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briefs Clarifications

The Karen Ward arrested during Wednesday's UNITE roundup is not the Karen Ward who owns Deshay's Beauty Salon in Lancer. The Chris Hurst listed among those arrested in the roundup is actually Christa Hurst.

State revenue running ahead

The Associated Press FRANKFORT — Receipts to Kentucky's General Fund jumped in November, largely because of a timing matter, but are still running a bit ahead of schedule for the first five months of the fiscal year. According to figures released Friday, the General Fund took in \$623.8 million in November, or 10.5 percent more than the same month a year ago. Much of the jump can be attributed to the timing of Thanksgiving from year to year because in 2003 receipts received just before the holiday were not counted in November. Without the property tax bump, total growth would have been just 3.4 percent, budget director Brad Cowgill said. The official forecast for the 2005 fiscal year that ends in June calls for growth of 3.9 percent. Because of the healthy growth so far, receipts only have to grow by about 1 percent for the remaining seven months of the fiscal year in order to meet projections.

Weather suspected as cause of fatal wrecks

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER Slick roads from several days of rain may have been a contributing factor in several accidents which claimed the lives of at least two area residents on Thursday and Friday. Otter Creek Correctional Center saw two of its GED teachers involved in wrecks that have claimed the life of one educator and injured the other. Each accident occurred on Route 122. Lonnie Owens, 30, of Fisty in Knott County, was killed in a wreck at 8 p.m. Thursday when he lost control of his 1997 Cadillac and went off Route 122 in the Bypro area. That accident is still under investigation by Sgt. Steve Little of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. Rebecca Sutter, also a teacher who instructs GED classes for the prison, was airlifted to an area hospital when her car went off the road Friday morning on Route 122 near Meade. The Kentucky State Police responded to that accident and could only report, at press time, that her injuries were not fatal. Kenneth R. Cline, 48, of Majestic, was killed in a wreck that happened at approx-

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Among those on hand Friday afternoon to recognize Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson for his dedication to providing clean water to Floyd Countians, were, from left, Bert Layne, Hubert Halbert, Thompson, Paula Johnson and Eula Hall.

Southern honors Thompson for water line extensions

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR Paul Hunt Thompson was recognized for that very thing Friday afternoon. Bob Meyer, manager of Southern, along with Halbert and a representative mix of those grateful for now having clean water in their homes and businesses, assembled Friday to pay tribute to the man that they unanimously agree helped make it all possible. Halbert read a formal statement declaring that Thompson recognized early on that "clean water is a fundamental right of every citizen." Halbert praised the judge-executive for his leadership, vision, and "untiring efforts" in the procure-

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Judge makes allowances for convict

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER PRESTONSBURG — Marcus Stumbo, picked up in the July 30 drug roundup presented a unique problem, to Judge John Caudill when he was sentenced in circuit court on Friday. Stumbo had been offered a three-year sentence on drug trafficking charges, with the prosecution recommending that he serve one year and be probated for the rest. Stumbo accepted the plea through his attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, and has been lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center. Stumbo has been allowed to participate in the work release program and continue his job at Taylor Metal. Taylor makes \$10 an hour at the company and would no longer be able to make child support payments if he is moved to a state prison to finish his sentence. The problem is that the county jail is overbooked now, especially in light of another drug roundup conducted on Wednesday. Pillersdorf argued that Stumbo would be eligible for parole in three months and maybe it could begin early due to his exemplary record at the jail and at his work. He further noted that Stumbo is not a career criminal and had pleaded guilty to selling only a handful of pills. The commonwealth was represented by Stacy Marshall, who said that he agreed with Pillersdorf morally but disagreed with the situation legally. Judge Caudill sat thinking on the situation for 45 seconds before coming up with a solution — delaying sentencing until March. This means that when the case is reconvened, Stumbo will have served enough time to be eligible for parole. In the meantime, Stumbo could stay at the county jail but will pay for his upkeep there out of his salary at Taylor Metal. The jail will save on the expense of holding Stumbo and his child will also benefit from uninterrupted child support payments.

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Appalred honors employees

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER PRESTONSBURG — The Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, or Appalred, held a luncheon Friday to honor seven employees who have worked for the agency for a combined 160 years. The dedication of its employees is apparent, current executive director Larry York said. "This is the one job I've had since I became a lawyer. John Rosenberg hired me in 1970 and I'm still here." The employees honored included Karen Alfano, Tia Murphy, Patti Raney, Alex Lyttle, Addison Parker, and Diane Fish. The organization is 33 years old and has a offers free legal aid to the poor in Kentucky.

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Appalred's devoted employees were feted for their years of service at a luncheon Friday. From left are Karen Alfano (foreground), Tia Murphy, Patti Raney, Alex Lyttle and Diane Fish.

Coal industry trying to get a grip on drug abuse in mines

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS HAZARD — Danny Osborne Jr. knows firsthand that drug abuse is a problem among coal miners in central Appalachia. The West Virginia man, speaking at a meeting of coal industry representatives on Wednesday, said he abused OxyContin for years while working in mines in central Appalachia. "When you're on it, you don't really think you're impaired," he said. "You go to work to make money so you can buy more." David Dye, acting director of the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, said evidence suggests that drug abuse has become a serious safety issue in coal mines, but he said no one knows at this point how widespread the problem is. "In several recent fatal mining accidents, toxicology reports revealed the presence of drugs or alcohol in the victims' systems," he said. MSHA, along with state mine regulatory agencies in Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia, sponsored the meeting in Hazard in an effort to gauge how serious the problem is and to try to develop ways to deal with it. The one-day meeting ended with more questions than answers. It was the second meeting in Kentucky to discuss the issue. During an earlier meeting in Prestonsburg, coal operators

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Odds and Ends

■ **SOUTHBURY, Conn.** — No matter what the deal, don't expect this city official to shake on it.

First Selectman Mark Cooper held a news conference Thursday to announce that he won't be shaking hands with anyone until flu season is over sometime next year.

"As a man who shakes many hands ... I don't want to be a vector for flu transmission," he said. "I certainly don't want to be associated with, 'Oh sure, didn't I shake Cooper's hand last week? Now I've got the flu.'"

Cooper said if anyone offers their hand, he will politely decline and give them a brochure on how to stay healthy this winter. He says he wants to set an example by limiting his contact with people.

"Flu season has started, and I don't want to pass along those germs," he said.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention no longer recommend that people sneeze into their hands because that makes it easier to spread germs. People should sneeze into the crook of their elbow or a tissue, health officials say.

"The problem is most people can't grab that tissue in time," Cooper said.

■ **SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.** — The boo birds said Chris Birkett's Halloween display was too scary, and now he's in trouble with the law.

Birkett, who stages elaborate holiday displays at his home, was charged with disorderly conduct this week following an Oct. 30 police report over his Halloween display, police said Thursday.

Birkett's neighbor told

police she has small children who were frightened and couldn't sleep because of the ghostly sounds.

Officers attested that they could hear the noise from the neighbor's home and submitted their report to prosecutors, police spokesman Sam Bailey said.

Another neighbor called police recently about Birkett's winter display. That neighbor complained about the noise from crews working to put up the display and traffic and debris left by sightseers.

Birkett advertises his holiday displays on his answering machine and Web site, calling them Winter Wonderland and Haunted Graveyard. A recording boasts the winter display includes a computerized show that includes 150,000 lights and snow.

Police said Birkett faces a \$2,500 fine and six months in jail if convicted of disorderly conduct.

■ **SALT LAKE CITY** — Rescue the hounds!

A pack of cougar-chasing hounds that went over a cliff near Zion National Park was saved by a daring rescue worker who rappelled two steep cliffs.

Jeff Allen was guiding a client on a mountain lion hunt Monday in southern Utah when his five dogs and the big cat went over a cliff and landed 30 feet below on an icy ledge, said David Owens, director of the county's emergency services.

Allen phoned a sheriff's deputy, who got permission to rescue the dogs stranded in Isolation Canyon, about 40 miles northeast of Kanab.

"We didn't want anyone going over the cliff with a cot-

ton rope to save the dogs," Owens said. "That is something we are trained for and have the right equipment to do."

Owens said the five dogs trapped the lion on a ledge and, during a confrontation, the cat knocked one hound off — sending it on a 40-foot fall to a second ledge.

The client hunter shot the frightened cat, which then disappeared over the ledge — followed by another of the dogs.

When rescuers arrived at the scene, John Johnson rappelled to the three dogs on the first ledge and used pulleys to hoist them to safety.

As night fell, Johnson dropped to the second ledge to grab the dog knocked off by the mountain lion. The fifth dog was recovered alive the next day, along with the dead mountain lion.

Owens said the dogs were in good condition and "seemed happy to see some people."

■ **ROCHESTER, N.H.** — It may be the first documented case of multitasking rage.

Police say Tony Carr got angry with a clerk last month because he wanted to pay for his burger while it was microwaving it at a convenience store.

But the clerk, Scott Litzenger, told Carr he had to bring the burger to the counter 15 feet away to pay for it, police said.

After a sharp exchange of words, investigators say, Carr walked back to the microwave, removed the steaming burger and walked back to Litzenger.

The two apparently exchanged a few brief words again, and Carr shoved the steaming patty into the clerk's

face, burning his face and eye, police Sgt. Anthony Triano said.

Carr, 37, of Berwick, Maine, turned himself in Wednesday. He was charged with simple assault and criminal mischief, both misdemeanors, and released on \$5,000 bail. He is scheduled to appear in court on Jan. 3.

"That time of night, you tend to get people who are belligerent. They want things they can't have and we just try and do our job," said Bill Rollo, another clerk at the store.

■ **DELTONA, Fla.** — Even though the dishes, garbage and dirty laundry were piling up, homeowners Cat and Harlan Barnard were getting no help from their two children.

After begging and pleading with their 17-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter to help out around the house, the Barnards decided they were fed up. So they went on strike — and moved out to the front yard.

"This was our last-ditch effort," Cat Barnard said.

Since Monday morning, the Barnards have lived in a tent in their front yard, going inside the house only to use the restroom or shower. The couple sits on lawn chairs and roasts marshmallows over a hibachi.

Their children were confused on the first day when they came home from school. "It's extremely inconvenient," said their son, Ben Barnard. "Every time the phone rings, we have to run outside to give it to them."

Whether the couple's actions could be regarded as abandonment depends on how much guidance the parents are still providing and "if the children

are suffering as a result," said Carrie Hoepfner, a spokeswoman with the Department of Children & Families in Orange County.

But Cat Barnard says the strike may already be paying dividends. She noted that her daughter washed her own clothes for the first time on Tuesday.

"This is war," Cat Barnard said. "I love my babies, but I don't like what they're doing."

■ **GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP, N.J.** — Not so long ago in a galaxy far, far away — or just southeast of Philadelphia — Mike Degirolamo had a plan.

He wanted to build a 20-by-12-foot model of a Jawa Sandcrawler, a hulking transport vehicle from the original "Star Wars" film, before the next installment of the saga "Star Wars: Episode III: Revenge of the Sith" opens in May.

To get the project done, he doesn't need the Force, but rather the power to persuade the township council it's a worthy project. The council is planning a special meeting to discuss whether Degirolamo will be allowed to erect the model on the property of a local business.

There are two concerns about the proposed meeting of the fantasy and real worlds, according to township community development director Ed Sayers.

First, the property is in a historic redevelopment area where the Sandcrawler might not fit in architecturally. Also, it could be a liability.

"This is certainly one of those gray areas," Sayers said. "This could wind up being an attractive nuisance and a safety concern if kids try to climb on it."

■ **DOVER, N.H.** — It wasn't exactly the perfect getaway vehicle.

A man took off on a lawn-

mower moments after he allegedly threw two Molotov cocktails at his ex-girlfriend's apartment building, police said. He was arrested Saturday night after a brief, slow-speed chase.

Police said the homemade bombs — two glass Budweiser bottles filled with gasoline and plugged with rags — did not burst into flames. One of them shattered, spilling gas and sending fumes into nearby apartments. Two residents were treated for breathing problems.

Steven Coleman, 37, of Dover, was arraigned in Dover District Court on Monday on charges of criminal trespass, attempted arson, and resisting arrest, a misdemeanor.

He could face up to 31 years in jail if convicted on all charges.

At one point during the chase, Coleman turned around and looked directly at a police cruiser, Dover prosecutor George Wattendorf wrote in an affidavit. "Coleman appeared calm as he was smoking a cigarette."

■ **ANDERSON, Ind.** — The Anderson Fire Department has a holiday gift that has a real lifesaving ring to it — ambulance service subscription cards.

The cards cost \$25 and can save the recipient \$225 to \$400 on a trip to the hospital depending on the amount of care needed. The cards are good for one ride and expire after a year.

"It would be a good Christmas gift if you know a needy family who might need medical care," said fire department Capt. Denny Jones.

The cards have been available since 1996, when the city about 35 miles northeast of Indianapolis began charging for ambulance service. But this is the first year the department has promoted them.

"It used to be that we only sold them twice a year, but now they're available all year," said Leona Brown, the fire department's billing coordinator.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 12, the 347th day of 2004. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 12, 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

On this date:

■ In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey, of South Carolina, became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

■ In 1897, "The Katzenjammer Kids," the pioneering comic strip created by Rudolph Dirks, made its debut in the New York Journal.

■ In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

■ In 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

■ In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat "Panay" on China's Yangtze

River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)

■ In 1947, the United Mine Workers union withdrew from the American Federation of Labor.

■ In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Britain.

■ In 1975, Sara Jane Moore pleaded guilty to a charge of trying to kill President Ford in San Francisco the previous September.

■ In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

■ In 2000, a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election, transforming George W. Bush into the president-elect.

Ten years ago: The Brazilian Supreme Court acquitted former President Fernando Collor de Mello of the corruption charges that

had forced him to resign in 1992. IBM stopped shipments of personal computers with Intel's flawed Pentium chip, saying the processor's problems were worse than earlier believed.

Five years ago: Author Joseph Heller, whose darkly comic first novel "Catch-22" defined the paradox of the no-win dilemma and added a phrase to the American language, died in East Hampton, N.Y., at age 76.

One year ago: Paul Martin succeeded Jean Chretien as Canada's prime minister. Rolling Stones frontman Mick Jagger was knighted by Britain. Keiko, the killer whale made famous by the "Free Willy" movies, died in the Norwegian fjord that he'd made his home.

Today's Birthdays: TV host Bob Barker is 81. Former New York City Mayor Edward Koch is 80. Singer Connie Francis is 66. Singer Dionne Warwick is 64. Rock singer-musician Dickey Betts is 61. Actor

Wings Hauser is 57. Country singer LaCosta is 54. Gymnast-turned-actress Cathy Rigby is 52. Actress Sheree J. Wilson is 46. Singer-musician Sheila E. is 45. Rock musician Nicholas Dimichino (Nine Days) is 37. Actress Jennifer Connelly is 34. Country singer Hank Williams III is 32. Actress Mayim Bialik is 29. Model Bridget Hall is 27.

