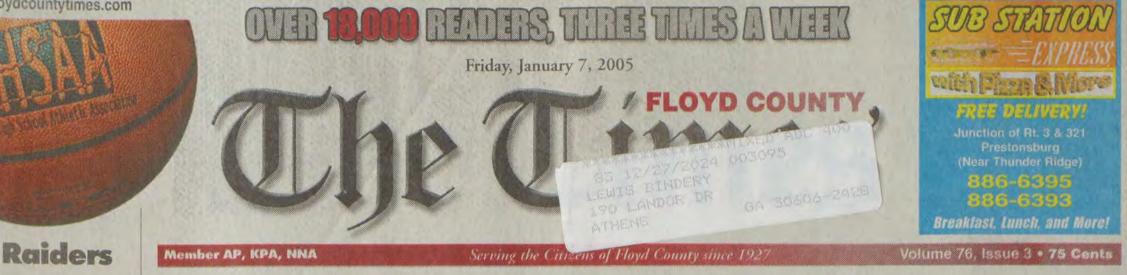
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**Councilman refuses to take office** 

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#### briefs

### Two charged in stabbing

#### by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

FLAT GAP - A small social gathering at a Flat Gap residence turned ugly Wednesday night when a fight broke out that saw two men allegedly attack and stab a third.

Det. Steve Bowman, of Kentucky State Police, is currently investigating the Incident that saw Randolph Tharpe, 42, of Flat Gap, rushed to the Paul B. Hall Medical Center for several stab wounds. He was later transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington and listed in serious condition for his injuries.

Witnesses told the police that what began as an argument between Tharpe and James Lemaster, 46, of Leander, and Timothy L. Ward, 36, of Flat Gap, soon turned serious as it escalated into a physical altercation that got even more serious when a knife was introduced.

By the time that KSP and the Johnson County Sheriff's Department arrived, both Lemaster and Ward had fled the scene. They were later apprehended and brought back to the Hilton Hollow residence where the altercation occurred, before being arrested.

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

cil members declined to seek reelection decision, but he alluded to problems withlast November, walking away quietly from their posts with city administration.

take his oath for office.

PRESTONSBURG - Four city coun- refused to give specific reasons for his in the administration.

"I don't want to say something wrong. I This week, they were joined by council don't want to hurt anybody. With the

member Harry Adams, who declined to things that have been going on, I felt it best for me to step out," Adams said. "I didn't During an interview yesterday, Adams reapply because I don't like the direction that it's going right now. I did what I could while I was there, but there's stuff that came up that I didn't approve of and there's no way to rectify it right now. It's not cool."

Adams voted against a proposal to lay off a two firemen and four police officers in November, a move taken by the council. Mayor Jerry Fannin said, for economic reasons. Adams would not confirm whether that vote had any weight in his

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#### photo by Tom Doty

Governor's Office of Highway Safety representative Bob Crisswell, left, presented an award to Prestonsburg Police Officer Brian Kidd, second from right. Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, left of Kidd, and Police Chef Mike Omerod were also on hand to recognize Kidd.

Cop honored for DUI arrests

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Officer Brian Kidd, of the Prestonsburg last year.

Highway Safety Office by Eastern Kentucky representative Bob Crisswell for Kidd's record of DUI citations he has issued in the

Crisswell talked to Kidd after

"Sometimes it can be a thank-

Crisswell also praised Kidd for doing the kind of work that prevents tragedies.

by a person driving under the

influence, but I guess we can all

get by just knowing we prevented

"You will never get a thank you from the persons who you saved from being injured or killed

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# **Miners file** suit over equipment

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -Technological advancements in the coal mining industry have considerably improved health standards for miners these days, but those advancements weren't enough, say area miners who are now seeking relief in the courtroom.

Local miners Cubert Spence, of Inez; Ralph Hall, of Beaver; Donald Martin, of Blaine; James Butler, of Wayne Wheelwright: Tackett, of Betsy Layne; Shepherd, Larry of McDowell; James Sisco, of Meally; Benjie Stewart, of Prestonsburg, John Wright, of Printer; and Palmer ioined hundreds of other miners across Kentucky who have recently filed lawsuits against companies

alleged to have produced and manufactured a "stream of commercial respirators and dust masks that were defective, unsafe and unreasonably dangerous for their intended uses."

The lawsuit is one of at least 12 filed across the state by Louisville attorney Eric J. Jacobe and names the following businesses Marco Mine Supply Inc., of Lovely; Mine Service Company Inc., of Hazard; Mountain Supply Company, of Gray Knobs; Kentucky Mine Supply Company, of Harlan; Peringer Supply Company, of West Virginia; Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company; Optical American Corporation of Massa-Woods, of Prestonsburg, chusetts; Mine Safety Appliances Company of Pennsylvania; and the

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Police Department, was honored for his dedication to duty on the presentation and thanked him Wednesday at the City Hall in for being diligent. Prestonsburg.

Kidd was presented with an less job, but it is always an imporaward from the Governor's tant one," Crisswell said.

## Parent arrested at ballgame

#### by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A high school basketball game saw one parent arrested last week when she allegedly went after an official because she disputed a call.

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# Mother gets probation for abuse charges

#### by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A Floyd County woman who pleaded guilty last month to 14 counts of criminal abuse is on probation after she was formally sentenced yesterday in circuit court.

Georgia Hall, 35, of Galveston, originally facing 16 counts of firstdegree criminal abuse against her adopted son, received a five-year sen-

tence for 14 of the charges. Two other criminal abuse charges were dropped after Hall accepted a plea bargain arrangement with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office specifying that she testify against her husband, Ansel Hall.

Per that agreement, Circuit Judge Danny Caudill suspended Hall's sentence and placed her under supervised probation for five years.

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# Drug convict gets early release

#### by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A Floyd County woman incarcerated last month on a drug trafficking charge is now out of jail, following an order for shock probation filed in the case this week.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill signed the order Tuesday releasing Patricia Hagans, 51, of Langley, charged with second-degree hydrocodone trafficking. Hagans pleaded guilty to the charge in November after accepting a plea bargain offer from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, who recommended a five-year sentence that would be suspended and probated after service of four months.

Caudill signed the order citing a "significant medical condition," superventricular tachycardia (SVT), a condition that makes the heart beat faster, according to medical records included in the file.

# **Citibank donates \$21K to camp**

#### by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Area sheriffs converged on the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg Wednesday to see Ray H. Stoess, executive director of the Kentucky Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranch, accept a \$21,000 donation from Citifinancial that

by Citibank.

District Manager Carolyn Collett, of Citifinancial, was present to give the donation and said, "This organization makes a real difference to the quality of life in our area."

The Ranch is a summer camp for underprivileged youth and receives no state or federal

was made possible from a grant money to remain open. It has always depended on the efforts of Kentucky sheriffs to stay open and they have risen to the challenge

Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn has been an active supporter of the ranch since he joined the department. He was

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Sheriff John K. Blackburn, left, looks on as Ray **Stoess accepted** a check for \$21,000 from **Citibank district** manager Carolyn Collett. The money will go towards the Sheriff's Ranch for Boys and Girls.

photo by Tom Doty



#### Council

the position. He gave vague answers when initially questioned by The Times, but later alluded to having problems with the mayor.

Adams said he left his post on "good ground" and would probably seek a political position in the future, but, for now, he says he's "stepping out of the way to let him (Fannin) do what he's doing.'

"If you listen to him, everything's great," he said, laughing. "And if you believe him, I've got a bridge to sell you.'

Adams' negative comments were mirrored in statements given yesterday by former council member C.E. "Little Shag" Branham.

"When we chose not to run. my main reason was that we did nothing," Branham said. "We had no say so with what was happening in the city. All we did was show up to the meetings. The mayor does everything. Most everything was done out of the perusal of the city council ... Something needs to be done. It's totalitarian right now."

Branham also complained that council members had no authority to know where the city's money was being used.

"As a city council, we had no idea where the money was going," he said. "We voted on the budget, and that's all we did. I'm sure the personnel committee or the finance committee knew, but we had no idea what kind of shape we were in."

City council members are only allowed to pass ordinances and approve the budget, according to the League of Cities.

Former member Hansel

decision to not reapply for post last year because he was 'wore out" with it, disagreed with Branham's negativity toward the mayor, but did say that the city council could be improved.

The mayor's getting bad press right now, and most of the time, we bring our problems on ourselves," Cooley said. "I don't know. All I can say is that there needed to be more communication. The mayor has the authority to do what he does; hire, fire, do deals and do things, but it's better to communicate that. The only problem we had was that there wasn't as much communication about these things as there had been in previous years. I have a lot of respect for the mayor. He's done wonders for the city. All you have to do is step out and walk down the street to see it. It's beautiful."

Current member Donna Wells and former member Jimmy Joe Derossett, who resigned because of increased work hours last term, both backed the mayor on the issue.

"I did not have any axes to grind when I went in there, and I didn't have any when I left," Derossett said. "We never had no big battles, and I didn't take anything to the mayor that he didn't approve or that he didn't give me a good reason why he didn't. As far as I'm concerned, Jerry Fannin is a good mayor. He does an excellent job and, until recently, there were no problems. I never saw or knew him do anything wrong while I was in office.'

Fannin gave no inclination during a swearing in ceremony for new council members Monday that Adams would not Cooley, who left his 17-year come back on board with the

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city. During an interview yesterday, he said that Adams had not officially turned in his resignation and blamed the negativity and rumors surrounding his administration on the upcoming mayoral election.

"If you go back two years before every election, that's about the time that everything starts flaring up," Fannin said. "If people in the community dig deep enough, they'll find out who the sources are. It's usually coming from the people who'll be running the next time. If you love your community, don't do stuff that hurts it. Don't run on trying to knock it down."

Fannin denied comments that council members aren't involved in city happenings.

"I let council members get involved now more than they ever did," he said. "When I was a council member we didn't have committees, and now we have 12, 13 of them. The purpose of the committees is to give them more involvement. I've even added more stuff this year to get them more involved."

During the meeting Monday, Fannin said the council will take steps to improve communication with the community and stop "hearsay" and rumors surrounding his administration.

He has received scrutiny recently for attempting to rename Maggie Mountain after General Attorney Greg Stumbo's daughter. State highway department officials forced the city to remove another street sign (named after Fannin's new wife, Charity) on a separate entrance to Stonecrest.

Allegations have also been made about misuse of the city credit card.

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# Defense asks judge to dismiss Reno's lawsuit

#### by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Circuit Judge Danny Caudill is scheduled to consider a motion this morning to dismiss the defendants in a civil suit filed by Reno's Roadhouse.

The suit alleges that the defendants conspired to weaken the infrastructure of Reno's while providing opportunities for ex-employees to strengthen their interests in another restaurant.

Attorney Sheridan Martin, representing CEO, Terrence W. Fitzer, and the operating manager, Eric Fitzer, alleges that the defendants misappropriated trade secrets, exploited unfair trade practices, counterfeited intellectual property, interfered tortiously with business relationships, conducted criminal conspiracy, breached their duty of confidentially and, according to an amended complaint, are operating a 'sham' company.

But that isn't so, says Lexington attorney James Francis, who filed a motion to dismiss the case last week. "The plaintiff's complaint mere-

ly suggests or hints or creates suspicion that the party has a right of action, thus is not sufficient to survive a motion for dismissal," Francis wrote

Francis argues that Reno's doesn't have a legal basis for the suit because Eric Fitzer is not a shareholder in the company. He also claims that all the other accusations against his defendants, Steve O's Bar and Grill LLC and its parent company Momnana's LLC, (operat-

Steve Dixon) are unproven. The information misappropriated was not trade secrets, he says, referring to menu items as public disclosure information. He also argues that the restaurants "owe no duty to confidentiality" with Reno's and its employees because they "never had any relationship."

Francis says the most recent allegation that the defendants are operating a "sham" company is completely unfounded because a "sham" company is one that holds itself out to be minority owned in order to gain contracts from businesses preferring minorities.

The motion to dismiss the case comes less than a month after Judge Caudill filed an order to hold another motion of dismissal, filed by

ed by former Reno's employee Mark and Laura Link and the Lois Burchett Living Trust, in abeyance so that plaintiffs could conduct discovery evaluations in the case.

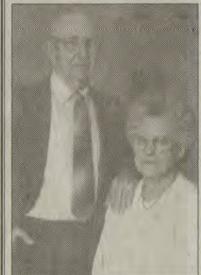
> The original complaint also cited Kenny Gambill, a former manager of the eatery; former assistant manager Jamie T. Evans Salver (both of whom were charged criminally in relation to the case) and former employee Michael S. Salyer.

> A restraining order was issued in November barring Dixon and other defendants from contacting Reno's affiliates in an "unethical, unprofessional" manner.

Today in court, Caudill will also be considering a motion for continuance filed Tuesday by Francis.

Both Terrance and Eric Fitzer are scheduled to give depositions in the case Feb. 23.

# **Olga Bolen Richmond** Memorial Service



A memorial service was held in loving memory of Olga Bolen Richmond, wife of Everett (Buster) Richmond. Brother Brad Tackett performed the service at the Garrett First Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m., on Friday December 3,2004.

In remembrance of Olga, hymns were sung, pictures were shared, beautiful flowers were displayed, and cherished family stories were told.

Family members attended including Lance Richmond, grandson of Olga, and his mother Donna Richmond from Ravenna, Ohio; her sisters Sophie Vanderpool, Kathleen Hofelich, Eveleen Caudill, and a brother Coyet Bolen, their spouses and many nieces and nephews.

The Bolen family wishes to thank the Garrett First Baptist Church for the use of their facilities. If you missed Olga's memorial, would you please say a prayer in her memory.



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#### Parent

Candy Gillum, 41, of Greenup, is scheduled to be arraigned on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest for her behavior at a game basketball between Prestonsburg and Greenup.

The incident followed a foul call within the game that was challenged by Gillum's husband. He was escorted from the game. Gillum, however, allegedly charged onto the court after the game was finished to confront one of the referees.

Officer Brian Welch, who made the arrest, said in his report that

#### Mother

The indictments against the couple allege that Ansel Hall tortured their adopted son by using a horse whip to strike the child on the legs, calf, back, stomach, hip, and both arms; for causing trauma to the child's chest with a cattle prod; and for striking the boy's legs and hips with a wooden paddle.

"Obviously, it's been a real tragedy, what happened to this child." Assistant said Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor. "He's in a good place now. He's doing much better. We're happy for him, that he didn't have to

#### Miners

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Gillum's behavior caused "alarm

to the other people in the gym."

Welch also noted that Gillum "stat-

ed she was mad at the official and

played in the game for Greenup.

where Sgt. George Tussey, of the

Prestonsburg Police Department,

and Sgt. Steve Little, of the Floyd

County Sheriff's Department,

were trying to handcuff Gillum on

the floor of the breezeway. Tussey

had radioed for assistance and the

be traumatized to relive everything

he lived through in front of the jury.

We're happy to see that justice is

mendation came about for Georgia

Hall because she was a victim of abuse herself and was not primarily

involved in the abuse, but permitted

it to happen at the hands of her hus-

be sentenced next month, entered

an open plea on the morning of his

trial last month. He could receive a

Ansel Hall, who is scheduled to

band, who she was "terrified" of.

Taylor said the probation recom-

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men managed to subdue Gillum.

Gillum had two sons who

Welch responded to the scene

wanted to confront him."

Morgantown National Supply Inc., of Illinois.

The suit, filed last week, alleges that the companies manufacturing and selling the respirators engaged in "concerted action pursuant to a common scheme or plan to protect their industry by hiding the limitations and defects of their respiratory protection devices from purchasers and users."

Every miner listed in the lawsuits, Jacobe says, suffers from an occupational lung dust disease, pneumoconiosis, otherwise known as black lung, a progressive, irreversible disease that has haunted families in the coal mining mountain region for decades.

Respirators manufactured and sold by the companies had dust filters that were chemically treated and mechanically processed in order to create an electrical charge, Jacobe argues,

### Stabbing

Lemaster has been charged with first-degree assault, while Ward faces a charge of fourth-

degree assault. Both men have been lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.



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pointing out that other methods

or circumstances surrounding

the use of the respirators could

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remove the electrostatic charge

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damages.

The companies, he says, were

efficiency of the dust filter.

losses," he said,

Police Chief Mike Omerod was also on hand and weighed in on how difficult and expensive it is to protect motorists.

"Many DUI arrests now necessitate a blood test which costs \$39 to administer." Omerod said. "The increased abuse of prescription drugs has demanded that increase."

Kidd said that there is no Kidd said with a shrug.

