraq in February.

"It's hard to adjust to having him home when I know he's leaving again," Amy

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On Friday, Kimberly Dover Angelica and Derrick, will celebrate their first birthday.

The parents said they were surprised to have any children, let alone two on their birthday. After years of infertility, they were about to give up when one last treatment proved effective.

The babies were due Dec. 17, 2003. But Kimberly was hospitalized a month earlier with complications, and a doctor decided to deliver the babies by Cesarian section on Nov. 26.

The proud parents are looking forward to more birth-

"I can't wait till they go to Disney World,' Kimberly said.







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Obituaries

Calia Marie Hale Hicks

Calia Marie Hale Hicks, 81, of Morehead, passed away, Wednesday, November 24, 2004, at her residence.

She was born on January 31, 1923, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Greene and Lilly Prater

She was a retired school teacher, having taught for 25 years in the Rowan County School System. She retired as the Senior English Teacher at Rowan County High in 1982. She attended Caney Jr., College (which is now Alice Lloyd), and was a graduate of Morehead State Teachers College. She was of the Baptist faith, and a member of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association. She enjoyed reading, working in her flower garden, and the time that she spent at Lake Leuman.

Survivors include two sons: Tim Hicks of Morehead, and Ben Hicks Jr., of Frankfort; two daughters: Claudia Hicks of Morehead, and Terry Hale-Hicks of Hollywood, Florida; two brothers: Clyde Hale of Ohio and Womie Hale of Floyd County; one sister, Gladys Lane of Dayton, Ohio; six grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, eight greatgrandchildren, and four step-greatgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Franklin Hicks Sr., who passed away on July 22, 1992.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 27, at Lane-Stucky-Gray Funeral Home, in Morehead, with Rev. Mark Caldwell officiating.

Burial was in the Brown Cemetery.

Visitation was at the funeral

Pallbearers: John Scrafini, Charles Wilkerson, Jeff Pendleton, Dan Johnson, Jason Harrod, and Steve Bonney.

Contributions are suggested to the Rowan County Animal Shelter.

(Paid obituary)

Jacqueline Bolen

Jacqueline Bolen, 64, of Hueysville, Wednesday, November 24, 2004, at the Mt. View Health Care in Elkhorn City.

Born December 22, 1939, in Garrett, and formerly of Bolyn, she was the daughter of the late Lewis Bolen Jr., and Unia Bolen. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Rockfork Christian United Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Colonel

Survivors include two sons: Colonel Lewis Bolen, and Jeff Gordon Bolen, both of Hueysville; one daughter, Tamara K. (Jerry) Howard of Garrett; three brothers: Garth Dalmon Bolen, and Earnest Gordon Bolen, both of Garrett, and Phillip Garry Bolen of Whitewood, Virginia; one half-brother, Reecie Jay Combs of Manchester; one sister, Lois Davis of Stroh, Indiana; and two grandchildren: Jonathan Brandon Shepherd, and Starla Rene Sexton.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Claude Amon Bolen; one sister, Stella May Bolen, and one half-sister, Edna Dean Combs.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 27, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Sterlin Bolen and Ollie Watts officiating.

Burial was in the Lewis Bolen Cemetery, at Rock Rork, in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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

(Paid obituary)

Brenda Kaye Nelson

Brenda Kaye Nelson Greer, 44, of Allen, died Thursday, November 25, 2004, at her resi-

Born February 25, 1960, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Mildred Steele Nelson. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Greer.

Other survivors include two sons: Dennis Michael Greer II, and Jason Alan Greer, both of Prestonsburg; four brothers: Sammy Nelson of Prestonsburg, Grady Nelson and Doug Nelson, both of Auxier, and James Nelson of Louisa; and three sisters: Betty Lafferty of Catlettsburg, Zelda Wallen of Prestonsburg, and Nona Little of McDowell; and one grandchild: Kaitlen Allison Greer.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, November 29, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arnold Turner officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral (Paid obituary)

Don Fraley Sr.

Don Fraley Sr., 81, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, November 24, 2004, at his residence.

Born February 6, 1923, in Ligon, he was the son of the late John D. and Virgie M. Reynolds Fraley. He was a retired coal miner and a World War II veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Viola Juanita Ricker

Survivors include one son, Don Fraley Jr. and wife, Priscilla, of Hi Hat; two daughters, Sheri Fraley, and Kimberly Fraley, both of Hi Hat, and Kimberli's boyfriend, Ronnie Little; grandchildren: Robbie, Jennifer, Edmand, Jessica, and Michael; and great-grandchildren: Stephanie, Stacy, Jacob, and

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 28, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Bobby Lawson, Louis Ferrari, and Dr. Denver Tackett offici-

Burial will be in the Newman Cemetery, Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral (Paid obituary)

Helen McCormick

Helen McCormick, 87, of Lexington, formerly of Allen, died Thursday, November 25, 2004, at the residence of a daughter in Lexington.

Born August 25, 1917, in Gladstone, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Tiny Woody Proffitt. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Allen Baptist

She is survived by her husband, I.W. (Mac) McCormick. Other survivors include one daughter, Pat Garrett of

Lexington, and one grandson,

Darryl Garrett of Lexington. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Michael (Mickey) McCormick; and three brothers, Mitchell, Claude, and

Douglas Proffitt.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 28, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Home.

Visitation is at the funeral (Paid obituary)

Melissa Sue Rowland Akers

Melissa Sue Rowland Akers, 34, of Blue River, died Tuesday, November 23, 2004, in Ashland.

Born February 4, 1970, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of Cleaties (Howdy) and Carol Ann Stephens Rowland of Blue River. She was a homemaker and mother, and a member of the Pleasant Home Southern Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents. she is survived by one son, John David Akers of Paintsville; and one sister, Anna Marie Rowland Allen of

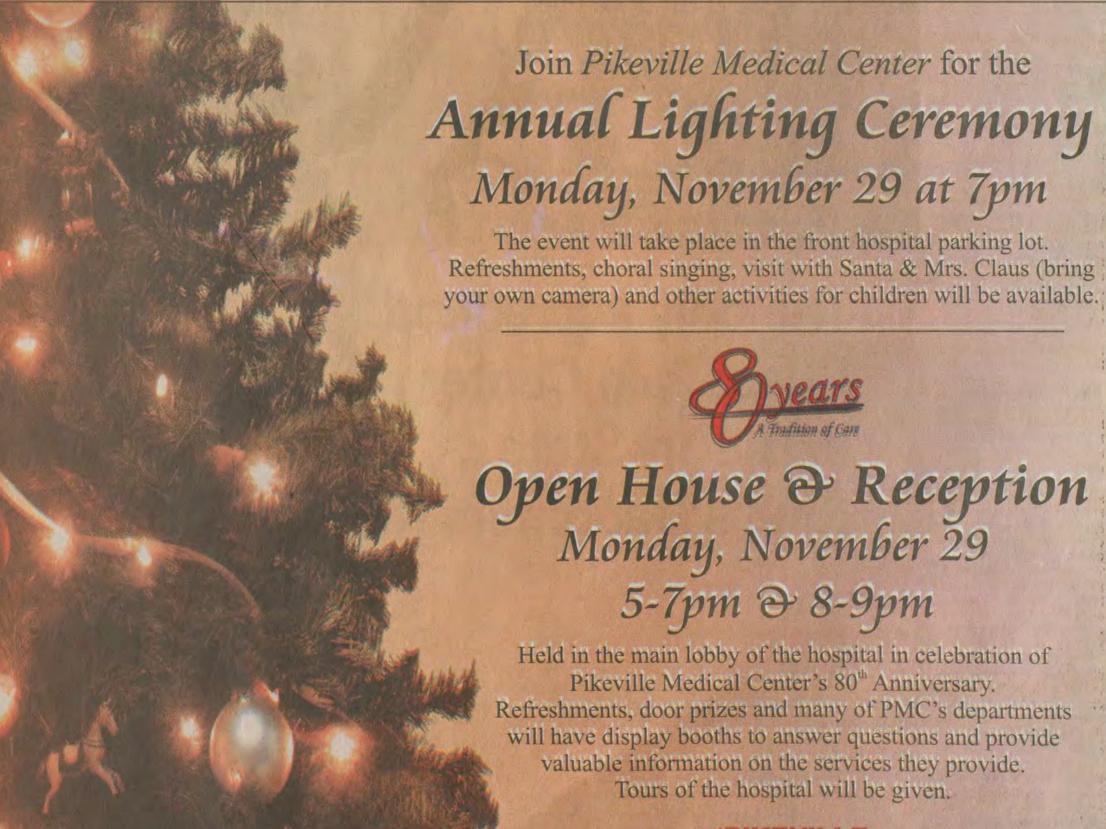
Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 27, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tom Rowland officiating.

Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Visitation was at the funeral (Paid obituary)







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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Vernon Flannery, 77, of Martin, died Friday, November 19, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 22, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Debra Lynn Gillespie, 31, of Friday, died November 19, following an automobile accident on Rt. 979, at Harold. She is survived by her husband, Kevin Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mary Crum McKinney, 56, of Martin, died Monday, November 22, at the residence her daughter at Staffordsville. She is survive by her husband, Jimmy McKinney. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Clarence Prater, 73, of Martin, died Tuesday, November 23, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 26, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Rosetta Crum Samons, 86, of Martin, died Saturday, November 20, in the Life Care Center in Morehead. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 23, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Otela Smiley, 89, of Lexington, formerly Prestonsburg, died at Sayre Christian Village in Lexington, on Friday, November 19. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, November 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Tynan Layne Spears, 9, of Sarta Fe, Texas, died Tuesday, November 22, at Betsy Layne. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Babe (Glen Harold) Watkins, 72, of Garrett, died Sunday, November 21, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Jacobs Watkins. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Christine Watkins, 58, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, November 20, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, James Watkins. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Clista Mae Cantrell, 91, of Flat Gap, died Saturday, November 22, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 24, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Lucy Elizabeth Carpenter, 73, of Stambaugh, a Floyd County native, died Thursday, November 18, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, William E. Carpenter. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 21, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Herbert Castle Jr., 74, a native of Lowmansville, died Tuesday, November 16, at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Bevins Castle. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 19, under the direction of Wilson Funeral

Amber Lynn Collins, 5 months old of Boons Camp, a Johnson County native, died Friday, November 19, at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 21, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Thornton K. "Chick" Haight, 77, of Paintsville, died Sunday, November 21, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 24, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Benny J. Kirk, 71, of Linn Valley Lakes, Kansas, a Paintsville native who passed away. He is survived by his wife, Benadine L. Wenke Kirk. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 22, under the direction of Ryan Funeral Home.