Thought for Today: "I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from doubt." - Charles Horace Mayo, American surgeon and co-founder of the Mayo Clinic (1865-1939).

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ment of funding that has allowed the implementation and expansion of public water service throughout Floyd County.

Under Thompson's leadership, Southern Water & Sewer District reports that the following expansion areas are now fully provided with clean water in Floyd County: Jacks Creek, Abner Mountain, Turkey Creek, Branham Creek, Henry's Branch, Left Fork Riley Branch, Deadening Fork, Keathley Fork, Middle Branch, Hunter Branch, the head of Weeksbury, Caleb Fork, Sage Allen Branch, Frasure's Branch, Johns Branch, the balance of Mink Branch, John Hall Branch, Frasure's Creek, Neds Fork, Hoods Fork, Spurlock, Gunstock, Muddy Gut, the head of Hen Pen, Rock Fork, Cam Hollow, Spears Branch, Mill Creek, Open Fork, Bluegrass Hollow, Muddy Branch, Bradley Loop, Spruce Pine and Route 7.

Currently under design are the following areas: the head of Open Fork, the head of Big Branch, Shop Branch, Little Mud Creek, Bryant Branch and Shepherd Village.

The district also reports that 82 miles of new main lines have been laid in Floyd County, 10 new storage tanks have been installed and 12 new pump stations are now in operation. All of that construction has led to the extension of clean water and new sewer lines for a grand total of 2,500 family residences and businesses in southern Floyd County — operations costing, to date, over \$16 million.

"In addition," Halbert continued, "we are about to complete our first major sewer system project." That project encompasses the Wayland to Punkin Center area. Once complete, 230 new Floyd County families will have up-to-date working sewer lines, a project that will cost \$3.7 million once completed.

Those areas moving along, but still remaining in the development stage, are Eastern (project in conjunction with the Floyd County Board of Education), and the Harold/Mud Creek area.

"All this has been done in a period of time of about four-and-a-half to six years," Halbert commented.

Thompson, in response, said that the water projects "could not have been completed without two groups working together — the fiscal court and the Southern Water District."

Thompson also credited U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, former Gov. Paul Patton and the Kentucky legislature.

"By all of us working together," Thompson said, "the fiscal court, Frankfort, and everyone else, we've made Floyd County better ... I certainly appreciate this honor."

Wrecks

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imately 4:50 a.m. on Friday. Cline was driving south on Highway 319 on Hardy Mountain when his 2000 Dodge Dakota left the roadway and rolled into a ditch.

Trooper Randy Surber, Appalachian First Response Ambulance and the Blackberry Fire Department all went to the scene and transported Cline to South Williamson Appalachian Hospital, where he was pronounced dead by Pike County Deputy Coroner Mike Hall.

Appalred

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get those numbers up to 10,000 before his tenure is over.

Currently the program serves 37 communities and offers free legal services to the 16 poorest counties in the state.

York said he is constantly reminded of the need for the group's service.

"Last year we had to fight for a woman who had lost health benefits," York said. "She was a senior who was blind and lost her two feet to diabetes. We got her the help she needed, but situations like that are still happening."

Individuals with a civil legal problem but no money for a lawyer can contact Appalred at 866-277-5733.

Losing Democratic House incumbents outspent GOP opponents

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Five incumbent Democrats who lost their House seats last month combined to outspend their opponents by more than \$107,000, according to financial records filed with the state.

While the bulk of that total was spent in a single western Kentucky race, each of the House incumbents who lost outspent their GOP challengers, according to records filed with the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance.

"Our message was better," said John McCarthy, chairman of the state Republican Party.

Heading into the November General Election, House Democrats were hoping to increase on their lead of 64-35. Instead, House Republicans whittled their disadvantage down to 57-43.

Republicans unseated five

incumbent House lawmakers: Charles Geveden, of Wickliffe; Robert "Buddy" Buckingham, of Murray; Dottie Sims, of Horse Cave; Roger Thomas, of Smiths Grove, and Jim Thompson, of Battletown. The GOP also picked up two open seats previously held by Democrats.

Thomas and his opponent Jim DeCesare, of Bowling Green, combined to spend more than \$167,000. Thomas outspent DeCesare by more than \$61,000 and lost by 185 votes.

DeCesare said having President Bush and the same-sex marriage amendment on the ballot, along with the General Assembly's failure to pass a state budget, helped.

"There's a lot to be said for sweat equity," DeCesare said. "I knew I couldn't out-raise him. But I knew I could outwork him, and that's what I did."

However, DeCesare had an advantage because the

Republican Party spent more on its candidates, Thomas said. The GOP sent out about nine mailings to voters involved in that race alone, he said.

For the entire general election cycle, the Republican Party spent nearly \$155,000 in cash disbursements and more than \$520,000 in in-kind contributions, according to financial records.

Meanwhile, the state Democratic Party spent about \$404,000 in cash disbursements and nearly \$7,800 in in-kind contributions, records show.

Thomas said his stance on same-sex marriage was mischaracterized. Thomas supported the proposed same-sex marriage amendment, but his procedural votes were used against him, he said.

"I think we got our message out. It was just the fact that they were able early on to portray me as someone who supported gay marriage," Thomas said. "And it turned out to be effective,

even though it wasn't true."

Donald Gross, professor of political science at the University of Kentucky, said it's "fairly unusual" for incumbents to outspend opponents and lose.

Still, people sometimes mistakenly assume that a candidate who spends the most money usually wins, Gross said.

"What matters more is how well the money is spent," Gross said.

Geveden lost his seat by 1,642 votes, despite outspending Republican Steven Rudy, of LaCenter, by nearly \$11,000. Buckingham outspent his opponent, Melvin Henley, of Murray, by about \$10,600 and lost by 653 votes.

Meanwhile, Sims spent nearly \$32,000, compared to her opponent Terry Shelton, of Magnolia, who spent about \$10,900. Sims lost by 896 votes.

Meanwhile, Thompson spent

about \$15,000 on his race. His opponent, Gerry Lynn, of Brandenburg, spent about \$11,300 and won by 1,418 votes.

Challengers don't have to outspend incumbents, but they must spend enough to build their name recognition, said Joe Gershtenson, director of the Center for Kentucky History and Politics at Eastern Kentucky University.

"Money might have helped the Democrats in some regards, but ultimately, it was a situation where they were going to have some difficulties," Gershtenson said.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said money "played a very big role" in this year's elections.

Republicans had a successful year because of a combination of the money and straight-ticket voting, Richards said.

"But we will be back," Richards said.

Drugs

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asked regulatory officials to help them identify drug-addicted coal miners who travel like nomads from one mine to another hoping to work long enough to pay for another fix.

Drug abuse among miners came to the forefront last year after a miner was killed and another seriously injured at the Cody Mining Co. in Floyd County. Marijuana was found at the scene, and an employee told investigators that he saw two miners snorting crushed painkillers.

An autopsy found that the dead miner had taken illegal drugs, said Holly McCoy, a spokeswoman for the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing.

Dye said mining coal is a dangerous occupation made more dangerous by the introduction of intoxicants.

"Although substance abuse is a nationwide problem, this part of the country seems to stand out on a number of fronts," Dye said.

He said Kentucky is a major producer of marijuana and that several counties in the state's mountain region lead the nation in the amount of prescription narcotics dispensed per capita.

On Wednesday, law enforcement authorities issued arrest warrants on drug charges for 103 people in Pike and Floyd counties.

"It is safe to presume that the substance abuse problem in the mining population is at least comparable to the general U.S. adult working population, and may, in fact, be slightly worse due to the preponderance of

young males in mining," Dye said.

Reece Maggard, a Whitesburg coal miner serving as president of the Scotia Employees Association, said random drug testing should be administered uniformly and fairly and should include management personnel.

"I don't think any miner wants to work in the mines with someone intoxicated," he said. "The men wouldn't work with anybody who is out of control."

Most large coal companies have drug-testing programs in place, but they aren't foolproof, said John Schoolcraft, personnel director for Alpha Natural Resources, a mining company based in Abingdon, Va.

Schoolcraft said the root of the problem is cultural. He said doctors in the region are too quick to write prescriptions for painkillers to anyone who walks into their offices.

Osborne, 36, said his addiction began with a prescription for OxyContin for a mining injury. He said he began looking to the black market when he could no longer get legitimate prescriptions.

Now a scoop operator for Rock House Development, Osborne told a group of about 200 people that he was fortunate to overcome his addiction.

Osborne said he worked for six different companies while abusing OxyContin, moving from one location to another to make money to feed his habit.

"It's been a hard, rough road," Osborne said. "It's not easy."

Santa may be short some gifts for Appalachian children

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARLAN — Teana Burns, one of Santa's key helpers in this central Appalachian town, is worried.

With the local economy in the doldrums, more families than ever are counting on a local Christmas charity to provide gifts for their children. That charity — Harlan Countians for a Healthy Community — is having problems of its own. Not enough people are making donations, raising the possibility that some kids may not receive gifts.

"There's a huge unemployment rate right now," Burns said. "The coal mines aren't what they used to be. Here in southeastern Kentucky, people are just having a really hard time."

Requests for food from area charities have doubled in the past two years, said Jim Huebner, coordinator of the

Mennonite Central Committee's initiatives in the Appalachian region.

Huebner said impoverished regions of the nation like central Appalachia aren't sharing in a national economic recovery. Many, he said, are still without jobs and in need of help — not just for Christmas gifts but also for food and shelter.

"The economic improvements we're hearing about aren't necessarily accruing to individual families," Huebner said.

Double-digit jobless rates aren't uncommon in mountain communities. Harlan County's average unemployment rate last year was more than 11 percent.

So far this year, it has ranged from 6 percent to 9 percent. However, that rate doesn't include discouraged workers who have given up on finding jobs, said Carlos Cracraft, a state labor market analyst in Frankfort.

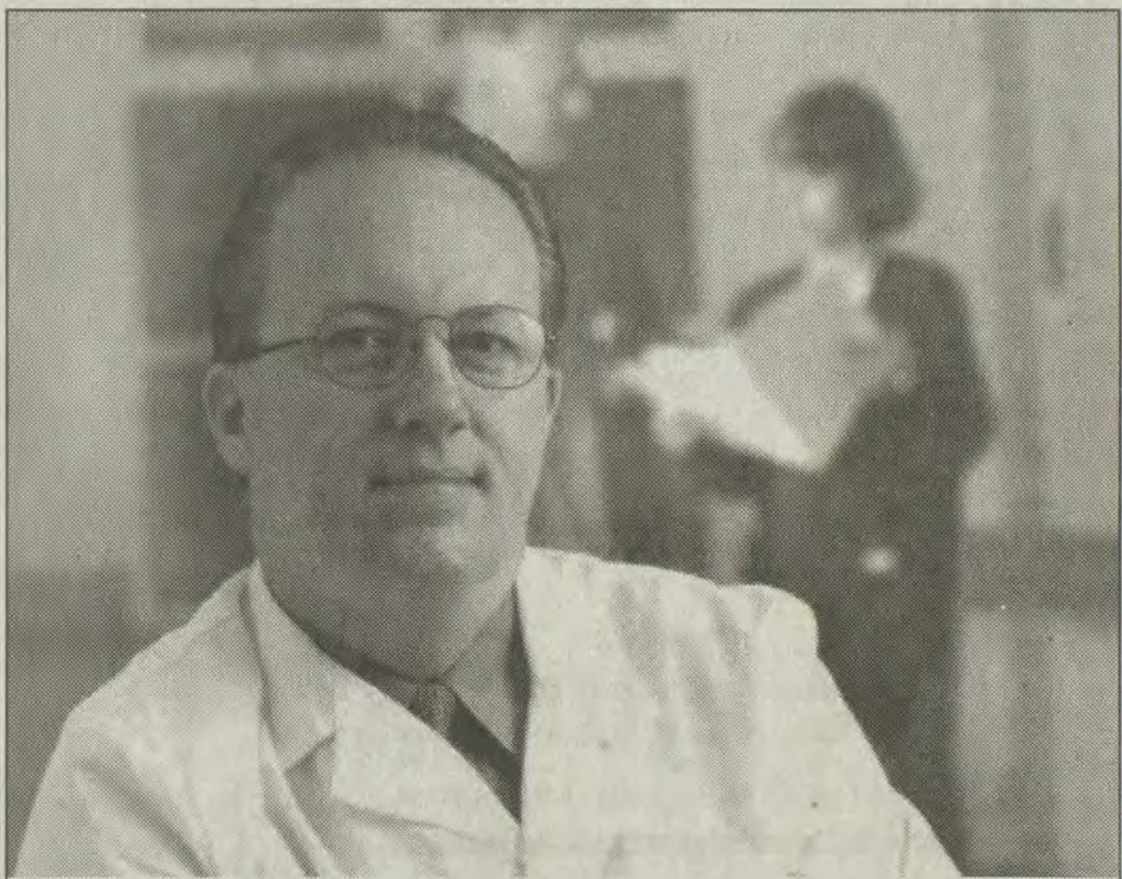
Unemployment rates in some other counties are even more dismal. In Magoffin County, for example, between 13 percent and 17 percent of the work force has been idle in any given month this year.

Brenda Gross, head of Eoli Christian Community Outreach in Letcher County, said people from outside Appalachia offer some help by sending food, clothing and toys.

"We try to serve people who fall between the cracks, usually elderly or disabled, who may draw Social Security but it's just not enough," she said. "They are the ones suffering more than any others."

Burns, head of Harlan Countians for a Healthy Community, has decorated Christmas trees with cards containing the genders, ages and sizes of 540 needy children. Those trees have been placed in

(See GIFTS, page five)

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Guest view

Turn good feelings into good policy

Gov. Ernie Fletcher and House Democratic leaders were smiling and talking optimistically after a 50-minute closed meeting Tuesday to discuss the chances of passing a budget and tax reform in the General Assembly session coming up in January.

Good. After last year's session, when snarls, back-stabbing and insults were the daily communication techniques of choice, anything short of gunfire is an improvement.

In fact, we think they should get together more often. Cookies and tea. A nice rabbit-hunting excursion. A late-night bonfire at Land Between the Lakes. Maybe a trip to Memphis to watch Louisville play in the Liberty Bowl on New Year's Eve. A few Woodford Reserves over ice at the Governor's Mansion.

Whatever, just schedule a few get-togethers so the Republican governor and leading Democrats can get to know each other better. At the end of the day, they need to realize that none of them are evil people with surreptitious designs for the Bluegrass State. They're simply elected officials with different notions of what constitutes progress and how to get there.

The challenge is to merge those notions into a workable plan for leading Kentucky over some pretty high financial and educational hurdles. Kentuckians are counting on their success.

This past spring's 60-day legislative session was a miserable experience with little accomplished. The Fletcher administration had some fairly bold ideas but klutzy and disdainful strategies for winning support for them. The Democrat-controlled House and the Republican-controlled Senate couldn't agree on what time it was at any given moment. The House had no intention of letting the first-year governor look good, and the Senate acted like the appearance of a Republican governor for the first time in over three decades guaranteed passage of anything Senate President David Williams wanted.