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secret to spotting drivers who are intoxicated. He doesn't lie in wait in speed traps looking for drivers who weave all over the road. Kidd said that drivers basically announce that they are driving under the influence and often reveal it to him by erratic maneuvers.

"You find most of them when you're not looking for them."



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The ranch, which opened its doors in 1976, has always depended on donations. When Director Stoess took over in 1979, the camp was on the verge of bankruptcy but was kept solvent by the dedication of sheriffs who have been instrumental in raising money for the program.

"It's touch-and-go every year to keep the camp open, but we have persevered with the help of dedicated sheriffs," Stoess said.

Stoess talked about the camp's aims as well, saying, "It's not just a vacation. We have lots of activities like sports and swimming but we also try to instill values

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drug awareness programs and other motivational programs. Our children are aged 8 to 11 and it is a good time to get involved in a young person's life and show them productive ways to meet goals.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn made it a point to thank Pike County Branch Manager April Amburgey.

"She was the first person we talked to about helping us and she really got the ball rolling," Blackburn said.

Blackburn also raises money for the facility by putting out a Floyd County Sheriff's Department Calendar each year, with all of the profits from calendar advertising going to the ranch.

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# Guest View **Editorial roundup**

#### The Poughkeepsie (N.Y.) Journal, on Iraqi elections:

President Bush is holding firm that Iraqi elections must take place at the end of January. It's the best position to take, for now. For all the likely problems with distributing and counting ballots in such a chaotic climate, delaying elections could exacerbate fears the United States isn't committed to removing its troops as soon as possible. Many Iraqi factions, and members of the world community, still have great distrust about U.S. intentions in Iraq. More importantly, the Bush administration realizes the sooner elections are held, the faster it will be able to withdraw troops and let the Iraqis run their own country. ...

Free and safe elections are, of course, the key to success in Iraq. The insurgents are mustering all they can to derail the effort, but the interim Iraqi government must try to move forward. Iraqis are being asked to chose the members of a 275-member assembly that would have the authority to draft a constitution. A referendum on that charter would then be held, followed by another general election by the end of 2005.

For their part, U.S. authorities are ramping up efforts to make sure military vehicles operating in Iraq have the proper armor to protect troops against attacks. And the military also will boost U.S. troop strength in the short term, adding about 12,000 to 138,000 already serving in Iraq.

Those efforts are essential. The United States also has to make a longterm investment by providing better training for Iraqi security forces.

It's still anyone's guess whether the January elections can be carried out in relative safety and whether they could have meaningful results.

But it's clear delaying the vote would be a huge victory for the insurgents who continue to employ hit-and-run tactics against U.S. troops.

That is reason enough to stick with the timetable for now.

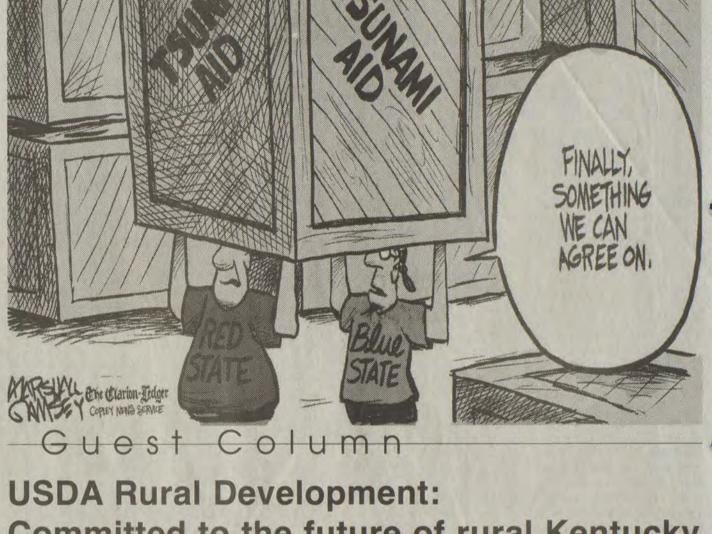
#### Chicago Tribune, on the past and future of Russia:

Five years ago Friday, the first democratically elected president of Russia, Boris Yeltsin, stunned his countrymen and the world by resigning. Turning to his handpicked prime minister, Vladimir Putin, Yeltsin gave him the keys to the Kremlin and urged him to "take care of Russia." Russia, as that new year of 2000 dawned, desperately needed care. ...

For their part, Russians have willingly traded in their unruly 1990sstyle freedom for a chance at greater domestic security. Putin's approval ratings remain high.

Americans can understand that desire for freedom from terrorism. Though this country has not suffered a repeat of Sept. 11, Russia has been rocked by apartment bombings, blown-up airplanes, suicide bombers and the horrific hostage-siege in Beslan that resulted in the deaths of hundreds of children. ..

It is no great surprise that the Russian people are willing to give Putin a stronger hand. Russians submitted to strong, autocratic leaders through hundreds of years of rule by the czars and 70 years of communism. Putin was steeped in the secretive ways of the Soviet KGB and his anti-democratic tendencies were apparent early on. He promised Russians stability and economic growth - both were in short order five years ago. Shortly after taking over, he issued a statement that hinted at what was to come: "For Russians, a strong state ... is the source and guarantor of order." ...



# **Committed to the future of rural Kentucky**

by Kenneth Slone STATE DIRECTOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

for Kentucky Rural Development, set goals for 2005. The challenges and President Bush is challenging us to do even more in 2005 - to work toward universal broadband access in rural America, to strengthen distance learning, telemedicine, and critical health care in rural communities, and to encourage homeownership and entrepreneurship. The goals are high, and Rural Development has a mandate to lead. Fortunately, we don't have to start from scratch. Kentucky Rural Development has a record of which we can be proud. In 2004 alone, rural communities in Kentucky gained or saved over 1,000 jobs and enjoyed over \$501,510,000 in new investment in 2004 through Rural Development-supported projects. Thanks to Rural Development loans or grants 2,956 Kentucky families were able to move into new or rehabilitated homes; numerous apartment units were constructed or renovated; 88,322 families were assisted with water and wastewater systems; 63,676 citizens in 17 rural areas ben-USDA efited from Rural Development's First Responder Initiative and other community facilities funding; and thousands more are being served today by new Rural Development investments in electric or telecommunications projects. But rural America is a diverse, dynamic, and changing place. As Director of the Kentucky Rural Development program, I recently had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman, Acting Under Secretary for Rural Development Gilbert Gonzalez, and the other State 2004 was a year of achievement Directors from around the country to are clear. Rural America has significant advantages - lower costs of living and a higher quality of life, affordable land for business development and expansion, a high quality workforce, a tradition of grassroots initiative and community involvement. We all recognize, however, that modern transportation, communications. community infrastructure, and access to venture capital are the keys to unlocking this potential. That's where USDA Rural Development comes in. President Bush has emphasized the importance of universal broadband access for a dynamic and growing economy. Rural Development is one of the key agencies in making this goal a reality. For decades, Rural Development has worked to bring modern electric, water, wastewater treatment, and telephone services to rural communities. Rural broadband access today is like rural electrification in the 1930s and 1940s. It's essential to allowing rural communities to compete, it's a top priority for 2005, and we're going to make it happen. Similarly, access to critical medical care is a core quality of life issue for current rural residents, a fundamental threshold question for new business development, and a key priority for the Bush administration. Through our targeted support for rural hospitals and our telemedicine and first responder initiatives, Rural

Development is meeting the challenge.

Finally, homeownership and entrepreneurship are at the heart of the President's call for an ownership society. They are also at the heart of Rural Development's historic mission. We will rely on strategic partnerships with other federal, state, and local entities, non-profit organizations, and community lenders to leverage scarce federal dollars into significant new investment in Kentucky rural communities. It may be low interest loans to turn renters into homeowners. It may be a loan or grant to jump start a new rural business and create more jobs. It may be support for new infrastructure needed to attract business investment. It's all part of the Rural Development mission. The numbers add up fast. Nationally, USDA Rural Development in 2004 provided over \$14 billion in new investment in rural utilities, housing, and business development. Since beginning of the Bush the Administration, Rural Development has invested over \$50 billion to finance and foster growth in rural America. Over 800,000 jobs have been created or saved through these investments. Kentucky Rural Development will continue that mission in 2005 - creating economic opportunity and improving the quality of life for rural 📹 Kentuckians - one homeowner, one small business, one rural community at a time. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov.

Fear has trumped hope for Russians. The state is becoming more powerful with the promise that it will make the people more secure. Centuries of Russian history argue that that is a false promise.

Where is Putin taking Russia? Certainly not to the re-creation of the Soviet empire. Many of Russia's former satellites have done well as free nations; they hardly yearn for a return to the past and Russia lacks the military power to insist on it.

But the chances that Russia will develop into a free, prosperous and modern democracy seem to be slipping away.



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### Attack on retirement

author.

Social Security is being perpetrated by the Bush

The administration recent-

ly announced plans to cut Social Security retiree benefits by close to a third. These cuts are guaranteed cuts, whether you take part in the Bush privatization plan or

For a young adult like myself, who has recently entered the workforce, this amounts to at least a 25 percent cut in my retirement ben-

not.

antees a cut up to 46 percent! How can we stand by and let President George W. Bush

efits. For my children it guar-

and the Republican Party cut our retirement benefits? Social Security has helped so many retirees lead a successful post-retirement life. Why isn't the same going to be guaranteed for myself and my children?

Stephen Prater Hueysville

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the retirements of fellow Americans has come under attack by the Bush administration. An all-out attack on

### Half down, half to go: What's new for TV's midseason?

#### by FRAZIER MOORE AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK - As in most TV seasons, the networks' 2004 fall feast was served and largely rejected by viewers. Now the networks are hastily laying out the next course.

What's on the menu?

"The Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Model Search" (8 p.m. Wednesdays on NBC) aims to whet appetites, at least among the male demo.

The new reality show "Wickedly Perfect" (8 p.m Thursdays on CBS) pits 12 rivals in a battle cooking tasty things, along with waging war in other lifestyles challenges.

But "The Will" (premiering 8 p.m. Saturday on CBS) presents a wealthy, 73-year-old rancher looking to name someone to inherit his large Kansas spread. The pack of 10 friends and family members who compete for the honor - and what a scuzzy and/or siliconeenhanced crowd they are! could make you lose your appetite.

Fortunately, there are more appealing items on the TV bill of fare.

"Committed," a new romantic sitcom on NBC, pairs a happy-go-lucky young woman (Jennifer Finnigan) with a new boyfriend who's highly phobic (Josh Cooke).

The funny twist for this show (9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 8:30 p.m. Thursdays): These Manhattanites both appear to be quite mad, which makes them made for each other.

Nate, a genius, keeps his demons at bay by being a committed underachiever: He works as a clerk at a Greenwich Village record store.

"Every day I don't exercise my potential is another day I'm cheating destiny," he boasts.

Meanwhile, Marni's sublet came complete with an aged clown (Tom Poston) who resides in a walk-in closet. No problem. "Everyone," she reasons, "has clowns in their closet."

Most everyone also has a little of the devil - but not like Christina Nickson, the winsome teen whose parents are a mortal woman and the devil himself. She's the heroine of a new Fox drama, "Point Pleasant," which, premiering 9 p.m. Jan. 19, might be described as the spawn of "The O.C." and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer."

hokum, "Point Pleasant" is named for the small but oversexed New Jersey seaside town where Christina (Elisabeth Harnois) makes her dramatic arrival and, however inadvertently, proceeds to raise hell.

Looks like there'll be a fight for Christina's soul. But why

this show?

A better bet from Fox is its slick new action drama "Jonny Zero," premiering 9 p.m. Jan.

Franky G plays an ex-con who, just released from jail, wants to go straight on New York's mean streets. But this former bouncer is torn between the pressures inflicted by his old boss, a corrupt club owner who wants him back in the fold, and by feds demanding that Jonny spy for them.

Meanwhile, Jonny, buff and with a heart of gold, finds himself drawn in to the problems of ordinary people. He just can't resist trying to help. But for his trouble, he often gets himself roughed up: think "The Rockford Files" with a hip-hop beat.

Also featuring an actor named GQ as Jonny's goofy sidekick Random (a white street kid with a P. Diddy complex) "Jonny Zero" is midseason's coolest entry.

Neither cool nor hot is the An exercise in teen-scream all-too-aptly named "Medium." an NBC drama that premiered this week and airs 10 p.m. Mondays.

> In the starring role of Allison DuBois - a wife, mother and law student - Patricia Arquette is affecting as she tries to cope with her disturbing psychic gifts. But the pilot episode, at

not just call it a draw and skip least, was labored by pedestrian writing, and by production devices already overtaxed by other crime-procedural dramas: visions of incidents that happened before; spectral figures visible only to Allison (and the viewer).

In fact, "Medium" is most notable for how it contrasts unfavorably with an upcoming series, CBS' "Numb3rs," which premieres in late January.

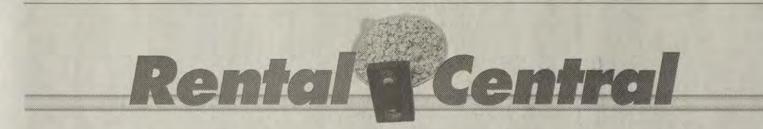
Where "Medium" relies on a tormented savant who traffics in instinct, "Numb3rs" relies on an unshakable faith in cool-headed logic.

That is provided by the math-genius brother (David Krumholtz) of FBI agent Don Eppes (Rob Morrow), who uses crime cases as a way to demonstrate how math can explain, and even predict, human misbehavior.

"It's all about numbers," says Charlie confidently, and it usually is, which means the pilot episode clicks along with mathlike precision.

Few would argue that the schedule needed another crime procedural, but "Numb3rs" ventures even further into the brainy detachment that makes Gil Grissom so engrossing on "CSI." With Charlie, crime isn't a problem solved by evidence, it's a numerical puzzle.

As a fascinating drama, "Numb3rs" adds up.



#### by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

Traditionally the first week of the new year is a slow one for DVD and video releases. This year is no exception with only a few theatrical titles released, though television fans might be pleased with second season editions of three shows.

"Troy" - This is the only big film out this week and is a rather loose adaptation of Homer's "The Iliad." Brad Pitt stars with Peter O'Toole and Eric ("The Hulk") Bana in director Wolfgang Peterson's ("The Perfect Storm") action

with this high energy, though lowbrow, comedy which tracks two guys on a stoned quest for cheap eats.

Baby Babies: "Super Geniuses 2" - This is the sequel of the week that nobody asked for. The "Look Who's Talking" formula is applied here with mixed results, as genetically engineered babies talk and act like adults, which means that they behave like idiots. Jon Voight is back and picks up a paycheck but seems in a rush to get out and cash it. "Isola Persona 13" - This is the big surprise this week. It's an eerie chiller from Japan

Car" makes up for that film problem is that Isola, personality number 13, is a vengeful ghost and she means to take charge and suppress the other personalities. The challenge quickly becomes saving the girl while eradicating Isola. Great stuff with an abundance of creepy visuals.

#### Television

"Millenium: Season 2" -Chris Carter's eerie follow up to "The X-Files" got even better with its second season, when it moved from being a serial killer-of-the-week show to an involving thriller about an evil conspiracy, a la X-Files. Lance Henriksen makes for an intense and tortured hero who sees his family breaking apart as his investigation into the plot deepens. "CSI Miami: Season 2" -David Caruso and company deal with the tragedy. The return for another season of

evidence gathering and melodrama on the Gold Coast.

"Forever Knight: Season 2" Geraint Wynn Davies returns here as vampire/cop who, unlike David Boreanaz on "Angel," is totally in touch with his dark side and makes for a compelling character who can be all fangs when he wants to.

Next week looks promising with the release of John Sayles' political drama "Silver City" and the stalking drama "Paparazzi."



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epic which is a far cry from "Gladiator" but does manage to put together enough action set pieces to keep most viewers interested, though dramatically it's a little light.

"Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle" - The team that brought us "Dude, Where's My

#### Obituaries

#### **Ottis Frasure**

Ottis Frasure, 66, of McDowell, died Wednesday, January 5, 2005, at the St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington.

Born March 24, 1938, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Earl and Edith Howell Frasure. He was a disabled coal miner, a member of the Pentecostal Church, and a member of U.M.W.A.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Simpson Frasure.