Martha Faye Stafford, 60, of Van Lear, died Monday, November 16, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 19, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Rosa Smith, 91, of Carrie, died Monday, November 22, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Elizabeth Ann Rudd, 28, of Salyersville, died Friday, November 19, in Johnson County. Funeral services were conducted under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral

Willard Wireman, 76, of Gunlock, died Tuesday, November 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Edna Wireman. Services were conducted Saturday, November 20, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Bobby Feller Cassady, 50, of Denton, formerly of Martin County, died Thursday, November 18, at King's Daughters Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Brewer. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 22. under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral

Hayes Moore, 81, of Pilgrim, died Monday, November 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife,

Flora Gauze Moore. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 25, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Jesse Spaulding, 79, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Saturday, November 20, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 22, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Lucy Spence, 70, of Tomahawk, died Wednesday, November 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Roy Spence. Services were conducted Saturday, November 20, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Benny Sweeney, 63, of Inez, died Sunday, November 21, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 24, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral

PIKE COUNTY

Ermel Lynton Hunt Sr., 91, of Vansant, Virginia, a Pike

County native, died Monday, November 22, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Ama Lee Elliott Hunt. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 24, under the direction of Shortridge-Ramey Funeral

Saul Johnson, 81, of Left Fork of Long Fork, Virgie, died Tuesday, November 23. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Jenell Turnmire, 65, of Meta, died Wednesday, November 24, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Justice Funeral

JOHNSON COUNTY

Amber Lynn Collins, infant daughter of Willard and Lynn Holt Collins, of Boons Camp, died Friday, November 19, at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 21, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Lucy Elizabeth Akers Carpenter, 73, of Stambaugh, died Thursday, November 18, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, William E. Carpenter. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 21, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Thornton K. "Chick" Haight, 77, of Paintsville, died Sunday, November 21, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 21, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Hayes Moore, 81, of Pilgrim, died Monday, November 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Flora Gauze Moore. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 25, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Martha Faye Stafford, 60, of Van Lear, died at her home Monday, November 16. She is survived by her husband, Glenn L. Stafford. Funeral services conducted Friday, November 19, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral



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Host Tigers, Shelby Valley back in **HOOPS** Classic

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE

Paintsville and Shelby Valley are two 15th Region teams set to take part in the Paintsville Tiger HOOPS Classic in late-December. Both teams participated in the inaugural tournament that took place last year during the 2003 season. Host Paintsville is no stranger to Shelby Valley and vice-versa the Wildcats are no stranger to Bill Mike Runyon and the

Shelby Valley once again wears the 15th Region target, a bullseye Paintsville has worn many times before.

Favored to win the 15th Region title during the upcoming season, Shelby Valley returns four of five starters from last season's team. There's a change at the top of the Shelby Valley boys' basketball program as Jason Booher takes over as head coach, replacing Rodney Rowe, who stepped down at the end of last

Returning starters for the Wildcats include forward Kelsey Friend, forward Patrick

(See HOOPS, page two)

Little League announces dates for next year's World Series **Tournaments**

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. - The sites and dates for the eight World Series tournaments in Little League Baseball and Softball were approved on Friday by the Little League International Board of Directors, it was announced today by Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive officer of Little League Baseball.

For the 59th year, the Little League Baseball World Series will be played in Williamsport, Pa. The first games will be played on Friday, Aug. 19, and the tournament will end on Sunday, Aug. 28, with the world championship for baseball players 11-12 years old. On Saturday, Aug. 27, the United States championship is scheduled to air on ABC television at 3:30 p.m., and the International championship will be decided starting at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN. ABC will broadcast the world championship game on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 3:30 p.m.

In addition, games in three other World Series tournaments will be televised.

"We are pleased ABC television and ESPN will continue to incorporate coverage of the Little League Baseball World Series, and other Little League World Series tournaments, into its sports programming" said Mr. Keener. "This relationship has helped to bring the Little League program to millions throughout the world, while showcasing the benefits of being a part of Little League,

both on and off the field." Last August, 26 of 32 games of the 2004 Little League Baseball World Series were televised on ESPN, ESPN2 or ABC. In 2005, 28 Little League Baseball World Series games are scheduled to be televised, and for the third year since the World Series expanded in 2001 from eight teams to 16, each team will have at least one game

on national television. Williamsport has been the home of Little League since it was founded there in 1939, and the final game of the tourna-

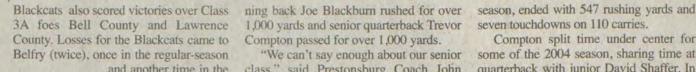
(See DATES, page two)

Blackburn, Compton each go over 1,000 yards

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - A loss to Belfry

in the Class 2A. Region 4 title game does little to take away from the outstanding 10-3 season Prestonsburg enjoyed. During the campaign, 2004 Prestonsburg beat Ashland, a Class 3A team, for the first time in school history. The



and another time in the post-season, Pikeville in the seasonopening game in the Pike County Bowl. The senior football class that now exits the Prestonsburg High football program takes with it both a 1,000yard rusher and a 1,000 yard passer. Senior run1,000 yards and senior quarterback Trevor Compton passed for over 1,000 yards.

'We can't say enough about our senior class," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett. "These kids came ready to work every day, whether it was in the weightroom in the off-season; practice, or gameday. They led this football team."

In 13 games, Blackburn rushed for 1,384 yards and 19 touchdowns on 198 carries. Compton also aided the ground game, rushing for 699 yards and 10 touchdowns on 104 carries. Junior fullback Brenton Hamilton, a player who'll be looked to for leadership in the Blackcat backfield next

seven touchdowns on 110 carries.

Compton split time under center for some of the 2004 season, sharing time at quarterback with junior David Shaffer. In 13 games, Compton passed for 1,156 yards and 15 touchdowns. He was 46-of-82 passing. Shaffer ended the season 23of-46 passing for 349 yards and four touchdowns.

A trio of seniors led Prestonsburg in

Senior tight end John Mark Stephens led Prestonsburg in receiving, hauling in

(See MEET, page two)



Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose walked the sidelines Wednesday night during a panorama game at Allen Central against Portsmouth Clay (Ohio). The Bobcats won the panorama game and were back in action yesterday in South Floyd's panorama. Betsy Layne will open the 2004-05 season Tuesday on the road against Magoffin County.

Bobcats to open season on road at Magoffin

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Boys' basketball teams from Betsy Layne and Magoffin County high schools have met on the hardwood to start previous seasons. The two schools will meet in boys' basketball to begin another season Tuesday night. Magoffin County will host Betsy Layne. Brent Rose returns for another season at the helm of the Betsy Layne High boys' basketball program. Magoffin County has a new head coach as Neil West comes over to the boys' basketball program after coaching the Magoffin County Lady Hornets to prominence. West has vowed to still play an upbeat style of basketball, the same kind of game that elevated the Lady Hornets to near the top of the 15th Region.

"We'll play the same type of offense we played with the girls'

team," said West.

Magoffin County won just three ball games last season in Adams's final season at the helm of the Hornet boys' basketball program, but still managed to make it into the 15th Region Tournament, pulling off a win in the 57th District Tournament, beating Johnson Central. The Hornets finished the 2003-04 season with a 3-23

The emergence of a new contributor is sure to help the Magoffin County boys' basketball program. Bradley Marshall is a relative newcomer to the Hornet program. He played basketball as a freshman, then didn't play his sophomore and junior seasons before returning to the hardwood in this his senior season.

Other leading players returning for Magoffin County include seniors met twice during the 2003-04 season Clifton Barker (5-11, G), Courtney Conley (5-11, G) and Brad Ison (5-11,

G). Juniors forward Wesley Helton (6-1) and guards Brandon Shepherd (Jr.) and Eric Arnett (So.) also return.

Betsy Layne posted an 11-15 record last season. Rose has had numerous competitive teams in his time as head coach of the Betsy Layne Bobcats. He'll have to replace a senior trio gone via graduation - Jordan Kidd, Brandon Hall and Brent Newsome. But the Bobcat cupboard isn't bare.

After suffering a season-ending knee injury last winter, senior guard Preston Simon returns for the Bobcats. Simon will be joined by three-point shooting threat Ryan Bryant and junior forward Brandon Kidd (6-3). Derek Case (6-3) and Brandon Thacker (5-10) also return for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne and Magoffin County

(See BOBCATS, page two)

Play of Pugh, Doderer highlights Paintsville grid season

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Keeping the ball on the ground most of the time on offense, Paintsville, during the 2004 season, didn't attempt too many passes. But sophomore quarterback Daniel Pugh, a two-year starter, helped to spark the Tigers. In 11 games, a regular-season 10-game series plus one playoff game, Pugh rushed for 943 yards and 14 touchdowns on 138 carries. He started all 11 games under center for Paintsville, which finished the campaign at 6-5.

In just eight games, junior running back Hans Doderer led Paintsville in rushing with 1,068 yards on 136 carries. Doderer also led the Tigers in scoring with 15 touchdowns.

The sophomore quarterback and the junior running back made for quite a one-two punch and will return next season. A third member of the Paintsville backfield, junior fullback Wes Ward, rushed for 658 yards and seven touchdowns on 86 carries in nine games.

As a team, Paintsville rushed for 3,401 yards. The Tigers passed for 285 yards. For the season, the Tigers outscored their opponents 344-314.

The entire Paintsville backfield seemed to adjust well to the Belly Offense assistant

(See PLAY, page three)

P'burg set to entertain Boyd

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The 2004-05 edition of the Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball team will begin regular-season play Tuesday at home against Boyd County. Prestonsburg (13-17) will open regular-season play a second straight year against the Lions. The two teams met last season with Boyd County, the host team at the time, coming away with a 62-51 win.