The chief lesson we hope is that Gov. Fletcher needs those House Democrats just as much as they need him.

Fortunately, the hiring of former House Rep. Stan Cave as his new chief of staff suggests the governor realizes that. Cave joined the governor in the meeting Tuesday with the five House Democratic leaders and Harry Moberly, chairman of the House budget committee. Officials left the meeting vowing a new spirit of cooperation and a cooling of partisan rhetoric in the coming session.

But let's not be naive.

It's one thing to shake hands and smile, it's another to do so after reaching agreement on crucial policy matters. The coming session is a short one with just 30 days of business, and there's lots to do.

Kentucky needs a budget. It needs a restructured tax system that treats individuals and businesses equitably and brings in revenue during tough years. It needs a renewed financial commitment to education and a meaningful plan to reduce health costs. It needs a lot of other things.

Tuesday's meeting is remarkably like one held in July, when both the governor and House leaders emerged smiling and talking optimistically.

Nothing wrong with that, and like we said, the more meetings the merrier. But now let's translate that good feeling into some good policy.

— The Kentucky Post



— Rich Lowry Column —

The grass-roots army

What was the secret weapon of the Bush campaign? Gay marriage? Karl Rove? No, the greatest unappreciated asset was simple — volunteers. Hundreds of thousands of people put themselves on the line for something they believed in. If they had worked for a liberal candidate, they would now be celebrated as a great "people's army" that vindicated their ideals on Nov. 2. Alas, they worked their hearts out for a Republican.

From a study of its insufficient turnout operation in 2000, the Bush team discovered that the "most important thing in political communications is personal contact from a credible source," according to Bush campaign manager Ken Mehlman. The campaign proceeded on that basis.

The Bush team focused on identifying three categories of potential voters:

people who had recently moved into new areas (it registered 3.4 million of these often "ex-urban" voters), Republicans who don't always vote (roughly 7.4 million people) and unaffiliated but sympathetic voters (roughly another 10 million). "That's 20 million people in nine or 10 states," says Mehlman. "That's a serious number of new people."

"We acquired a raft of consumer information — do you own a gun? attend church regularly? — that a credit-card company might get," Mehlman continues. The campaign then matched its volunteers with its target voters. "In Wisconsin, we had a lot of sportsmen phone banks, where sportsmen would call and explain to other sportsmen why they should be for us," says Nelson.

"We tried to match up anyone with a common interest, common membership," Mehlman explains. "Someone concerned about education is going to be more likely to believe what she hears from a fellow member of the PTA than from a kid wearing a baseball hat who

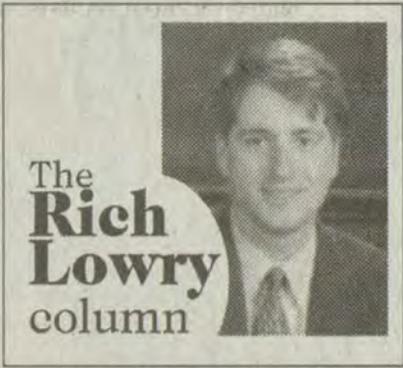
wants to show her a John Kerry video and who is getting paid by a temp agency."

You can throw lots of money around paying people (the George Soros approach) and still not duplicate the passion, commitment and credibility of volunteers. According to Mehlman, the model was the Bush caucus campaign in Iowa in 2000, where you could be a Bush team leader by bringing 10 other people into the fold. The campaign learned then, according to Mehlman, that "lots of volunteers will beat a paid army of people who don't have skin in the game."

Thanks to all of these efforts, millions of people felt directly vested in the Bush campaign. It was waged on a genuinely populist basis. And it worked. New registrants, which were supposed to carry Kerry over the top, broke only 54-46 for the senator. The GOP goal was for 14 million "attempts" — attempted contact with voters — in the battleground states in the last four days of the campaign. The number might have hit 18 million. In only four states did Bush's percentage go down from 2000.

Passion and idealism are qualities that money can't buy. Liberals used to understand that — before they put their faith in the power of Bush-hating billionaires.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



— beyond the beltway —

Let evangelists first heal themselves

by DONALD KAUL

I'm getting tired of being lectured on morals by my moral inferiors. I'm talking about Bible-thumping evangelists; the braying hypocrites who populate our nation's airwaves and the smarmy virtue police who are more interested in raising our moral level than their own. That



includes the Pope.

I do not make any extravagant claims for my own moral worthiness. I'm relatively honest, more or less generous, somewhat compassionate and fairly dependable. I figure that puts me somewhere in the middle third of the population, morals-wise. (If I were in Congress, I'd be in the top 10 percent.)

There's one thing I do not do, however; I do not tell other people how to live their lives. So long as they do not harm others or take advantage of the weak and helpless, I am willing to let them alone and I ask that

they do me the same favor.

This, apparently, makes me a moral leper in the eyes of the New Taliban, the evangelical, Holier-than-Thou crowd that is taking over our government and our national life.

The latest and in some ways scariest of the new breed of religionists is Phil Burress, an Ohioan who has spent the past 10 years of his life opposing gay marriage. He led the effort to pass a constitutional amendment prohibiting gay marriage in Ohio and his get-out-the-vote effort there probably had as much to do with Mr. Bush carrying that state, and the election, as anything else. And you ain't seen nothing yet.

He has plans to begin holding town meetings in the state's 88 counties next year to define issues, recruit organizers and train volunteers. He told The New York Times that he thinks that within a few years religious conservatives can be running school boards, town councils and county prosecutor's offices throughout the state.

You know what they say: "As Ohio goes, so goes the nation." At least they should say it.

We are looking at an era of religious intolerance that we have not seen since the Salem witch trials. And people like me — the majority, as it turns out — are the witches.

Mr. Burress says that he's only protecting the sanctity of marriage. Who asked him to? He happens to be a recovering pornography addict who has been married three times. I don't so much as own a pornograph and I have been married to the same woman for 47 years, most of them happy.

Who is this clown to lecture me on the sanctity of marriage? I do not feel threatened by gay marriage and I don't see how it threatens the sanctity of heterosexual marriage.

You would think that the divorce rate would be a pretty good indicator of the sanctity of marriage, wouldn't you? Well, the lowest divorce rate in the country is that of Massachusetts, home of legalized, gay marriage. Such bastions of religiosity as Kentucky, Arkansas and Mississippi have a divorce rate twice as high.

The region of the country with the lowest divorce rate? The Northeast — the blue states.

In other words, the people who talk most about sanctity of marriage are the ones who do the least about it.

Evangelical Christians are fond of espousing an apocalyptic view of history. On that great gettin' up mornin' the Lord will sweep all Born Again Christians to his bosom and condemn the rest of us — atheists, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, all — to eternal damnation.

Two men, Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins, have made a vast fortune writing a series of novels on this theme. Millions upon millions of people have read these "Left Behind" books and, worse, have believed their message.

But you know, the more I think of it, the less I object to the "Left Behind" scenario. Do I really want to spend eternity with people who walk around with a Bible in one hand and a lynch-rop in the other? As Mark Twain once said:

"Heaven for climate; Hell for company."

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Faith Extra

One of the world's leading atheists now believes in God, more or less

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

NEW YORK — A British philosophy professor who has been a leading champion of atheism for more than a half-century has changed his mind. He now believes in God — more or less — based on scientific evidence, and says so in a video released Thursday.

At age 81, after decades of insisting belief is a mistake, Antony Flew has concluded that some sort of intelligence or first cause must have created the universe. A super-intelligence is the only good explanation for the origin of life and the complexity of nature, Flew said in a telephone interview from England.

Flew said he's best labeled a deist like Thomas Jefferson, whose God was not actively involved in people's lives.

"I'm thinking of a God very different from the God of the Christian and far and away from the God of Islam, because both are depicted as omnipotent Oriental despots, cosmic Saddam Husseins," he said. "It could be a person in the sense of a being that has intelligence and a purpose, I suppose."

Flew first made his mark with the 1950 article "Theology and Falsification," based on a paper for the Socratic Club, a weekly Oxford religious forum led by writer and Christian thinker C.S. Lewis.

Over the years, Flew proclaimed the lack of evidence for God while teaching at Oxford, Aberdeen, Keele, and Reading universities in Britain, in visits to numerous U.S. and Canadian campuses and in books, arti-

cles, lectures and debates.

There was no one moment of change but a gradual conclusion over recent months for Flew, a spry man who still does not believe in an afterlife.

Yet biologists' investigation of DNA "has shown, by the almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements which are needed to produce (life), that intelligence must have been involved," Flew says in the new video, "Has Science Discovered God?"

The video draws from a New York discussion last May organized by author Roy Abraham Varghese's Institute for Metascientific Research in Garland, Texas. Participants were Flew; Varghese; Israeli physicist Gerald Schroeder, an Orthodox Jew; and Roman Catholic philosopher John Haldane of Scotland's University of St. Andrews.

The first hint of Flew's turn was a letter to the August-September issue of Britain's Philosophy Now magazine. "It has become inordinately difficult even to begin to think about constructing a naturalistic theory of the evolution of that first reproducing organism," he wrote.

The letter commended arguments in Schroeder's "The Hidden Face of God" and "The Wonder of the World" by Varghese, an Eastern Rite Catholic layman.

This week, Flew finished writing the first formal account of his new outlook for the introduction to a new edition of his "God and Philosophy," scheduled for release next year by Prometheus Books.

Prometheus specializes in

skeptical thought, but if his belief upsets people, well "that's too bad," Flew said. "My whole life has been guided by the principle of Plato's Socrates: Follow the evidence, wherever it leads."

Last week, Richard Carrier, a writer and Columbia University graduate student, posted new material based on correspondence with Flew on the atheistic www.infidels.org Web page. Carrier assured atheists that Flew accepts only a "minimal God" and believes in no afterlife.

Flew's "name and stature are big. Whenever you hear people talk about atheists, Flew always comes up," Carrier said. Still, when it comes to Flew's reversal, "apart from curiosity, I don't think it's like a big deal."

Flew told The Associated Press his current ideas have some similarity with American "intelligent design" theorists, who see evidence for a guiding force in the construction of the universe. He accepts Darwinian evolution but doubts it can explain the ultimate origins of life.

A Methodist minister's son, Flew became an atheist at 15.

Early in his career, he argued that no conceivable events could constitute proof against God for believers, so skeptics were right to wonder whether the concept of God meant anything at all.

Another landmark was his 1984 "The Presumption of Atheism," playing off the presumption of innocence in criminal law. Flew said the debate over God must begin by presuming atheism, putting the burden of proof on those arguing that God exists.

Minister's Moment

The value of Christmas

by PASTOR JOHN A. BAKER
PRESTONSBURG SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST CHURCH

As I survey the merchandise displays for Christmas, I am astounded at all the glitz and glitter. It seems we find the humble beginnings of this special holiday hard to accept. I have seen everything from Tickle-Me Elmo to G.I. Joe, but none that portrays the serenity or the power of the Nativity scene.

Most children know that Christmas is the biggest birthday party in the world. They don't always know for whom, but lucky for them, they get the gifts. Children want entertainment. They want action. If popular folklore and toy manufacturers had their way, a Nativity play set would have Wise Men with spring action arms and Moroccan swords, and Joseph would have a kung-fu grip and magic staff to protect Mary. Baby Jesus would have 12 changes of clothes and be wear-

ing a crown, all the animals in the barn would run on AA batteries and talk, and Mary would look like Disney's Esmerelda. Additionally, the play set would also have a King Herod action figure whose eyes light up and would serve as the bad guy for this placid scene. Thank goodness we haven't gone there yet.

Years ago, while growing up on a farm in rural Maine, our family had little money for Christmas. In fact, we thought that this particular Christmas the only thing we could afford was to exchange glances. My parents came up with an idea that still today makes my siblings and me smile. Our assignment was to make gifts of "love" for each other. We busied ourselves in the days leading up to Christmas. In that old farmhouse, you could hear the sounds of a saw cutting wood, pans clinking in the kitchen, or smell the wafting scents of someone's delicacies coming out of the oven. We all tackled our gift projects with enthusi-

asm.

On Christmas Day with two feet of snow outside, we huddled around the wood stove and opened our presents. I got a board with two nails in it from my brother. It was intended to be a book holder while you read in bed. My sister got a masterpiece, or at least I thought so. It was a Santa Sleigh made from Popsicle sticks and an over abundance of glue. She wasn't as impressed as I was hoping. My brother was the lucky one, he got cookies from Mom. The other exchanged gifts were just as simple and fun.

It has been 30 years since that "special" Christmas took place. Each decade, we continue to make alterations to those original gifts, and laugh at their simplicity.

This holiday season, take time to make it simple and meaningful, and don't forget whose birthday we gather to honor. If Jesus has but one wish for his birthday, he'd choose you every time.

Gifts

local department stores. The idea is for patrons to choose one of the envelopes and purchase clothing, a pair of shoes and a toy for each one.

"If it's not done, there will a lot of kids who don't get anything for Christmas," she said.

Burns, whose organization provides free medical supplies to the needy year-round, said she is hopeful that all the children will be taken care of. Early

this week, the organization needed donations for 100 children to make that happen.

"It's such a good thing, seeing all those kids get gifts," Burns said. "A lot of these kids, this will probably be their only Christmas."

Santa is scheduled to deliver the gifts on Dec. 18 at the local mall.

"It's really fulfilling to see all the little kids get something,"

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Burns said. "Their eyes light up when they see Santa. That makes it all worthwhile."

Sabrina Hunter, an employee of the Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital, said she enjoys buying gifts for the needy children. She and other staffers at the hospital will provide gifts for about 100 of the children.

"That's what Christmas is all about," she said.

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Deborah Dianne Benton, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, December 1. She is survived by her husband, Jeff Benton. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Russell Burke, 79, of Bevinville, died Monday, December 6, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. He is survived by his wife, Aillene Spears Burke. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Freddie Castle Jr., 68, of Alvaton, formerly of Floyd County, died Sunday, December 5, at the V.A. Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Edith Morgan Castle. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dakota Crum Conn, 84, of Arkansas Creek, Martin, died Tuesday, December 7, at the residence of Woodrow Crum. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ann R. Hackworth, 63, of South Whitley, Indiana, a Prestonsburg native, died Friday, December 3, at the Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, Indiana. She is survived by her husband, Willard Hackworth. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 7, under the direction of DeLaughter-McKee Mortuary, North Manchester Chapel.

Frank Iricks, 66, of Betsy Layne, died Tuesday, December 7, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Georgie Johnson, 59, of Melvin, died Tuesday, December 7, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Vernia Newsome, 83, of Betsy Layne, died Tuesday, December 7, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Carrie (Edna) Rose, 80, of Garrett, died Tuesday,

December 7, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Allie Davidson, 69, of Fisty, died Monday, December 6, at the Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Autry Davidson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Hazel Alta Cantrell Cochran, 84, of Wittensville, died Wednesday, November 24. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 27, with burial in the Johnson County Memorial Cemetery at Staffordsville.