Other survivors include one son, Keith Frasure of McDowell; one daughter, Shirley Frasure of McDowell; seven brothers: Audi Frasure of Michigan City, Indiana, Roy Frasure, Earl Frasure, Eugene Frasure, Vern Frasure, Roger Frasure, all of Ashtabula, Ohio, Danen Frasure of Painsville, Ohio; five sisters: Hollie Patton, Earlean Maple, Freda Frasure, all of Ashtabula, Ohio, Betty Hungerford of Interlachen, Florida, Bonnie Stillwell of Painsville, Ohio; three grandchildren: Carrie Mosley Williams, Megan Tackett, Brandi Frasure; and one special great-granddaughter, Matana Williams.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, George Frasure.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 8, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Rev. Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will be in the Greenbury Hall Cemetery, Frasure's Creek, McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 6 p.m., on Thursday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary) and focuses on a psychic who uses her skills to help others. This series was a big hit in Japan and this installment focuses on helping a young girl who managed to survive a major earthquake but has developed 13 personalities to

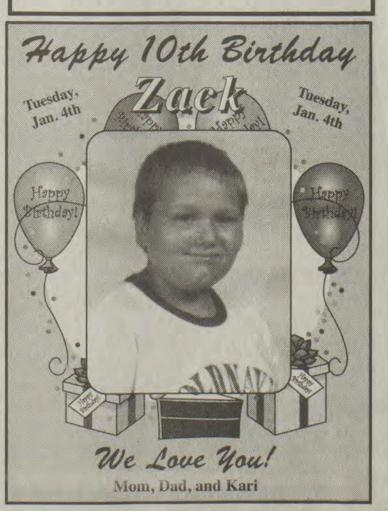
## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Clark Elementary is to receive a Scholastic Audit by Kentucky Department of Education, January 10-14, 2005.

The public is invited to provide input, either through written comments or interviews.

Clark Elementary was selected for this audit because they meet Kentucky's criteria for a "Successful School."

> Call 886-2487 for more information about this audit.



## Rodney Handshoe, M.D. F.A.C.C. is Moving (but not very far).

After many years of successful practice in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Dr. Rodney Handshoe is closing his office on **December 17, 2004** and will begin seeing patients January 17, 2005 at the Winchester offices of Cardiology Associates of Kentucky



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# For the Record

#### Marriage Licenses

Margie A. Samons, 50, to Lundy Samons, 40, both of Martin.

David, to John J. Hancock, 57, of Garrett.

29, to Bobby Hackworth Jr., 40, both of Martin.

Melissa Stanley, 36, of Prestonsburg, to Timothy Dirk Adams, 43, of Pike County.

Kari Maranda Hutchinson, 20, to Terry Ray Hunter, both of Pikeville.

Audie Graynor, to Eddie E. Yates, 67, insurance. of McDowell.

#### Civil Suits Filed

Larry Hamilton vs. Jody Lynn Hamilton; petition for annulment.

Tiffany Miller vs. Robert Miller; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Cora Moore vs. James Craft; petition for health care insurance

Carolyn Click VS. Christopher Click; petition for health care insurance.

Betsy Schoolcraft vs. Kathy Snodgrass; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Betsy Schoolcraft vs. Fred Cotterell; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Teresa Collins vs. Robert Vanhoose; petition for health care insurance.

Charles Wright, executor of the estate of Janice Wright vs. Pam Howard; complaint.

Michael Clouse vs. Margaret Clouse; divorce.

Christine Fultz vs. Paul Fultz; divorce.

Community Trust Bank vs. Larry Allen; complaint.

Green Tree Servicing vs. Dorothy Underwood, unknown North American spouse,

Rock Joint Venture, L.P., and Small Business Administration; complaint.

Origen Financial vs. Larry Rebecca Moore, 52, of and Patricia Hunter; complaint to foreclose security interest.

Paula Short vs. James Short; Ollie Louann Carroll Hall, divorce case transferred from Johnson County.

Ima Lowe vs. Norma J. Hamilton and Nationwide Insurance Company; complaint. Vanderbilt Mortgage and

Finance Inc. vs. Andrew and Mary L. Ray; complaint. Brandie Clark vs. Phillip

Howell, 59, of Clark; petition for health care Larry Lewis vs. Frasure

Creek Mining; complaint. Commonwealth of Kentucky

vs. Jackie Dalton and Deborah

A. Samons; complaint. Cubert Spence, Ralph Hall, Donald Martin, James Butler, Wayne Tackett, Larry Shepherd, James Sisco, Benjie Stewart, John Wright, and Palmer Woods vs. Marco Mine Supply Inc., Mine Service Company Inc., Mountain Supply Company, Kentucky Mine Supply Company, Peringer Supply Company, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, American Optical Corporation,

Mine Safety Appliances Company and the Morgantown National Supply Inc.; complaint. Charles Ray Collins vs.

Annie Mae Collins; divorce.

Lisa Stockton vs. Robert Stockton; divorce. Tiffany Prater vs. Justin Hall;

complaint.

United Central Industrial Supply Inc. vs. Leprechaun Coal Inc.; complaint.

American Home Assurance Company vs. Edward Osborne; complaint.

Mortgage Electronic Systems vs. Gary E. and Lisa Johnson; complaint.

Citizens National Bank vs.

Mortgage Company, Cadle June Joseph and Floyd County; complaint with notice under the Fair Debt Collections Practice Act.

> Bayview Loan Servicing LLC. vs. John and Janet Miller, Shaun and Janet Conn and Floyd County: complaint.

> Household Bank NA. vs. Stella McCown; complaint.

#### Small Claims

#### Filings

Housing Authority of Martin vs. Randell N. Gortney of Martin; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Tena Shannon, Harold; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Melissa Boyd, Harold; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Timothy and Leshia Jent, Ivel; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Smith, Stanville; Donald demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Colby Akers, Betsy Layne; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Wendy Tackett, Stanville; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Brandi Conn, Harold; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Lafferty, Kimberly Prestonsburg; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Avolois Crum, Shelbiana; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Arnold Gillespie, Stanville; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Veronica Dirico, Prestonsburg; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Sally Justice, Ivel; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Lisa Anderson, Tram; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Porty Blevins, Tram; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Burton, Stanville; Karen demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Rhonda Thacker, Ivel; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Mrs. Cecil Hillard, Stanville: demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Jolena Gussler, Prestonsburg; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Steve Hunt, Stanville; demand for payment.

B & H Gas of Harold vs. Dwayne Tackett, Tram; demand for payment. Johnson County Gas vs.

Nancy Webb, Allen; demand for payment. Johnson County Gas vs. James Jarrell, Auxier; demand

for payment. Big Sandy Check Cashing vs. Angie Campbell, East Point; demand for payment.

Bennie A. Rose vs. Tracy Layne; demand for payment for a car purchase.

#### **Charges Filed**

Bret Short, 42, Prestonsburg; resisting arrest, third-degree criminal trespass.

Gena Derossett, 34, Melvin; third-degree criminal trespass. Jeffrey Huff, 43, Dema; ille-

gal hunting. Roger Green, 64, Paintsville;

misdemeanor theft. Carlos Luclecio Garcia, 20,

Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, public intoxication. Candy Gillum, 42, Greenup;

resisting arrest, disorderly conduct. Marty Keith Hamilton, 48,

Betsy Layne; auto theft. Christopher Douglas Moore,

37, Martin; flagrant nonsupport

#### Inspections

Rite Aid, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some over-the-counter medication past expiration date, boxed candy not stored six inches from floor, restroom door not selfclosing. Score: 91.

Save A Lot, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers in coolers, some bread products in back room not stored six inches from floor, restroom doors not self-closing, floor tiles in some disrepair, lights in meat room need shields, mop heads stored on floor. Score: 91.

Doc Reynolds Grocery, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all refrigeration units, nonfood contact surface in need of cleaning, floors in bad repair, lights lack proper shields throughout facility.

Hometown IGA, Stanville, followup inspection. Violations noted: All critical items corrected. Some non-critical items stand uncorrected. Score: 96.

Betsy Layne High school, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not property located in Allen.

in use, single service items should be stored six inches from floor, no accessible toilet paper in employee restroom. Score:

Alpike mOtel, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Bathroom wall in room 106 in disrepair, room 101 has no mattress pads, room 101 light fixture detached from ceiling. Score: 92.

#### **Property Transfers**

Dinah Stratton and Danny Stratton to Barbara June Burchett and James H. Trimble, property located in Ivel.

Thoroughbred Development Inc. to Christopher C. Battel and Kara L. Battel, property located at Big Mud Creek.

Lucille May to John J. Vanko, property located at Crestwood Subdivision.

Ray Adkins to Flora Ranea Burke and Joseph W. Burke, property located at Little Mud Creek.

Equity One, Incorporated to Ronald Taylor and Christine Taylor, property located at Branham Creek.

Coy D. Samons and Ann M. Samons to Jonathan O. Morris,



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#### Coca-Cola opener no classic for Rebels NOTEBOOK

by STEVE LeMASTER

SPORTS EDITOR

season got a little tougher Tuesday

night for the Allen Central Rebels.

Allen Central, playing in the Coca-

Cola Hoops Classic at Pike County

Central High School, couldn't keep

pace in a game against Belfry. The

Pirates led 25-18 at halftime and put

Allen Central out of the game in the

BUCKLEYS CREEK - A tough

WYMT Classic at Perry County Central.

Cats win SEC opener

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

Notes scribbled on my Hall of Fame ballot:

The Southeastern Conference season finally began for Big Blue Nation on Wednesday, meaning the (mostly justified) complaints about the schedule can be laid to rest.

Kentucky struggled somewhat before a fairly decisive second half finally put South Carolina away to the tune of 79-75. In winning the game, the Cats did all they need to.

After last week's second-half debacle gagainst Campbell, many of us were wondering if this team had what it took to win in the SEC. At least



My displeasure with the Cats after meltdown against the Camels wasn't received very well by Bill Watson, who reminded me of something I tell him a few times each basketball season - a month

from now it'll just be a win. Nobody will remember if it was a pretty one or not.

Well, that actually isn't the case - it's hard to forget something that ugly - but in the end, the Cats entered league play with nine wins in 10 games, and that's getting it done no matter how you look at it.

Still, anyone who wondered how this team would fair against the better competition of the SEC was justified. Wednesday night we saw that more often than not, they'll still be able to find a way to win.

It wasn't a beautiful display, and isn't one fans will be clamoring to relive dur-Ing the dog days of summer. Still, it was a

second half by outscoring the standout David Jones added 10 Rebels in each of the final two periods. Belfry (5-2) ran its way to a convincing 68-44 win.

Starting forward Adam Warren done the most offensive damage for Belfry as he scored a game-high 19 points. Matt Maynard followed for the Pirates with 18 points. Exactly half of Maynard's 18 points came on three-point field goals as he connected on three trifectas. Football

points for the Pirates. Allen Central (1-10) got off to a slow start, but showed signs of playing near even with the Pirates in both the first and second quarters. After a blistering start, Belfry cooled down some and Allen Central battled the Pirates tough through the first period. Belfry led

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photo by Steve LeMaster Central Wilfredo Dominguez worked his around the Belfry

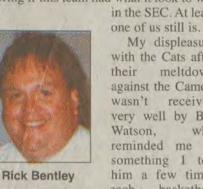
RAIDER BALL RETURNS photo by Jamie Howell South Floyd sophomore Ethan Johnson came in off the bench and scored 14 points in the win over Clay County. Johnson also pulled down five rebounds.

### Commodores conquer P'burg by STEVE LeMASTER

SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD - Any hopes Prestonsburg had of beating 14th Region opponent Perry Central and getting off to a winning start in this year's WYMT Classic were quickly dashed Wednesday night. Prestonsburg, playing on the road against the host Commodores, fell behind early and never quite recovered. Fresh off a 2-1 performance in the Jenny Wiley Invitational last week, Prestonsburg never could get going against defending 14th Region champ Perry Central. The Dores set sail to the win by outscoring Prestonsburg 23-9 in the first quarter. Perry Central owned every quarter, outscoring Prestonsburg in every period and rolling to an 83-47 victory.

Perry Central hadn't played in the Sweet Sixteen since 2000, but made its way back into the tournament last season and beat Morgan County in a state tournament opener. The Commodores, coached by Al Holland, look poised for a repeat run at the 14th Region title. Wednesday's win over Prestonsburg solidifies Perry Central's case as one of Eastern Kentucky's top boys' basketball teams



win and that's what matters.

One more foray out of the league awaits the Cats on Sunday, as they hook up with Kansas in a game designed to draw your attention away from Wild Card weekend in the NFL.

The Cats and Jayhawks were once fairly friendly rivals until Rick Pitino came to Lexington. He then took a team to Lawrence that had no business going there and tried to press until Roy Williams won by 55 points, and then proceeded to convince a lot of people the beating was the fault of Williams and not his own.

Then, of course, he stopped playing them in the name of playing places more of his recruits came from, which explains why there were very few home games on the schedule.

But I digress.

The power of the SEC has been called into question this week, citing only one win in 13 games against ranked opponents. Still, the Vandys and Alabamas of the world will be better competition than the Cats have been fed to this point in the season, something not normally uttered in the Bluegrass.

Only time will tell if the Cats are up to the likes of Mississippi State, but it seems likely they'll more than prepared to handle the lion's share of league competition. And then, of course, the calendar will turn

(See BENTLEY, page two)

# South Floyd boys turn things around in WYMT Classic win over Clay

#### by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HAZARD - South Floyd has won four of the last five 58th District championships. In that same five-year timespan, South Floyd also has a regional title and several regular-season tournament championships to its credit. But the last two weeks of December were less than kind to the South Floyd Raiders. In tournaments played in Lexington and Prestonsburg, South Floyd went a combined 1-6. The Raiders went 0-3 in last week's Wiley Prestonsburg/Jenny But Invitational. between Wednesday, Dec. 29 and this past Wednesday, something changed for South Floyd. Something changed for the better. The Raiders began play Wednesday night in the WYMT Classic. Pitted against 13th Region favorite Clay County, South Floyd faced a stiff, uphill battle. But the Raiders were up to the challenge. In one night -Wednesday night - South Floyd turned its season back around and headed in the right direction, beating Clay County 74-72.

Junior guard Ryan Johnson tossed in 22 points and dished out six assists to lead South Floyd. Burnett Little registered a doubledouble of 17 points and 11 rebounds. Little had eight offensive rebounds and South Floyd won the rebounding battle 29-25.

Ethan Johnson netted 14 points and Mason Hall chipped in eight. Ryan Johnson, Ethan Johnson and Hall all hit a pair of three-pointers apiece. Justin Slone had South Floyd's other three-point field goal.

Ethan Johnson, a sophomore, drained two free throws with just a couple of seconds remaining in the game to seal the South Floyd victory.

The Raiders shot 49 percent from the field, hitting 25 of 51 field goal attempts. South Floyd hit seven three-point field goals and hit 17 of 24 free throw attempts.

The win over Clay County allowed South Floyd to get its season back on the right track.

So, why the sudden successful turnaround?

Barry Hall is back at the helm of the Raider boys' basketball program. After losing three games in the Jenny Wiley tournament, Hall invited former South Floyd head coach Henry Webb to come in and talk with the 2004-05 Raiders.

According to Hall, South Floyd made the most of its practice time leading up to Clay County game.

"We've had some really good practices," said Hall. "Henry (Webb) came up and talked to the boys; he and I both talked to them and told them what we thought about how they had played as of late."

Many of the same Raiders that suit up and play this season played for Webb during the 2003-04 campaign.

The win over Clay County is South Floyd's biggest of the season.

"Our coaching staff is really enthused by the way they played," Hall added. "The kids' attitudes were great. We shot the ball well

Perry Central (7-5) led Prestonsburg 23-9 through one quarter. The Commodores led 26-27 at halftime and finished strong, outscoring Prestonsburg 20-9 in the fourth quarter.

(See P'BURG, page two)



**Trevor Compton** 

# Defense key in Lady Bear win

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville College Lady Bears got a pair of dou-



The win was the fifth in a row for the Lady Bears, dating back to their

Dec. 12 loss at Morehead State, raising their record to 10-6. Pikeville will try to match last year's win total on Thursday night when it travels to Midway College.

Selena Williams

Pikeville shot only 43.5 percent for the game but hit half their 32 secondhalf shots, and its defense pressure forced the Lady Cavs into only 25 percent shooting after intermission. Wise was miserable from the arc as well, hitting only two of its 20 second-half three-point tries.

Combine that with 28 turnovers, and the Lady Cavs were well on their way to their third straight loss.

Senior forward Selena Williams had 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Lady Bears, and also finished with three assists and two steals. Sophomore guard Jessica Lovell tossed in 10 markers and handed out 11 assists, and picked up five steals for good measure.

