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**briefs**

## Wreck on U.S. 23 kills one

The Associated Press

**WATERGAP** — A Prestonsburg woman is dead following a wreck on U.S. 23 around noon Friday.

Ginny R. Spencer, 54, was pulling her 2004 Toyota onto U.S. 23 from side road when she drove into the path of a southbound 2000 Toyota pickup driven by Comellia G. Martin, 57, and also occupied by William L. Martin, both of Frasure's Creek.

All three victims were transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center for treatment. The Martins' injuries were characterized as minor, but Spencer was later died.

Police say that a disabled mobile crane was parked on the southbound shoulder, possibly obstructing the view of both drivers.

All three victims were wearing their seatbelts when the wreck occurred. However, Comellia Martin is being charged with not having a driver's license, police said.

Officers John Dale and George Tussey are in charge of investigating the accident.

## Correction

Johnny McKinney, 43, of Prestonsburg, was inadvertently listed in the "Charges Filed" section of The Floyd County Times on both Jan. 21 and Jan. 28. His name should have appeared only once.

### 2-DAY FORECAST

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# Second suspect pleads guilty to robberies

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Scott Bradley pleaded guilty Friday to robbing two area pharmacies on July 20. The commonwealth recommended a sentence of 10 years for each robbery, to be served concurrently. Bradley will be formerly sentenced Feb. 21 and will most likely see the

recommended sentence upheld. The crime spree July 20 included an accomplice, April Leigh Cook, who had been arrested for a robbery two years earlier with a different male accomplice. She and Bradley began that day by robbing the Allen Double Kwik, where Bradley threatened an employee with a handgun and made off with \$480 in cash and a carton of cigarettes.

Apparently emboldened by their success, the pair decided to rob a pharmacy in Martin several hours later. They hit the Martin Prescription Center with the same method that morning, which saw Bradley again using a handgun to intimidate the clerks into giving him cash. He then had the clerks move over to the drug counter and get them to fill a Dollar Store bag with pills which included

Lorcet, Lortab, Percocet, Oxycontin and Concerta, a pill prescribed for people with attention deficit disorder. The pair left the store and proceeded to a third one, where they altered their scenario and tried gaining access to behind the counter. Bradley pretended he wanted a job but the manager at Downtown



Bradley

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

State Sen. Ray Jones answered a question posed by an attendee of the KEA legislative forum, held Thursday evening at Adams Middle School.

# Legislators address teachers on eve of odd-year session

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Educators and legislators came together Thursday evening for a panel discussion on the future of economics in education.

The legislative panel, comprising Sen. Ray Jones, Sen. Johnny

Ray Turner, Rep. Hubert Collins, Rep. Howard Cornett and Rep. Charles "Chuck" Meade, was unable to provide definitive answers for those in attendance, citing, primarily, the uncertainty of a state budget.

The legislators, though divided in opinion in regard to the prospects of the approval of a state budget in

the upcoming winter session, to commence this Tuesday, were, however in agreement on most issues, including being opposed to the adoption of a state merit pay system, save for Rep. Cornett, who did not clearly state that he was so opposed.

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# Drugs deaths continue to climb

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With illegal drug use and methamphetamine manufacturing on the rise in Eastern Kentucky, Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson isn't opti-

mistic about the upcoming year. Five deaths during the month of January in Floyd County were probably drug-related, he said. Burials for two possible drug overdose victims occurred within the last two weeks.

"The way 2005 is going, it's

going to get worse," Nelson said. According to him, at least 17 Floyd Countians died of suspected drug overdoses in 2003. That number rose steadily last year, with an approximate 24 suspected drug

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# Council gets new member, meeting times

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The new members of the Prestonsburg City Council had their second meeting on Friday and immediately discovered that fixing problems will require a fair amount of give and take.

The issue that jump-started their appreciation of negotiation turned out to be fixing their meeting schedule. Some members preferred evening meetings, some preferred noon and some fixated on a day of the week more than a time. Mayor Jerry Fannin preferred daytime meetings while several members who work during the day preferred evenings.

New member Kay Hale Ross suggested incorporating the needs of the public by holding meetings at night this year so that any con-

cerned citizens who work would have the opportunity to attend. That proposal was the one that was finally accepted, and meetings were scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6 p.m.

In another notable development, the council also appointed a new member. Don Willis, of Highlands Regional Medical Center, was picked to take the seat vacated by Harry Adams, who chose to resign from the council after being reelected last November.