Roger Lee Estep, 63, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Thelma, died Tuesday, November 23. Arrangements were under the direction of Cook & Son - Pally Funeral Home of Columbus, Ohio.

PIKE COUNTY

James Harold Casebolt, 76, of Fords Branch, died Tuesday, December 7, at

Pikeville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Lena Collins Casebolt. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Clifford Collins Jr., 52, of Pikeville, died Monday, December 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Tammie Renae Gannon Collins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 9, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Oscar Compton Jr., 76, of Pikeville, died Sunday, December 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Imogene Justice Compton. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 8, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

L.C. Joseph Hughes, 73, of Grayson, formerly of Sookeys Creek, died Sunday, December 5, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Lois Hughes. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 8, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Draxie M. Johnson, 80, of

Huntington, Indiana, formerly of Virgie, died Friday, December 3, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 7, under the direction of Bailey-Love Mortuary.

Ina Marie Justice, 72, of Shelby Dry Fork, died Monday, December 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Robets Funeral Home.

Robert H. Page, 51, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, December 7, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Tinker Powell Page. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Imogene Ratliff, 83, a resident of Pikeview Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek, died Saturday, December 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 6, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Oscar Reed, 76, of Little Creek, died Monday, December 6, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Chloe Ann Johnson Reed. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December

9, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Bob Runyon, 65, of Pikeville, died Saturday, December 4, at Pikeville Medical Center, the result of a massive heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Montana "Tinker" Saunders Runyon. He donated his body to science to the University of Kentucky.

Mary Lou Runyon, 74, of Pinsonfork, died Monday, December 6, at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Robinson Creek. She is survived by her husband, Bobby Leland Runyon. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 10, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

John S. Sowards Sr., 77, of Pikeville, died Monday, December 6, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 9, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Evelyn Marie Allen Trout, 93, a resident of Pikeville Health Care Center, died Sunday, December 5, at the center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 8, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

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P'burg Junior Basketball on its way to another successful season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg Junior Basketball is off to another good start as the latest season is nearing its one-month mark. Teams entered play in the third week of the season yesterday. Prestonsburg Junior Basketball is under new leadership. Jamie Howell is in his first year directing the league. He takes over for Rick Hughes. The youth basketball league, not restricted to only players from Prestonsburg and Floyd County,

attracts young basketball players from several Eastern Kentucky counties. The league began play on Saturday, Nov. 20 and after a break for the Thanksgiving holiday, resumed play last weekend. Results from yesterday's games were unavailable at press time.

A breakdown of games from the first two weeks of the season follows.

WEEK ONE

Girls' Training League — Red Team 15, Blue Team 4: Haley Howell scored six points — all in

the first quarter — to lead the Blackcats to the win. Allyson DeRossett pitched in five points. DeRossett also scored all five of her points in the first period. Bobbie Lynn Blair and April Crum each had two points. The Red Team raced out to a 15-4 lead in the first quarter and made the lead stick.

For the Blue Team, Kierra Shelton had all four points.

Black Team 15, Green Team 6: Samantha Hall led the Black Team with seven points. Alex Hansford scored six points and

Jess Hall flipped in two.

Katherine Calhoun had all six points for the Green Team.

Boys' Training League — Orange Team 12, Blue Team 10: Austin Burke scored five points and Corey Conley netted four to lead the Orange Team. Adam Castle flipped in two points for the winning team. Tyler Bays scored on a free throw.

Grant Martin and Josh Crider each had four points for the Blue Team. Seth Moore added two points.

Black Team 23, Green Team

18: Shane Hall fired in a game-high 19 points to lead the Black Team to a five-point win over the Green Team. Seaton Hall and Joshua Adkins each had two points.

Braxton Blair and Tate Goble scored six points each for the Green Team. Steve Little and Derek Newsome finished with four and two points, respectively.

JV League — Green Team 12, Red Team 10: Tyler Keens scored eight points and Charlie Joseph netted four to lead the

Green Team to a win over the Red Team. Tyler Sparkman, Austin Newsome, Shawn Burkett and Evan Spradlin all had two points apiece for the Red Team. Catie Burchett and Courtney Shepherd both hit a free throw each for the Red Team.

Blue Team 19, Black Team 13: Shane Hall connected for 10 points and J.D. Adams hit for five, three of which came on a three-pointer as the Blue Team

(See JUNIOR, page five)

Lions pull away from Alice Lloyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Visiting Bryan College held an advantage over host Alice Lloyd in several categories Tuesday night. The Lions held a slim,



Chris Hurt

two-point advantage at halftime, leading 31-29. The Lions outscored Alice Lloyd by a single point in the second half to post a 71-68 victory.



Shannon Akers

In a competitive rebounding battle, Bryan outrebounded Alice Lloyd 47-44. Turnovers hindered Alice Lloyd, severely. Alice Lloyd turned the basketball over 25 times. In contrast, Bryan committed just 13 turnovers.

(See ALICE LLOYD, page two)

Bryan too much for Lady Eagles

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — The host Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles got off to a slow start Tuesday night when Bryan College visited and they never recovered. Bryan jumped out to a



Belicia Mullins

43-21 halftime lead and continued to cruise in the second half, eventually scoring an 85-57 Appalachian Conference victory. Bryan ruled the boards, outrebounding Alice Lloyd 47-31.

For the most part, the home hardwood, rims, and the rest of the Grady Nutt gym proved to provide little in the way of an advantage for the Lady Eagles.

Bryan hit 34-of-72 field goal attempts, but did the most damage on the boards, drawing in 31 defensive rebounds.



Rhonda Adams

Three different Bryan players scored in double figures.

Abigail Snead led the Lady Lions in scoring with 17 points. Sarah Bass scored 15 points and Brittany Swanson added 10.

(See BRYAN, page two)

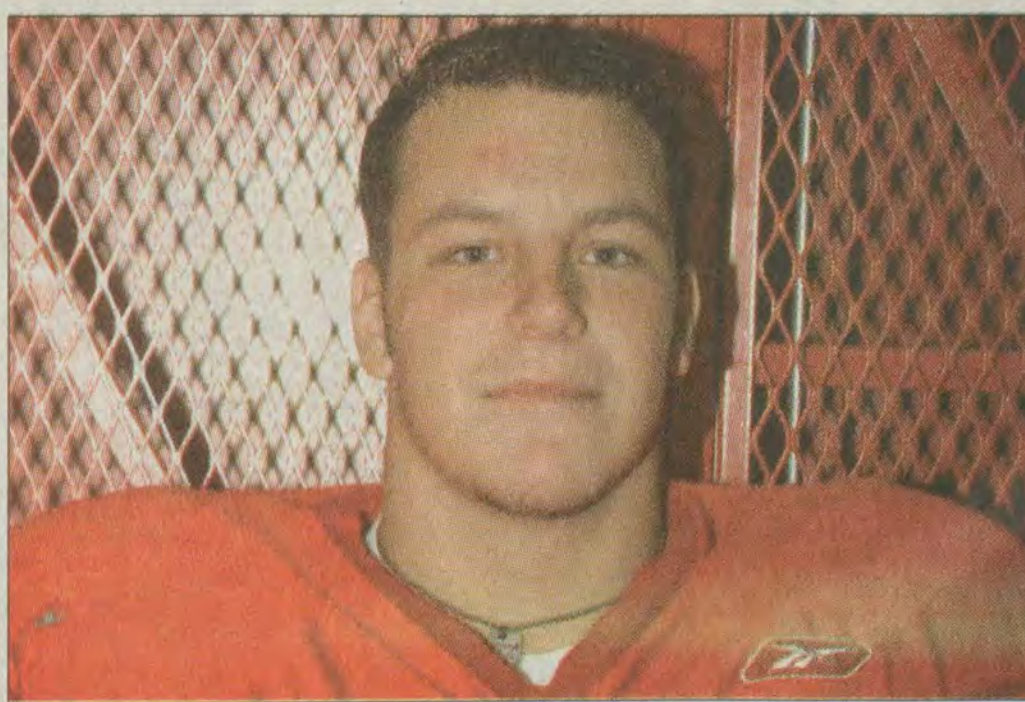
2005 15TH REGION ALL "A" CLASSIC



Betsy Layne captured a third straight 15th Region All "A" Classic title last season. Early in 2005, the Ladycats will look to capture a fourth straight small school state title.

COACHES PRESEASON TOP PLAYERS, TEAMS

GIRLS' TEAMS	GIRLS' PLAYERS	BOYS' TEAMS	BOYS' PLAYERS
1. Betsy Layne	1. Kim Clark, Betsy Layne	1. Shelby Valley	1. Seth Kiser, Shelby Valley
2. Pikeville	2. Becky Thomas, Allen Cent.	2. Sheldon Clark	2. Patrick Tackett, Shelby Valley
3. Paintsville	3. Shawna Howard, Pikeville	3. South Floyd	3. Brandon May, Sheldon Clark
4. Allen Central	4. Ashley Hall, Paintsville	4. Paintsville	4. Burnett Little, South Floyd
5. Shelby Valley	5. Emily Colvin, Pikeville	5. Pikeville	5. Jesse Parrish, Pikeville

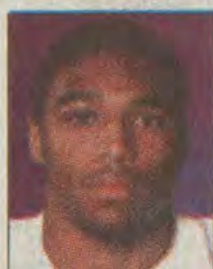


UNDECIDED — Belfry senior running back Doug Howard remains undecided on where he'll attend college. Howard, the Class 2A, Region 4, District 8 Player of the Year, ranks as one of the state's top high school football players.

Woodyard selected for SEC All-Freshman Team

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky linebacker Wesley Woodyard has been chosen for the 2004 SEC All-Freshman Team as selected by league coaches.



Wesley woodyard

Woodyard, a true freshman from LaGrange, Ga., filled numerous roles for the Wildcats this season. He began the campaign at strong safety, then moved to inside linebacker midway through the year when numerous injuries struck the linebackers. He also contributed on special teams, primarily in kick coverage. He totaled 34 tackles, including a season-high eight stops at Mississippi State.

Junior fullback Ronald "Rock" Johnson and sophomore wide receiver Maurice Marchman have asked for releases and plan to transfer, Coach Rich Brooks announced Thursday.

Johnson played in nine games this season. He rushed for 26 yards and one touchdown and also caught three passes for 11 yards. He plans to attend Case-Western Reserve University in his hometown of Cleveland, Ohio, in order to be near his family.

Marchman, who is from Louisville, played in 10 games this season. He caught one pass for 11 yards and also made two tackles on special teams. Tentatively, he plans to transfer to a Division I-AA school.

Kentucky's Sucurovic wins Inspirational Award

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky senior punter Sevin Sucurovic has been chosen as the winner of the second-annual Wyndham New Orleans Bowl Inspirational Award.

Sucurovic (pronounced "su-CUR-ovich") will receive the award at the official bowl luncheon on Monday. The Wyndham New Orleans Bowl, featuring North Texas vs. Southern Mississippi, will be played Tuesday.

The award is presented to a football student-athlete from a Division I-A school who has achieved academic and intercollegiate success and demonstrated superior perseverance. Nominees must have overcome physical and/or emotional hardship directly or indirectly through immediate family members. Nominees also must show leadership on their team, on campus, and within their conference. Last year's honoree



S. Sucurovic

(See AWARD, page two)

North Star: Schultz newest Lady Bear

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Still a couple of months from beginning his third season as head coach of the Pikeville College softball team, Coach Robert Staggs has already started working on his fourth team.

Kadi Schultz, a senior at Pickerington High School North in Ohio, signed a scholarship agreement with Pikeville College to continue her playing and academic career.

Schultz, a first baseman/pitcher, was a member of the district and regional champions last year, leading the team with a .412 average during postseason play as the team advanced to the Final Four.

(See SCHULTZ, page two)

Hard-running Dillon faces former team

by HOWARD ULMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBORO, Mass. — Corey Dillon learned coach Bill Belichick's system quickly: hit the open holes and keep your mouth shut.

The New England Patriots' star running back politely declined to talk about facing the team he was happy to leave, the Cincinnati Bengals. Teammates who did speak about his attitude toward Sunday's game didn't say much more.

"I have no idea. Go up and ask him," tight end Christian Fauria said. "I'm sure he'll give you a great answer, probably a company answer."

Belichick, the head of the company, doesn't like his players to focus on individual issues like Dillon vs. Cincinnati. They follow his advice off and on the field and can clinch a playoff berth by beating the Bengals. They also can wrap up the AFC East title with a win and a loss by the

New York Jets to Pittsburgh.

But Belichick can't control the Bengals' comments, and wide receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh knows it's not just another game for Dillon, one of his closest friends when they were teammates.

"I know he's excited to play, just from talking to him" after last Sunday's games, Houshmandzadeh said. "He wanted out of here, but he felt like they got rid of him."

The Patriots are 11-1 and Dillon has been a major part of their success since spending seven seasons in Cincinnati, where he often was at odds with management.

"I failed to win Corey over, to be totally committed to being a Cincinnati Bengal. That's my fault. Other than

that, I have no regrets," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "Corey is there now and let's leave it at that."

Dillon is fourth in the NFL with 1,221 yards rushing and probably will break his season high of 1,435 in 2000, a Bengals team record. But they don't miss him because Rudi Johnson has rushed for 1,105 yards and can break Dillon's team mark.

With the second-round draft pick it obtained for Dillon, Cincinnati picked up free safety Madiou Williams, who is its fourth leading tackler and has three interceptions.

"He has been tremendous," Lewis said. "It was a great deal for both teams."

The Bengals (6-6) are back in the playoff race after winning four of their last five games. Last Sunday, they rallied from a 20-3 deficit after three quarters for a 27-26 win at Baltimore, their first road victory over a winning team in 14 years.

"It will give us a little boost this week going into this game, giving us some confidence going up against one of the top teams in the league," quarterback Carson Palmer said.

Belichick has reminded his players that they lost to the Bengals 31-3 this year in a pre-season game.

"We all remember it very well. They really gave it to us last time," tight end Daniel Graham said. "We try to win all our games, preseason or not."

But Palmer doesn't think that matters because both teams have changed since then. "I think coach Belichick is really just using that as a motivational thing," Palmer said. "You have to find something when you have won 17 (straight) games at home and won so many games over the

past couple of years."

Belichick also has emphasized the Bengals' ability to force fumbles, 31 so far.

"A lot of times the ball just doesn't land on the ground," he said. "They pull it out and it flies 10-15 yards away from the runner. They are very aware of it and they do a good job."

They also make big passing plays with receivers Chad Johnson and Houshmandzadeh. And starting Patriots cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole are both expected to remain sidelined.

"These guys make big plays in every game," Belichick said. "It's no one-game wonder. (Kelley) Washington, you need to throw him right in there too, because he makes a lot of plays."

But the Patriots have scored first in their last 17 games and have won 26 of their last 27. The Super Bowl champs even can clinch a playoff berth with a loss if Baltimore or Denver loses or Pittsburgh beats the Jets.