Freshman center Kellie Jo Moore put up steady numbers across the board - 13 points, eight rebounds, three assists and three blocks in 27 minutes of play.

Sophomore guard Tonya Amburgey hit two of her three from the arc to toss

in 10 and pick up three of Pikeville's 19 steals.

Sophomore Chelsea Lee led U.Va.-Wise with 15 points and handed out five assists. Sophomore Sarah Helton finished with 13



**Jessica Lovell** 

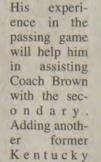
and pulled down nine rebounds for the Lady Cavs, who won the rebounding battle 43-40.

# Parker joins UK staff as graduate assistant

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Gerad Parker, a Kentucky wide receiver the last five seasons, will stay with the UK football team as a graduate assistant coach, Coach Rich Brooks has announced. Parker will work with the Wildcat defensive staff and help Steve Brown coach the defensive backs.

"It's great to have a young man like Gerad joining our staff," said Brooks. "He was voted Most Inspirational Player by his teammates (following the 2004 season), so he has the respect of the players.



player to our



**Gerar Parker** 

staff will make us stronger."

Parker played for UK from 2000-04. He had his best season as a senior

<sup>(</sup>See WYMT, page two)

#### Bentley

to March, it'll once again be time for Tubby Smith to weave\* his magic.

One man's final Top Five: USC, Utah, Auburn, Oklahoma and Louisville.

Oh, I suppose I should explain. The pollsters are clearly not happy with the Utes crashing the BSC party and have kept them out of the national top fives, but prior to USC's smackdown of Oklahoma on Tuesday they'd been the only team that looked excited about playing.

And Louisville's win over Boise State was just fun to watch.

I suppose it was only a matter of time before Ryne Sandberg was voted into Cooperstown, but I don't expect to be amongst those cheering

him on at his induction.

#### In my career as a sportswriter, I've met many a pseudo celebrity, and have walked away with only one bad impression. Surprisingly, it wasn't Pitino. who treated me with respect every time we met.

No, it happened Labor Day weekend 1989 in Atlanta, when the Braves were hopelessly out of the race and entertaining the Cubs. I'd just finished a nice interview with Greg Maddux, still in his first go-around with Harry Caray's favorite team, when I saw the other Cub superstar making his way out of the clubhouse.

I stepped out of the circle that included Maddux, Mitch "Wild Thing" Williams and Jimmy Raines, and as politely as I could mentioned to him that I was in

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town for the weekend and would he mind allowing me a couple of minutes at some point.

He didn't even bother to look at me. "No," he barked, and stormed off onto the field.

Sorry, but I haven't been a Ryne Sandberg since and don't expect to change my mind anytime soon.

I've had people tell me he could have been having a rough day, having a round with his wife or whatever, and that's possible. But the jerk could have at least been polite.

Even Williams, with his questionable rep already firmly in place, was entertaining that day.

A guy like Sandberg gets in the Hall and once again Dale Murphy doesn't get a sniff of Cooperstown.

That's our world today.

#### WYMT

and hit our free throws; everyone played hard." South Floyd was a hot-shoot-

ing team, especially in the first

half, hitting 56 percent from the field and 63 percent from behind the three-point line. Steven Stanley flipped in



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five points for the Raiders. Slone and Wes Hall each had three points apiece. Ryan Little rounded out the South Floyd scoring with two points.



#### Classic

13-7 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Allen Central battled back even closer before settling for being down seven points at halftime.

points.

scoring.

time.

Starting center Tim Griffith

led Allen Central in scoring

with 16 points. Ryan

Hammonds added seven points

for the Rebels, while Josh

Martin scored six. Ryan

Collins had five points and

Josh Prater and Nathan Collins

each had four. Wilfredo

Dominguez added two points

and rounded out the Rebel

action last night in the Coca-

Cola Hoops Classic against

15th Region frontrunner

Shelby Valley. Results from the

Allen Central-Shelby Valley

game were unavailable at press

32: In the opening game of the

Coca-Cola Classic Tuesday

night, tournament host Pike

County Central rolled over

Jenkins. The Hawks more than

doubled up Jenkins in the first

Pike Co. Central 60, Jenkins

Allen Central was back in

Allen Central scored the first field goal of the second half early on in the third quarter to cut the Belfry lead down to a 25-20 advantage. But the Rebels could get no closer. Belfry quickly worked its way out to a double-digit lead and went on to post the impressive win.

Belfry, coached by first-year head coach Randy Casey, hit four three-pointers, three of which Warren drained in the explosive third quarter.

Doug Howard added seven points for the Pirates and Jordan Curry, playing in off the bench and in a reserve roll, added five. Brandon Runyon scored four points and Dustin May netted three. Starting guard Bruce Young rounded out the Belfry scoring with two

#### Parker

when he caught 15 passes for 168 yards. A member of the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll, he has completed his bachelor's degree in secondary education and is working on a master's in teaching.

# getting to coach here."

"I'm excited about the chance to continue helping Kentucky football get to where we want it to be," said Parker. "This is really special - growing up watching Kentucky football, playing here, and now

#### Parker, a Louisa native, finished his career at Lawrence County High School as the state's all-time leader in pass receptions and receiving yardage. He remains first in state history in receiving yards and is second all-time in receptions.

Senior forward Derrick Bowling led Perry Central in scoring with a game-high 28 points. Daniel Combs, voted the 14th Region's top player heading into the current season, added 15 points. Chris Chaney added 10 points, giving Perry Central three players in double figures.

Trevor Compton's 11 points was the highest individual scoring total for Prestonsburg. Joe Blackburn tossed in nine points for the Blackcats and Sean Leslie added seven.

Ten different Blackcats scored with seven players scoring five points or less.

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The 47-point effort is Prestonsburg's lowest of the season.

Coming out of the intermission period. Prestonsburg's top priority became getting back into the contest. However, Perry Central had other inten-

tions and outscored the Blackcats 17-11. Prestonsburg (5-4) was back in action in the tournament last night, taking on Clay County. A team out of the 13th Region, Clay County dropped a close contest to South Floyd in the opening round of the WYMT tourney. Results from the Prestonsburg-South Floyd

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quarter, leading 13-6 at the end of the initial period. Pike Central led 27-12 at halftime and 38-23 at the end of the third quarter. The Hawks held Jenkins to less than 10 points in three of the four quarters.

Brad Lowe led Pike Central in scoring with a game-high 21 points. Anthony Gibson flipped in 12 points for the Hawks.

In Coca-Cola Classic games played Wednesday night, Pike Central and Pikeville each posted wins . Pike Central beat Cordia 73-37 and Pikeville held on to defeat Jenkins 53-48

In Pike Central's win over Cordia, Gibson led all scorers with a game-high 17 points. Chase Snodgrass aided the Pike Central attack with 10 points.

Jacob Sword scored 13 points and Robert Shurtleff netted 12 in Pikeville's win over Jenkins.

game were unavailable at press time WYMT Classic At Perry Central

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#### PRESTONSBURG McGuire 1, M. Stephens 3, Chaffin 2, Barnett 2, Compton

11, Morrison 1, Blackburn 9, Leslie 7, J.M. Stephens 3, Ousley 5.

PERRY CO. CENTRAL -Combs 15, Bowling 28, Chaney 10, Kelly 4, Shepherd 2, Allen 7, Brashear 6, Campbell 8, Willis 3.

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## **Animal House** Jan 19, 2005

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# No. 8 Kentucky 79, South Carolina 75

#### by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Kentucky opened its Southeastern Conference schedule in the usual way - with a win.

Kelenna Azubuike made four 3-pointers - matching his career best - and finished with 21 points as No. 8 Kentucky held on for a 79-75 win over South Carolina on Wednesday night.

Chuck Hayes added 15 points and 10 rebounds for Kentucky (10-1, 1-0 SEC), which won its league opener for the 17th time in 18 years. The only loss during that stretch came in 2002 to Mississippi State.

Kentucky will play its final nonconference game of the regular season Sunday, hosting No. 2 Kansas.

"It will be a good game if we can correct some of the problems we had tonight," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said.

South Carolina (8-4, 0-1) has lost three games to ranked teams this season, having also dropped four-point road decisions at Kansas and No. 16 Pittsburgh. The Gamecocks' four losses have been by a combined 13 points.

"I was very disappointed that we weren't able to hold on and hold our own defensively in the second half," South Carolina coach Dave Odom said. "Obviously, when you're ahead of a team like Kentucky early, they're going to give a giant effort in the second half and they did that tonight."

Kentucky used a 7-0 run a 41-35 lead. midway through the second half to turn a two-point lead into a nine-point advantage, the largest enjoyed by either team, with 8:55 left.

South Carolina cut that lead to five four times, but came no closer until a meaningless basket in the final seconds.

Kentucky's Ravi Moss and Patrick Sparks combined to make 4-of-8 free-throw attempts in the final 1:09, and Moss, a walk-on, also blocked a 3-point attempt by Josh Gonner with 23 seconds left that could've cut the Wildcats' lead to three.

Azubuike continued a recent hot streak. The junior swingman went 8-of-13 from the field and is 21-of-38 in his last three games. During that stretch, his team-leading scoring average has risen to 15 points per game.

"I definitely want the ball," Azubuike said. "Sometimes it may get called for other people, but I'll be ready when it comes. When I get it, I'll make something happen."

South Carolina shot 53.6 percent from the field, snapping Kentucky's 42-game streak of holding opponents under 50 percent shooting. Tre Kelley led the Gamecocks with 19 points.

Kentucky made its first seven shots and jumped out to a seven-point lead, but South Carolina took control by shooting 58.6 percent from the field in the half. The Gamecocks made six 3-pointers in the first half, including one at the buzzer by Carlos Powell that gave them

Powell had 13 of his 15 points in the first half.

After its initial run, Kentucky made only eight of its next 27 shots.

Kentucky scored the first seven points of the second half to regain the lead, starting a stretch during which the teams traded the lead on five straight possessions.

South Carolina went 2-of-10 from 3-point range in the second half. Gonner added 13 points for the Gamecocks.

"We didn't guard anybody," Smith said. "I could have made a few 3s tonight. It's a joke. We just didn't have the defensive intensity."

Kentucky had five players score in double figures for the first time this season. Rajon Rondo had 11 points, while Sparks and Randolph Morris scored 10 each. Sparks also had seven assists.

The Wildcats committed only nine turnovers.

Kentucky repeatedly went inside and shot 20 more free throws than the Gamecocks. The Wildcats went 17-of-29 from the line, while South Carolina was 7-of-9.

"Anybody who saw the game saw that the game was won inside and on the free-throw line," Odom said.

South Carolina is 1-18 against Kentucky in Lexington, winning only in 1997. But four of the last five games between the teams at Rupp Arena have been decided by seven points or less.

# Virginia 80, W. Kentucky 79, 20T

#### by HANK KURZ Jr. ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - The final sequence happened so fast, it seemed like no one got a really good look at how Virginia managed to win.

There was the mad scramble for a loose ball when most everyone on the court got a hand on it, and then T.J. Bannister had it in the left corner, drove and laid it in with 2.6 seconds left to give Virginia a 80-79 double-overtime victory against Western Kentucky on Wednesday night.

"I need to see the film," Hilltoppers coach Darrin Horn said. "I've got a feeling I might be disappointed that we didn't have somebody on the floor, which we pride ourselves on, to come up with that basketball."

Virginia's Jason Clark was among those fighting for the ball before Gary Forbes finally came up with it and got it to the point guard.

"That was great," Clark said. "All I know is I was on the ground and pretty soon everyone was on the ground. Both teams really wanted it."

Bannister's basket, only his second of the game, gave the Cavaliers the victory on a night when they were undermanned because scoring leader Devin Smith missed his second straight game with an ankle injury and J.R. Reynolds played despite being sick all day with food poisoning.

Western Kentucky (10-2) led almost throughout, going to overtime when Elgrace Wilborn was called for goaltending on Clark's tip at the buzzer.

In the first overtime, the Cavaliers blew a 5-point lead as Anthony Winchester hit a 3pointer with 21.5 seconds left and Courtney Lee scored on a drive down the middle with eight-tenths of a second remaining.

The Cavaliers also nearly lost the ball twice in the final sequence before Forbes emerged, found Bannister and he made the winning play.

"Somehow we tipped it, got it and T.J. had the guts to take it and drive," Virginia coach Pete Gillen said. The coach also praised Reynolds' effort. He had 16 of his 20 points after throwing up at halftime.

"He had the heart of a lion to do that," Gillen said.

Reynolds and Clark, who had 16 points, tied their career highs. Clark added nine rebounds and Elton Brown had 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Western Kentucky (10-2) lost despite 30 points, 11 rebounds and four assists from the 6-foot-4 Winchester and 20 points from Lee, whose two free throws with 32.8 seconds left gave Western Kentucky a 79-78 lead.

Lee scored all but two of his points after halftime.

Forbes' layup off a feed from Clark with 38.4 seconds left gave Virginia its first lead of the second overtime at 77-76, but Lee made both shots when Forbes fouled him immediately after taking the inbounds pass.

Then came the final sequence, ending a wild night in which the Hilltoppers seemed destined to hand Virginia its second straight home loss. The Cavaliers lost 89-70 to No. 4 Wake Forest here Sunday.

Virginia led only once in the last 38 minutes of regulation, with 1:43 left, but Wilborn's goaltending gave Virginia another chance to win.

Virginia led by as many as five in the first overtime, but Winchester hit a 3-pointer to help close the gap and Lee's runner in the lane tied it at 74. Forbes had missed two free throws with 12.7 seconds left.

Western Kentucky led most of the first half and by as many as six in the second half until Virginia used a 6-0 run to pull even at 43.

The Hilltoppers immediately went on a 10-4 run, getting seven points from Courtney Lee and a 3-pointer from Winchester to lead 53-47 and forcing the Cavaliers to play catch-up again. They made it, just barely.

# U of L embroiled in legal dispute with broadcast partner

#### by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - For years, the University of Louisville has teamed up with WHAS-AM at Cardinals' basketball and football games. On Tuesday, the partners became adversaries.

The university filed a lawsuit asking a judge to force Clear Channel Radio to give Sirius Satellite Radio access to its broadcasts of Louisville men's basketball games.

Clear Channel won the first round, however. Jefferson County Circuit Judge Kenneth Conliffe declined to rule after Cardinals' games in order to concluding he lacked jurisdiction in the case. That means the dispute will bounce into federal court, where Clear Channel's lawyers argued the case belongs. U of L had sought a court order in time to allow Sirius to Cardinals' the carry Conference USA opener at Houston on Wednesday night. The suit also seeks unspecified damages. Joining U of L in the suit is New Jersey-based Nelligan Sports Marketing Inc., its broadcast partner. Adding to the intrigue, both sides accused the other of being motivated by Clear Channel's recent agreement with U of L's chief rival, the University of Kentucky.

ity over U of L on WHAS-AM beginning in fall 2007. The Louisville station, a part of Clear Channel, now holds the rights to both UK and U of L, and the Cardinals have priority over UK when both teams play at the same time.

After the Clear Channel-UK deal, Louisville athletics director Tom Jurich said the Cardinals would end their relationship with WHAS-AM after their contract expired.

Gregg Hovious, an attorney for U of L, argued during a hearing Tuesday that WHAS was denying Sirius access to "bully" the university into releasing Clear Channel from the last two years of its contract with U of L. Hovious referred to WHAS as a "50,000-watt gorilla" and said all it would take to patch Sirius into the broadcasts would be to "flip a few switches." He said that blocking Sirius from airing Cardinals' games could put U of L at a recruiting disadvantage with UK. He noted that Sirius has access to Wildcats games, which allows potential recruits around the country to listen in. Hovious also said that Sirius, with its broad reach, would make Cardinals' games available far-flung for Cardinals alumni and fans, which could help university fund-raising.

Hovious said WHAS' actions could jeopardize the deal with Sirius, which plans to air select Cardinals' basketball games this season.

Bridget Papalia, an attorney for Clear Channel, said that WHAS was under no contractual obligation to make the games available to Sirius. She accused U of L of trying to expand its contract with Clear Channel in the wake of the UK deal.