Willis made news last year when he acted as a go-between for the hospital and the Floyd County Fiscal Court. The two entities had to work together closely last year when skyrocketing medical bills became a problem for the Floyd County Detention Center.

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# Trooper still recovering after a pipeline explosion

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A state police trooper injured in a pipeline explosion in November fought back tears on Friday as he recounted the fiery blast that leveled an Floyd County subdivision.

"I didn't have a good understanding of post traumatic stress before," said Trooper Rick Conn. "I have

a new appreciation for it." Conn, 42, was off duty and was nearing his house at Ivel when the force of the explosion knocked the windows out of his 1997 Mercury Mountaineer and set it afire inside and out.

He bailed out the window and rolled on the pavement to smother the flames that were leaping from his sweat

(See **CONN**, page three)

# Animal control board appointed after delay in helping shot dog

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

COW CREEK — Expressing obvious frustration over the area's animal control problem, Pat Morris, of Wayland, noted that "once again private citizens have had to come together" to assist in the rescue of an animal.

The drama began Tuesday afternoon,

when Cow Creek resident John Maynard discovered an injured animal languishing in a ditch near his home. The animal, one that was strange to the area, was large and in obvious distress, making it impossible for Maynard to attempt any sort of rescue on his own. So, he called local authorities in order to enlist their assistance.

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A group of concerned citizens, assisted by sheriff's deputies, successfully rescued a dog late Thursday afternoon, from a ditch near Cow Creek, where it had lain for over two days. The dog, whose owner is unknown, had been shot. Pictured above, from left to right, are Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, Wanda Herrington, Deputy Jeremy Shepherd, Deputy Greg Clark, Pat Morris, John Maynard and Kelly Stephens.

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# Odds and Ends

## The Associated Press

■ **MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — The naked jogger has met his fate: a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for running around the neighborhood without his shorts.

Fate Patterson, 39, of West Memphis, Ark., was convicted Wednesday of indecent exposure, fleeing and resisting arrest. Municipal Court Judge William P. Rainey sentenced him to a fully clad year behind bars.

Police had received reports for several months from a West Memphis neighborhood of a man jogging in the nude before they arrested Patterson on Jan. 11, an unseasonably warm day.

Officers said they saw Patterson jogging bare from the waist down and ordered him to stop. When he kept running, officers used a stun gun to pause the pursuit of the pantless perpetrator.

Patterson was supposed to have a mental evaluation, but Rainey canceled it when Patterson admitted he entered a Florida woman's home naked two years ago.

"I don't need a mental health evaluation," Rainey said. "He's not crazy. He knows exactly what he's doing."

■ **OMAHA, Neb.** — A misplaced decimal point gave drivers a surprisingly good deal on gas, and fueled some threats of

violence.

Carolyn Folsom, who occasionally helps her brother and father run the self-service Shell station, said she goofed Wednesday when entering prices into the computer that runs the fuel tanks. A gallon of regular, unleaded gasoline was supposed to sell for \$1.89 but ended up costing only 18 cents.

"I don't know if my finger missed the nine or what," Folsom said. "The whole family is laughing about this. I will never live this down."

Folsom said about 500 gallons of gas were sold during the several hours the price was down, costing the business about \$1,000. The station does not have an attendant and the only way to pay is at the pump, so the mistake went unnoticed for hours.

A fuel truck driver who came to deliver gas discovered the problem and tried to block the entrance of the station with his truck, Folsom said.

But by then word was out and the rush for cheap fuel was on.

Folsom said one person threatened to hit the fuel truck driver with a hammer if he didn't stop blocking the entrance.

"That's the thing that upsets me," Folsom said. "I mean, grow up."

■ **MARTINSBURG, W.Va.** — Police are looking for a tidy thief.

A man who broke into a gas station and convenience store Wednesday night took the trash can when he left, said Lt. K.C. Bohrer of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department.

Surveillance cameras in ROC's gas station show the man entering the rear of the store, then stealing cash, cartons of cigarettes, soda and the trash can, Bohrer said.

■ **JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** — A Show-Me State lawmaker wants a sin tax — on those who show too much.

First, Missouri banished sexy billboards and young strip dancers. Now, Republican Sen. Matt Bartle wants to force adult entertainment businesses out of the state by stripping them of their profits.