Reaching the postseason would be a first for Dillon, whose best record with Cincinnati was 8-8. He complained about his lack of carries last season but, since the trade, has stressed that winning games is more important.

In last Sunday's 42-15 win at Cleveland he rushed for 100 yards, the seventh time he's had at least 100 in his last eight games. Afterward, he made it clear he would not be talking about facing his old team.

"No Cincinnati questions," Dillon said. "I'm not worried about that. It is what it is."

For Cincinnati, it's simply about stopping one of the NFL's best runners.

"We know what style of runner he is," Bengals safety Kevin Kaesviharn said. "We know what we're getting into with him. I think it's to our advantage that we know him so well."

Strayer's heroics carry Lady Eagles to first win of season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State snapped its nine-game losing streak by slipping past visiting Charleston Southern on Thursday night in Morehead, 51-50. It was the fewest points MSU scored in a winning effort since also tallying 51 versus Eastern Kentucky on February 4, 1984.

First-year guard Stacey Strayer (Germantown, Ohio/Valley View HS) hit a three-pointer with 1:40 left in the game to break a 45-45 tie. The reigning Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Week then made both ends of a one-plus-one trip to the free throw line with 12 seconds remaining to secure the Lady Eagles' victory.

The score was close throughout a first half which featured six ties, with neither team able to take larger than a four-point lead. Morehead State (1-5) took a 20-16 edge into the locker room, the first time this season that the Lady Eagles led at the break. Both teams struggled with their shooting in the opening stanza, but featured solid defense,

finishing the first half with a combined 11 blocks and nine steals.

Charleston Southern (2-3) knotted the score at 24 with 17:27 remaining in the game and was gradually able to pull into the lead. Trailing by as many as seven points (45-38) with 4:52 to play, the Lady Eagles' defense stifled CSU down the stretch. MSU tied the

score at 45 with 2:25 to play, setting up Strayer's last-minute heroics.

The visitors actually had a chance to tie the score in the waning seconds. Down by four with six seconds to play, LaKeshia Bryant was fouled

on a layup attempt and made the first of two free throws. She got her own rebound, but the Lady Buccaneers did not take

a three-pointer and settled for a layup, cutting the margin to one point as the buzzer went off.

MSU senior center Shelly Johnson (Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada/General Amherst HS) collected her second double-double of the year with 10 points and 4 rebounds, and moved into second place on the school's career blocked shot list with ix on the night. Junior guard/forward TaNeisha Johnson (Shelbyville/Shelby County HS) chipped in 10 points to tie for team-high honors in scoring. Strayer finished with seven points and four assists, while earning her first career start.

Charleston Southern was led by Amanda Ekberg, who finished with 13 points and eight rebounds. Bryant chipped in 12 points, seven rebounds, three assists and two steals. Erica McCoy tied Ekberg for team-high honors in rebounds with eight.

Morehead State won the game, despite being out-rebounded (49 to 42) and collecting fewer steals (11 to eight). The Lady Eagles committed just eight fouls and had a season low with just 17 turnovers. Both teams struggled with their shooting. MSU hit just 32.3

percent from the field, but only 17.6 percent from three-point range, while CSU converted just 31.3 percent of its attempts from the floor. The Lady Bucs also only hit 62.5 percent of their free throw attempts.

MSU returns to action with the final contest of a two-game homestand today with Pikeville College at 2 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
New England	11	1	.917	330	189
N.Y. Jets	9	3	.750	254	175
Buffalo	6	6	.500	260	224
Miami	2	10	.167	196	269

South

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	9	3	.750	431	263
Jacksonville	6	6	.500	198	225
Houston	5	7	.417	236	289
Tennessee	4	8	.333	231	294

North

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	11	1	.917	273	184
Baltimore	7	5	.583	233	191
Cincinnati	6	6	.500	268	272
Cleveland	3	9	.250	240	308

West

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	9	3	.750	339	238
Denver	7	5	.583	274	212
Kansas City	4	8	.333	341	326
Oakland	4	8	.333	234	328

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
x-Philadelphia	11	1	.917	340	181
N.Y. Giants	5	7	.417	209	230
Dallas	5	7	.417	236	328
Washington	4	8	.333	169	201

South

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	9	3	.750	232	242
Carolina	5	7	.417	249	257
Tampa Bay	5	7	.417	233	203
New Orleans	4	8	.333	253	344

North

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	5	.583	318	294
Minnesota	7	5	.583	305	286
Detroit	5	7	.417	218	269
Chicago	5	7	.417	196	235

West

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	6	6	.500	253	305
Seattle	6	6	.500	278	266
Arizona	4	8	.333	192	253
San Francisco	1	11	.083	198	336

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Sunday's Games

Oakland at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at New England, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 4:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's Game

Kansas City at Tennessee, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 18

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 1:30 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 5 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.
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Houston at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Tennessee at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Indianapolis, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 20

New England at Miami, 9 p.m.

Palmer emerges as up-and-coming QB

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Two games, seven touchdown passes, a pair of scintillating fourth-quarter comebacks. The numbers and the drama suggest that Carson Palmer is starting to get it.

Right on schedule. The fledgling quarterback is starting to look like a passer who can carry a franchise — in this case, the NFL's worst.

Palmer has led the Cincinnati Bengals (6-6) to 85 points and two wins in the last two weeks, moving them to the fringe of playoff consideration.

Something's going on.

"I have seen Carson mature in every game," said offensive tackle Willie Anderson, who has seen a host of quarterbacks flop in Cincinnati. "It's the natural process of the more you play, the better you get. That's pretty much all you can ask for."

Coach Marvin Lewis knew it would take time for the Heisman Trophy winner and No. 1 overall pick to get this far. Palmer didn't take a snap in his rookie season, watching while Jon Kitna lead the Bengals to an 8-8 finish and won the league's comeback player of the year award.

Lewis elevated Palmer once the season ended, prepared to accept his growing pains. Palmer went through plenty during Cincinnati's 1-4 start, getting little help from a struggling defense and an injury-riddled offensive line.

Now, it's all starting to come together.

"I think (Ben) Roethlisberger is kind of set apart from everybody else," Palmer said, referring to Pittsburgh's rookie quarterback.

"It seems like with all quarterbacks, it really takes them awhile to get in the groove. I know it's taken me awhile. I wouldn't say I'm comfortable out there, but I'm starting to get there more and more."

He's arriving at the right time. The good ones tend to emerge late in their rookie seasons. They've seen all of the tricks a defense can throw at them and learned how to react.

In 1998, rookie Peyton Manning threw 16 touchdown passes and 22 interceptions in his first 11 games. Then, he began to get the hang of it — 10 touchdowns and only six interceptions in the final five games.

It was the start of something big. Manning threw 26 touchdowns and only 15 interceptions the next season, showing he'd learned a lot from his rookie mistakes.

So far, Palmer is following a similar timetable. He threw for seven touchdowns and 12 interceptions in the first nine games, operating a low-risk game plan designed to take the pressure off of him.

Palmer has opened it up in the last three games, throwing for nine touchdowns and five interceptions. He was chosen the AFC's offensive player of the week for his amazing comeback in Baltimore last Sunday.

Excluding two clock-stopping spikes, Palmer completed 13 of his last 14 passes for 215 yards and three touchdowns, rallying the Bengals from a 20-3 deficit against one of the league's stingiest defenses.

The best sign of what's afoot: Palmer threw 10 passes to Chad Johnson and 10 to T.J. Houshmandzadeh, who combined for 332 yards. Instead of

forcing throws, the rookie stayed calm and found the open guy.

"He has continued to gain the confidence that people will be where they are supposed to be," Lewis said. "Playing quarterback, the main thing is to be in sync with everybody else and be coordinated. I think we have seen that in his development."

Earlier in the season, Palmer would take a sack — he was dropped 19 times in the first seven games, only six times in the last five. Or, he'd force a throw to Johnson even when he was covered.

No more. Houshmandzadeh has 14 catches for 250 yards in the last two games, an indication that Palmer has learned what to do when Johnson is drawing a crowd.

"It's more than anything Carson feeling comfortable with me," Houshmandzadeh said. "He had a natural comfort level with Chad. He just had to get comfortable with me. I hope it stays."

Palmer doesn't feel totally comfortable with all that's going on around him. Things still seem to happen fast when the ball is snapped, but he's keeping up much better.

"It hasn't slowed down really at all," Palmer said. "But I think the more you're in certain situations, the more blitzes you see, the more times you see a certain coverage, you start to pick things up and figure things out."

"But I don't know. I don't know what Peyton sees out there, but it must be really slow for him."

Or, maybe he's just able to set a fast pace.

That's one thing left for Palmer to figure out.

Pollack wins Lombardi Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia defensive end David Pollack was named the 2004 winner of the Lombardi Award on Wednesday as the nation's most outstanding lineman.

The award was presented at the 35th Rotary Lombardi Award Dinner in Houston, Texas. Pollack won the award over a strong list of finalists, including Wisconsin's Erasmus James, Texas' Derrick Johnson and Southern Cal's Shaun Cody.

Pollack is the first Bulldog to win the Lombardi Award.

Pollack has earned 2004 All-America status from the American Football Coaches Association, The Sporting News and SI.com. Pollack and Herschel Walker are Georgia's only three-time First-Team

All-Americans. Pollack was named the Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Year by The Associated Press and the league's coaches as well as First-Team All-SEC by both groups.

The senior from Snellville has posted 48 tackles this season, including 9.5 sacks and 14.5 tackles for loss. Pollack is Georgia's career leader in sacks with 33, and he can add to his total at the Outback Bowl. Georgia will face Wisconsin in the Tampa, Fla., bowl on New Year's Day.

Pollack is also a finalist for the Bednarik (outstanding defensive player) and Lott (achievement on and off the field) awards. Additionally, Pollack has a chance to win the Ted Hendricks Award for the second straight year as the nation's top defensive end.

Louisville player out 3-5 weeks

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville senior forward Otis George will be out of action for the next 3-5 weeks with a pre-stress fracture in his right foot.

"We hope to have Otis back by the start of our conference play," said U of L Coach Rick Pitino. "This puts a lot of stress on an already undermanned front court. With no proven front court substitutes, we now have no choice but to play four or five guards on

occasion. We hope to become the best 6-5 and under team in college basketball at certain times. We'll make the best of it."

George sustained the injury in practice on Nov. 28. He is the Cardinals' second leading rebounder, averaging 6.5 rebound and 8.0 points. The 6-8 senior from Roseau, Minn., is the Cardinals' best interior defender and has brought an abundance of energy off the bench, averaging 23 minutes of action in U of L's first four games.



Otis George

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State's otter population back from the edge, booming

by STEVE VANTRESE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Kentuckians now are trapping and hunting for a species that a few years ago was thought to have vanished from the state into history. River otters are making a comeback, especially in the water-wealthy western end of Kentucky, considering that a wild population was not even known to exist in the commonwealth a little over two decades ago.

The aquatic carnivores, members of the family to which weasel, mink and badgers to related, are Kentucky natives that declined markedly in the late 1800s and early 1900s from

degraded habitat and unregulated taking by trap and gun.

The sleek, chocolate brown, swimming torpedoes — each up to 30 pounds of fish-eating furbearer — were stocked to a limited extent in habitats of what was then the Tennessee Valley Authority's Land Between the Lakes in 1983. When biologists monitored the released otters, they discovered an existing population that proved to be already in the midst of a resurgence.

With otters coming back on their own in the west, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources released other otters in portions of central and eastern Kentucky 1991-94 to sow seeds of a rebound there.

In recent years, west Kentucky's otters have boomed, biologists say — enough that this furbearer season marks the first of modern times in which hunters and trappers in the 13 westernmost counties can take otters. There is a season limit of five per hunter or trapper in the western zone.

"In the west, the population of otters is extremely healthy. It's pretty much exploded," said Mark Cramer, a state fish and wildlife biologist. "A conservative harvest, especially now that we have so few trappers in the state, is not going to hurt that population."

Cramer said the hunting and trapping of otters in the west was not established because of

complaints, but there have been some problems with growing otter numbers reported.

He said the ability to remove some otters may be a comfort for those who have encountered them as a nuisance in removing fish from aquaculture and farm ponds and from taking up residence around marinas and soiling boats in reservoir facilities.

Meanwhile, otter numbers are increasing at a steady clip in the "restoration zone" of Kentucky, which is the remainder of the commonwealth east of the 13-county western harvest region.

"There are reasonable expectations that we will have a population there that can support a

harvest in the foreseeable future," Cramer said.

Jim Lane, also a state biologist, said the eastern restoration zone for otters has gone from essentially no animals to thousands of them since stocking took place and those released animals began to multiply on their own.

"The model that we have now, based on what's known about reproduction rates and the kind of habitat we've got, suggests that this year we have about 10,500 otters throughout the restoration zone," Lane said. "That's growing exponentially, and we expect it to be up around 16,000 by 2006."

"The otter population in what's now our harvest zone in

the west has been established for so much longer — they really were always there — that it's had a jump start on the rest of the state," Lane said. "But in the east the population continues to grow and it probably will become a harvestable population."

Lane said the rebound of otters may reflect in part improved water quality from environmental controls. Too, it may go hand in hand with the repopulation of Kentucky habitats by beavers.

"Beavers actually create more otter habitat by damming and expanding wetlands," Lane said. "About all otters have to have is some kind of water a stream or a lake or even farm pond and food as fish and crawfish."

Evernham signs Crocker to development program

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

STATESVILLE, N.C. — Evernham Motorsports has signed sprint-car star Erin Crocker to a development deal that will allow the young female driver to compete next year in the Silver Crown, ARCA and NASCAR Busch Series.

Crocker, the first female to win a World of Outlaws race, caught the attention of Ray Evernham and Raybestos Rookie of the Year Kasey Kahne for her performance in open wheel racing.

Evernham Motorsports partnered with Kasey Kahne Motorsports and has signed Crocker to an agreement that involves her running the Silver Crown Series in a Kasey Kahne Motorsports car, along with three Busch races and three ARCA races in an Evernham Dodge. Sponsors for the program have not yet been announced.

"This is like a dream come true," Crocker said. "When Ray Evernham called, I was considering several options. But once that phone rang, my mind was made up. It is an unbelievable opportunity to race for him — if you consider what he done with other rookies such as Jeff Gordon and Kasey Kahne. This is a chance for me to learn as much as I can, in several different types of cars, from the best in the business. I get to race with a team that focuses on innovation and inspiration, and drive for a leader who puts teamwork, engineering and technology first. It's absolutely incredible."

Crocker, who grew up in Wilbraham, Mass., in a racing family, ran her first event — a quarter midget race — at age 7.

She soon progressed through the ranks of open wheel racing, collecting awards at every level. Crocker also graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, N.Y., in the spring of 2003 with a bachelor's degree in Industrial and Management Engineering. Last season, she competed in the World of Outlaw series in 410 winged sprint cars for Woodring Racing. She won a race at Tulare, Calif., and brought home the "410 Wild Card" award, previously won by Jeff Gordon and Kasey Kahne.