"It's obvious that they're unhappy with the Host (Communications) arrangement, and so they're taking it and really misconstruing the language and trying to capitalize on one small phrase in an agreement," she said. Host Communications is UK's broadcasting partner. Papalia also argued that allowing Sirius to carry Louisville games would "dilute" the audience listening to WHAS' same broadcasts. After the hearing, U of L spokesman Kenny Klein said the university was disappointed that the dispute wound up in court. "All we're trying to do is reach our fans," he said. Earl Jones, a Clear Channel Radio regional vice president, declined comment. Hovious said U of L and Nelligan planned to go to federal court Wednesday to request a preliminary injunction forcing WHAS into offering the broadcasts to Sirius.

# \* UConn, Pitt and West Virginia all fall in night of upsets in Big East

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut, Pittsburgh and West Virginia all lost Wednesday night in a stunning night of upsets in the Big East. A number of other Top 25 teams fell, as well.

Syracuse was able to avoid a letdown against St. John's, but

for Boston College. "Boston College came in and took the game away from us,"

#### UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. Josh Boone had 18 points and 15 rebounds for Connecticut (8-2).

At Pittsburgh, the Panthers (10-2) followed up a stunning 69-66 loss Sunday to Bucknell with a defeat nearly as surprising only their third in 46 home games since the Petersen Events Center opened for the 2002-03 season. Bowman scored 18 as the Hoyas (9-3) won their Big East debut under new coach John Thompson III, the son of the longtime Hoyas' coach.

No. 6 Syracuse 79, St. John's 65

At New York, Hakim Warrick scored 22 points and Gerry McNamara added 19 for Syracuse (14-1), which opened Big East play with its 36th consecutive win over

coach Jim Boeheim expects this season to be filled with surprises.

"This league is a very good league and you better be ready every night," Boeheim said of the Big East. "There could be a lot of nights like this during the season."

Craig Smith scored 16 points, including the game-winning free throw with 35 seconds left, to lift No. 25 Boston College to a 75-70 victory over No. 10 Connecticut.

"We're not going to let people come and beat on us," Smith said. "We're going to put the beating on them."

At Pittsburgh, Brandon Bowman drove the lane for the goahead basket with 8.4 seconds remaining. The No. 16 Panthers then failed twice to get off a shot in a 67-64 loss to Georgetown - the second straight game they've been upset.

"This really hurts, to lose two straight games at home," said Chris Taft, who led Pitt with 20 points. "We've got to find a way to get through."

Allan Ray scored 26 points in Villanova's 84-46 rout of No. 21 West Virginia, snapping the Mountaineers' season-opening 10-game winning streak.

'It kind of gives them a feeling of what we can be," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "I don't think they're shocked, but I think they're feeling real good about it."

In other upsets involving ranked teams, Michigan edged No. 14 Iowa 65-63, Houston topped No. 17 Louisville 70-67, and Vanderbilt beat Alabama 70-56.

In other games involving Top 25 teams, it was: No. 1 Illinois 84, Ohio State 65; No. 2 Kansas 65, Texas A&M 60; No. 5 Duke 59, Princeton 46; No. 6 Syracuse 79, St. John's 75; No. 8 Kentucky 79, South Carolina 75; No. 18 Mississippi State 90, Auburn 53; No. 20 Michigan State 84, Penn State 58; and No. 24 George Washington 71, La Salle 42.

At Hartford, Conn., Jared Dudley had a team-high 17 points for the Eagles (12-0), who are off to the best start in school history. It was the third win in 12 meetings at the Hartford Civic Center 21 points for the Tigers (8-5).

'The ball bounced our way the last two minutes," Thompson said. "It was a big win against a terrific team."

At Villanova, Pa., Curtis Sumpter scored 13 points for the Wildcats (8-1), who won their seventh straight and had their largest margin of victory ever in a Big East game.

"This was a big step for our team," Mike Nardi said. "We're really trying to build something here.'

D'or Fischer scored 14 points for the Mountaineers (10-1), who hadn't scored fewer than 70 points this season and had their season-opening winning streak stopped.

'We're certainly not a juggernaut of a 10-0 team, and we proved that today," coach John Beilein said.

#### No. 1 Illinois 84, **Ohio State 65**

At Champaign, Ill., James Augustine tied his career high with 21 points for Illinois (15-0), which used an 13-7 run at the start of the second half to take control.

Tony Stockman scored 19 points for the Buckeyes (11-3).

No. 2 Kansas 65, Texas A&M

At Lawrence, Kan., Alex Galindo hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer, and Christian Moody and Aaron Miles each made two free throws in the final seconds to lift Kansas (10-0).

The Aggies (11-1) have lost 18 straight regular-season conference games.

No. 5 Duke 59, Princeton 46 At Durham, N.C., J.J. Redick made all 14 of his free throws and scored 21 points, helping Duke improve to 10-0 for the fourth time in five seasons.

Will Venable had a season-high

an intrastate opponent.

Daryll Hill had 23 points for the Red Storm (6-5), who had a threegame winning streak snapped.

Michigan 65, No. 14 Iowa 63 At Iowa City, Iowa, Brent Petway scored 14 points and Michigan (9-5) held off a fierce second-half rally.

Pierre Pierce led the Hawkeyes (12-2) with 15 points.

### Houston 70, No. 17

#### Louisville 67

Andre Owens scored 27 points, including a 3-pointer for the go-ahead basket with 21 seconds left in the first win over a Top 25 team for the Cougars (9-3) since they beat then-No. 25 Tulsa on Dec. 4, 1996.

Juan Palacios had 20 points for visiting Louisville (11-3), which lost to Houston for the first time since Feb. 21, 1993.

No. 18 Mississippi State 90, Auburn 53

At Starkville, Miss., Lawrence Roberts had 19 points and 15 rebounds for Mississippi State (13-2).

Toney Douglas, the SEC's leading scorer, had 14 points five fewer than his average for Auburn (9-5).

Vanderbilt 70, No. 19 Alabama 56

At Nashville, Tenn., Mario Moore shot 4-of-5 from 3-point range and finished with 16 points for Vanderbilt (10-4).

Jermareo Davidson tied his career high with 21 points for Alabama (11-3).

No. 20 Michigan State 84, Penn State 58

At State College, Pa., Alan Anderson scored 17 points to lead Michigan State (9-2).

Geary Claxton scored a career-high 20 points for the Nittany Lions (6-8).

No. 24 George Washington 71, La Salle 42

At Washington, TJ. Thompson had 16 points, Pops Mensah-Bonsu had 12 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks, and Mike Hall had nine points and a career-high 17 rebounds for George Washington (9-2).

Steven Smith had 23 points for the Explorers (3-8).

In that deal, Clear Channel agreed to give UK sports prior-

# Houston 70, No. 17 Louisville 67

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON Andre Owens scored 27 points, including a 3-pointer for the go-ahead basket with 21 seconds left, leading Houston to a 70-67 upset over No. 17 Louisville on Wednesday night.

It was Houston's first win over a Top 25 team since beating then-No. 25 Tulsa on Dec. 4, 1996.

Freshman Juan Palacios had 20 points for Louisville, which lost to Houston for the first time in nine meetings. The Cougars' last win over throws with 10 seconds gave the Cardinals was Feb. 21, 1993.

Down by as many as eight in the early minutes of the second half, Louisville narrowed it to 58-57 on a 3Jenkins' 3-pointer with 2:09 then tied it at 60 and two free throws by Larry O'Bannon gave the Cardinals a 62-60 lead with 2:03 to play.

Palacios hit a 3 with 1:45 left for a 65-62 lead, but Owens answered with a 3 to tie it again with 1:04 left.

Francisco Garcia hit a 15foot jumper with 34 seconds remaining for a 67-65 Louisville lead.

But Owens hit his 3 and Garcia was then called for a charge on the other end. Lanny Smith's two free Houston its final points.

Louisville starting guard Taquan Dean, who averages 15.7 points, failed to score for Louisville, which ended a five-game win streak. He pointer by Palacios with missed the Cardinals' last 3:13 to play. Brandon game with back spasms, was

bothered by them again Wednesday and played only 17 minutes - none in the second half.

After five ties and four lead changes in the first 12 minutes, Louisville went on a 7-0 run to take a 21-16 lead with 6:29 to play in the first half. The Cardinals hit five 3s in the opening 13 1/2 minutes.

Houston, which missed 22 of its first 28 shots for 21 percent shooting, stayed alive by making six steals as Louisville had nine turnovers the first 14 minutes.

The Cougars then went on a 9-3 run, capped by Owens' 3-pointer, to take a 30-27 lead with 2:03 left in the first half.

Owens had 18 points, including the Cougars' last seven, as Houston led 34-30 at halftime.

#### B4 . FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2005

# Winter baseball camps a smashing success

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The Kentucky baseball coaches hosted nearly 600 campers over the winter break in four different instructional camps.

The Wildcat Winter Baseball School from Dec. 20-21 got everything started and was avail-

able for youth ages 6-14. Young focused on hitting. The camps players received instruction concluded with the Wildcat from the Kentucky coaching staff as well as Wildcat players.

Following Christmas, Kentucky hosted three one-day camps from Dec. 27-29 for high school players. The first day concentrated defensive and catching skills while the second day

Winter Showcase Camp.

Each of the camps took place in the Nutter Fieldhouse located adjacent to Commonwealth Stadium.

The Kentucky baseball program will offer camps again this summer. Dates have yet to be announced.

# Abdullah, Abren honored by **CollegeSportsReport.com**

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The future of University of Kentucky football looks bright. At least the post-season accolades would indicate that it looks that way.

Kentucky junior safety Muhammad Abdullah and freshman nose tackle Ricky Abren have received All-America awards from CollegeSportsReport.com.

Abdullah was named secondteam Junior All-America for players in the nation's junior class and Abren was named third-team Freshman All-America.

Abdullah, a Folkston, Ga. native, started at free safety during the first eight games of the season, then moved to strong safety for the final three games.

He ranked third in the Southeastern Conference in turnovers created with five, including three interceptions and two fumble recoveries. He picked off passes against Florida, South Carolina, and Mississippi State while recovering fumbles against Georgia and Ohio.

Abdullah was named UK's Most Valuable Player for 2004 in a vote by the Wildcat players. He finished the season with 58 tackles, second on the team in that category. He had a seasonhigh 10 stops in the win over Vanderbilt, including a pair of quarterback sacks.

Additional honors for Abdullah the last two seasons include second-team All-SEC in 2003 by SEC Coaches; second-team All-SEC in 2004 by The Associated Press and SEC Coaches; and second-team Sophomore All-America laurels in 2003 by CollegeSportsReport.com.

Abren, a redshirt freshman from Hopkinsville, played in all 11 games in 2004 and earned seven starting assignments. He collected 26 tackles, led the team in quarterback hurries with five and tied for the team lead in fumbles caused with two. His top game came vs. Ohio when he had six tackles, including 4.5 tackles for loss and two quarterback sacks. He tallied his first collegiate touchdown in the Tennessee game when he caught a tipped pass and returned it for a score.

Abren also was named second-team Freshman All-America by Rivals.com and Freshman All-SEC by The Sporting News.

# Without a doubt: **USC** dismantles Oklahoma in win

#### by STEVEN WINE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI - By the fourth quarter, the big stadium was half-empty and the college football season was ending with a dud. That hardly mattered to Matt Leinart and the Southern California Trojans.

USC versus Oklahoma was touted as a potential classic, but Leinart turned it into a rout instead. The Heisman Trophy winner threw a record five touchdown passes to help the Trojans claim the national championship with a 55-19 victory in the Orange Bowl.

Ranked No. 1 since preseason, the Trojans (13-0) won their second successive Associated Press title and claimed their first BCS championship.

"To culminate all of that with a night where everything goes right for you is wonderful," USC coach Pete Carroll said Wednesday morning after being presented with the AP and Bowl Championship series trophies. "I don't know how you express what it feels like."

The Trojans celebrated until dawn at their team hotel. "It was Mardi Gras over

at the Diplomat," Carroll said. "I challenged them not to go to sleep last night. I was there with them."

Oklahoma (12-1), ranked No. 2 all season, lost in the BCS title game for the second year in a row and slipped to third in the final poll behind Auburn, left out of the Orange Bowl despite a

"I think we proved tonight that we are the No. 1 team in the country - without a doubt," Leinart said. The Tigers could hardly

have done worse against USC than the Sooners, who endured the worst drubbing in their proud bowl history.

"We just got whipped," coach Bob Stoops said. "You really soul search as a coach

82 yards on 25 carries. "I feel sorry for the crowd," Bush said. "People paid hundreds or thousands of dollars for tickets and didn't see much of a game."

While No. 1 versus No. 2 produced little drama, it did stir speculation about next season - and the possibility of the Trojans becoming the first team to claim three consecutive AP titles. They've won 22 games in a row and are expected to return many Orange Bowl stars, including Bush, White and Smith - all sophomores - and freshman Jarrett. Only four seniors start on defense.

And Leinart? The junior must decide whether to go for the NFL or another Heisman.

"I can't answer right now," he said. "But it's going to take a lot for me to leave." In the first matchup of

Heisman winners, Leinart had the upper hand against Jason White. Leinart threw four touchdown passes in the first half, including three consecutive completions covering 54, 5 and 33 yards.

"He won the Heisman Trophy, so we knew he was good coming in," Oklahoma cornerback Marcus Walker said. "But I didn't know he was that accurate."

The left-hander looked nothing like an overrated quarterback for an average offense, as Sooners defensive end Larry Birdine had described him.

"I did a little chatting during the game with him," Leinart said.

Leinart had plenty of help. Byrd scored on a twisting one-handed grab, and one of Smith's TD catches came as he fell at the back of the end zone.

White, meanwhile, threw two interceptions, but the Sooners' most costly turnover came on a punt return. The kick was about to roll dead near the goal line when Mark Bradley, surCOLLEGE FOOTBALL AP TOP25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

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No. of the second second	Record		Pvs	
I. Southern Cal (62)	13-0	1,622		
2. Auburn (3)	13-0	1,559	3	
3. Oklahoma	12-1	1,454	2	
4. Utah	12-0	1,438	5	
5. Texas	11-1	1,391	6	1.3
6. Louisville	11-1	1,261	7	
7. Georgia	10-2	1,204	8	
8. Iowa	10-2	1,111	11	
9. California	10-2	1,060	4	
10. Virginia Tech	10-3	996	9	
11. Miami	9-3	917	14	
12. Boise St.	11-1	888	10	
13. Tennessee	10-3	868	15	
14. Michigan	9-3	842	13	
15. Florida St.	9-3	754	17	
16. LSU	9-3	711	12	
17. Wisconsin	9-3	482	16	
18. Texas Tech	8-4	476	23	
19. Arizona St.	9-3	463	21	
20. Ohio St.	8-4	423	24	
21. Boston College	9-3	314	25	
22. Fresno St.	9-3	203		1
23. Virginia	8-4	157	18	
24. Navy	10-2	126		
25. Pittsburgh	8-4	99	19	
	1. A.	155	15	

Others receiving votes: Florida 85, Bowling Green 74, Texas A&M 29, N. Illinois 27, West Virginia 26, Oregon St. 17, Colorado 13, Connecticut 11, Purdue 10, Georgia Tech 6, Minnesota 6, Southern Miss. 1, UTEP 1.



# USC No. 1 from start to finish in AP poll

#### by RALPH D. RUSSO ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI -Southern California joined some elite company with its latest AP national title.

The Trojans became just the second team to go No. 1 wireto-wire in The Associated Press Top 25, and the 10th team to repeat as national champs. Following a resounding 55-19 victory over Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl, USC received all but three first-place votes early Wednesday to easily outdistance Auburn.

and 1,559 points.

The Sooners (12-1) finished third, ahead of unbeaten Utah (12-0) and Texas (11-1).

Auburn (13-0) finished its perfect season Monday night with a 16-13 victory over

got the other first-place votes tied them with Miami for the fourth most.

> Notre Dame leads with eight national titles, followed by Oklahoma with seven and Alabama with six.

And if the Trojans start next season No. 1 - a good possibili-Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl. ty even if Leinart skips his senior season for the NFL draft they will match Miami's record of 19 straight polls as No. 1.

13-0 record.

The Trojans (13-0) are the first back-to-back AP champs since Nebraska in 1994-95.

"I know right now I'm in the middle of something special," USC coach Pete Carroll said Wednesday morning after receiving both the AP and Bowl Championship series national title trophies.

"We are now unanimously No. 1," Orange Bowl MVP Matt Leinart said right after the game.

Not quite, but good enough. USC received 62 first-place

votes and 1,622 points. Auburn

Tigers coach Tommy Tuberville and his team practically pleaded with poll voters to give his team a championship, but to no avail.

Anybody who thought that last night was a championship game, I beg to differ," Tuberville said Wednesday morning. "I'm disappointed that with the type of team we had, as balanced as we were, we did not get a chance to play in that game."