Legislation pending in the Senate would impose a 20 percent tax on revenues of all "sexually oriented businesses," charge a \$5 fee for each person entering their doors and prohibit them from staying open late at night.

"The goal of the bill is to make Missouri inhospitable for these businesses," said Bartle.

Adult entertainment executives question whether the legislation violates constitutional

free-speech and expression rights and warn it could hurt the state's economy.

"It's a small business killer and it's a job killer," said Dick Snow, owner of Bazooka's Showgirls in Kansas City and a board member of the Missouri Association of Club Executives, the industry's trade group.

As many as 1,000 Missouri businesses could be affected by the legislation, said Snow, who suggested the proposed taxes also could hit mainstream video and book stores that carry a few adult titles.

Two years ago, Missouri passed a law banning nude dancers younger than 19. Last year, it enacted a phased-in prohibition of most billboards for sexually oriented businesses.

■ **JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — When five dozen roses didn't work, an estranged husband took out a full-page newspaper ad to ask his wife for forgiveness.

"Please believe the words in my letter, they are true and from my heart," read the ad in Tuesday's edition of The Florida Times-Union. "I can only hope you will give me the chance to prove my unending love for you. Life without you is empty and meaningless."

Larry, who declined to give his last name, sent the \$17,000

apology to Marianne, his wife of 17 years. She left him almost two weeks ago, he said.

"It was a culmination of things," he told the newspaper. "But I am desperately trying to save our marriage."

Larry, who lives in Orlando, said his wife is staying with her parents near Jacksonville. But they blocked him from entering their gated community and she changed her cell phone number so he can't contact her.

A relative told him that Marianne saw the advertisement.

"She said my wife read the ad and started crying. But so far I've had no response from her," Larry said.

But the ad drew the attention of many other readers, who contacted the paper.

"They want to know if she has responded and if they have worked things out," said Jay Weimar, director of display advertising. "We tell them we are pulling for him."

■ **DURHAM, N.C.** — "Old School" partying got some Duke University students into new trouble.

In what police say was an homage to the Will Ferrell movie "Old School," students were found in a fraternity house basement with an inflatable pool, a bounty of baby oil and

bikini-clad babes.

Police came upon the scene early Sunday after responding to a noise complaint.

"Inside were several of America's future, re-enacting a scene from the movie 'Old School,' where females wrestle in a pool of lubricants," police Sgt. D. Gunter said.

Officers said they cleared the house of the 200 revelers, sending some of the women home in the subfreezing temperatures in nothing more than the bikinis they wore.

Nicholas Hunter Roberts, who lives at the address, was charged with violating the city's noise ordinance, a misdemeanor that carries a \$150 fine.

There has been ongoing tension between students and residents of the neighborhoods that adjoin Duke's East Campus.

■ **LEXINGTON, N.C.** — Punksutawney Phil could get some competition, from a real hog.

Officials in Lexington say their Lil Bit will do the forecasting on Feb. 2.

While groundhog Phil will be looking for his shadow in Pennsylvania, Lil Bit, the 65-pound potbellied pig will be doing the same in Lexington.

Lexington is famous for its pigs, but they're usually smothered in barbecue sauce.

## Administration secrecy on budget, taxes sounds familiar to lawmakers

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher has only dropped hints about what will be contained in his tax and budget proposals for the 2005 General Assembly, which resumes Tuesday with only 26 working days remaining.

With nothing solid for lawmakers to ponder, the scenario reminds some of the kind of uncertainty and delay that led to no budget or tax package and strained political relations from the 2004 session.

"It's very much like a replay of last session," House Appropriations and Revenue Chairman Harry Moberly said in an interview.

Moberly, a Democrat, might

be expected to take some exception to Fletcher's tactics on delaying release of specifics about his spending and tax plans. But even his Republican Senate counterpart has been somewhat frustrated.

"We don't have the details we would like to have," said Sen. Charlie Borders, R-Grayson.

Some generalities are known. During a string of appearances around the state to promote the as-yet unseen tax package, Fletcher has said income tax reductions will benefit most people, a higher cigarette tax is certain to be included and revisions in the corporate tax code are envisioned. There has also been discussion of other so-called sin taxes — raising levies on alcoholic bev-

erages. A big unknown has been a telecommunications tax to replace the hodgepodge of state and local levies on everything from phone service to satellite television.

On the other side of the ledger, there were some details revealed about how much money has already been spent this year that will not be available to legislators trying to put together a budget.