"We're thrilled to sign a driver with Erin's talents to Evernham Motorsports," said Ray Evernham, president and CEO of Evernham Motorsports. "I'm a big fan of open wheel racing and the talented drivers who come out of those series. I'm always watching the sprint car and Silver Crown series because it's exciting racing, but it's also a great place to find talented, young drivers."

Evernham said the addition of Crocker furthers his team's efforts to diversify. "We believe that NASCAR and all forms of racing should be open to everyone, whether you want to drive the car or work on the team. This is part of our ongoing growth initiative — we not only want to win the NASCAR Nextel Cup championship but we want to provide opportunities and help people succeed at all levels."

Both Kahne and Evernham agree that Crocker is the "real deal" with the talent to win races.

"I've seen her out-run the guys I used to compete against, so I know she's got talent and confidence," said Kahne, driver

of the No. 9 Dodge Dealers/UAW Dodge in the Nextel Cup Series. "She really knows how to handle a race car, and I think she's going to be great in every series in which she competes."

Hermie Sadler set to sell Busch Series team

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — SCORE Motorsports, owned by Hermie Sadler and former NBA player Bryant Stith, has announced that it will sell its NASCAR Busch Series team. Sadler and Stith will continue to field a Nextel Cup Series team and a Late Model Stock Car team as part of the Drive For Diversity program in 2005.

"We have been unable to find the type of funding we need to grow the Busch team," Sadler said. "We have looked at many options, including joining forces with another team and also participating in a driver development program."

"At the end of the day, our best option is to sell the Busch Series team to someone who can continue to grow it and for us to focus our attention on the Nextel Cup team. We will have an announcement on our Nextel Cup Series team in the next three weeks."

The Busch Series team consists of several complete race cars, engines and many parts and pieces.

The SCORE Motorsports Busch Series team is 25th in owner's points headed into the 2005 season.

Kentucky Afield: A Christmas Gift That Gives All Year

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — What other Christmas gift can you find for \$5 that gives all year? The Kentucky Afield magazine is that gift. A yearly subscription only costs \$5 and includes four issues of Kentucky Afield magazine plus the popular calendar issue.

A two-year subscription only costs \$9 and includes eight issues of Kentucky Afield magazine and two of the popular calendar issues. Few gifts under \$10 can bring someone satisfaction for two years, but a gift subscription to Kentucky Afield does just that.

Kentucky Afield gives readers insight into Kentucky's best white-tailed deer hunting areas, the best places to crappie fish, the best smallmouth bass streams in Kentucky plus news on new regulations and newly acquired public hunting and fishing lands.

Kentucky Afield's articles also explain developments important to all outdoors enthusiasts such as the restoration of peregrine falcons in Kentucky, the clean-up of polluted trout streams or the status of black bears in Kentucky. Practical articles on the health benefits of venison or how to deer hunt on a budget are also

contained in Kentucky Afield.

At \$5 for one year or \$9 for two years, Kentucky Afield is a bargain for all of the pertinent information inside each issue. Most outdoor magazine subscriptions cost \$15 to \$25 for a year and aren't dedicated to Kentucky. However, Kentucky Afield is the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. The information in Kentucky Afield is straight from the horse's mouth.

Subscribe to Kentucky Afield on the internet at <http://fw.ky.gov/subscribe.asp> or by calling 1-800-858-1549.

Floyd Chapter of NWTFF wrapping up successful year

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Right now, the Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is making plans for its 4th Annual Super Fund Membership Banquet. The banquet is scheduled to be held at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005.

"It is being held earlier this year due to scheduling," said Paul Robinson, Treasurer of the Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. "The Convention Center is book up through June. We are hoping February

is a good time for those of us who develop cabin fever when the fishing slows down and there is no hunting season for the Wild Turkey."

"The Floyd County Chapter of the NWTFF has had a great year thanks to all of our supporters in Floyd County and surrounding areas. We begin the year with a turkey-hunting seminar in the spring followed by a chapter sponsored youth wild turkey hunt, we hope to do this again this year. Our 2004 Super Fund Membership Banquet was very successful with our community helping us raise much needed funds for our many conservation

projects. Much of these funds go to scholarships in our local high schools, for Archery in Schools Programs, and many youth events such as our Jakes Day event."

Any one interested in any of the Floyd NWTFF projects can attend club meetings the first Thursday of each month. Club meetings are held at Martin City Hall at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Robinson by calling 606/874-2701.

"Take a youngster hunting or fishing — you will be glad you did," Robinson added. "We would like to wish every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Two new state park courses deemed among nation's best

by MARK R. CHELGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Two of Kentucky's newest state park golf courses are among the best new affordable courses in the land, according to Golf Digest magazine.

The January 2005 issue will include Hidden Cove Golf Course at Grayson Lake State Park as the fourth best in the category and Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park Golf Course at No. 6.

Golf Digest annually rates the hundreds of new courses that open across the United States in three general categories — best affordable public course, best upscale public course and best private course.

A spokesman for the magazine said he knew of no other instance in which two public courses from the same state have received similar recognition in the same year.

Golf Digest defines affordable courses as those with greens fees of less than \$50.

Both Kentucky courses fall well under that threshold. Greens fees are \$30 on weekends and \$25 weekdays, and

another \$11 hires a cart for the round during high season. During the winter, rates drop at both courses.

The recognition is a big deal among golfers and a potential windfall for the courses as some traveling golfers go out of their way to play the best new courses.

Parks Commissioner George Ward said the interest in Wasoto Winds course at Pine Mountain State Park rose dramatically when it received a similar designation from the magazine in 2003.

"It definitely attracts people," Ward said.

In the case of the Kentucky courses, they'll have to go out of their way. Neither of the two top-ranked courses are terribly convenient, though Grayson Lake is not far off Interstate 64 in Carter County in eastern Kentucky. Dale Hollow is tucked south of Burkesville nearly on the Tennessee line and not near any major highway.

The two are part of a renewed effort by the parks system to latch onto the lucrative golf market. Five new courses have been built in recent years, making a total of 13 champi-

onship 18-hole courses and another six nine-hole tracks.

"It really validates the golf courses," said Dan Strohmeier, the parks department director of golf.

The most famous public golf trail is in Alabama, where a public retirement system engaged designer Robert Trent Jones to design a series of courses that have won critical and public acclaim. Tennessee is trying a similar track with Jack Nicklaus as the marquee designer.

Kentucky went with a rather less famous designer, Brian Ault, but the Golf Digest notice proves that a big name isn't necessarily needed for big recognition.

The state spent \$5.8 million building the Grayson course and \$7.8 million on Dale Hollow.

Both tracks wind through heavy woods, with Grayson going 7,155 yards from the back tees to a par of 72 and Dale Hollow traversing 7,023 yards for par 72. The state lists the yardages for both courses slightly longer.

Ault, who works out of Maryland, could not be reached for comment about his creations on Wednesday. He was out golfing.



Jacob Prater went up for a shot this past week during a road game against McDowell.



photos by Steve LeMaster



During a season-opening win over South Floyd, Johnson Central junior Tyler Whitaker (dribbling) and Golden Eagle senior Josh Stapleton (5) each played key roles.

Junior

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beat the Black Team. Tyler Shelton and Seaton Hall both had two points for the winning team.

Wesley Robinson led the Black Team in scoring with five points. Kain Collins netted four points, while Lucas Stewart and Elaina Calhoun flipped in two apiece.

Varsity - Blue Team 57, Red Team 17: The Blue Team scored early and often in a runaway win over the Red Team. Four different players scored 10 or more points for the Blue Team. Linsey Fields led the Blue Team with a game-high 17 points. Zak Key netted 12 points and Josh Head and Wes Hall scored 10 apiece. Matt Crum scored five points and Alexis DeRossett chipped in three.

Tommy Bray scored a team-high eight points for the Red Team. Kyle Gearheart scored four points and Austin Ward

added three. Scotty Morgan scored two points.

Blue Team 34, Black Team 30: In a balanced scoring effort, Josh Head hit for 14 points, Lindsey Fields scored 10 and Alexis DeRossett added five to lead the Blue Team. Zak Key and Matt Crum both had two points for the Blue squad.

Austin McKinney scored a game-high 17 points for the Black Team. Brad Stanley scored seven points and D.J. Ousley netted six.

WEEK TWO

Pee Wee League - Orange Team 5, Green Team 2: Nick Rowe scored three points and Scott Stapleton scored two as the Orange Team held on for the win.

Blue Team 10, Red Team 5: For the Blue Team, Bailey Slone scored eight points and Thomas Ross flipped in two.

Gold Team 6, Black Team 2:

Dylan Slone, Mason Blair and Jarrett Blair all had two points to lead the Gold Team to the victory. For the Black Team, Tate Green and Kat Johnson both scored on a free throw.

Boys' Training League - Black Team 34, Gold Team 11: Shane Hall scored 13 points, Seaton Hall netted 11 and Joey Adkins scored 10 to lead the Black Team to the win. Hunter Brown paced the Gold Team with five points. Owen Caudill, C.J. Ousley and Chris Fitch had two apiece for the Gold Team.

Green Team 16, Blue Team 9: Tate Goble scored a game-high eight points and two teammates, Derik Newsome and Braxton Blair, scored four apiece to lead the Green Team.

Grant Martin had five points for the Blue Team. Cody Hackworth and Jordan Ray had two apiece for the Blue squad.

Orange Team 11, Red Team

8: Aaron Foley scored six points and Corey Conley netted five to lead the Orange Team to a win.

Madison Wright had all eight points for the Red Team.

Girls' Training League - Red Team 9, Green Team 4: April Crum scored a game-high four points and Allyson DeRossett added three as the Red Team posted the win.

Taylor Hackworth and Taylor Crawford both added one point on successful individual free throws.

Shantel Collins and Christian Lafferty had two points apiece for the Green Team.

Black Team 11, Blue Team 5: Alex Hansford scored nine points and Samantha Hall flipped in two points for the Black Team. Kierra Shelton had all five points for the Blue Team.

JV League - Red Team 14, Black Team 6: Adam Crisp and

Cassie Burchett scored four points each and teammates Tyler Sparkman, Shawn Burkett and Evan Spradlin had two apiece to lead the Red Team to the win.

Lucas Stewart, Wesley Robinson and Rebekah Potter had two points apiece for the Black Team.

Blue Team 11, Green Team 7: Shane Hall scored nine points and Seaton Hall contributed two more as the Blue Team led 8-5 at halftime and went on for the win.

Tyler Keens had four points for the Green Team and Charlie Joseph chipped in three.

Varsity - Black Team 28, Red Team 24: Austin McKinney scored a game-high 15 points and D.J. Ousley added 13 to lead the Black Team to a hard-fought victory over the Red Team.

Eight different players scored for the Red Team. Austin Ward led the Red Team with six

points. Kyle Gearheart and Tommy Bray each had four points for the Red Team. Billy Robinson and Scotty Morgan each had three points. Jon Hackworth scored two points. Nikki Bradley and Tosha Wallen each made good on individual free throws.

Blue Team 42, Red Team 20: Josh Head and Wes Hall each scored 11 points to lead the Blue Team to a victory over the Red Team.

Matt Crum added eight points for the Blue Team. Linsey Fields and Zak Key scored four apiece and Alexis DeRossett added three. Julie Compton scored on a free throw.

Austin Ward led the Red Team with five points. Tommy Bray scored four points and Nikki Bradley added three. Billy Robinson, Jon Hackworth, Kyle Gearheart and Tosha Wallen all had two each.

K. Earnhardt gets jump on '05 with Talladega test

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TALLADEGA, Ala. - Kerry Earnhardt has made four NASCAR Nextel Cup Series starts, more than 60 NASCAR Busch Series starts, gathered a handful of wins from the ARCA RE/MAX Series and logged countless tests on numerous tracks. But he had not tested a NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series machine until this week at Talladega Superspeedway.

Earnhardt tested Wednesday with Craftsman Truck Series drivers Dennis Setzer, David Starr, Jack Sprague, Ken Weaver and Shawn Murphy. Also joining them was Hendrick Motorsports development driver and 2004 ARCA RE/MAX Series Talladega winner Blake Feese.

"This is my first time in a truck, ever. We were about a second faster than everybody and we thought we were pretty good," Earnhardt said, then laughed. "Then we found out our springs were too soft in the rear. So we are changing that out

and about to get back out there."

Earnhardt, 34, the eldest son of Talladega Superspeedway's top winner Dale Earnhardt, will drive the No. 15 Chevrolet owned by Billy Ballew in the Craftsman Truck Series next year. The team hopes to run a full season, but is still working on sponsorships, Earnhardt said. Dale Earnhardt Inc. will supply the team with engines, as it did last year when Shane Hmiel brought his first victory in Las Vegas.

Although the Truck Series does not compete at Talladega, Earnhardt said fans can expect to see him behind the wheel of the No. 33 Bass Pro Shops Chevrolet owned by Richard Childress again here in 2005. Childress, who found unparalleled success as team owner for Earnhardt's late father, fielded the cars in both Talladega events last year, and Earnhardt said they plan to work with the sponsor to do it again next year. He also expects to be in the car at Daytona, he added.

"I always look forward to racing here and working with

Richard Childress," Earnhardt said. "It's a lot of fun racing the superspeedway races and working the draft. Speedway racing in the family has been pretty big with dad and Dale Jr. I've done pretty well with the people and equipment I have got with Richard Childress Racing. I just have got to get the opportunity to stay out of trouble and finish races."

Earnhardt said the support given to his family by fans at Talladega is especially encouraging and only adds to the excitement of racing here.

"It seems like there's a lot more support here at Talladega. I guess Dad built up a pretty big fan base around Talladega and had a lot of fun. I remember the time he was out pulling people over on the highway and giving them tickets to the race and stuff like that. He had a lot of fun," Earnhardt said.

"The fans really got into the Earnhardt family and supporting us. You see it every weekend with Dale, Jr. - the fans just going crazy for him. What races that we've run - our introduc-

tions have been pretty big with a lot of response back from the fans. I love the fans and I enjoy doing autograph sessions, visiting with the fans and talking to them one-on-one, making a lot of new friends. I really appreciate them for their support."

"I just think this is going to be a great opportunity for me," Earnhardt said. "We've got DEI committed to do the engines for us. Richie Wauters (crew chief) is pretty smart with this truck series and our equipment is nice. They keep their stuff in top shape and clean. Maybe we can make it grow into something more than just a one year or couple-year deal, maybe do some Busch races with this team or some other team."

In the meantime, Earnhardt is continuing to work with Ballew in seeking sponsorship for the truck team and testing in preparation for the season opener in Daytona and expects to be back at Talladega soon testing with Childress, readying for his limited 2005 Nextel Cup Series schedule.

Yates, CitiFinancial plan 19 Busch races in 2005

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CitiFinancial will expand its partnership with Robert Yates Racing by sponsoring 19 NASCAR Busch Series races for the team in 2005 - the first time the company has taken the primary sponsorship in NASCAR.