The Lions, coached by Phil Pratt, return senior forward J.K. Roberts (6-4) and senior point guard Kurt Faulkner. Others back for Boyd County include Mike Webster, another senior, Brandon Rosen and Justin Moore.

Boyd County plays in the 64th District along with rival Ashland, Lawrence County and Rose Hill. The Lions put up a19-8 record during the 2003-04 season.

Many Prestonsburg High basketball players are busy getting their "basketball legs" following a successful season on the gridiron. Several talented players return for the Blackcats. Prestonsburg is led in great part by a talented group of seniors and juniors.

The Blackcats, coached by Jackie Day Crisp, took on Tug Valley, W.Va. Wednesday night in a scrimmage game at Allen Central and faced Allen County-Scottsville on the Rupp Arena floor yesterday in a preseason event hosted by the Kentucky Basketball Academy.

The opening tip for Tuesday night's Boyd County-Prestonsburg game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Waterfowl hunters got started on Thanksgiving Day

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT

Waterfowlers looked forward to Thanksgiving Day, but not for the pumpkin pie, turkey, dressing, and giblet gravy. They knew it was the first day they could go waterfowl hunting. Duck, white-fronted goose and brant plus the regular snow goose seasons all open on "turkey" day.

Duck season opened Thanksgiving Day and closes again on today. Duck season reopens on December 6 and closes for good this season on January 30, 2005. The season on

pintail and canvasback ducks will be open January 1, 2005 and runs through January 30, 2005.

The bag limit is 6 ducks and may include no more than 4 mallard ducks (only two may be hens), 3 scaup, 2 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 1 pintail, 1 canvasback and 1 black duck. The season for coots and mergansers is the same as the duck season. The daily back limit on coots is 15 and the daily bag limit on mergansers is five, but only one may be a hooded merganser.

Canada goose hunters must wait until early December to get

(See HUNTERS, page three)



photo by Jamie South Floyd junior Ryan Little drove against a Hazard defender during a panorama game Wednesday night. South Floyd, Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg all played in the panorama, hosted by Floyd County riva! Allen Central.

Yards

24 passes for 631 yards and seven Peters, an athlete who enjoyed a sectouchdowns. Splitend Kyle Ousley had 22 catches for 496 yards and seven touchdowns. Jesse Chaffins ended his senior campaign with 10 catches for 193 yards and four touchdowns.

■ Continued from p1 ond season as a varsity Blackcat football player, each had three interceptions to lead the Blackcat defense,

Many of the same athletes who starred on the gridiron for Prestonsburg will now turn around Compton and junior Brandon and play basketball for the Blackcats.

Bobcats

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with the Bobcats coming away with lopsided victories in each meeting. The Bobcats beat Magoffin County 79-49 to start the 2003-04 season. Betsy Layne took the second in easy

fashion, too, winning 75-59. Tip-off for Tuesday night's Betsy Layne-Magoffin County game is set for 7:30 p.m.

BETSY LAYNE BOBCATS IN 2004

Nov. 30 at Magollin County, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at Greenup County, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7 Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at Allen Central, 8 p.m. Dec. 11 Cawood, 12:45 p.m. (At East Ridge, Warrior Classic)

Dec. 21 Knott County Central, 7 p.m.

Ther. 22-23 Appropriation Wireless Mountain Schoolboy Classic

Dec. 27 Breathat County, 4;30 p.m.

(at Prestonsburg, Jenny Wiley Invitational) Dec. 28-29 at Jenny Wiley Invitational

Dates

ment is traditionally on the Senior League Baseball (14weekend before the Labor Day weekend. Labor Day in 2005 is Sept. 5.

In all, 41 games in Little League Baseball and Softball will be televised nationally in August 2005.

For the third year, three games of the Little League Softball World Series (for 11-12-year-old girls), will be televised live on ESPN2 from Portland, Ore. That tournament is set for Aug. 10-17.

The championship game of the Junior League Baseball World Series (for 13-14-year-olds) will be televised on a tape-delayed basis on ESPN2. That World Series will be played Aug. 14-20 in Taylor, Mich.

The championship game of the Big League Softball World Series (16-18-yearold girls) will be televised on a tape-delayed basis on ESPN2. That tournament. played in Kalamazoo, Mich., will be Aug. 15-20.

The other four World Series dates and sites are: of other countries.

16-year-olds), at Bangor, Maine, Aug. 14-20; Big League Baseball (16-18year-olds), at Easley, S.C., July 30-Aug. 6; Junior League Softball (13-14year-old girls), at Kirkland, Wash., Aug. 14-20; and Senior League Softball (14-16-year-old girls), at Lower Sussex, Del., Aug. 7-13. As

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be televised. For the ninth consecutive year, ESPN and ESPN2 will televise all of the U.S. Regional final games in the Little League Baseball Division. The eight championship games will be played over four days, Aug. 12-15.

of November 2004, these

games are not scheduled to

Specific times and dates for all televised games will be announced in June 2005.

Little League Baseball and Softball is the world's largest organized youth sports program, with nearly 2.7 million players and 1 million adult volunteers in every U.S. state and scores

Hoops

Tackett, guard Seth Kiser and guard Kris Bentley.

Kiser is considered by many to be the 15th Region's top boys' bas-

ketball. Shelby Valley has been a leading contender for 15th the Region title each of the last five seasons.

T h e Wildcats had their season end early last season, falling to Prestonsburg in the 15th Region Tournament at the home of the Blackcats.

Shelby Valley is the defending 15th Region All "A" Champion.

Paintsville (6-16) is led by one of the most talented group of underclassmen in Eastern Kentucky.

Paintsville's junior class includes forward/center Kevin Williams (6-4, 200 and guard Aaron Penix (5-9, 150). After a breakthrough season as a freshman,

■ Continued from p1 sophomore guard Daniel Pugh (6-0, 170) will not return for a second season in the

Tiger backcourt. Also a stand-

out in both football and baseball, Pugh will take a year off and away from the hardwood. He just finished up a second sea-

son under center at quarterback for the Tiger football team.

J.D. VanHoose (6-1, 170) and Blake Bundy (6-0, 160) both started as eighth-graders and return as freshmen. Other freshmen entering the storied Paintsville basketball program who will play key roles include Shane Grim and Landon Slone, One of the 15th Region's most promising basketball players, Slone enters the Tiger basketball program after a successful career at Mountain Christian Academy.

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Hunters

in on the action. The Canada goose season opens on December 6 and closes on January 31, 2005 in the Western Goose Zone. One week later, Canada goose season opens on December 13, 2004 in the Pennyroyal/Coalfield, Central and Eastern Goose Zones. These zones also close January 31, 2005.

In the Northeast Goose Zone (mainly the area in and around Cave Run Lake), the Canada goose season is split this year. The season opens January 1, 2005 and closes the first time on January 9. The season reopens on January 22, 2005 and closes on January 31. Before hunting in the Northeast Goose Zone, hunters must obtain a mandatory free permit by calling 1-800-858-1549. Hunters must complete and return the survey included with the permit within 10 days after the season closes or forfeit eligibility for a permit the following season.

White-fronted goose and seasons Thanksgiving Day and closes January 31, 2005. The combined daily bag limit for dark geese (Canada, white-fronted and brant) is 6 with no more than 2 Canadas, 2 white-fronted geese and 2 brant.

Snow goose populations have increased in the past several years to the point where a Conservation Order season has been implemented along with a regular snow goose season. The regular snow goose season opened Thanksgiving Day and closes January 31, 2005 (except a portion of Fulton County in the Western Goose Zone closes for snow goose on February 15, 2005). The regular season daily bag limit for snow geese, which includes Ross' geese, is 20.

The Conservation Order snow goose season opens in the Eastern Zone on February 1, 2005 and closes March 31, 2005. The Conservation Order snow goose season in the Western, West-Central Pennyroyal/Coalfield Zones opens February 1, 2005 and closes February 4, 2005. The

Conservation Order snow goose

Continued from pt season reopens in these zones on February 7, 2005 and closes March 31, 2005. The portion of Fulton County in the Western Goose Zone opens for the Conservation Order snow goose season on February 16, 2005 and closes March 31, 2005.

The Conservation Order snow goose season may open earlier if all other waterfowl seasons are closed. During the Conservation Order snow goose season, electronic calls may be used and shooting hours extend to one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. There is a mandatory free permit required to hunt snow geese during the Conservation Order snow goose season. Call Ballard Wildlife Management Area at 1-270/224-2244 after January 10, 2005 to obtain this free permit.

For more information on waterfowl hunting in Kentucky, please consult the 2004-2005 Kentucky Waterfowl Hunting Guide available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold. You may also request one by calling 1-800-858-1549.

Play

coach Chuke Williams put into ed a team-high four passes.

Paintsville's 2004 season ended in the first week of the State Playoffs with a firstround loss to Harlan.

couple of different defensive botched balls. Pugh and categories. T.J. Freno intercept- Doderer also had single fumble

Andrew Brown had two interceptions and Pugh added

Junior defensive end Aaron Penix led Paintsville in fumble A pair of juniors led in a recoveries, recovering two

recoveries.

Paintsville, coached by David LeMaster, began the 2004 season with a victory over Raceland. The Tigers ended the season third in Class A, District Eight, finishing behind South Floyd (2) and Pikeville (1).

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Golden age for rabbits is history, but what's left not bad

by STEVE VANTREESE THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Rabbit hunting isn't what it used to be, but it isn't too shabby at that.

"Even though we'll never see the golden age of rabbit hunting again, we've got pretty good hunting to be found across the state," said wildlife biologist John Morgan.

The coordinator of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' small game program, Morgan said rabbit populations mostly reflect habitat, and the ideal habitat conditions came and went years ago. Because rabbits best flourish in young, successional growth, the best times for them were during the early regrowth period after the major timber harvest in the 1800s and early 1900s, and the mid-1900s after many small farmsteads were abandoned and went fallow with brush and weeds.

"Even farms that were active were better than most farms now because they still had fence rows, and rabbits favor the edge cover that fence rows offer," Morgan said.

Modern "clean farming" practices yield large fields that are devoid of cover and food after harvest, and few fence rows or brushy odd corners provide bunny necessities.