Administration officials said additional money has been spent for health insurance coverage for teachers and public employees, Medicaid and an unexpected increase in the prison population. Some cuts to higher education that were in the offing were not made and Moberly said there have been reports of other spending.

"We don't know exactly where it's all been spent," Moberly said.

The spending has dampened the enthusiasm that might have grown from a vastly more optimistic projection for tax receipts since the last time lawmakers tried to put together a budget.

"My gut feeling is we're going to be hundreds of millions of dollars short even with the new numbers," said Borders.

Fletcher is to unveil his plans on Tuesday during a series of briefings with legislative leaders and then a speech to a joint session of the House and Senate that night to be broadcast on statewide television.

The tone of the speech may also touch on another piece of unfinished business from 2004.

The last General Assembly regular session ended with

recriminations, accusations and blame flying every which way.

House Democrats, especially, said Fletcher's failure to present his tax plan until two-thirds of the way through the session and insistence that it be packaged with the budget made it impossible to thoughtfully consider.

There were outside criticisms that Fletcher's package favored business and punished the poor. Others said Fletcher was proposing only minor tinkering with a tax system and missing an opportunity for genuine reform of a system that is universally acknowledged as antiquated and fails to adequately reflect a vastly changed state economy.

Fletcher and his Republican allies who run the Senate said the Democrats were playing politics.

With the 2004 legislative

elections over — the result being Republican gains in both Houses — and much talk of bipartisan cooperation, it remains to be seen whether the legislature can get its budget work done.

Hanging over the entire process is the lawsuit that produced a circuit court judge's opinion that Fletcher is exceeding his constitutional authority by operating state government on his own spending plans and the legislature failed its constitutional obligation by failing to produce a budget. The judge said no state spending, except for unidentified "essential services" is allowed after June 30 without legislative approval.

The Supreme Court has agreed to consider that ruling at a March 9 hearing — less than two weeks before the session is scheduled to end.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2005. There are 335 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Jan. 30, 1968, during the Vietnam War, the Tet Offensive began as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.

On this date:

■ In 1649, England's King Charles I was beheaded.

■ In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.

■ In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.

■ In 1933, the first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

■ In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi was murdered by a Hindu extremist.

■ In 1962, two members of the "Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit.

■ In 1964, the United States launched "Ranger 6" an unmanned spacecraft carrying television cameras that was to crash-land on the moon.

■ In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."

■ In 1979, the civilian government of Iran announced it had decided to allow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who'd been living in exile in France, to return.

■ In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out

for a ticker-tape parade honoring the freed American hostages from Iran.

**Ten years ago:** At least 42 people were killed and nearly 300 wounded when a car bomb exploded in downtown Algiers. The Smithsonian Institution abandoned plans for a major exhibit on the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, yielding to critics who charged the exhibit would have portrayed America as the aggressor and Japan as the victim in World War II.

**Five years ago:** Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers returned home to a hero's welcome in Cuba, vowing to continue the struggle to wrest the 6-year-old shipwreck survivor from relatives in Miami. A Kenya Airways plane crashed shortly after takeoff from Abidjan, Ivory Coast, killing 169 people. The St. Louis Rams won Super Bowl XXXIV, defeating the Tennessee Titans 23-16.

**One year ago:** Former French Prime Minister Alain Juppe was found guilty in connection with a party financing scandal and declared ineligible for public office for 10 years. NASA's Mars rover Opportunity spied hints of a mineral that typically forms in water — a finding that could mean the dry and dusty Red Planet was once wetter and more hospitable to life.

**Today's Birthdays:** Comedian Dick Martin is 83. Actress Dorothy Malone is 80. Producer-director Harold Prince is 77. Actor Gene Hackman is 75. Actress Tammy Grimes is 71. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 68. Country singer Jeanne Pruett is 68. Country singer Norma Jean is 67. Vice President Dick

Cheney is 64. Rock singer Marty Balin is 63. R&B musician William King (The Commodores) is 56. Singer Phil Collins is 54. Actor Charles S. Dutton is 54. Actress-comedian Brett Butler is 47. Singer Jody Watley is 46. Country singer Tammy Cochran is 33. Actor Christian Bale is 31. Actor Wilmer Valderrama is 25. Actor Jake Thomas is 15.

**Thought for Today:** "Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none." - From "Poor Richard's Almanack" by Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790).