CitiFinancial will continue the associate sponsorship deals that it initiated this year with RYR on its No. 88 UPS Ford and No. 38 M&M Ford, which compete in the NASCAR Nextel Cup.

"We're excited about taking this great partnership with Robert Yates Racing and NASCAR to the next level," said Kevin Kessinger, Executive Vice President of Citigroup's Global Consumer Group and President of Consumer Finance North America. "This is a big step for CitiFinancial, and we couldn't be happier that we're taking it with these exceptional organizations."

Dale Jarrett and Elliott Sadler will share seat time in the CitiFinancial car, which will

make its debut on Feb. 26 at California Speedway. The 19-race deal also includes NASCAR's debut in Mexico, where the Banamex logo will be added to the CitiFinancial car for the March 6 event at the historic Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez road course.

"We could not be more pleased to enhance this relationship," said Harry Goff, President and CEO of CitiFinancial. "Many of us at CitiFinancial - our employees and our customers - are huge NASCAR fans. The first year of our partnership was a tremendous success, and we look forward to a long relationship with Robert Yates Racing and this great sport."

"We are excited to be a part of CitiFinancial's first ever primary sponsorship and proud to be associated with a company that values teams on and off the track," said Robert Yates, owner of Robert Yates Racing. "Together we make a very successful team."



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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.

Russia s Mikoyan gave his health as a reason for his resignation. A fellow usually gets concerned about his health when he feels the muzzle of a .45 pressing at the cross of his galluses.

COUNT ME!
 The Census Bureau is doing a survey this month on farm work, hunting and fishing, and they haven't included me in the study for some obscure reason. They may leave off the work and the hunting (which at my age smacks of work), but if I am left out of this fishing census I shall write my congressman, so help me. Especially since they ask only how many in the family fished this year, their ages and how often, and didn't get nosy and want to know how many we caught.



Norman Allen

One of the best-known dogs in these parts lies on a nearby desk, pounding his ear. I hereby salute that unknown genius who advised, "Let sleeping dogs lie." He may sleep all day if I am the only one to disturb him. When somebody asked me, the other day, if this dog was mine, I countered with a question of my own: "Think I would put up with what this dog does, if he wasn't?"

You've heard of the fastest gun in the West and of Quick-Draw McGraw, I suppose. The quickest draw, these days, is on Social Security, unemployment and so on.

BLAME THIS ON THE COMMERCIALS

The guy barges through his kitchen door, tired, headachy and in a veritable tizzy. His wife nods a welcome, and as he breaks stride his strident voice rises to inquire, "can't you see—"

It isn't a quiet, chiding voice that says, "Don't take it out on your wife." It's the wife's, saying, "Here take Anderson."

And she hands Anderson, the baby, to him.

Out be dashes, Anderson clutched to his chest. And Anderson, turning out to be a bigger drip than usual, promptly dampens himself and his old man.

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The creeks along Left Beaver hold many memories for our featured writer.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Why Daddy sold Old Betsy

Chapter 2: Days in the Creeks

by Ralph Hall, Hi Hat

I was awakened the next day by my grandmother as she called, "Get up, we must be in the field by 6 a.m. We got a lot of corn to hoe today."

Grandma must have gotten up at 4 a.m., because breakfast was on the table already. A whole platter filled with eggs, another filled with pork chops, and yet another filled with biscuits. There was also a gallon Mason jar of milk on the table.

Grandma kept the milk in a spring over in the hollow where a small stream ran by. I remember all the times I would go to the spring, take the lid off a jar, drink the cream off the top, then pop the lid back on the jar. I know she knew I was the one doing this, but never once did she say anything to me about it.

When breakfast was over, we all got a hoe and headed out for another day in the cornfield. I will never forget those days when we all worked as a family unit. It was another time and another world that only some of us can now remember.

On this day, we only worked until 3 p.m. We were off the hill by 3:30 and James, Mutt and I were in the old swimming hole. We had dammed up the water with rocks and grass with mud still hanging onto it. What fun we had swimming in this water. The water was clean in those days. You could see every fish in the stream as they swam by in the clear water. Today, in this same stream, you can't even find one fish, thanks to the mining companies.

The days we spent playing in the old swimming hole will always be special to my mind. There is just something about a boy and water that never seems to change. Even those boys who never

like to take a bath never miss a chance to splash a mud puddle!

The water behind my house in the village was about five feet deep and it was a great place for swimming and fishing. In the summer, you could always find boys there. If that stream could talk, what stories it could tell about the fun I had!

On the banks above the swimming hole were rocks made by the cliff's edges. Underneath these ledges, us boys would "hand fish." What I mean is to say that we would reach under the rock ledge and catch the fish that stopped to rest underneath. I always loved to fish this way and did many times in my youth, but all good things come to an end, which is what happened to my hand fishing days one day when I thought I had caught the grandfather of the horny heads. To my surprise, when I pulled it out, it turned out to be a three and a half foot water snake! I threw it down and ran all the way home! To this day, I have never put my hand under a rock to catch a fish again. Some may still be there, but if they are, they can stay as far as I care.

In the 40s, you didn't have to buy a lot of supplies to go fishing. I used to fish with a willow pole and a piece of string and a stick pin from my mother's sewing box. You may not believe it, but some days I would catch 50 or 60 fish! They would stretch 14 or 15 inches long on a stick pin. Today it's hard to catch even one with a \$50 reel and rod.

I used to sit near the roots of a sycamore tree and drop my line down into the water as I pulled out fish after fish.

When I tired of fishing, I would strip down to my shorts and jump in the water and swim with the fish. Did you ever get a leech on you? Well, I did. Let me tell you about it: I was sliding down the rocks in the water and felt something on my arm. When I looked down, I saw that it was a leech. Not

knowing what to do, I ran home for I knew that my daddy would know how to get it off.

Daddy looked at the leech and said, "Oh, boy, it's dug in good." I didn't know what he was going to do when he took out a match and lit it. He ran the match over the leech a few times and the fire caused it to drop off of my arm. Daddy said, "I could have used salt, but fire is better."

Well, I never slid down the rocks into the water again - that was my first, and last, encounter with a leech.

I had many good times in the water with only a few times of getting hurt. This one time I got hurt real bad. I fell on the neck of a Pepsi bottle that had four daggers of glass on it and they sank into my knee. My Aunt Versie carried me home as I screamed and cried in pain.

My dad took me to the doctor in the mining camp at Weeksbury. About a half mile away from the doctor's office, Daddy stopped by the side of the highway to work on my knee.

Another time, when I had stayed in the swimming hole all day, my grandmother had to take me to the doctor. The doctor said I had a sun stroke. I've never spent much time in the sun since that day and now, when I go in swimming, I go after the heat of the day.

The creek I lived on is called Left Beaver Creek and many times it floods in the springtime. Those flash floods can come up in a short time. I remember this one time when it rained three days and there came up the biggest flood I have ever seen. The water spread so wide that it washed many barns off and away. My father had to cut the fence on our land to let the hogs and cows swim by to find higher ground. Old Beaver Creek was a calm stream filled with fish when I was a child. But it could turn into a raging river in a short time after a rain, washing away everything in its path.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Suspended Animation'

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER

Thrillers don't get much more tense than this one.

Here's a film that takes so many sharp turns that you may need a dose of Dramamine to keep up with it, but it is definitely worth the trip.

The story begins when animator Thomas Kempton decides to leave his sunny Southern California home for a snowmobiling joint with two friends in Northern Michigan. His next decision really stinks and finds him driving solo through the rugged terrain when, wouldn't you know it, he wrecks in a ditch and must call on an isolated pair of middle-aged sisters at their remote cabin. The women are happy for the company and invite him in while they call someone named Pinky to come tow the snowmobile. Things get weird in a hurry.



Tom Doty
 Staff Writer

The attention-starved sisters, named Vanessa and Anne Boulette, fill him full of hot brandy and idle chatter, which takes a dip into David Lynch country when Vanessa decides to perform a bizarre dance for him that just about leaves her naked. Thomas decides to politely exit and wait for Pinky outside. One step out of the house, however, and the mick-ey they slipped him takes effect.

He wakes up and finds he has been taped to a wheelchair. The sisters now announce their true intentions and let Thomas know that he just made the menu for tonight's cannibal feast.

Thomas, however, is not one of those meals that's gonna go down easy. He decides to put the moves on the sisters and invite them to pose for his next film so he can draw animated versions of them. This ruse almost works until they spy the knife he's hidden in his wheelchair. He's knocked out and wakes in the basement, where they keep the power tools. All this and the movie is only a half-hour old.

Thomas gets rescued and the sisters are apparently killed. The film picks up three months later with Thomas turning the experience into fodder for an animated epic that the Disney Company would never touch. He becomes obsessed with the sisters and learns more than anyone else would want to know about them. Suffice to say, the family took a lot of liberties with each other.

Thomas find out, from the Boulette brother who is safely tucked away in a prison, that Vanessa had a daughter who was put up for adoption at age 5. He tracks down the daughter who is — surprise — an actress. He promptly hires her to model for the Vanessa

(See LAGOON, page seven)

Jack

by KATHRYN KIMZEY JUDKINS
 "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE NURSE'S SOUL"

After working many years in a large metropolitan hospital, with state-of-the-art conveniences, my work as p.m. charge nurse in a small, local convalescent hospital yielded many frustrations. Occasionally, we lacked supplies or equipment, and sometimes the food was less than desirable. The biggest problem was the lack of qualified help. Still, everyone working there genuinely loved the patients and did their best to care for them.

Alice, a tiny, alert elderly lady with bright-blue, twinkling eyes was everyone's favorite. Her only living relative was her son, Jack, a large, tough man. Tattoos covered his arms, and a scraggly beard grew haphazardly on his chin. No matter

how cold the weather was, he always wore a tank-top shirt so the dragon and snake artwork could be admired by all. He wore faded jeans, so stiff with grime they could have stood alone. His loud and gruff manner terrified most of the staff.

But this monstrous man loved his tiny mother. Every day, he roared up to the hospital entrance on his old motorcycle, flung open the front door and tromped down the hall to her room, his clacking boot heels loudly announcing his arrival. He visited at unpredictable hours so he could surprise anyone he suspected of not taking proper care of his mother. Yet, his gentleness with her amazed me.

I made friends with Jack, figuring I'd rather be a friend with a man like him than an enemy. And I, like everyone else, truly loved his mother.

One particularly bad evening, three aides called

in sick, the food carts were late and cold, and one of the patients fell and broke his hip. Jack came in at suppertime to help his mother with her meal. He stood gawking at me in the nurses' station as I busily tried to do the work of three nurses. Overwhelmed and near tears, I avoided his stare.

After the patients were finally fed, bathed and put to bed, I sat at the desk and put my head down on my arms for a few moments' relaxation before the night shift arrived. Suddenly, the front door burst open. Startled, I thought, On, no! Here comes Jack, checking up on us again! As he stomped to the desk, I looked up to see his burly hand grip-

ping a pickle jar with a bit of colored yarn tied in a bow around the neck. And in the jar was the loveliest, long-stemmed red rose I'd ever seen.

Jack handed it to me and said: "I noticed what a bad time you were having tonight. This is for you, from me and my mother."

With that, he turned around, marched back out the door, and with a roar from his motorcycle, rode out into the darkness.

I've received many gifts and cards from many grateful patients and their families, but never one that touched me more than the red rose in the pickle jar given to me that night so long ago.



Jim Davidson

The ten commandments of wealth

Have you noticed, "Birds of a feather tend to flock together?" When I go to an all-star basketball or football game, I see coaches there who retired 10 to 15 years ago. They want to see the game but more than that, they want to see those fellow coaches they have known over the years.

When I go to the country club to play golf as the guest of a friend, I see upscale people there who are playing golf and having a great time. The same is true for people involved in most any other activity outside of work that you can name. We just naturally gravitate to those people who have the same interests, values and social status. You will find that people who have wealth also stick together. There is almost an

unwritten code that says, "You can be in my club if your balance sheet will stand up to scrutiny."

When it comes to the subject of money, one of the hardest things I have ever tried to do is convince my kids, especially my son, that it's important to save and invest their money. They seem to think they will live forever and there will always be a paycheck waiting for them to come by and pick up. None of my children are destitute, but they would all be better off and have a much brighter financial future, if I could just get them to understand the principle of compound interest, regular savings and investing a good portion of their income. Because of this atti-



tude, they spend most of their leisure time with people just like them, which is another way of saying, "Birds of a feather flock together."

Now please understand, I am not putting my own children down because I love them more than anything. But being older, and hopefully wiser, I know what is waiting for them down the road when they grow old and can no longer stand up to the physical demands of a job. The reason I am so concerned is because they are still relatively young and still have time to begin a savings and investment program that will insure a bright financial future. It's nice to have a little money saved for your golden years and you can take trips, go out to eat, buy the things you want and not have to worry about the cost of prescription drugs.

What brought this to mind is several good articles a reader from Mississippi, who is in the

life insurance business, sent me the other day. One of these articles begins with a question, "Where will you be?"

According to a 1985 study by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, for every 100 people starting their careers, the following situation exists at age 65 — 29 are dead, 13 have annual incomes under \$4,400, 55 have annual incomes between \$4,400 and \$29,000 (the median income for this group is \$6,800), and 3 have annual incomes over \$29,000, which means they are financially successful. These figures were compiled in 1985 but when you adjust them for inflation, the real spending power wouldn't be much different today.

Another one of those articles is titled "The Ten Commandments of Wealth" and while only ten sentences long, it is powerful. In fact, several books could and have been written on each one.

I can promise you that this is solid information and regardless of your age, I hope you will take

time to ponder and think about each of these Ten Commandments of Wealth. You might even take a pen and check them off one by one as you read and think about them.

1. Have a financial life plan.
2. Live on less than you earn and invest the rest.
3. Test each investment with the acronym S-L-Y. That stands for Safety, Liquidity and Yield.
4. Learn to invest and manage your own money.
5. Learn the tax laws.
6. Recognize that you are being defrauded by inflation.
7. Keep a rough budget and know your net worth.
8. Recognize the magic of compound interest (sound familiar?)
9. Always avoid a capital loss.
10. You will achieve as much wealth as you believe you can.

When it comes to investing your money, here are some suggestions.

1. Diversify your invest-

ments. Choosing a variety of investments is an effective way to reduce risks and pursue more consistent returns.

2. Focus on Positive Long-Term Trends. If you won't be using your money right away, you can look beyond day-to-day changes and concentrate on long-term trends.
3. Move your money wisely. If you want to transfer money among funds, do it gradually over time.
4. Take advantage of professional management. This is where you need to get the advice of someone you know who is a successful investor.

If you don't already have a great financial future, I hope you will get started soon. Remember, it's not how much you earn; it's how much you save over time that will make the difference.

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

Weddings



Johnson-Akers

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Johnson, of Harold, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kelli Nichole, to Justin Lee Akers, the son of Martha and Fonzo Akers, of Grethel.