The Trojans' 36-point rout was the third-largest margin in a matchup between No. 1 and No. 2 teams.

USC joined Florida State in 1999 as the only teams to be No. 1 from start to finish since the AP started a preseason poll in 1950. The Trojans are also the 10th preseason No. 1 to win the national championship.

The Trojans' fifth AP title joined the poll at 22.

No team has ever won three straight AP titles, but USC could enter next season as the favorite to do just that.

Louisville was No. 6, followed by Georgia, Iowa, California and Virginia Tech.

Miami was 11th, and for the first time since 1982, no team from Florida ended the season ranked among the nation's top five.

Florida State (9-3) finished ranked 15th and Florida (7-5) ended the season unranked.

Boise State's first loss of the season to Louisville in the Liberty Bowl dropped the Broncos two spots to No. 12.

Navy made it into the rankings for the first time since 1979 at No. 24. Fresno State also how this could happen.'

It happened in part because the Sooners committed five turnovers, and also because they couldn't stop Leinart.

He broke the Orange Bowl record of four touchdown passes, throwing three to Steve Smith and one each to Dwayne Jarrett and 260pound Dominique Byrd.

Leinart finished 18-for-35 for 332 yards.

"When he's on fire, there's nothing the defense can do but sit back and pray," teammate Reggie Bush said.

LenDale White rushed for 118 yards and two scores for the Trojans, who rang up 28 points in barely 10 minutes en route to a 38-10 halftime lead.

USC totaled 525 yards against an Oklahoma defense that allowed no touchdowns in its final three regular-season games. And the Trojans' defense limited Heisman way to qualifying as a runner-up Adrian Peterson to dynasty," Bush said.

# KHSAA meeting slated for next week

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The annual Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Delegate Assembly Meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, Jan. 13 at the Hyatt Regency's Patterson Ballroom in Lexington. A total of 20 proposals will be voted upon by the membership. A proposal must have a two-thirds vote for approval. Once voted upon by the membership, proposals are presented to the KHSAA Board of Control and then forwarded onto the Kentucky Board of Education for review prior to implementation.

Delegates will participate in break out sessions during the morning. An open forum discussion session on the proposals is scheduled from 11:15 a.m. (ET) until 12:15 p.m. (ET). Voting on the proposals is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. (ET).

Proposals are posted on the KHSAA website. Click the "Annual Delegate Assembly" link to review the items.

http://www.khsaa.org/annual meeting/20042005/annualmeetingproposals2005.pdf

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will conduct its January meeting next Friday, Jan. 14 at the Association office in Lexington. For a meeting agenda, contact the KHSAA.

#### KHSAA CALENDAR

Wed., Jan. 12 - KHSAA HYPE Student Leadership Conference - "The Stadium". Lexington

Thurs., Jan. 13 - KHSAA Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting - Hyatt Regency, Lexington

Fri., Jan. 14 - KHSAA Board of Control Meeting - KHSAA Office, Lexington

Fri., Feb. 4 - Draw Show for 2005 State Basketball Tournaments

Fri.-Sat., Feb. 18-19 - State Swimming & Diving Meet -UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington

Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 24-26 -State Wrestling Championships Frankfort Convention Complex, Frankfort

Tues., March 15 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Banquet -Lexington Center, Lexington

Wed.-Sat., March 16-19 -National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament -Rupp Arena, Lexington

Wed.-Sat., March 23-26 -Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament - WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green

# **Clemson cornerback** will enter NFL draft

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEMSON, S.C. -Clemson cornerback Justin Miller announced Wednesday that he will forego his senior year and enter the NFL spring draft.

Miller, a native of Owensboro, is a three-year starter and the Atlantic Coast Conference's career leader in kickoff return average.

"I will miss Clemson, this was a tough decision," Miller said in a release issued by the university. "But, after taking a long look at my options professionally, I feel it is the time to enter the NFL draft.

"I have not made a quick decision. I did not make a final decision until this week."

Miller played in all 37

rounded by Trojans, scooped up the ball and immediately fumbled.

Fourth-string safety Josh Pinkard recovered at the 6. and White scored on the next play to put USC ahead for good 14-7.

"That was just a bonehead play," Bradley said. "I don't know what I was thinking."

The Trojans didn't need that kind of help. They converted Oklahoma's turnovers into 31 points.

"You have to be responsible with the football," Stoops said, "and we weren't."

USC became the first team to repeat as AP national champions since Nebraska in 1994-95 and joined Florida State in 1999 as the only teams to go wire-to-wire from preseason to post bowls - as No. 1.

"We're definitely on our

games during his three years at Clemson. He started in the secondary in all but the first six games. This season, he returned three kicks for touchdowns, including a kickoff return against Florida

against Wake Forest. "I wish Justin all the best," Clemson Head Coach Tommy Bowden said. "He went about this decision process in an organized, professional manner. He and his mother sought advice from the right people, and communicated with us every step of the way.

State and a punt return

"He made a great contribution to our program as a defensive back and as the best kick returner I have ever coached. Some of his records will be hard to break.'

LOUISVILLE - Louisville running back Eric Shelton said Wednesday he will skip his senior year to enter the NFL draft.

Shelton, a 6-foot-3, 248pounder from Lexington, rushed for 938 yards on 146 carries, a 6.4-yard average, this season and tied a school record with 20 rushing touchdowns.

He split time with a stable of other talented backs for No. 6 Louisville, which led the nation in scoring and yards per game during the season. The Cardinals (11-1) also set a school record with 3,005 yards rushing this season.

"After getting word back from



I had on the field, I decided that this was a great time to

fulfill a

the NFL

and the

success

**Eric Shelton** 

lifelong dream of playing in the NFL, Shelton said.

Shelton is leaving early with the blessing of Louisville coach Bobby Petrino.

'I know he'll be successful in the NFL, and I wish him all the luck in the world," said Petrino, a former assistant with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Shelton's highlights this season included rushing for 158 yards in Louisville's 70-7 win over Cincinnati. He tied a school record with five touchdowns against East Carolina.

Shelton transferred to Louisville from Florida State following the 2001 season.

In his first season with the Cardinals, Shelton rushed for 790 yards and 10 touchdowns while being limited to 10 games due to an injury.

The Cardinals will return four players at running back \_ sophomores Michael Bush and Kolby Smith, redshirt freshman Reggie Bradshaw and freshman George Stripling.

#### H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Tuesday's Games Barbourville 74, Jellico, Tenn., 36 Belfry 68, Allen Central 44 Bell Co. 81, Lee, Va., 49 Boyd Co. 53, Johnson Central 49 Breathitt Co. 85, Leslie Co. 63 Buckhorn 80, Owsley Co. 76 Cawood 71, Powell Co. 54 East Carter 71, Elliott Co. 61 Harlan 82, Evarts 62 Ironton, Ohio 47, Fairview 46 Lawrence Co. 68, Tolsia, W.Va., 60 Oncida Baptist 68, Piarist 29 Paul Blazer 74, Rose Hill Christian 49 Phelps 87, Matewan, W.Va., 61 Pike Co. Central 60, Jenkins 32 Rockcastle Co. 76, Pulaski 66 Somerset 64, Harrodsburg 56 West Carter 58, Lewis Co. 57 Whitley Co. 69, McCreary Central 54 Wolfe Co. 102, Menifee Co. 89

Wednesday's Games Phelps 59, Hurley, Va. 50 Rowan Co. 65, Bath Co. 40 Coca-Cola Hoops Classic At Pike Co. Central Pike Co. Central 72, Cordia 37 Pikeville 53, Jenkins 48 WYMT Classic at Perry Co. Central South Floyd 74, Clay Co. 72 Petry Co. Central 83, Prestonsburg 47

#### GIRLS

**Tuesday's Games** Bell Co. 48, Lee, Va., 41 Menifee Co. 57, Elliott Co. 47 Oneida Baptist 44, Piarist 30 Paducah Tilghman 63, Reidland 28 Phelps 56, Matewan, W.Va., 23 Pulaski Southwestern 64, Pulaski Co. 63 Riverside Christian 50, Letcher 37 Russell Co. 43, McCreary Central 26 Somerset 65, West Jessamine 48 Williamsburg 59, Berea 42

Wednesday's Game Whitesburg 100, Letcher 25

### 2005 Ashland Kitten Shootout Schedule

(All games are being played in Ashland's James A. Anderson Gymnasium.)

Russell vs Pike Co. Central Noon Ashland vs Louisville Moore 1:45 p.m. West Carter vs Perry Co. Cent. 3:30 p.m. Boyd Co. vs Magoffin Co. 5:00 p.m. East Carter vs Ironton 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Kitten Shootout will be available at the door.

#### THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

# **BENGALS:** Lewis' next challenge: Win 9

#### by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Once again, one win short.

For the 14th straight year, the Cincinnati Bengals failed to achieve a winning record. For the second consecutive year under coach Marvin Lewis, they came as close as possible with-

A second straight 8-8 brought the franchise more respect and a different kind of frustration. The Bengals are trapped in transition: no longer

over the mediocrity," Lewis said. "We have grown out of the basement, but we have to find a way to push over the hump."

of-winning season, they gave indications that they're ready to make that final push.

par with the rest of the league.

"I think we know our direction and what we're looking for and what we have here," Lewis said.

Lewis' first 8-8 finish sparked unrealistic optimism of an immediate turnaround. For a number of reasons, it didn't happen.

But by December, the Bengals had the look of a team on the rise. Palmer threw seven touchdown passes in two games before spraining his knee, and a rookie-heavy defense was holding its own.

The offseason challenge is to keep the key components in place so they can pick up where they left off.

Running back Rudi Johnson and receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh are unrestricted free agents coming off career years that had a lot to do with the upbeat finish. Johnson broke Corey Dillon's franchise rushing record with 1,454 yards, and Houshmandzadeh developed into the perfect complement to Chad Johnson.

Those two had a lot to do with the Bengals averaging nearly 32 points in the last six games. The front office has to decide how much it's willing to spend to keep them.

"I think we have a chance to be one of the most explosive offenses and be the best offense in the league next year, depending on what happens," Palmer said. "Who knows? We can be with two key guys, or we can be without two key guys."

Palmer is the key to the whole thing.

The 2003 Heisman Trophy winner has finally put an end to the Bengals' indecision at the most important position. They'd opened eight consecutive seasons with a different quarterback, making year-to-year progress impossible.

Palmer lived up to expectations. After looking like a rookie in the season's first half, he looked like a franchise quarterback the rest of the way, throwing for 2,897 yards and 18 touchdowns with 18 interceptions overall. A sprained knee tough schedule magnified every kept him out of the last three

games, two that the Bengals won behind Jon Kitna.

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Finally, there's some continuity.

"The biggest question mark you always have is at quarterback, and I think that question's been answered twofold," Lewis said. "We're in pretty good shape with Carson and Jon."

With rookies Madieu Williams, Keiwan Ratliff, Landon Johnson and Robert Geathers emerging on defense, the Bengals seem to be in pretty good shape in another area that's been a long-standing problem. The defensive line still needs help, but it's not nearly as forlorn as in the past.

The players' mood also is upbeat. They got to play their first home Monday night game in 15 years, a treat for a team that had been banished from the NFL's big stage. They're hoping that another 8-8 finish keeps them on the schedule.

"Hopefully the networks and the NFL will want to put us on national TV again," offensive tackle Willie Anderson said. "Last season we finished 8-8" and it kind of gave us respect around the league. Hopefully we can get another Monday night game and more prime time games.'

The schedule will be easier, the quarterback will be experienced, and the expectations will be much higher next season, which has one intriguing twist.

The Bengals went from a 6-10 finish in 1980 to the Super Bowl in suburban Detroit the next season, losing to San Francisco. Next season, the Super Bowl goes back to Detroit.

Will the Bengals go with it? "I hope you see the future," Lewis said, chuckling. "We're going to point toward Detroit. If we've got to drive, so be it."

## Prestonsburg Little League announces signups

Bobcats

Boyd Co. 53,

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Johnson Central led at the

end of three quarters, but

couldn't put the game away

in the fourth period Tuesday

night as host Boyd County

beat the visiting Golden

the end of the first period.

The two teams were dead-

locked at 25 at the end of the

outscored Boyd County 13-7

in the third period. The

fourth quarter went much the

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Jenny Wiley Invitational

champ Breathitt County,

coached by Floyd County

native Brian Hall, won 85-63

over Leslie County Tuesday

paced Breathitt County (11-

0) with 25 points. Minix, an

all-tournament selection at

last week's Jenny Wiley

Invitational tournament,

Sewell added 19 points and

outscored the visiting Eagles

in every period except the

Senior guard Andrew

drained six three-pointers.

10 assists for the Bobcats.

host

The

Senior guard Matt Minix

night.

JACKSON - Reigning

Central

Jenny Wiley champ

Breathitt rolls over Leslie

final one

Region rivals.

Boyd County led 14-12 at

PAINTSVILLE

Eagles 53-49.

second quarter.

Johnson

Johnson Central 49

way of the host Lions as Boyd County outscored

Six different players

scored points for Boyd

County in the winning effort

tossed in 14 points. Kyle

Rice, back from an injury,

added four points. Justin

Blanton and Tyler Whitaker

rounded out the Johnson

Central scoring with three

and two points, respectively.

Johnson Central 21-11.

PRESTONSBURG - The League will hold signups at take the field is quickly nearing. Prestonsburg Little League has scheduled signups for the month of January.

Prestonsburg

time for Little Leaguers to Music-Carter January 11, 13 and 27, 6-8 p.m. each signup date. Signups will also be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Adams Middle School on Saturday, Jan. 8 and Little Saturday, Jan. 25.

The loss was the third straight for Leslie County. Senior center Jacob Hundley added 10 points for a victorious Breathitt County team. In all, 10 different Breathitt County players scored.

Tuesday night's game

was the first meeting of the

season between the two 14th

Ryan Howard led Leslie County (6-5) in scoring with 16 points. Four different Eagles scored in double figures as Riley Hendrix and Daniel Day pumped in 14 points apiece and Quenton Morgan scored 10.

and two Lions combined for 26 points. Senior Josh Stapleton led Johnson Central in scoring with a game-high 26 points. Sophomore Jamie McCarty

out actually doing it.

losers, not quite winners.

"We have to find a way to get

During the latest just-short-

The Bengals are in better shape than at any time since 1990, the last time they had a winning record and made the playoffs. Lewis has given them stability and brought them up to They're no longer drifting from

losing season to losing season.

"And that's the biggest thing."

They're looking for that one more win. Next season, they just might get it.

Injuries forced the Bengals to play rookies on defense long before they were ready in 2004. Quarterback Carson Palmer went through the expected growing pains in his first season running the offense. And a

Bengals fire defensive coordinator



#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND - The Annual Distinguished Tomcat Award given out at this year's 50th AIT (Ashland Annual Invitational Tournament) went to the Lynch Family. There has been at least one Lynch family member playing sports at Ashland for the last 50 years. Previous Distinguished Tomcat Award winners are Ralph Felty, Charlie Reliford, Bob Wright, Brandon Webb and Paul Patterson.

The AIT Committee also unveiled the 50th Anniversary All-AIT Team. The members of the All-AIT team follow:

Larry Conley, Ashland

Richie Farmer, Clay County

Kyle Umberger, Ashland Darrell Griffith, Louisville Male Jack "Goose" Givens, Lexi. B. Stat. Bob Lynch, Ashland Harold Sargent, Ashland James Lee, Lexington Henry Clay George Unseld, Louisville Seneca John Pelphrey, Paintsville Ervin Stepp, Phelps Mark Surgalski: Ashland DeJuan Wheat, Louisville Ballard Darrell Arbaugh, Ashland Marty Thomas, Ashland Antwain Barbour, Elizabethtown Mike Siliman, Louisville St. Xavier Chuck Cantrell, Ashland

Jeff Kovach, Ashland Jeff Hall, Fairview Scott Draud, Ft. Thomas Highlands Jim Rose, Hazard Fred Tisdale, Logan County Robbie Valentine, North Hardin

Todd May, Virgie

Reds trying to get Machado back for knee exam

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Reds shortstop Anderson Machado hurt his knee while playing winter baseball in Venezuela and is trying to return to the United States for tests to determine the extent of the injury.

General manager Dan O'Brien said Wednesday that visa problems were blocking his return. The Reds have no indication whether the knee is merely sprained or has sustained more serious damage, O'Brien said.

"We are pulling out all stops trying to expedite the visa approval," O'Brien said. "So far, I have no target date. It's a helpless feeling."