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**Dog**

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Due to some obvious miscommunication, as well as to the fact that Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson was out of town, it wasn't until Thursday afternoon that authorities, with the help of volunteers and staff from the Beaver Creek Animal Clinic, were able to successfully rescue the injured dog.

In a telephone interview on Friday afternoon, Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, a veterinarian, said, "We have no idea who this dog belongs to, but we're treating him. He's been shot in the right hind leg, but he's doing well at this time. He may be a stray or it could be that someone right now is frantically looking for their dog. Hopefully, his owner will be located."

Dr. Combs-Morris went on to say that she had since been in contact with Judge Thompson and that arrangements have been made to form an animal control advisory panel with a mission to work toward solutions in rectifying the county's animal overpopulation problem.

Thompson, on Friday, also said that the county has already hired a person who will receive specialized training in animal control.

According to both Combs-Morris and Thompson, an animal control specialist is needed to assist in rescue efforts and to help educate the community in ways in which the overpopulation problem can come under control. "This is obviously a major

problem in the county," Combs-Morris said. "In addition to animals being abandoned, they are also not being cared for by their owners and in more cases than you can imagine, they are simply treated cruelly."

Combs-Morris said that in addition to the dog rescued on Thursday, her clinic had received another call Friday afternoon that yet another dog had been found shot, but still alive. That animal, also, was en route to the Beaver Creek clinic as the interview was being conducted.

"I don't know what all the answers are," she said, "but we've got to do something. The situation is just ridiculous."

The newly formed advisory panel will consist of Dr. Combs-Morris, Teresa Warrick, Barbara Dunn, attorney Tom Moak and a representative from the Floyd County Health Department. They will hold their first meeting in February.

Dr. Combs-Morris expressed gratitude toward the county officials who assisted in the rescue, and to Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, as well as the cooperation and assistance of Judge Thompson in the formulation of the advisory panel and the hiring of an animal control specialist.

Anyone recognizing the animal pictured, or having information in regard to the crime committed against it, should contact the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, at 886-6171.

**Conn**

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shirt. Then he heard shouts, and, despite second- and third-degree burns on his face and hands, ran to help a woman and her baby out of a house crumpled by the blast.

Conn has been heralded as a hero by local fire departments, the state police and by Gov. Ernie Fletcher who visited him in the hospital.

"He is definitely a picture, an image, of what a state trooper ought to be," said Trooper Scott Hopkins, spokesman for the state police post in Pikeville.

Conn, speaking in Pikeville to reporters, wore gloves to protect his hands. He had minor scarring on the left side of his face. His hair, eyebrows and eyelashes were burned away in the fire, but have since grown back.

"I can still hear the sound of the fire," he said. "It has a sound all its own."

With his voice breaking, he thanked people who helped his family during his nearly three-week stay in a West Virginia hospital.

"I still get emotional over this," he said.

Conn is undergoing physical therapy twice a week and hasn't yet returned to work. He said he

is still unable to grip and shoot a handgun with his weakened hands.

He doesn't let himself consider that he may never be physically able to resume his duties.

"I don't want to think that way," he said. "I want to be optimistic."

Federal investigators believe external corrosion weakened the pipeline carrying natural gas liquids, leading to a rupture and explosion that destroyed five homes and injured nine people.

Investigators removed the faulty section of the underground transmission pipeline, which was constructed some 50 years ago, and put it back in operation. Residents, including Conn, said they had no idea the pipeline was so close to their homes in the Rolling Acres subdivision.

The pipeline carried natural gas liquids to a plant in South Shore where they're turned into various fuels including butane and propane. The line crosses 81 miles of Eastern Kentucky.

Kentucky has some 8,242 miles of transmission pipelines crisscrossing the state, often running through residential areas, according to the Public Service Commission.

**Deaths**

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overdoses in the county.

The Department for Public Health reported this week that 11 Floyd Countians died in 2002 with drug-related deaths. Mike Schardein, environmental biologist, said that 10 of those deaths were accidental poisonings from narcotics such as morphine, opium, cocaine or biological substances like prescription pills. One 2002 drug-related death was ruled as an accidental poisoning or suicide, he said.

Drugs hit young and hard in Floyd County, Nelson said. Most drug-related deaths occur to people in their 20s to early 40s, and most occur with people who have obtained prescriptions from their family doctor.