Despite present farming trends and the passage of time

factors of the golden age of cottontails, rabbit populations have improved and can provide good hunting right now.

"The population trend has been pretty good for four of the last five years, 2000 having been a down year," Morgan said. The numbers are monitored through survey - a number of mail carriers reporting rabbit sightings along the same delivery routes each year at the same time.

On a smaller scale, rabbit habitat has been improved and cottontail numbers increased on a spot-by-spot basis where individual landowners have implemented management practices that favor small game.

"We've done a lot of work with landowners to improve their habitat, and rabbits have been one of our better successes because they have a small home range and can be impacted more on individual tracts of land," Morgan said.

Where landowners have provided improved cover that favors small game, rabbits have been among the first species to respond, according to Morgan.

"One of the big things in small-game populations has been the various programs available through the Farm Bill that include wildlife populations to be benefited by practices," Morgan said.

With conditions generally

since widespread new growth good - that is, recent mild winters and adequate food and cover production weather - rabbit numbers across the state seem to have improved even when and where they were not the object of land manipulation.

"The highest numbers we see on surveys are from the central part of the state, the Knobs and some of the Bluegrass region," Morgan said. "The farm country of the west remains good, particularly in areas where there is more patchy cover and not so many big agricultural fields.

"The east has areas of good rabbit populations, too," he added. "They don't do so well in the mature forested areas, but where there are small farms and fields, and where there are reclaimed coal mine lands the numbers can be pretty good."

There is less competition for rabbits nowadays because many longtime hunters have given it up because of lost hunting areas.

"Some say they couldn't find places to hunt anymore, and some of the places they used to go are gone because of clearing and development of land," Morgan said. "They're subdivisions now. That's one of the greatest threats to small-game hunting now, the loss of land to development.

"But there still are places you can hunt rabbits, and the numbers can be pretty good where you find them," Morgan said.

Three new shot types approved | Auto Racing Glance for waterfowl hunters

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, earlier this year, approved three new non-toxic shot types B tungsten-bronze, a new formulation of tungsteniron, and tungsten-tin-bismuth B for use in waterfowl hunting.

The approval published in the Federal Register on August 9. This action brings to 10, the number of non-toxic shot types available to waterfowl hunters.

"Protecting our waterfowl populations while ensuring waterfowl hunting opportunities are two things we take very seriously," said Service Director Steve Williams. "With each new shot type approved, hunters will have a wider range of choices as they continue to play a key role in the conservation of waterfowl and its habitat.'

International Nontoxic Composites Corporation's application of tungsten-bronze shot, ENVIRON-Metal Inc.'s application of tungsten-iron shot, and Victor Oltrogge's application for tungsten-tinbismuth shot have all been approved after being subjects to a rigorous testing protocol.

Previously, hunters were

allowed to use steel shot, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten- matrix, tungsten-nickel-iron and tungsten-iron-nickel-tin. For more information on toxic and nontoxic shot, please see http://migratorybirds.fws.gov /issues/nontoxic_shot/nontox-

Efforts to phase out lead shot began in the 1970s and a nationwide ban on lead shot for all waterfowl hunting was implemented in 1991. Canada instituted a complete ban in 1999. Waterfowl can ingest expended lead shot and many then die from lead poisoning. In addition, predators that consume waterfowl may ingest the shot.

A study in the mid-1990s found that the nationwide ban in the United States on the use of lead shot for waterfowl hunting has had remarkable success. Six years after the ban, researchers estimated a 64 percent reduction in lead poisoning deaths of surveyed mallard ducks and a 78 percent decline on ingestion of lead pellets.

The rule published in the Federal Register is available at http://migratorybirds.fws.gov>.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 544 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

For more information about the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, go online

www.fws.gov.

by BRIAN KACHARABA ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP-Last race: Kurt Busch overcame a broken wheel early and came back to win the closest championship in NASCAR history with a fifth-place finish at the Ford 400 in Homestead, Fla. Busch finished eight points ahead of Jimmie Johnson in the standings. (Alan Kulwicki beat Bill Elliott by 10 in 1992.) Greg Biffle won the race. On the Net: http://www.nascar.com

NASCAR BUSCH - Last race: Kevin Harvick won the season-ending Ford 300 at Homestead, Fla., holding off Jamie McMurray on several late Series-champion

Martin Truex Jr. finished eighth.

NASCAR Craftsman Trucks - Last race: Bobby Hamilton wrapped up the series championship and Kasev Kahne drove to his second straight victory at the Ford 200 in Homestead, Fla. At 47, owner-driver Hamilton became the oldest champion of the Craftsman series and gave Dodge its first NASCAR title since Richard Petty won the stock car championship in 1975.

CHAMP CAR WORLD SERIES - Last race: Sebastien Bourdais overcame a spin and a sticky gearbox to win his first

Champ Car title, beating teammate Bruno Junqueira with a flag-to-flag victory in the Mexican Grand Prix on Nov. 7. On the Net: http://www.cart.com

FORMULA ONE - Last race: Juan Pablo Montoya won in his final race for Williams-BMW, beating future McLaren teammate Kimi Raikkonen in the Brazilian Grand Prix on Oct. 24. On the Net: http://www.formula1.com

INDY RACING LEAGUE Last race: Helio Castroneves picked up his first win in 19 races by taking the seasonending Chevy 500 at Texas Motor Speedway on Oct. 17. Series champion Iony Kanaan finished second and became the first driver in any major series to complete every lap of

On the Net: http://www.indyracingleague.com

NHRA - Last event: John and Ashley Force became the first father-daughter combo in NHRA history to win at the same event with victories durthe season-ending Automobile Club Finals in Pomona, Calif. Force raced to his 114th Funny Car victory, and his 21-year-old daughter took the Top Alcohol class. Tony Schumacher, Greg Anderson and Angelle Savoie also won.

On the Net: http://www.nhra.com

Halory Leigh surges to take Falls City Handicap

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Halory Lei gh, with Eddie Martin Jr., surge d past Susan's Angel at the top o f the stretch and drew off for a 2 -3/4-length win in Thursday's 8 9th running of the \$325,200 Fal Is City Handicap for fillies and mares, three-year-olds and up at Churchill Downs.

The victory was the third in 10 starts this year for Halory Le igh, a former claiming horse tha t completed a sweep of Churchil 1 Downs' premiere fall events fo r older fillies and mares.

She had won the Churchill D owns Distaff (GII) in her previous start on Nov. 7 and became j ust the third horse to win both ra ces in the same year. Lead Story swept both races last year and F easibility Study was took both r aces in 1997.

The favorite in the field of se ven, Halory Leigh covered the 1 -1/8 miles in 1:51.81 and paid \$ 4.40, \$3 and \$2.40. Susan's Ang el, ridden by Pat Day, held a slig ht advantage as the field entered the stretch but gave way in the stretch run to return \$3.60 and \$ 3. Miss Fortunate, a 20-1 outsider with Larry Melancon in th e saddle, finished 3-1/4-lengths back in third and paid \$5.20.

TVBA holds Club Classic

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its Club Classic and final tournament of the 2004 season November 20-21 in Tennessee on Douglas Lake. The club qualified its top 15 members through a year long process to be eligible to compete in this tournament.

Douglas Lake was not its usual self during the tournament. The water was only down about 20-feet and was 60 to 63-degrees around the middle part of the lake. Usually this time of year it would be down about 25 to 30 feet and have a temperature in the mid to low 50s. The lake was still in good shape with lightly stained water in the middle portion of the lake and stained water further up toward the river.

The fishing for the tournament was fair. Tug Valley club members acknowledged it would have been better if the water had been down further as well as cooler and more stained.

The main, most consistent pattern was to fish deeper in 12 to 15 feet of water with jigs or soft plastics. Depending on the cloud cover and wind the fish

would be on steeper rocky seem to make any difference to banks or out on flatter banks. where the bass were located. Anglers had to stay on the move to keep up with them. On Saturday, the fish were up shallow during the morning and 2. Kevin Runyon - 13.38 lbs. several fish were caught on top water baits, but Sunday the TVBA started dropping the 5. Mike Hackworth - 6.60 lbs. water again and it hurt the shal-

places on the main lake was 9. Ralph Taylor - 3.76 lbs. full of shad, but that didn't 10. Johnny Webb - 3.69 lbs.

TOP FINISHERS

1. Brandon Staten - 14.57 lbs.

3. Doug Green - 9.90 lbs.

4. Allen Rose - 8.47 lbs.

6. Brad Taylor - 6.07 lbs. 7. N/A - 5.96 lbs.

The creeks and certain 8. Brian Compton - 4.11 lbs.



Brandon Staten (right) took first-place honors during the Tug Valley Bass Anglers Club Classic Tournament. Kevin Punyon (left) finished second.

Stewart selected as finalist for USG award

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -It's not often that an event can benefit so many people, but that's exactly what a benefit concert hosted by the Tony Stewart Foundation did this summer, raising over \$270,000 for the Victory Junction Gang Camp, the Easter Seals West Kentucky, the Dream Factory-Paducah Chapter and the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center.

For his efforts, Stewart has been named the 2004 Fourth Quarter NASCAR USG Person

"It's an honor to be selected as the fourth-quarter winner," said Stewart. "This is a special award, because it's not about what you do on the race track, it's about what you do with your heart. I know that the previous winners of this award were some very deserving people,

and to join them means a tremendous amount to me."

Stewart created Foundation in 2003 to assist groups caring for chronically ill children and drivers injured in motorsports, as well as to support other charitable organizations in the protection of animals. Other charities the Foundation supports include the Ronald McDonald House, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Indiana Special Olympics, Greyrescue (Greyhound Rescue Organization) and Charlotte (N.C.) Metropolitan Zoo.

USG (United Gypsum), a promotional partner of NASCAR, is in its second year as sponsor of the NASCAR USG Person of the Year program. The award is designed to honor drivers not only for their accomplishments on the track, but for their community service contributions and charitable

To determine the NASCAR USG Person of the Year Award winner, the NASCAR Nextel Cup season is divided into four quarters in which drivers are nominated for their off-track efforts. A select group of panelists chooses one of the four quarterly finalists as the NASCAR USG Person of the Year. This award will be presented the week of the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Awards Ceremony in New York City, along with a prize of \$100,000. The prize will be divided evenly between the driver and the charity of his/her choice.