O'Brien is hoping that Machado gets clearance by early next week.

Machado hurt his knee on a pivot at second base while turning a double play late

last month. The Reds told him to quit playing as a precaution, and want him back for medical tests to make sure he didn't tear something in the knee.

The Reds got Machado from Philadelphia last July as part of the trade for reliever Todd Jones. He hit .268 in 17 games for the Reds, committing four errors, and is expected to compete with Felipe Lopez for the starting shortstop job in spring training.

The job opened up when the Reds decided not to offer Barry Larkin another contract, ending his 19-year career with his hometown team. Machado came out of the dugout and replaced Larkin at shortstop after the third inning of the Reds' final home game.

Lopez hit .242 in 79 games last season with 15 errors, making him the leading candidate to take over for Larkin.

# WR Jamall Broussard returns to Bengals

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Receiver Jamall Broussard returned to the Cincinnati Bengals on Tuesday,

agreeing to a two-year contract.

The 5-foot-9 receiver and kick returner from San Jose State signed with the Bengals as an undrafted free agent last April. He was on their practice squad until Oct. 14, when Carolina signed him to its 53-man roster.

Broussard played in eight

games for the Panthers and finished eighth in the NFC with a 23.1yard average on kickoff returns. He also had 10 punt returns for an average of 4.3 yards. The Panthers waived him on Dec. 27.

#### by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Coach Marvin Lewis is tired of watching his defense get pushed around.

The Bengals fired defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier on Wednesday, the first change to Lewis' staff since their latest 8-8 finish. Assistant coach Chuck Bresnahan is the leading candidate on staff to replace him.

"I credit Leslie for his part in leading the defense to where it is today," Lewis said in a statement. "But I see this as the time to move to another stage in our team's evolution."

It wasn't a major surprise.

Lewis arrived in Cincinnati two years ago with a reputation for fielding a dominating defense. He coordinated the unit that set records in Baltimore and won a Super Bowl in the 2000 season.

During his two seasons in

Cincinnati, the defense has dragged his team down. With Frazier as coordinator, the defense had trouble stopping the run and preventing big plays. The unit finished 28th overall in 2003, and was once again one of the league's worst through the first six weeks of this season.

Lewis got so frustrated with the poor performance that he took over defensive play calling from Frazier during a 34-17 loss to Cleveland that left the Bengals 1-4. Lewis let Frazier handle the play calling the rest of the season, but a rift was revealed.

Lewis also had an uncharacteristic outburst on the sideline during a 27-20 loss to Tennessee two weeks later. He ripped off his headphones and started to throw them on the ground after the defense left tight end Shad Meier uncovered for a touchdown catch on the final play of

The defense improved in the second half, when rookies who were forced to play because of injuries became more comfortable with their roles. The unit finished 19th overall, including 26th against the run.

the half.

Lewis said on Monday that his three coordinators would return for next season. Two days later, he fired Frazier, who didn't return a phone message.

Frazier played cornerback on the Chicago Bears' dominating defenses in the 1980s. He also coached the Philadelphia Eagles' defensive backs for four years before joining Lewis in Cincinnati.

Bresnahan joined Lewis' staff in May after serving as the Raiders' defensive coordinator from 2000-03. His defense allowed the second-fewest points in the AFC in 2002, when Oakland reached the Super Bowl.

# Ghostzapper has chance at three Eclipse Awards

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Breeders' Cup Classic winner Ghostzapper has a chance to become the first horse since John Henry in 1981 to win three Eclipse Awards in the same year.

Three finalists in each of 15 categories were announced Wednesday, with Ghostzapper in the running for the Eclipse Award as the top older male and the top sprinter.

Finalists for Horse of the Year were not released, but Ghostzapper and Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Smartly Jones are certain to be in the running.

In '81, John Henry was Horse of the Year and also earned Eclipse Awards for older male horse and male turf horse. Forego in 1974 and Secretariat in 1973 also were single-season, three-time Eclipse winners.

Smarty Jones, who fell short in his Triple Crown bid at the Belmont Stakes, was joined by Belmont winner Birdstone and Kitten's Joy as finalists for top 3-year-old male.

Kitten's Joy also is a finalist - and perhaps the favorite - to win the Eclipse as top male turf horse. Better Talk Now and Singletary are the other finalists.

Ouija Board, impressive winner of the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, is a finalist in two categories, also: 3-year-old female horse and female turf horse

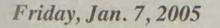
In the older female category, the finalists are Azeri, Sightseek and Storm Flag Flying.

Also, Steve Asmussen, who set a single-season record with 555 wins, is among the finalists for top trainer, along with Todd Pletcher and Bobby Frankel. who Frankel, trains Ghostzapper, has won the Eclipse the past four years.

Finalists for top jockeys are Rafael Bejarano, Edgar Prado and John Velazquez.

The winners will be announced Jan. 24 in Beverly Hills, Calif. The awards are voted on by racing secretaries at National Thoroughbred Racing Association tracks, the National Turf Writers Association and the Daily Racing Form.





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### THROUGH MY EYES Looking back and forward

The funniest things can end up giving me inspiration for this column. This week, I am sad to say, I have found myself stressing a little too



**Kathy Prater Lifestyles** editor

experience as I searched my empty coffers for feature stories for this section.

folk

A couple of things are on the horizon. For instance, Old Christmas at the Samuel May House will take place this Sunday afternoon, from 2-4:30 p.m. Any May House event is usually a pretty good place for some eyecatching photos and a few interesting quotes. I also have an interview with a local poetess this very afternoon, so her story is also on its way into our pages. But, as I said, these things are in the making, and I had to find myself a story for today's paper. With no prospects in sight, I clicked the 'send and receive" button on my

(See EYES, page sevem)

### POSTSCRIPT The cat's paw &

# It's time for America's cookies!

American tradition - one that doing much more than simply has been continued since the buying a box of cookies. "The 1920s. With funds generated by the sale of Girl Scout cookies, girls in Central and Eastern Kentucky benefit by participating in a wide range of Girl Scout activities.

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Girl Scout cookies are an Scout Cookie sale, you are sale - from planning, to selling, Girl Scout cookie sale means much more to the girls than just selling cookies ...," said Wendy Henry, communications man-Wilderness Road ager, Council. "The girls are By supporting the Girl involved in every aspect of the

to deciding how the money raised is spent. In the process, the girls learn some very valuable life skills.'

Girl Scouting has always encouraged goal setting, and career exploration through its many events and initiatives. In fact, many of today's businesswomen say that selling Girl excellent primer. Scout cookies was an important first step towards successful careers. Today, as competition in the workforce increases, the Girl Scouts underscore the need for girls to have business and financial skills. After nine decades, selling Girl Scout cookies still proves to be an

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Over two-thirds of the selling price of every box of Girl Scout cookies goes directly to support Girl Scouting in the local area. The volunteer Board of Directors of Wilderness Road Council bud-

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# other musings

There I was on the first day of the new year, scrunched lazily into my big chair, watching the British comedies on West Virginia Public TV. (If it's true that what you do on the first day of the year, you'll do the rest of the year, then I hope I can continue to have my spirits

lifted by the



Britcoms.) Anyway, there I was, comfortable

and purring in my own way, as the cat lay on my chest. That's one of her

favorite

**Pam Shingler** contributing writer

resting places, almost as popular as my hip when I'm in bed asleep.

As is my habit when I'm comfy, I leaned my head back in a mammoth-sized yawn. But this time I got a surprise.

At the apex of the yawn, the cat, demonstrating her innate curiosity, stuck her paw in my mouth.

When I got over the shock, I

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## **'SERVING GOD THROUGH THE ARTS'** An exhibit at the Mountain Arts Center by Artist and Missionary Gretchen M. Smith

Unique art exhibit on display at the MAC by artist with local ties, recently displaced by four hurricanes in Florida

Gretchen M. Smith is virtually a NEW resident of the state of Kentucky. She migrated north to Kentucky after four devastating hurricanes ripped her business and her home apart in Florida, leaving little to show for many years of work and art she had done there and in foreign countries. Smith has ties to eastern Kentucky - her great-grandfather is Ernest Neal, of Paintsville.

Gretchen is excited to share her latest series of work entitled "Serving God Through the Arts," with the community. Ms. Smith has been a Christian Visual Artist for nearly 10 years and has produced over 400 pieces of art during that time. She has exhibited her pieces in the US, Africa, Middle East, and also in the Caribbean. She has participated in more than 10 long-term mission trips here in the United States and abroad.

Ms. Smith has been a guest lecturer at Advent Fine Art Gallery, Diamond Community School, Community Christian School, and Mount Dora Center for the Arts and The Henagar Center for the Performing Arts, and more. She has sold more than 200 works which are now on display in embassies, palaces of princes in the middle east, prestigious churches in the US as well as orphanages, schools, not-for-profit agencies, government facilities, and private homes. Gretchen believes that all people can come to a deeper understanding of God through her work and so continues to exhibit at any opportunity as a demonstration of her obedience and willingness to serve."

#### Artist Mission Statement by Gretchen Smith, November 2004

Freedom at

Last, a painting by

Gretchen

M. Smith.

There are no lengthy descriptions next to my paintings for a reason. Each painting has a voice of its' own. God can communicate through anything, including art, and it is not a mistake that you are viewing this artwork today. There is a specific message in it that is just for you to discover.

If I could ask one thing of you it would be for you to take the time to contemplate my art and ask what message God has for you. After you have viewed the work you might enjoy reading my interpretation of what God gave me by looking at the detailed descriptions in the catalogue.

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## Individual's Rights

As has been discussed over the eons, many individuals use the beginning of the New Year to turn over a new leaf to redeem faulty habits. A "guess" is that most folks think about making changes physically and not psychologically. No matter how unhappy and/or disappointed they might be with themselves about various aspects of their live, they are not likely to want to set goals to adapt their emotional status. Based on my clinical observations, it seems a lot of people need to examine and adjust their attitude regard-

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ing their individual "rights." It is not unusual for individuals to experience intense emotional distress, without realizing they are doing so because they allowed their psychological rights to be decreased or totally taken away. It is as though they do not consider themselves valuable enough to have the right to a reasonable way of life. How would you rate yourself in regards to maintaining your individual rights?

Frequently, a person gradually relinquishes her psychological rights, by trying to keep everyone happy. For example, there is Dora, who seems to always be thinking about how she can solve others' problems. She wants to rescue those she cares for and loves by attempting to give them what they want, no matter how unrea-

sonable it might be. Does it matter that she works overtime to buy a 16-year-old son a truck and he does not show concern for her efforts? As expected, Dora is likely to become very frustrated in her attempts, because she will never be able to be successful, no matter how much effort she puts into it. After all, everyone has to be responsible for his or her own happiness.

Dora's efforts to keep everyone happy also disturb her adult relationships. She gives up her right to be an equal partner in a relationship, when she all me herself to be controlled by the other person in hopes she can help keep the person happy. It is not unusual for individuals trying to "fix everything for everybody" to have been victimized in the past. They are prone to perceive themselves as not having any

other alternatives/choices except for what how they are doing things presently. Typically, the person, "in charge of keeping the world even," does not anticipate having personal rights or doing what is needed for themselves. These individuals are prone to experience a wide assortment of negative feelings, such as depression, anxiety, anger, being defeated, irritable, worthless, and hopeless with low levels of self-confidence, self-worth, and selfesteem. Often Dora has tended to allow others to be abusive toward her - possibly physically, verbally, sexually, and/or emotionally. Do you ever feel this way or know people who behave in this manner? Individuals like Dora need to learn that



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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#### Eyes

email page and behold! A nice story from Ann Lafferty at the Mountain Arts Center about a Florida artist's mission to help others experience God through her art. Who says God isn't paying attention to our daily little cries for help? Not me, that's for sure!

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But, I digress. What I was really getting to is how, in addition to not having any feature story ideas, I also wasn't coming up with much in the way of

considered complaining about all the junk email I get, but really, wouldn't that be rather boring, and, don't we all put up with it?

putting this column together. 1

I was looking for inspiration when I decided to go the office fridge and retrieve a whole wheat and turkey sandwich that I had left there the previous day. "It'll be all soggy by now," I thought, as I opened the door and unzipped my "Barbie" emblazoned lunch bag (yeah, so my daughters outgrew it - I, on the other hand, no longer have any pride when it comes down to saving a dollar, so Barbie and I frequently enjoy a bite of lunch together).

Anyway, I unwrapped the sandwich, took a bite and immediately my mind traveled back in time to about 1966 and I found myself sitting in the Prestonsburg Elementary lunchroom munching on a sandwich crafted lovingly by my mother's hands.

My whole wheat and turkey had the exact same taste as the sandwiches my mother used to make for me and send along in my little lunch boxes. I guess

this was due primarily to the fact that the lettuce was a little wilted and this time I had added Miracle Whip instead of my usual French's yellow mustard. And, somehow, a day in the office fridge had given my sandwich the exact same taste that a morning in my little lunch box had added to my noontime schoolday meal "back in the day."

It's one of those things I really can't begin to describe, but it was a taste sensation that created a delicious diversion back in time

lunches were always the same a ham sandwich, on white bread, with Miracle Whip and lettuce (can't even begin to fathom why a whole wheat, turkey, would taste the same, but it did), a tiny bag of chips, a Dolly Madison cupcake (chocolate - with those cute little white squiggles) and a thermos of cold milk.

Yummy. And never did they vary. My mom, obviously, was quite the little creature of habit or could it have been me, instead?

Whatever, I do know one My home-packed school thing for sure - my boring little

#### ham sandwiches were a heck of a lot better than my younger brother's favorite, sliced onions and gobs of mustard on squishy soft white bread. Yep, I spent a lot of time back in those years telling my little brother to "get out of my face" for good reason. In his own defense, however, let me say for the record that his breath today is always minty fresh and very sweet.

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And with this, I will leave you today, along with a wish that this new year will bring lots of delicious memories of days gone past for you, too.

### Gretchen M. Smith

Following are some questions to ask yourself to stimulate your mind and help you in your journey

1. When I first look at the piece of art what type of emotion does it invoke in me? Is it a feeling of peace, anger, frustration, intrigue, thoughtfulness or something else?

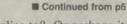
2. What do the colors and light remind me of? Are they bold and strong or calm and soothing? Are they royal or do they represent everyday life? Is there light and triumph or darkness and reflective colors? Most importantly, what do these colors mean to me? Do they remind me of a particular place, vacation, individual or event?

3. What do the textures in the artwork bring to mind? Is it soft, smooth, rough, tattered, edgy, or grainy? When I see these textures what types of things do they remind me of? For example, the woods, a river, the feathers of an angel, a baby's bottom, a car crash, etc.

4. What do the lines and shapes bring to mind? Are they sturdy and strong or flowing and gentle? Are there many shapes or few? Where do they lead and

why? Are they intertwined or that it applies to? Or perhaps it mixed together for a reason or do they stand independent of each other?

5. Finally, and most importantly, when you consider all of these things together what Biblical verses, stories, or concepts come to mind. Reflect wonderful exhibit during the upon why God may have wanted you to think of those particular Biblically based thoughts today. Is there something that you have been struggling with



brings comfort to you? Maybe it challenges you in an area that you wish to grow.

You may contact Gretchen directly at 270-243-0444 or tallartist@hotmail.com.

You can visit Gretchen's month of January in the Art Gallery of the Mountain Arts Center. The hours are 10 am to 6 pm, Monday - Friday and 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday.

Postscript

The cat just lay there as if to say, Where does that hole go?

I don't know about you, but I received a whole bunch of Christmas cards this year. I don't generally keep count, but there seemed to be more this year and more good news.

For instance, two former teachers at The David School who were especially sweet to me and my mother are great with child. Joy Breen Shillingsburg and Jennifer Decker Labonte will soon be mothers - and exceptionally good ones, I'll bet.

My cousin, Gary Ward, who lives in Odessa, Texas, will soon be a grandfather for the fourth time and his cancer continues to be in remission.

My high school librarian June Rice continues to be an inspiration for folks way younger. She is active in serving her God and her fellow human beings daily.

A former student has moved from New York back to Pittsburgh and is rebuilding her life. Another former student has found what may well be the love of her life. It is a joy to keep hearing from them after almost 20 years.

Alicia and D.B. Kazee's card contained a picture of

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their beautiful young girls, fair of face and full of promise. Others shared new baby or new grandbaby pictures.

Some other correspondents know I share their love of animals. Cousin Helen Butcher in Arizona sent a picture of her big German shepherd mix, Charlie, posed with Santa Claus. Santa is beaming, but Charlie looks a little bewildered.