"If they would come up with a drug card, it would eliminate a lot of the street drugs," Nelson said. "I've known cases where people were getting 20,000 pills a month. If we had a drug card for Schedule I or II narcotics, they'd give a 10-day supply to the patient till the card comes in. It would be a picture ID card where the doctor has to put his John Henry on it. That way they can't go in for an ingrown toenail and get methadone and they can't send Uncle Joe or Aunt Sally to get them another prescription somewhere else."

People don't realize, Nelson said, that all drugs, even those prescribed by doctors, have side effects. "Once they get in that

frame of mind and go down the road that far, they always think that it's something that will happen to someone else," Nelson said. "They get a false sense of security thinking that it won't hurt them."

People taking narcotics often don't realize that their physical tolerance level for the drug builds up with continued use, which means that larger doses of the drug are needed to obtain the same high one gets the first time they take the drug.

People walking down that road, Nelson said, also lose track of time, a reason their bad habits often lead to death.

"Most of the deaths are non-intentional and they are ruled as accidents," he said. "People who take drugs get so high that they think it's been four hours since they had a pill, when, in actuality, it's only been an hour-and-a-half."

Though each drug has different effects on the body as a whole, drug-related deaths are pretty well synonymous.

When a person overdoses, their body goes into cardiac arrest, then they aspirate — or drown — in their own vomit, Nelson said.

The Department for Public Health hasn't completed analysis on drug related deaths for 2003-2004, Schardein said.

In 2001-2002, 599 deaths across the state were accredited to drug overdoses, he said.

**Forum**

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Cornett instead took the opportunity to stress that the state of Kentucky is in need of tax reform, as well as tort reform. He also said that he felt that reform was needed in the Kentucky Education Reform Act.

"It's been about 14 years now," he said, "KERA needs to be looked at again, too. After 14 or 15 years, you need to look at a thing again, see what's working and what's not."

In regard to health insurance, Rep. Collins said that he felt it would be necessary to require full participation of each education system employee in order to make the system more affordable. "There just can't be any opting out," he said.

Sen. Jones and Rep. Meade both said that they were in favor of collective bargaining for teachers.

The legislators all seemed to agree that the answer to the educational system's woes did not lie in an increase in burden on the local districts, and all were in favor of support from the state level. Each legislator vowed to the educators assembled Thursday night they would fully support them, and the Kentucky Education Association, in the upcoming legislative session.

Others in attendance at the meeting, aside from the named legislators, included John Wilkerson, director of the KEA UniServ Program; Bob Cribbs, UniServ director; Frances Steenbergen, KEA president; Judy Turner, administrative assistant; Floyd County Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning; Janice B. Allen, representative of the Kentucky State Board of Education; and Dr. Chandra Varia,

Floyd County Board of Education member.

**Guilty**

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Pharmacy could not see him because her office was being used for a meeting. This response apparently confused Bradley and dissuaded him from a third robbery.

The information, however, was relayed to the sheriff's department. Sheriff John K. Blackburn picked up their trail from the pharmacy and arrested Cook a short time later, though Bradley fled on foot into the hills and was captured several hours later.

Bradley will, most likely, receive the 10-year sentence in February, owing to a criminal record which includes past arrests for criminal trespassing, fleeing police and assault.

**Council**

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County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said he thought the appointment of Willis was a good one. Thompson noted that Willis helped ease the problem which later saw some relief when it was determined that several prisoners were out on bond when treated and thus not a responsibility of the jail's.

Thompson termed Willis "a very sympathetic guy. He worked with us on billing procedures and was sympathetic

when we needed time to straighten some matters out."

Willis did not attend Friday's council meeting.

The meeting also saw several other items decided by the council. Bob Beatty was appointed to the City Utilities Commission. The council also voted to put out bids for any work needed to improve the city in the way of blacktopping, insurance, new equipment and other projects.

**Bishop trial causes delay in abuse case**

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The ongoing trial against Dwayne Earl Bishop, which is now heading into its second week of testimony, has crimped the circuit court docket this week.

Circuit Judge John David Caudill, presiding over the Bishop case, postponed the continuation of the accused murderer's trial Thursday, making himself available Friday afternoon for regular motion hour hearings.

Judge Caudill ordered jurors to return to court for the continuation of Bishop's trial Monday morning, the same day that another trial was scheduled to get underway in circuit court with Caudill as presiding judge.

The trial, against abuse suspect Brian Neal Delong, will be postponed, officials said, pending the completion

of the trial against Bishop, which could continue throughout next week.