Other notable nominees were Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon and Jeff Burton. Gordon was the first quarter nominee, Elliott Sadler the second quarter nominee and Dale Jarrett was the third quarter nominee.

Cowboys 21, Bears 7

by JAIME ARON ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas - Drew Henson will have to wait before he's, the star of the Dallas Cowboys offense. Right now, the youngster turning heads is rookie running back Julius Jones.

Jones burst up the middle for a 33-yard touchdown on Dallas' first drive and was still going strong at the end, scoring again from the 4 midway through the fourth quarter to help the Cowboys beat the Chicago Bears 21-7 Thursday.

Despite enduring a midgame slump, when he had just five yards on 10 carries, Jones finished with 150 yards on 33 car-

ries, becoming the first Dallas for touchdown. running back to gain 100 yards this season. Add that to the 81 yards he had on 30 carries in his first start this past Sunday and he seems to have answered the durability questions that were raised by a preseason rib injury then a broken shoulder blade that cost him half of this season.

Although Dallas (4-7) ended a three-game losing streak and won for just the second time in eight games, Henson's performance raised more questions than it answered.

After leading the Cowboys 62 yards in five plays for the opening score, the only points he produced were for Chicago (4-7) – an interception that R.W. McQuarters returned 45 yards

With the game tied at 7 at halftime, Dallas coach Bill Parcells decided winning this game was more important than giving Henson much-needed game experience. So he turned 41-year-old Vinny Testaverde, who was the backup only because of injuries sustained five days earlier. He fin-

Fans booed his arrival and several quick mistakes drew more jeers. But early in the fourth quarter, Testaverde capped a Jones-led drive with a 2-yard touchdown pass to Darian Barnes. An interception by Terence Newman on Chicago's next snap brought the

Cowboys right back on the field

ished 9-of-14 for 92 yards.

couldn't take all the blame as he left with a foot injury midway through the second quarter. Replacement Jonathan Ouinn was 10-of-21 for 86 yards with two interceptions, both in the fourth quarter. Krenzel was 5for-10 for 46 yards

and soon after Jones scampered

up the middle for his second

straight game since winning

three straight, again because of

Quarterback Craig Krenzel

ineffective

The Bears lost their second

offense.

touchdown.

Chicago had a chance to take the lead in the third quarter, but Paul Edinger missed a 48-yard field goal. The Bears also wasted another 45-yard interception return by McQuarters when he

fumbled the ball back to Dallas.

This game was going to be memorable for Jones regardless of the outcome because he was starting against his brother, Chicago running back Thomas

Thomas Jones had 46 yards on 14 carries and 48 more on six receptions. When time expired, the brothers shared a long hug near midfield, with Thomas holding Julius' head and whispering congratulations into his ear. They then smiled and posed for pictures.

'This is the greatest feeling for me," Julius Jones said. "I got a chance to play with my brother, and that's something I won't forget. The main thing is, we got

Henson, who was making his first start since leading Michigan in the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1, 2001, finished 4-of-12 for 31 yards. He was 6-for-6 in his debut against Baltimore. Parcells has maintained that

he's bringing Henson along slowly, saying he doesn't want to "lose" him by putting him into difficult situations could stunt his development. Getting benched midway through his first start, especially on the televised nationally Thanksgiving game, certainly wasn't part of the confidence-

building plan. Parcells has time to decide who his starter is because Dallas doesn't play again until a week from Monday, in Seattle.

Adams 32, MCA 13

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN - Adams went out " on the road Tuesday night and scored a 32-13 win over host Mountain Christian Academy (MCA). Adams outscored MCA in each of the first three quarters. The Blackcats led 10-2 at the end

of the first period and 22-7 at halftime. Adams enjoyed a 29-9 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Twelve different players scored for the Blackcats. Matt Sword, Seth Setser, Chris Schoolcraft and Alex Stumbo all scored four points each. Austin Gearheart added three points.

Jody Tackett, Kyle Hall, Michael Burchett, Austin McKinney, Nathan Ousley and Wesley Hall all had two points apiece. Cody Necessary scored on a free throw.

Three different Mountain Christian Academy players scored in the loss to visiting

Colts 41, Lions 9

by LARRY LAGE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT - While Peyton Manning tried to downplay his individual accomplishments, receiver Brandon Stokley heaped on the praise.

"He's the best that's ever played this game as far as quarterbacks are concerned," Stokley said. "When downs were play action," he's retired, they'll compare everybody to Peyton Manning.'

On Thursday, Manning threw six touchdown passes - three each to Stokley and Marvin Harrison in less than three quarters in the Colts' 41-9 victory over Detroit. The Indianapolis star has 41 TD passes this season, seven short of Dan Marino's 1984 record, and set an NFL record with at least four TD passes in five straight games.

"I feel uncomfortable talking about anything individual," Manning said. "I just want to keep winning."

He gave way to backup Jim Sorgi late in the third quarter, giving up a chance to tie the NFL record of seven touchdown passes shared by Sid Luckman, Adrian Burk, George Blanda, Y.A. Tittle and Joe Kapp.

"Whatever record they want to break, they have a chance," Lions coach Steve Mariucci said.

Manning helped the AFC South-leading Colts (8-3) win their fourth straight game, finishing 23-of-28 for 236 yards and zero interceptions.

"Four touchdowns seems like an off week for him," Stokley said. "You expect that from him. It's kind of funny to expect four or five touchdowns from a guy every game."

Manning tried to deflect credit to his teammates, especially running back Edgerrin James, saying that linebackers have to respect the run.

"At least four of the six touch-Manning said.

James ran for 105 yards, Harrison caught 12 passes for 127 yards, and Stokley had five receptions for 57 yards.

In the only other game Thursday, Dallas beat Chicago 21-7.

The Lions (4-6) lost their fifth straight game. They fumbled four times in their territory, missed a field goal and stalled repeatedly in the red zone.

Fittingly, backup quarterback Mike McMahon fumbled on the final play before scooping up the ball and throwing a game-ending interception.

Joey Harrington was 14-of-23 for 156 yards before he was benched late in the third quarter, but Mariucci insisted Harrington has not lost his job. McMahon was 11-of-15 for 105 yards and the interception.

With the six TD passes, Manning matched the team record he set in September 2003 against New Orleans. Before that, no one had thrown for six TDs in an NFL game in a dozen years.

Marino, now a CBS analyst, was asked how teams should deal with Manning, who has five regular-season games left to break the

former Miami star's record. "Blitz him!" Marino said.

The Lions tried, but they were no match for Manning's quick release and sound decision-making.

Stokley had three TD catches in the first half, and Harrison had one of his to help the Colts take a 27-9 lead at the break.

returner Drummond, who has scored on four punt and kickoff returns this season, left at the start of the second half with a shoulder injury that could end his season. Things got so bad for the Lions that Drummond's replacement, Reggie Swinton, fumbled on a punt return and the ball was recovered by Colts punter Hunter Smith.

Detroit's subdued fans came to life when McMahon replaced Harrington late in the third quarter. But McMahon couldn't help the offense much.

Mariucci said despite the change, Harrington has not lost his job.

"I thought Joey did OK, but the score got away from us, so I saw an opportunity to get Mike some much-deserved playing time," Mariucci said.

Kevin Jones ran for 99 yards on 12 carries for the Lions, who fell to 33-30-2 in their traditional Thanksgiving Day home games. The Colts handed Detroit its most lopsided loss on the holiday.

Browns, Bengals could all use a little antacid this time

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Chad Johnson should have saved the antacid for this one.

The Bengals' Pro Bowl prankster injected a little sizzle into last month's game against Cleveland by sending bottles of Pepto-Bismol to the Browns' defensive backs, a warning they'd get sick trying to cover him.

Instead, Johnson was sickened by his poor play, the Browns won convincingly and Ohio's two pro football teams went their ways - the same way, it turns out.

Straight down.

Just about everybody has a bad feeling in their stomachs as the Browns (3-7) and Bengals (4-6) get set for their rematch Sunday. Too bad Johnson doesn't have something in his bag of tricks to make it more palatable.

Truth is, not even a win could cure what ails them.

"They're down. They're reeling," Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer said. "But we're reeling, too."

It's definitely a two-reel feature. Up in Cleveland, the Browns spent the week wondering whether a loss to the Bengals would mean the end for embattled coach Butch Davis. The team's president provided temporary security by saying Davis' job was safe through the end of the season.

Not exactly a show of support. "Guys are worried about their futures, and (the) coaches, and rightfully so," safety Robert Griffith said. "There's probably going to be some changes, and every man has to look out for his family and his well-being. With just that on the back of people's minds, it can be a challenge."

The last thing the Browns needed was another distraction. They've lost four games in a row and quarterback Jeff Garcia has a strained shoulder and will miss the game. Fans have turned on the team and the organization is at another

Anyone got a cure for this? "It's hard right now coming to work every day and not winning and you've got all the things that's going on in the media about coach getting fired," safety Earl Little said. "I'm not walking on eggshells, but I don't know about the next man."

The Bengals had to step lightly after coach Marvin Lewis screamed at them for letting another game slip away last Sunday. His locker room tirade after a 19-14 loss to Pittsburgh grabbed the players' attention.

Will they play much better against the Browns?

"It's a reflection on me if they don't," Lewis said.

It could get really ugly if they don't. The Bengals play their next two games on the road, at Baltimore and New England. After home games against Buffalo and the Giants, they finish in Philadelphia.

A loss to the Browns would drop them back into the basement of the AFC North with a nasty part of the schedule ahead.

"If that does happen, we're in the cellar," linebacker Kevin Hardy said. "We don't plan on that happening. We still have an opportunity. We feel we can beat every team on the schedule."

The bravado comes from Lewis, who insists his team will be just fine as long as it keeps its poise. The Bengals had only two first downs and seven penalties in the second half against Pittsburgh,

prompting Lewis to erupt.

Now, everyone's waiting to see if there's major improvement against Cleveland.