And it was a pleasure to see a picture of Emma and Clarence Martin's beautiful and lucky dogs, Rocky and Sheba, rescued as puppies and brought up with love.

When Christmas cards come in, I always vow to do a better job of keeping in touch. I hope I do.



Honored for giving to HCTC



Trinity, a painting by Gretchen M. Smith, is on display now at the Mountain Arts Center.

### Cookies

gets the remaining proceeds for by supporting the Girl Scouts expenses related to providing Girl Scout services to 25,000 girls and 5,000 volunteers in 57 Central and Eastern Kentucky counties. What a delicious way

to support Girl Scouting! If you need an excuse to sat and all of the good things they do for the community. When you buy Girl Scout Cookies, Thin mints, Carmel deLites,

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Lemon Pastry Cremes, or the most recent addition to the scrumptious selection, Piñatas!

The cookie sale begins you really are helping fund the January 7. Cookies can be purfuture. So take your pick of chased for \$3.50 a package, America's favorite cookies: directly from an area Girl Scout calling the Wilderne craving, just remind yourself Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, the council will give your order laughed until I almost cried. \*\*\*

isfy your Girl Scout cookie Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Road Council at 800/475-2621. that you are doing a good deed Animal Treasures, Reduced Fat to a local Girl Scout to deliver.

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Mrs. Margaret C. Boggs and The Christmas for Charity Inc. were honored by Hazard Technical Community & College and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) for

being two of the most valuable back are Annie Williams of the benefactors to the college. Shown above, in front, from left, are Dr. Jay K. Box, HCTC president/CEO; Mrs. Margaret C. Boggs, Terri Boggs and her husband Eli Jr. "Sandy" Boggs. In

Christmas for Charity group, and Betsy and Louie Hillenmeyer of Lexington, daughter and son-inlaw of Mrs. Boggs. Mrs. Boggs' daughter Peggy Yush, not shown, lives in Louisville.

# School Happenings

#### **Adams Middle School Youth** Services Center

If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

#### Allen Central Middle School

\*\*Turn in Food City receipts and General Mills box tops to home room teachers!\*\*

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

#### Allen Elementary and Family **Resource Youth Service Center**

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

#### **Betsy Layne Elementary**

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

Brian H. Akers, Center

Coordinator; Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

#### **Clark Elementary**

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

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

#### **Duff Elementary**

\*\*School is collecting Food City receipts again this year! Receipts must be dated Sept. 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005.\*\*

Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and wellchild physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

#### **May Valley Elementary**

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

Floyd County Health Dept. nurse

Charlotte Rogers, at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

#### **McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center**

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

#### **Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center**

Please collect Food City receipts! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

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

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

#### South Floyd Youth Services Center

\*\*School is participating in the "Apples for Students" program. Please turn in your Food City receipts to office or send with a student. Thanks!

Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office

Walking track open to public.

station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information. a.m. to 1 p.m.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

#### Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek **Family Resource Center**

FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

#### W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

"Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If items not picked up within 2 weeks, they become the property of the resource center.

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

#### Wesley Christian School

Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool

The center has a one-stop career age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

> For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9

#### Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207 (second floor, Library).

Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.

Martin Extended Education Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett 285-5111.

Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. -8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.

Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.

McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For more information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.



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# By Martha A. Simpson, D.O.,

M.B.A. uestion: My husband and I have been trying to conceive. We've been having trouble so we went to the doctor. After several tests, we were told that the problem is due to his low sperm

nswer: Infertility affects about 15 percent of all cou-Lples trying to conceive. According to the National Health Information Center, a couple is considered infertile if they cannot conceive after a full year of regular, unprotected sex. About one-third of all cases are caused by male factors. An equal number are caused by factors in the female.

count. Can you tell me more about

male fertility problems?

In the remaining cases, the cause is unknown or is due to problems with both partners.

Since your question deals with male infertility, I will focus on that topic. Men can be infertile if they produce too few sperm cells, sperm cells of poor quality, or have retrograde ejaculation. where some of the seminal fluid is pushed back into the bladder.

You mentioned that your husband was diagnosed with a low sperm count, so let's look more closely at that issue. There are several physical factors that can lead to a low sperm count in men. A condition where the valves within the veins along the spermatic cord don't work properly - called varicocele is a common cause, as is an undescend-

# Low sperm count requires evaluation by specialist

ed testicle. Infection from a sexually transmitted disease can also cause decreased sperm production. Likewise, underdeveloped testicles can fail to produce enough semen.

Social or environmental factors can contribute to this problem as well. Exposure to excessive heat can decrease sperm production. The testicles, where sperm is produced, are external to the body because the normal body temperature is too high for optimal testicular function. Heat

exposure, such as in a hot tub or sauna, can decrease sperm production. Men who work outdoors in cold climates can overheat the testicles with the several layers of clothing they wear for their work. For some men, even wearing snug underwear - that is, "tighty whities" - that hold the testicles too close to the body can decrease the sperm count.

Smoking of a pack a day of cigarettes has been shown to decrease sperm production. Alcohol consumption also lowers production. Fatigue and poor health can be factors.

A common misconception about conception (what a pun!) is that having intercourse more frequently will increase the likelihood of becoming pregnant. This is a myth. In fact, having intercourse too frequently can seriously depress the sperm count. Having intercourse less often - at least 48 hours between encounters - can substantially increase the sperm production.

Other environmental factors that can decrease a man's sperm count are drugs and chemical substances. For instance, anabolic steroids, medicine used to treat gout, some antibiotics, and certain high blood pressure medications can be problematic.

It is probably a good time to seek advice from a male fertility specialist. Further testing may be needed, as well as a thorough history and physical for your husband.

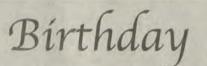
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# Organization

### 2004 Christmas Senior King and Queen

Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and wife, Donna, held their annual Christmas party for area senior citizens at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center last month. At the party, Betsy Layne Seniors Elizabeth Little and Elza France were crowned "2004

Floyd County Senior' Christmas King and Queen.' Nannetta Yates, director, Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center and all the senior citizen merr bers, would like to than Judge Thompson and Donn for helping to make the holin days merry for Floyd County's seniors.



Cody is 1!

Dakoda Austin Blake Scott celebrated his first birthday on

January 5, 2005 with family and friends. "Cody," as he is affectionately called, is the son of Jennifer Poe and Eric Scott. He is

the grandson of Bonnie Ratliff. He has one sister, Leslie. Cody's family all wish him a wonderful year ahead filled with



#### Celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary

Carlos and Virginia Artrip, of Martin, celebrated sixty years of marriage on January 6, 2005. To honor them, their family held a surprise anniversary party with an extensive buffet and wedding cake. Carlos and Virginia have five children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Their family and friends all wish them many happy years to come.

#### Ponder

take your rights does not need to continue! By all means, give yourself permission to make necessary adjustments for you to recover your personal rights! Always remember that you are in charge of your attitudes, feelings, and behaviors. A good start is to create a mental picture of you being in control of your life with positive feelings about yourself. Keep that image handy so that you can quickly return to it when you feel as though you are "caught" by someone attempting to victimize you in some way, emotionally or physically. Remember that, whether or not you are reasonably content with your life is up to you.

The following statements are often helpful to folks wanting to change their attitudes and have accepted that they do have permission to have personal rights. (1) "I have the right to exist - to be." This means that you have the right to live an acceptable way of life. You do not need to accept being a victim or being controlled by another person. (2) "I have the right to have needs and have them met by myself and others." You do not have to put everyone else's wishes, demands, and desires ahead of what you value for you. You do not need to always be in the # 2 position all of the time in a relationship. (3) "I have the right to love and be loved." Be aware

permitting another person to that the person, who is putting down or demeaning another person, is not showing love or caring. Also, don't forget that you need to love yourself before you can love another person. You have the right to love and take care of yourself. (4) "I have the right to set limits for self and others." This means that you have the right to establish the rules and/or boundaries as to what is acceptable to you. You will respect yourself more when you do so and in turn others will respect you more. Write these statements down on 3 X 5 size cards and place the cards, four or five of them about, where you are likely to see them often through the day. When you see one, slowly repeat the statements to yourself. As you think about what is said, match it with examples from your life and how you need to maintain these rights. Cognitive-behavioral techniques like this have been found in studies to be very helpful.

There are different ways that an individual can take charge of her life and/or increase her quality of life by establishing and maintaining her need for individual rights. The basic foundation is to make the decision to do what you can to help yourself to make the necessary changes and adjust your attitudes. Here are some ideas. By all means, when you are upset, keep your cool. If at all possible excuse yourself quietly and leave the source of the argu- straight with your chest out and ment/disturbance, until you regain your emotional composure. If you are somewhere, such as at work, and you feel that you cannot leave, try to direct your inner feelings so that you are as "neutral" as possible. For example, while the person is speaking, take a deep breath and focus on that mental image of you feeling peaceful and relaxed. Repeat to yourself a statement such as, "Whatever the situation, I will try to stay unemotional, because when I'm calm I'm in control." Remember that when you get emotional, you lose credibility. If possible, prepare your case, so to speak, before you respond to anyone about what was so upsetting. (Writing your arguments down can be very useful.) However, if you are caught by surprise and cannot escape, stall the other person by asking a question, that might let the speaker ramble on while your come up with a game plan.

lots of love and fun adventures!

There are also physical techniques that are helpful for you protecting your individual rights and taking responsibility for yourself in emotional situations. Pay attention to the sound of your voice - don't be shrill or scream. A low, steady voice commands more respect than a high-pitched, shrill one, especially one saying "ugly" words. Your body language is very important. Stand up maintain eye contact at all times. Don't present yourself like a timid mouse or people will treat you like one. Additionally, remember that being assertive does not mean that you are aggressive. What others think about your reaction is their problem and not yours. You need to take care of yourself in an acceptable manner. It is also very important to choose your battles and adjust your Stop and think strategy. whether or not the particular situation is worth your emotional energy or do you need to be persistent to make a point.

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While speaking up for yourself and using your individual rights, don't become upset if you feel that you make a mistake. After such events, review what happened, consider what you could have done differently, and come up with a plan for what you will try next in similar circumstances. It all can be a learning experience, especially as you are starting your new way of life.

Just because you have allowed yourself to be victimized in the past, does not mean that you have to continue to do so. Although you shouldn't make changes, just to make a change, give yourself permission to have psychological rights. Stop being a pushover. Vow to speak up for yourself, because getting what you want and need and having your selfrespect beats everything else.



Queen Elizabeth Little and King Elza France at the annual senior citizens Christmas party, sponsored by Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson.



### **Highlands Regional Medical** Center

#### Dec. 26, 2004

A son, Brayden Cordell Reed, to Amanda Michelle Hendron Dec. 28, 2004

A daughter, Keisha Paige Prater, to Kimberly Denise and Robert Dwaune Prater

A daughter, Leannah Grace Wells, to Kathy Jo and Wendell Lee Wells A son, Nicholas Jayden Starr, to Billie Jo and Cody Starr A daughter, Talena MaKaye Fields, to Shannon and Jason Fields Dec. 29, 2004

A daughter, Hannah Grace Philpot, to Kimberly and Hobert Philpot A son, Jeffrey Alexander Salyer, to Deedra and Jeffrey Salyer A daughter, MaKayla Faith Scott, to Kimberly and Joshua Scott A daughter, Jadyn Reese Hall, to Jennifer Ann Risner A daughter, Lucy Elizabeth Rosys, to Jean and Gary Rosys A son, Kelsie Jimmy Allen, to Sally Mae and Harold James Allen

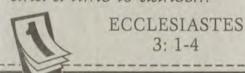




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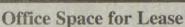
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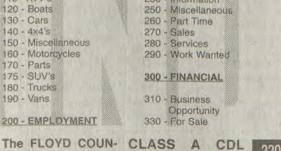
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Pursuant

NOTICE OF

INTENTION

TO MINE

Number 836-0308

In accordance with

Motts Branch Coal

Inc., P.O. Box 2765,

436 Daniels Creek

Kentucky 41502, has

applied for a permit

for a surface coal

mining and reclama-

tion operation, affect-

ing 269.6 acres and

will underlie an addi-

tional 186.9 acres,

located 4.5 miles

Hueysville, in Floyd

The proposed oper-

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from Route 2029's

junction with KY

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The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, is now \$250 deposit. No accepting bids on computers for their Call 874-4167 or computer lab. For more information, please call Thomas

Application in Perkins Job Corps Call Center reserves the right to reject any or the provisions of KRS all bids received. 350.055, notice is hereby given that

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to **Application Number** 836-0303 Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100. Milton, West Virginia 25541, has

applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor of Floyd County. The in Plummer Branch

amendment will add 119.64 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an addi- ation is located on tional 274.06 acres, the of which 184.58 acres underlie surface and/or auger in another seam, mak- operation will use the ing a total area of 583.51 acres within the amended permit

boundary. The proposed oper- face area is owned ation is approximate- by Ollie Jack Howell, ly 0.5 mile south from et KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud 6657. For couples or Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure

> Creek. The proposed Wright, Thelma and amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to

operation will underlie surface between be disturbed by the amendment is owned Howard. by Jennifer and G.M.O.

THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES conference must be inspection at the

filed with the Director Department for of the Division of Natural Resources, Mine Permits, No. 2 Division of Mine Hollow Reclamation and Complex, U.S. 127 Enforcement's Frankfort, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, to

objections, Or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director. Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, 127 South, U.S. Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-9017

Renewal #2 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a refuse disposal facility, located 0.5 mile northeast of Emma, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 21.10 surface acres and will underlie 0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 21.10 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.24 mile north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194, and located 0.08 mile east of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°40'02" and the lonaitude is 82°43'14"

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadowned by Ollie Jack rangle map. The surface area to be dis-Forestry turbed is owned by





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LOST CAT: Lost Cat 1/1/05 from 6361 of surface mining. Spurlock Rd. Yellow tabby cat named application has been Presley. No collar, poor vision, approximately 10 years old. \$200 reward. Call early morning or night 889-6437. Call daytime 434-2622.

To place your ad call 886-8506

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The amendment

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Natural Resource's Prestonsburg

Regional Office, 3140

South Lake Drive,

Prestonsburg,

Kentucky 41653.

Written comments,

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Effie Eddie B. Merritt. Kenneth The application has been filed for public Glen inspection at the Clinton Department for Sylvia Surface Mining Annie Reclamation and Elsie Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Trailer lot for rent Melinda Hamilton, operation will affect Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or Shirley Paige, F. W. KY 7. The operation requests for a permit Newsom Heirs, Olivia will not involve relo- conference must be Hamilton, Darvene cation of the public filed with the Director, L. road. KY Route 7 will Division of Permits, and be closed to traffic #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky

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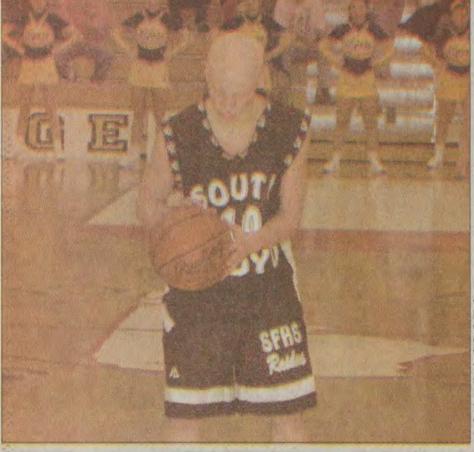
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Ethan Johnson, pictured eyeing his dribble, hit two free throws to send South Floyd to a victory over Clay County.



The 2004 Paintsville HOOPS Classic All-Tournament Team included Stewart Miller, Middlesboro; Aaron Troutman, Holy Cross; Marcellus Hargrove, duPont Manual; Chartrael Hall, duPont Manual; C.J. Willis, Seneca; Kelvin Wilson, Seneca; Blake McCowan, Morgan County; Andy Lewis, Morgan County; Michael Robinson, North Laurel; Landon Slone, Paintsville; Kris Bentley, Shelby Valley; Josh Howard, Ripley; Josh Mack, University Heights; Cody Stallons, University Heights; and Derrio Green, A. Crawford Mosley. Justin Royles of duPont Manual was named the tournament's MVP. Slone and Bentley are both Floyd County natives.



**Coach Dave** Zuberer (left) and **Paintsville Coach Bill Mike Runyon** were two of the mentors on the sidelines last week during the HOOPS Classic. The Manual Crimsons ran off a perfect 5-0 record in the tournament, beating Louisville rival Seneca in the championship game.



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