Kelli is a 2001 graduate of Betsy Layne High School. She currently attends Morehead State University, where she will graduate this coming May with a degree in social studies secondary education. She is the granddaughter of Corine Dye, of Pikeville, and the late Augustine Dye, and Hurley and Annalene Johnson, of Virgie.

Justin is a 1999 graduate of Betsy Layne High School, and a 2003 graduate of Morehead State University. He is employed by the Floyd County Board of Education. Justin is the grandson of the late Lee and Verdie Akers, formerly of Grethel, and the late Azzie and Goldie Tackett, formerly of Teaberry.

The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on December 18, 2004, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Vogel Day United Methodist Church. A reception will follow at the Mark II, in Pikeville. Following a honeymoon trip to Tennessee, the couple will return to reside in Pikeville.



Twinkling lights, shining faces

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Tiny Tatum Patton accompanied her grandfather, Eddie, to Floyd County's Fiscal Courtroom Friday afternoon to attend a ceremony recognizing Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson for his dedication to overseeing that all Floyd County families have access to clean water. "Baby" accompanied Tatum, who seemed very much to enjoy the courtroom's Christmas tree, lights, and this reporter's digital camera. Nice to meet you, Tatum, have a happy holiday!

Click and Clack Talk Cars

Do your transmission a favor and service it

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I drive a 1997 Mercury Sable wagon (108,000 miles so far), and every time I go in for an oil change, they tell me I should "service" the transmission. My father has never, ever changed anything to do with the transmissions in any of his work trucks or the family cars. He has rebuilt engines and made other major repairs, but never the transmission. His point was that the transmission is a sealed case and should never need changing. My question: Do I need to service the transmission, or are the service-bay employees just trying to wrangle more work? — Fran

TOM: Well, the Board of Associated Servicers of Transmissions and Rebuilders, Disassemblers and Salvagers agrees with your father, Fran. They suggest that you ignore your transmission, because they make a good living rebuilding them later on.

RAY: But if you don't want to rebuild your transmission, you absolutely SHOULD service it when the manufacturer recommends. "Servicing" means replacing the fluid and replacing or cleaning the filter.

TOM: Automatic transmission fluid serves several important purposes — in addition to being an excellent sandwich spread. It lubricates all the internal parts of the transmission, cools the transmission and serves as the friction medium that ultimately transmits power from the engine to the wheels.

RAY: It's pretty powerful stuff, and it lasts a good long time. But it does eventually break down — especially in all that heat. It might not break down completely, but it does get "less good" at doing its job as it gets older and dirtier. Kind of like my brother.

TOM: I don't remember the recommended change interval for the '97 Sable, Fran, but I'm guessing it's less than once every 108,000 miles. Manufacturers' recommendations vary. They range from every 30,000 miles to ... never. Most suggest a change between 60,000 and 100,000 miles. Whatever your manufacturer recommends, we'd recommend, too.

RAY: Your father has been lucky. He might also be a good, gentle driver, which prolongs the life of transmissions. But given that transmissions can cost thousands of dollars to replace, we think spending a hundred bucks for a fluid and filter change every three years or 60,000 miles is cheap, Fran. So, do it — and feel free not to tell Dad.

Reader asks for help with his wagon quest

Dear Tom and Ray:

I know you guys don't like big SUVs, so you'll be glad to hear that we are downsizing from an SUV to a wagon. We are having trouble finding a

wagon we like. We want something sporty, with some power. Consumer Reports recommends the Volvo wagon only. It is neither sporty nor powerful, and it looks like a box on four wheels. We like the Audi wagon, with its 250 horsepower and twin turbos, but Consumer Reports won't recommend it due to its lack of reliability. We haven't driven the Mercedes wagon yet, but it is low on horsepower and high on price. What would you recommend? — Tom

RAY: What's with the power obsession, Tom? You know, there are other ways to combat hair loss — minoxidil, for example.

TOM: If you don't like the looks of the Volvo, that's fine. But the V70 wagon has four optional engines, ranging from 168 to 300 horsepower. What's not powerful about that?

RAY: And actually, we find the 2.5-liter 5-cylinder turbo engine that makes 208 horsepower to be just right for that car.

TOM: Getting more power than you need usually just adds weight to the car,

wastes your gas money and encourages you to drive like a knucklehead and wrap yourself around a tree. And I guess if you're going to drive like a knucklehead and wrap yourself around a tree, you might want to take another look at something nice and safe

— like that Volvo, Tom.

RAY: Fortunately, for recovering SUV drivers, there are lots of great wagons and sport wagons on the road now. But if the Volvo is too boring-looking for you and the Mercedes wagon is too expensive, you're a perfect candidate for a Dodge Magnum — IF you can convince your wife to be seen in it.

TOM: Yeah. It does tend to drip testosterone, if you know what I mean. Especially the red ones. So, show her a nice, subdued silver one.

RAY: But it's a pretty nice car. It's got a chassis based on the previous-generation Mercedes E-class (Mercedes and Chrysler are part of the same company now). It's large, roomy, comfortable and available with all-wheel drive.

TOM: Reliability is unknown, so we can't give you any assurance there. But the price is right. With all-wheel drive and a 250-horsepower V-6 engine (like the one you wanted in the Audi), the Magnum starts at about 28 grand.

RAY: With the stupid engine ("That thing's got a Hemi?"), it's another four or five thousand bucks. Plus a wad of sawbucks every time you hit the gas pumps.

TOM: So, try it with the 3.5-liter V-6 engine, Tom. I think you'll find it's everything you need. And then you can spend the savings on a week at the Skip Barber Racing School — and wrap HIS cars around a tree next to the track, where aggressive driving belongs.

Do you really need that truck if you only make one trip to the lumberyard per year? Find out what kind of car NOT to get in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Should I Buy, Lease, or Steal My Next Car?" Send \$4.50 (check or money order) to Next Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Lagoon

character and realizes that she has no idea who her mother was. When he sees that her son is a budding serial killer, he decides to intervene and manages to make everything worse. To give away more might make the Boulette sisters, mad so let's just say that one of them didn't die and, boy, is she sore.

This is one heck of a thriller and has a whole lot going for it. First, it's unpredictable. Second, it pulls off the kind of scares in its first half hour that the "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" needed a whole 90 minutes to deliver. It's also got some crisp dialogue from Dorothy Tristian who adapted the screenplay from her own novel. The

suspense is ratcheted up by veteran director John Hancock ("Bang the Drum Slowly") and marks a return to the genre for Hancock, who was also responsible for the 1971 gothic thriller "Let's Scare Jessica to Death."

The actors are topnotch here too. Alex MacArthur is fine as Thomas, but this movie belongs to the villains. Sage Allen is perfectly cast as Anne. She has had some film roles, most notably as a teacher in "187," but should have hit the big time after this performance, which is best compared to Kathy Bates' Oscar-winning role in "Misery."

The real find here, though, is Laura Esterman. Previously seen as Cousin Ophelia in "Addams Family Values,"

this actress is amazing. Her role calls for her to be flirty, awkward and downright evil, and she delivers on all fronts. One of her best moments involves meeting the daughter she gave up for adoption. The woman cringes from her touch so she pointedly says, "Don't be afraid of me. I wouldn't eat my own flesh and blood."

This is one clever thriller and very worthy of a place on your video shelf right next to "The Silence of the Lambs."

Best line: "I may have killed a few, but it was your Aunt Anne who ate them."

2001, rated R.

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So it is that the sufferer storms back into the house, plops the baby down, and declaims:

don't want Anderson — I want to take my sinuses to Arizona!"

IN CASTILE

The newspapers say that in Spain it's getting so that a senorita can't get an old-fashioned serenade, any more. The young men have tossed aside their mandolins to loiter under balconies and play rock 'n' roll on transistor radios and portable phonographs. This cacophony has become so aggravating that several towns have prohibited street-playing of music on electronic devices between 10 p.m. and 7 p.m.

That just goes to show you how bad this stuff that passes for music is. Any lovesick swain may caterwaul to his lady-love till he's out of breath, and no damage done, but, please, no "Twist and Shout."

It says here that children are unpredictable. You never know what the neighbors will learn next.

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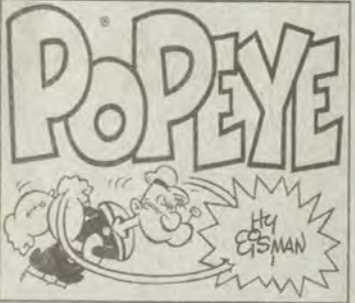
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Backrest
- Chain
- Clutch
- Crash bar
- Foot pegs
- Fork
- Frame
- Fuel tank
- Grab rail
- Headlight
- Reflectors
- Saddlebags
- Seat
- Throttle
- Windshield

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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Beads are missing. 2. Belt is missing. 3. Skateboard is missing. 4. Feeder is missing. 5. Collar is different. 6. Cap is different.

Super Crossword COOL CHARACTERS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Composer Schifrin
 - 5 Nom de crime?
 - 10 Theatrical Joseph
 - 14 Exclude
 - 19 Way off base?
 - 20 Mete out the mine-stone
 - 21 "God's Little ..." ('58 film)
 - 22 Lose one's tail?
 - 23 English talk-show host
 - 25 "The Alamo" actor
 - 27 Kitchen utensil
 - 28 Arboreal animal
 - 30 Jai —
 - 31 Trombonist Winding
 - 32 Took a shot at
 - 34 Salve
 - 37 Chinese principle
 - 38 Fit for farming
 - 42 "Ligeia" author
 - 43 Conductor Jeffrey
 - 45 Thurman of "Final Analysis"
 - 48 Southern staple
 - 50 PC key
 - 52 Make wine divine
 - 55 Drives and drives?
 - 58 '87 Warren Beatty film
 - 60 Word game
 - 65 Ol' Blue Eyes' birthplace
 - 67 Church area
 - 68 Apple variety
 - 69 Mauna —
 - 70 Coeur d'—, ID
 - 71 Skater Midori
 - 72 Actress Nell
 - 73 "The King and I" refrain
 - 74 Subordinate
 - 75 "It Was a Good Day" rapper
 - 78 Pitthy
 - 80 Hazel's boss
 - 81 Add color
 - 83 Quiet — mouse
 - 84 Jeweler's weight
 - 85 Novelist Kobo
 - 86 "— homo"
 - 87 Neighbor of Neb.
 - 88 Author France
 - 91 Film site
 - 93 Forceful
 - 95 Neiman or Anderson
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 - 97 Broadway letters
 - 99 Director von Stroheim
 - 101 Curly poker?
 - 102 Singer Wooley
 - 106 TV's "My — Dads"
 - 108 Swift savages
 - 111 — Cob, CT
 - 114 Strauss opera
 - 117 Japanese porcelain
 - 120 Recite a soliloquy
 - 121 Pants measurement
 - 122 Addis —
 - 126 Mythical weeper
 - 128 "Poetry Man" singer
 - 132 "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" star
 - 134 A Muse
 - 135 California resort
 - 136 Become boring
 - 137 Warty one
 - 138 Talk out of
 - 139 Fluff the flour
 - 140 Used a whetstone
 - 141 Humorist Bombeck
- DOWN**
- 1 The Four —
 - 2 Expect
 - 3 Sweetheart
 - 4 "Twelfth Night" role
 - 5 Landon or Kjellin
 - 6 Ulrich of Metallica
 - 7 Matinee —
 - 8 As well
 - 9 Brief brawl
 - 10 Part of PST
 - 11 Cologne cry
 - 12 Paris' pop
 - 13 Small shot
 - 14 One of the Clintons
 - 15 Yalie
 - 16 Like some sweaters
 - 17 Dwight's competition
 - 18 Varnish ingredient
 - 24 Mailer's "The — Park"
 - 26 Natalie's sister
 - 29 With-it
 - 33 Mr. Hammar-skjold
 - 35 — Dame
 - 36 It's in the bag
 - 39 Feta marinade
 - 40 Fleur-de—
 - 41 Racial
 - 44 Jug part
 - 45 "Gross!"
 - 46 Bovine bellow
 - 47 "Wozzeck" composer
 - 49 Chihuahua or Tabasco
 - 51 Freighter
 - 53 "My Little Margie" star
 - 54 Ham up "Hamlet"
 - 56 Pleat
 - 57 Singer Davis
 - 59 Guacamole base
 - 61 This instant
 - 62 "The Kitchen God's Wife" author
 - 63 Common
 - 64 Cul-de—
 - 66 Physicist Fermi
 - 74 Metropolitan
 - 75 Stuff
 - 76 Grammarian's concern
 - 77 High-rise building?
 - 79 Be important
 - 80 Irate
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 - 105 Met men
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 - 109 Word form for "all"
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 - 131 Humor
 - 133 Tie the knot

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890-Legals

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for Phase III release on Permit Number 836-0296, Increments 13, 21 and 26, which was last issued on 5/13/02. The approximate acres for Increment 13 is 15.78, Increment 21 is 11.02, Increment 26 is 11.55. The operation is located 2.0 miles northeast of Hippos, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 mile northeast from Prater Fork Road and KY 850, and located 0.25 mile south of Turner Branch. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The bond now in effect for 836-0296, Increment 13 is \$17,700, Increment 21 is \$7,700, Increment 26 is \$17,300. Remainder of these bonds is being requested.

Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding completed on Increment 13 on 10/25/95, Increment 21 on 10/14/88, Increment 26 on 11/12/96.

"THIS IS THE FINAL ADVERTISEMENT OF THE APPLICATION,"

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 14, 2005.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., January 18, 2005, at the Department for Natural Resources, Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 14, 2005.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The Floyd County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for Prestonsburg Elementary School Drainage Improvements. Bids will be received by Greg Adams, Director of Facilities, 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601, until 1 p.m., local time, December 16, 2004. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Greg Adams, Director of Facilities, 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601, so as to arrive prior to the time established for their opening. All risks involved with the proper and timely delivery of any Proposal shall be assumed by the Bidder. Any bid which is not received on a

timely basis or in the proper form shall be rejected. Facsimile transmissions ("Faxes") will not be accepted.

Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Richardson Associates Architects, 107 Main Street, Whitesburg, KY 41858 (606) 633-2263. Plans and specifications may be examined at the Office of the Architect and the Office of the Owner.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a BID BOND, executed by the Bidder and Surety Company, IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE PROPOSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, a Contract will be immediately entered into and the performance of it properly secured.

The Contractor awarded a Contract for this project will be required to provide a 100% Performance and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the attached

Project Manual. Proposal Forms must be properly filled out and submitted in duplicate. No qualifying letters or statements will be considered. No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

In the event the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fails to execute a satisfactory contract and bond, he/she shall be eliminated and shall forfeit their certified check, cash or Bid Bond and shall be liable for the loss occasioned by the Owner by such failures.

Any bid which is not received on a timely basis or in the proper form shall be returned unopened. The Owner reserves the right to accept any or to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality therein, all as it deems to be in its best interests.

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adult Education Teacher Opening

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