"It's our rival. It's a game that we should win," Palmer said. "We need to go out and play the way we're taught to play, and we'll win this game."

Aside from the two head coaches, no one has more invested in this one than Johnson, a Pro Bowl receiver who looked like some over-hishead rookie in Cleveland.

After revving up the Browns' defensive backs with his Pepto gag, Johnson dropped three passes as Cleveland pulled away 34-17 on Oct. 17. The Dawg Pound taunted him and Browns players berated him for his lack of

Taking his cue from the angry head coach, Johnson kept it low-key heading into Sunday's rematch. No antacid pranks, no inflammatory remarks. Just a determination to look better against the Browns.

"I helped them out," Johnson said, referring to his three dropped passes in their last game. "No one stopped me; I stopped myself. Coming into this one Sunday, I've got to be completely focused, which I will be. It's going to be a good one."

That was a guess, not a guarantee. There's too much bad karma involved to allow

"It's a scary game," Palmer said. "It's easy to say, 'Their coach is on the line. Guys are going to get fired. Nobody's going to want to play.' But it could be the exact opposite. Guys could be trying to rally around their head coach.

"You don't know what to expect."

Army uses NASCAR to bolster recruiting

by JOHN MILBURN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT RILEY, Kan. - Joe Nemechek is "G.I. Joe" to many NASCAR fans, a nickname stemming from the GoArmy.com logo on the hood and bumper of his Chevy Monte Carlo.

Every lap he leads and every pole he wins puts the Army in millions of living rooms nationwide.

Sponsoring Nemechek is part of a military recruiting strategy, which includes advertising at football games and rodeos, aimed at maintaining the all-volunteer force during the war in Iraq and the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

"We have to get the best young men and women in the Army to continue," said Tom Tiernan, a 22-year Army veteran who is now a civilian employee leading the marketing program.

The program's success is open to debate. A federal General Accounting Office report concluded last year that the military - even though its advertising spending rose from \$299 million in 1998 to \$598 million in 2003 - couldn't truly evaluate such campaigns because "joining the military is a profound life decision."

That was true for Pvt. Shannon Cooke, 19, of Newport News, Va., who joined the Army to follow a family tradition.

"My mother was in the Army; I always knew I wanted to come," said Cooke, with Fort Riley's 24th Infantry Division.

But the logos on Nemechek's car helped coax Pvt. Terrence Bartholomew, also with the 24th Infantry, to enlist in February. The 22-year-old from New Orleans acknowledged he's not really a NASCAR fan but, "I saw the car two times on TV."

Nemechek said he tells the recruits he meets they are doing a great honor for their country.

"I'm trying to do the best job I can on the track to give them something to pull for," said Nemechek, who put the Army car in the winner's circle in October at the Banquet 400 at Kansas Speedway.

After missing recruiting goals, the Army launched a program in 2000 to transform its image. The branch wants to be seen as an attractive career, Tiernan said, and "not just for those who have no other viable option in life."

The program began with the National Hot Rod Association, sponsoring Tony "The Sarge" Schumacher. The Army sponsors a national high school football allstar game each January in Texas, a contest broadcast on NBC-TV. This year, the Army started pouring dollars into professional rodeo and bull riding events, as well as a bull-riding team.

Sports marketing now consumes \$40 million of the Army's \$212 million annual advertising budget in an era when finding new soldiers can be tough.

"As the economy gets better, there will be more competition for the kids," Tiernan said.

Missouri Rep. Ike Skelton, the ranking Democrat on the Armed Services House Committee, said the sponsorships are "absolutely" appropriate for the military."

"It's a matter of striking a responsive chord," Skelton said. "You will not find them at golf tournaments."

The Army met its 2004 goal of recruiting 77,000 new soldiers in the 12 months ending Sept. 30. Other branches fell short, including a fellow NASCAR Nextel Cup sponsor,

the Army National Guard.

Richard Stark, a military analyst at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, said the military has to be flexible in recruiting and offering benefits to reflect

He views the military as competing successfully for recruits but added frequent deployments by the Army and its reserves are likely to affect retention and recruiting in coming years.

Each branch is involved with NASCAR. The Marine Corps has a \$46 million advertising budget and spends \$3.5 million to sponsor a car in NASCAR's Busch Series. The Air Force has a \$2 million deal with Nextel Cup driver Ricky Rudd and invests \$100,000 in a professional snowmobile team and the Navy is also involved in the Busch Series.

Tiernan declined to disclose exactly how much Nemechek's sponsorship cost the Army but said it was less than \$10 mil-

Maj. Dave Geiesmer, a spokesman for the Marine Corps Recruiting Command in Quantico, Va., estimated that its NASCAR sponsorship provides the same exposure as \$15 million in television advertising.

"We get value every time the car is mentioned," he said. The Army has a traveling exhi-

bition for NASCAR events, filling four semitrailers and covering 12,000 square feet, giving recruits a version of shock and awe.

Visitors can view the latest Army equipment, including uniforms and weapons, said Guy Morgan, Army account director. Other activities include laser target shooting and a challenge

involving changing tires on a stock car.

Everyone who enters the exhibition area must sign a liability form, which also generates some leads for the Army, Morgan said.

At all events, the Army also hopes to meet parents who may be reluctant about their children enlisting.

"When senior officers are out there, they can talk to parents and tell them that the Army will do everything possible to protect their sons and daughters," Tiernan said.



Prestonsburg junior Sean Leslie put a dribble down prior to a free throw attempt. Leslie and his Prestonsburg teammates took on Tug Valley (W.Va.) Wednesday night during Allen Central's annual panorama.

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This Town, That World

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

Prestonsburg's Christmas lights, extended this year to Lake Drive, are worth seeing.

AN OVERSIZE MODEL

The old serpent got into the private Eden, that was Robert Anderson's, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and after aforesaid Anderson, had told the judge his story, a

divorce promptly granted Said the court:

"It is cruel and inhuman for a wife to allow a boa con-



Norman Allen

strictor to share a bedroom with her and her husband."

He didn't allow the woman any alimony. But he did grant her custody of the snake.

FIGMENT OF THE IMAGI-NATION: A Beatle haircut.

A GOOD 'PACKAGE'

State Police Director "Ted" Bassett outlines a four point package which his department will push at the coming session of the General Assembly. The points:

. Compulsory vehicle inspec tion: 2. Periodic reexamination of drivers; 3. Driver education in the schools; 4. Drivers without insurance to pay an extra fee for license tags, thus creating a pool to reimburse persons for damages caused by such drivers.

I'm for this "package," even if Point 3 may ground one of the most moon-eyed drivers in these

Which reminds me that it says here: By the time a man can afford to lose a golf ball, he can't hit it that far.

NOTE TO S...

This father was trying to put his foot down on the idea of his daughter joining the Peace Corps, and his daughter was countering with the inevitable why.

"Why?" Because I don't believe you can do those people any good. They don't need being taught how to make phone calls."

PROFESSIONAL REVENGE Watt Hale was by this week, to comment that politics gets plumb serious with some people, then

illustrated the point. This child was sick, and the

(See TOWN, page six)



Miriam Moyer, left, and Debbie Hodson, both native eastern Kentuckians, have joined creative spirits to produce the book, "A Mountain Rainbow," which tells the story of Nellie, a young Appalachian girl growing up in the 1930s.

'A Mountain Rainbow' speaks to Appalachian hearts, both young and old

by Kathy J. Prater FEATURES EDITOR

If you're anything like me, you can't seem to get enough of books that beautifully, and accurately, illustrate life growing up in the Appalachian mountains. If so, then you should love "A Mountain Rainbow," by Debbie Hodson, who partnered with Miriam Moyer, illustrator, to share the heartwarming story of Nellie, a young Appalachian girl who was transplanted to the north in the late 1930s when her parents moved there to find work - only to return years later to her beloved hills

Both Hodson and Moyer are native eastern Kentuckians who now reside in Knott County. Written for the enjoyment of all generations, this book will speak, especially, to those generations of children who moved with their parents to northern cities in search of employment. Nellie, like many of whom her story represents, never forgot her Appalachian mountains, creeks, fields or relatives. Like a song in the night, her memories never stopped calling her home, and, as the book plays to its end, we find Nellie once again enjoying life so sweet in the arms of Appalachia.

"I wrote this story about four years ago," Hodson said. "For a long time, I wasn't sure if anything would come of it other than a story for grandchildren some day. Last fall, as I began to explore the idea of having it become available to others, I wanted someone who was also from the mountains to do the illustrations. I felt Miriam, who I've known for a long time, would be just the right one to capture the spirit of the story in her pictures. Together we hoped to find a regional

J. Frank Publishing, in London, were so helpful in fulfilling that goal. We are very pleased with how the book has turned out."

While both Hodson and Moyer have practiced their respective crafts for quite some time, this book is a first for the both of them, as well as a first joint effort for both. The heartwarming words and lovely watercolor illustrations paint a picture of life that can only be drawn upon by those with deep Appalachian roots.

Hodson's essays have appeared in both the Troublesome Creek Times and the Lexington Herald-Leader, as well as in such publications as Berea College's Appalachian Heritage, M Magazine, and the nationally circulated Grit Magazine. Moyer's paintings and art pieces have been sold for several years through the Appalachian Artisan Center, Yoder's Bulk Foods, and at several state parks and various other outlets across the region.

Currently, "A Mountain Rainbow" may be found at Yoder's Bulk Foods, in Hindman, the Appalachian Artisan Center, Hindman Floral and Gifts, and, in Floyd County, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Country at Heart, and Readmore Bookstore, for \$10.95.

Though the book was written with children in mind, Hodson says that it "is not exclusively a children's book." "Actually, we're finding it is being bought quite frequently by adults to give to other friends and family members as a gift book. Anyone who has roots or heritage in the mountains of Appalachia will identify with Nellie, the main character, and her love for this region," she continued.

In addition to the locations mentioned above, "A Mountain Rainbow" may also be purchased by mail, for \$14, from Ivy Stone Press, P.O. Box 50, Emmalena, KY 41740. Price includes costs of shipping by first class mail.



Generations of Appalachians, both young and old, enjoy spending summer printer and Jay Nolan and his staff at evenings on the porch sharing old memories, and making new ones.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Boa vs. Python'

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

Two low-rent franchises combine monsters, if not budgets, in this giant snake wrestlemania actioner that originally premiered, sans gore and nudity, on the Sci-Fi Channel.

This film is another in the newfound trend of teaming up monsters which has become popular again due in no small part to the high box office gross of "Freddy vs. Jason." This cycle of films is a

real treat for monster buffs and shows no sign of stopping with the success of "Alien vs. Predator."

This film starts off cleverly with a ring announcer shouting out the match of the century which will pit the Python against



the Boa. Turns out they are wrestlers, but it's a decent gimmick which offers the playful attitude that's on display

The wrestlers work for an Atlantic City showman named Broddick who spends his spare time arranging hunting expeditions for rich weirdoes. His latest gimmick goes awry when the giant python he ordered gets loose in Philadelphia. This doesn't stop him from packing up his hunters for a trip to the city of brotherly love, but it does put a cramp in his action when the group winds up hunting their prey while government forces converge on the same area with a whole other plan to stop the enraged python.

The FBI decides to bring in its most arrogant official, Agent Sharpe, to put things right. Sharpe brings in a guy who has grown a huge mutant boa constrictor - hey it's a legitimate hobby - and plans to use it to hunt the python. The scientist responds by saying, "That's the stupidest idea I ever heard," but quickly gives in.

Forgetting the fact that snakes are lousy trackers, they decide to descend into the sewers and let loose the boa, which promptly takes off and sniffs out the python. Here things take another skewed turn when the two snakes take a liking to each other and turn their first go-around into a love match.

Everything comes to a head when the hunters accidentally shoot one of the agents. Lots of chaos ensues and my favorite bit occurs when a character, who has been built up as the greatest hunter alive, mistakes an FBI agent for a 60-foot snake and fills him with enough lead to open a pencil fac-

It all ends up at a downtown disco, where the giant snakes finally deliver

(See LAGOON, page six)

O holy night

by JEAN CALVERT "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE COUNTRY SOUL"

The International Country Music Fan Fair in Nashville, Tenn., is always a zoolike affair, with 300 or more people waiting in line at John Berry's booth for autographs, to take pictures and to buy memberships and T-shirts. Fans often climb over the stanchions trying

to get a picture and yelling at John to get his attention. Last year, John and his wife, Robin, had a great idea for the theme of his booth. They felt it would be nice to have people come and visit them on their front porch, so they had the booth made as an identical replica of the porch on the Berry house. The display kind of depicts how John feels about his fans - almost like they're family. Coming onto his front porch at the show was a very comfortable thing for people.

views followed by more than four hours of autographsigning at the booth. John's fan-club party didn't close down 'til 2:30 the next morning.

John started Wednesday with the Capital Nashville Showcase. After that, it was back to the booth, where the autograph line began in front of the picket fence leading to the porch. A separate handicapped area fed into this line. At one point, I spoke with a woman who explained that she was deaf. She told me how she listened to John's music by laying her fingertips on the speaker in her home. Now she just wanted to be face to face with John: She asked if she could touch him to really feel what she had been "hearing" through the speakers with her hands.

I was impressed by the woman, who seemed like a kindly soul with a gentle spirit. In spite of her handicap, she was independent, positive and confident. Although I want to meet this special fan. I took the woman over to John, let him know she was deaf and explained that she had a special request. John had her sit down next

to his rocking chair and got very close. Everyone around kind of stepped back, and things quickly got very quiet. The woman reached up and put her fingertips to John's throat. At that point, she asked him to sing. Without hesitation, and in the middle of June, John broke into "O Holy Night."

You could see a total transformation on the woman's face; and then the tears began streaming out of both of them. Everyone in the surrounding booths stopped talking, walking and taking pictures. All of

Fan Fair began on Tuesday with a full day of inter- knew John was already exhausted, I was certain he'd us just watched. It was as if everything in the room had frozen except the two of them.

At the end of the song, there was a poignant pause followed by tumultuous applause and a standing

ovation for the special moment that all had shared. John reached over and gave the woman a very tender hug. All of us felt the energy pass through them. The woman didn't say much after that. Within a moment, she found her friend and was gone.

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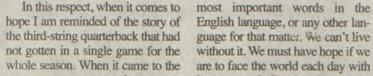
When reality sets in

Two-a-days is a term that every person who has ever played high school football has heard many times. These words are usually heard along about mid-August

when football teams are beginning to practice for the upcoming season. At some point the coach says, "Next Monday we are going to start two-a-days," which means that the team is going to start practicing twice each day.

The coach has already conducted a survey of his team

and, based on the number of players he has to work with, the level of talent, number of players returning and last season's record, he begins to instill "hope" in his players that they have what it takes to have a good or even a great season.



very last game, both the other quarterbacks were hurt and the team was down by three touchdowns with only 30 seconds to play. The coach signaled for the third-string quarterback to get ready. Before he put his helmet on

to join the team on the field, he went over and said, "Coach, do you want me to win it or tie it?"Ê Now here was an obvious case where somewhere along the way, the coach had

The word hope is one of the

English language, or any other language for that matter. We can't live without it. We must have hope if we are to face the world each day with its many challenges. Yet, there comes a time in each of our lives when all hope is lost and that is when reality sets in. What is important to realize is (save when we close our eyes in death) that hope is only lost for a moment, for a day, or some other period of time. We can regain and renew our hope, and in

However, while we may have hoped to live this kind of life with its many rewards, we must also be able to deal with something we call "reality," because that is where we are at any given time. As we live our lives day by day, there are those events and circumstances that come along when we temporarily lose hope. This is the moment when

most cases, continue to live a won-

derful and happy life.

reality sets in.

Here are some examples to illustrate what I am saying. When your childhood sweetheart that you had hoped to marry, says, "I do" to someone else, that is when reality sets in. When your house burns to the ground and you realize that your insurance policy has lapsed, that is when reality sets in. When it is announced that the position that you thought you was going to get is going to someone else, that is when reality sets in.

In the championship game, when your team is down by two touchdowns with only one minute to play, that is when reality sets in. When the stock market falls and you can't borrow the money to cover your margin calls, that is when reality sets in. When your spouse has died and you are left all alone, that is when reality sets in.

If any of these things or hundreds of others just like them has happened to you, then you know just how hopeless you can feel. To lift your spirits I want to share these thoughts that could make all the difference in the world. Even for the

remaining spouse there is hope. During any circumstance you encounter where there is despair, just remember when reality sets in, it is time for a new beginning.

Several years ago I discovered a wonderful little poem by an unknown author that has lifted my spirits many times when I was down and discouraged, and maybe it will lift yours as well. E It is titled, "Don't Quit."

"When things go wrong as they sometimes will,

When the road you're trudging seems all uphill, When the funds are low and the

debts are high, And you want to smile but you

have to sigh: Rest you must but don't you

Life is queer with its twists and

As every one of us sometimes

And many a failure turns about, When he might have won had he stuck it out.

Don't give up though the pace

You may succeed with another

Success is a failure turned inside

The silver tint of the clouds no

And you are near when success

seems far,

So stick to the fight when you are hardest hit.

It's when things seem worse that you mustn't quit.'

Here are a few questions that I would like for you to ponder as your consider your future. Is it time in your life for a new beginning? Are there things you have been holding on to, that you need to let go? What are some of things you will need to do in order to get a fresh start?

Just remember, we can't live in the past. Today is the only day we have. Let us resolve to make the most of it. When we can forget ourselves and think of others, we are on our way to both hope and reality.

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

Ask the CIS

What is the best method of finding breast cancer early?

finding breast cancer early?

A: A high-quality mammogram (x-rays of the breast) combined with a clinical breast exam by a health care provider is the most effective way to find breast cancer early.

Mammograms can find tumors that are too small to be felt. The results of several large studies showed that screening mammograms help reduce the number of breast cancer deaths among women aged 40 to 69. The test is especially effective among women aged 50 and older. Research has not shown that it benefits younger women.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) recommends that all women in their 40s and older have a mammogram every one to two years. Women who are at higher-than-average risk for the disease should talk with their health care provider about when to begin mammograms and how often to have them.

A screening mammogram \$150. In most states, health insur- Monday through Friday.

Q: What is the best method of ance companies must pay all or part of the cost of the test. Medicare pays 80 percent of the cost of an annual screening mammogram for beneficiaries age 40 and older and one baseline mammogram for beneficiaries ages 36

Women can get mammograms in breast clinics, hospital radiology departments, mobile vans, private radiology offices, and doctors, offices.

Call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER for more information on breast cancer and how to find Food and Drug Administration-certified mammography facilities.

The National Cancer Institutes Cancer Information Service (CIS) is one of the country's most trusted resources. "Ask the CIS" is distributed by the Mid South CIS, which serves Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Call the CIS toll-free at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) generally costs between \$100 and between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

How can I help my children develop a healthy lifestyle?

Q: How can I help my children develop a healthy lifestyle?

A: You can lead the way by example. Lifestyle habits begin at home at a very young age. If parents eat healthy foods and get plenty of exercise, their children are more likely to

During the last 20 years, obesity rates have doubled among children and tripled among teens. Studies show that obesity may increase the risk for many diseases later in life, including several types of cancer. To help reverse this trend, parents can:

•Serve five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Shop for groceries with their children and show them the many fruits and vegetables available and allow them to choose their favorites. Suggest that they try

•Keep fresh fruit and cut-up vegetables handy for snacks.

•Take watermelon, strawberries and other fresh fruits to children's parties.

•Show your kids that you get at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise (walking, biking, swimming) on most days. Include them when you can.

·Plan active family outings, such as hiking. •Expect older children to help with vacu-

uming, mowing the lawn, and other chores. For more information on healthy eating, go to the 5 A Day Web site at www.5aday.gov

Holiday memorial service to be held

Hospice of Big Sandy, Inc. will host a Christmas memorial service to honor and remember those who have gone before us. The service will be held on Monday, December 13, at 6:30 Church, located on the corner of College and Third Streets, in Paintsville. Everyone is invited to attend. This service is for lowship hall.

anyone who would like to remember a loved one at this special holiday time. All are invited to attend - light a candle in your loved one's memory, share your love, prayers, p.m., at the First Baptist and enjoy the special music slated to be performed. Afterwards, enjoy cookies and beverages in the church fel-

Lagoon

on the ultimate smackdown.

This is fun stuff but don't pay attention to the various locales. Though this film takes place in America, it was totally shot, on the cheap, in Bulgaria. Just another instance of American jobs going overseas, folks. This is a trend that will probably continue for awhile, but Bulgarian extras aren't easily passed off in this film and

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one surmises that Philadelphia has been overrun by Russia. What ever happened to shooting in Canada?

Best line: "I understand that you have grown a rather large snake here.'

Remember, you can send in your movies search requests to the Lagoon via email to tom@floydcountytimes.com.

Town

mother had taken the tot to an old standby who had never failed-a woman whose father had died before she was born. (That, as any but the most ill-informed knows, qualified the woman to blow in a child's mouth and cure the "thrash," a malady which seems to be dying off, rather than killing the population

The possessor of the magic power blew into the little sufferer's mouth, then remarked, "That'll be \$3."

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The astonished mother wanted to know why. "You allus treated our younguns for nothin'," she remonstrat-

"That's right-for nothin'," was the grim rejoinder. "Cuored 'em of the thrash for years and never charged a cent. And then when Pap was a-runnin' for Constable last month, you up and voted 'ginst him. Young lady, I tell you, it's \$3 this time, and ever' time from now on, it's \$3 a blow!"

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It's time to stock your car for winter weather

(NUE) - The colder months have certainly arrived! Just step outside and you'll feel that invigorating chill.

As you stock your home with extra logs for the fire and your kitchen with oversized containers of hot cocoa mix, take a moment to stock your car with a few items necessary for any winter emergency that may arise.

A few simple items can save the day if you get stalled or have an accident, so remember to keep these basics in your car: a warm blanket; candles and matches; jumper cables; a small shovel; a bag of salt or cat litter for traction; a windshield scraping device; a flashlight with fresh batteries; drinking water; and snacks.

Just as you place your flip flops in the back of your closet and pull out your favorite pair of boots, your vehicle also needs proper winter outfitting. It is important to consider the security that a dedicated ice and snow tire can provide for your vehicle during the winter months.

"One of the most important factors in starting, steering or stopping on ice and snowy roads is your tires," said Mark Cox, Bridgestone Winter Driving School director and Pro Race Driver. "It makes no difference if you have a front-wheel, fourwheel or rear-wheel drive, your vehicle will perform better in most winter driving conditions if it is equipped with purpose-built snow tires." So take a little

advice from an expert and begin your search for a reliable winter tire. Cox recommends Bridgestone Blizzak product line. With more than 90 sizes currently available in the United States. the Bridgestone Blizzak family of ice and snow tires will fit most of today's popular vehicles.

When the starts flying, you'll be able to get out and winter enjoy the scenery knowing you're prepared to navigate safely on

those wintry roads. For more information on winter driving, visit the Chill Zone at www.bridgestonetire.com/winter driving/. To hone your driving skills, visit www.winterdrive.com or schedule a trip to Bridgestone the Driving Winter School in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Click and Clack Talk Cars

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Car parts make great gifts

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

Hi, guys! As you've probably heard, Cuba is full of classic American cars from the 1950s (imported before the Castro revolution of '59) - and they are still being driven! A recent article in National Geographic Traveler states: "In fact, they are everywhere, in various stages of repair, some hidden in falling shacks, most driven proudly around town - every town." This same article mentions that the average Cuban worker's wage is \$13 per month, and that the article's photographer "brought spark plugs from the U.S. and gave them as tips to my drivers" (who seemed very appreciative). I will be (legally) traveling to Havana soon, to present at an international education confer-

ence. I would love to bring along some small automotive parts for gifts and tips, but I know nothing about classic American cars and the things that keep them running. What

sorts of spark plugs should I buy? Where can I get such things inexpensively? What other small auto parts might be needed or

appreciated? Thanks for any suggestions. - Kathleen

TOM: I'd toss a few transmissions in your Samsonite, Kathleen. And then stuff a differential or two into your carry-on bag. You'll be a big hit down

RAY: Actually, spark plugs are cheap, desirable and easy to carry which, I'm sure, is why the photographer chose them. You want plugs for, say, 1955-1959 GM, Ford and Chrysler six-cylinder engines. If you have to pick one, concentrate on GM. Any local auto-parts store ought to be able to get that stuff for you for short money about a dollar a plug.

TOM: If you want to make some people really happy, pick up some ignition points, condensers, distributor caps and rotors. Those are still relatively cheap (though more than spark plugs), and cars won't run without them. You can fit a whole fleet's worth of those into a carry-on bag.

RAY: Keep in mind, though, that the U.S. government frowns upon taking anything into Cuba that augments its economy. So you'll want to check first, and make sure your gifts of auto parts are legally allowed.

TOM: And if not, start wearing those pantaloon underpants, and practice walking around the house with a case of spark plugs in there. Good luck, Kathleen.

Putting money into high-mileage cars

Dear Tom and Ray:

When do you put money into a highmileage car? I have a 1991 Toyota Previa that has 401,000 miles. The car is still in fairly good shape, provided

you don't need an air conditioner or working front struts. My question is, how do you decide whether to put repair dollars into an older, highmileage vehicle? I am considering replacing the front struts and then giving the car to my daughter, who is about to start driving. I figure if I don't fix the air conditioner, it will reduce her desire to drive so much, at least during the Mississippi summers. - Bill

RAY: Well, Bill, my standard answer for when you should stop putting money into a car is: When you fall out of love with it. Because that's when you stop taking good care of it and subconsciously let it turn into a

TOM: And my standard answer is: When your feet go through the floorboards and the buzzards start circling.

RAY: 'Economically speaking, you're almost always better off fixing an old car than buying a new one. Think about it. If the car is otherwise in good shape, even if you spend \$5,000 on a new engine and transmission,

that's still a lot less than \$20,000 for a new car, right?

TOM: So, if your need is simply for basic transportation, and your ego doesn't care, then fix the old heap and keep driving it.

RAY: when a car has this many miles

on it — or even a quarter of this many miles, Bill — the key issue becomes, is it safe? So, before you give it to your daughter - or even drive it yourself take it to a mechanic and have him check it out as if you were going to buy it now, as a used car. (By the way, we have a pamphlet that includes the full checklist of things a mechanic should evaluate on a used car. To get a copy, send \$4.50 - check or money order to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.)

TOM: You want to know everything that's wrong with it. For instance, make sure the frame isn't rusted out. Make sure the steering components are solid, and that the parts that hold the wheels on are not worn out.

RAY: If it passes the basic safety test, and the engine and transmission are OK, then you can feel free to dump some money into it and give it to your daughter.

TOM: By the way, the front struts ARE safety items. They're not just for comfort. They're crucial to the car's handling and braking. So you're, absolutely right to replace them.

RAY: And you're also right to forget about the air conditioner. Teenagers don't need air conditioning. In fact, it's good for them to suffer a little in an old heap. That way, they'll have something to aspire to when they get older. Like my brother's '87 Dodge Colt Vista!

To buy or not to buy - options, that is. Are options worth what you pay for them, or are you better off just going with the basics? Order Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" to find out. Send \$4.50 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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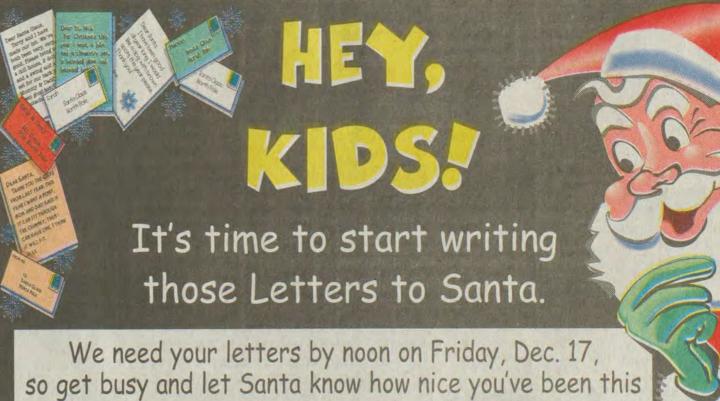
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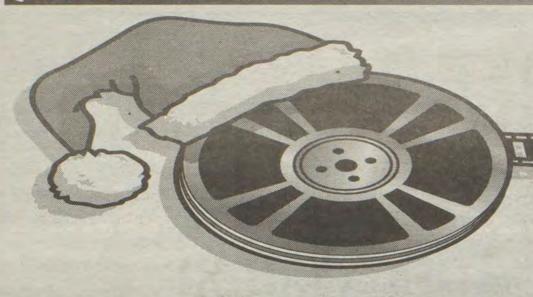
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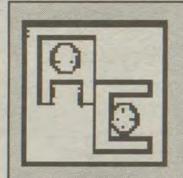


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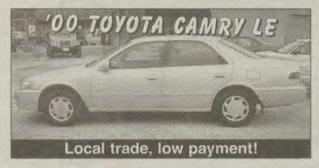
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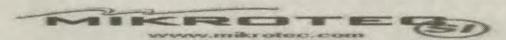
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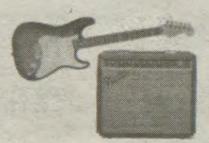
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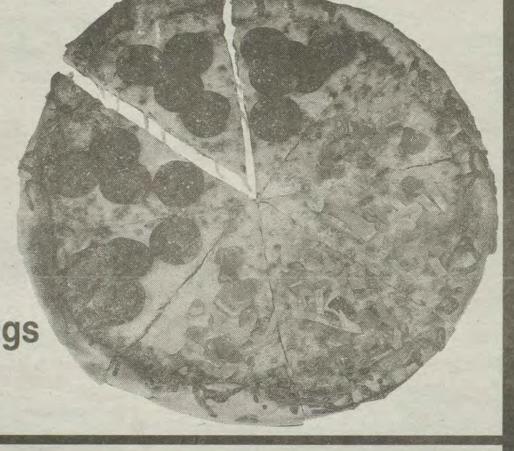
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