Judge Caudill entered an order Wednesday to continue the trial against Delong until Feb. 7.

Delong, 27, of Town Branch in Prestonsburg, was indicted last March on two counts of first-degree criminal abuse for allegedly burning a 23-month-old toddler in hot bath water.

He was arrested at the Floyd County Detention Center on the criminal abuse charges after he allegedly burned the child on his body, feet, legs and bottom.

Delong also failed to seek medical attention for the child, the commonwealth alleges.

He remains incarcerated in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Paintsville under a \$50,000 cash bond.

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# expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.  
— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

## Archaic, but funny

It's always good for a laugh.

The oath of office administered to everyone from legislators to school board members in Kentucky never fails to bring a snicker, a giggle or even the occasional belly laugh when it is administered. The laughter sometimes begins in the audience. Sometimes it starts with the person taking the oath but seldom does it pass without so much as a chuckle.

It is any wonder?

Almost a century after the last duel was fought in the commonwealth and the practice has gone the way of the dinosaurs, elected officials are still required to swear they have not participated in or acted as a second for a duel with deadly weapon. For the record, the state Constitution prohibits elected officials from engaging in either. Sounds a little ridiculous, doesn't it?

As Rep. Mike Denham said, an oath of office should always be taken seriously since it is an elected official's promise to faithfully uphold the laws of the state and the people they were chosen to serve.

However, expect levity to prevail as long as we are stuck with the present oath. And stuck we are unless we make a change in the constitution. That, of course, would take an act of the General Assembly and the approval of the people, a long process to deal with a few words that take only moments to recite. And if a budget isn't important enough for action, we're almost sure such an inconsequential matter isn't.

In the meantime, we can continue to expect a grimace and a grin whenever we hear that oath of office repeated. And we can sleep better, knowing that everyone from the governor on down is innocent of that particular crime.

— *The Ledger-Independent, Maysville*

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TERROR

## Rich Lowry Column

### Frivolous in the face of evil

What are we thinking?

The insurgents in Iraq blow up children standing in line to get candy from our troops. They fake surrenders in order to kill American GIs. They stash weapons in mosques and use the mosques as armed bases. They kidnap aid workers and behead civilians, making snuff films out of their atrocities to broadcast on Arab television. They mutilate their victims and hang them from bridges. They seek to destroy Iraq's infrastructure and economy. They blow up U.N. workers. They kill anyone from an ethnic or religious group not their own in an attempt to foment revenge killings and civil war. They assassinate election workers in cold blood, in broad daylight. They strew Iraqi cities with the corpses of anyone they have been able to snatch and murder.

They believe in a future Iraq that would be governed either by 1) a Taliban-style

religious dictatorship, or 2) a new version of Saddam Hussein's regime that terrorizes most of Iraq's population, murders indiscriminately, steals Iraq's resources, lies to the world, threatens its neighbors, supports terrorism and flouts every norm of civilized governance.

Surveying this tableau of murder, destruction and darkness in Iraq, much of the left and the media in this country have found a ready object for their outrage — Don

Rumsfeld's autopen. And in light of all the nettlesome questions about how we defeat such a vicious enemy, they have one overriding query: Was the secretary of defense's answer to a soldier's question during a forum

in Kuwait too gruff?

It is an unfortunate fact that in war "the enemy gets a vote," as the military experts put it. According to the latest reports, Saddam prepared for a post-fall-of-Baghdad insurgency prior to our invasion. The very fact of that insurgency was not the result of American missteps, although it

is certainly possible to identify those.

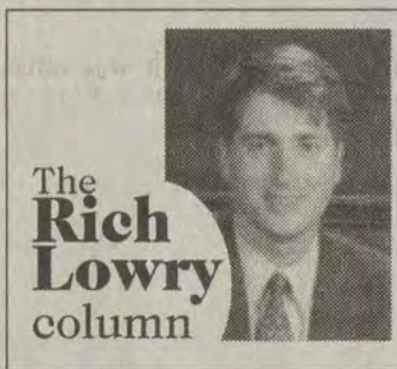
But critics operate from the post-Vietnam left's assumption that if something is wrong in the world, it is America's fault. If our enemy in Iraq has a resourcefulness born of its evil and lack of all moral constraint, that isn't taken as a statement of the nature of our enemy and the necessity of defeating it. It is instead implicitly a statement about us — our failings that created such an enemy.

Almost as soon as the insurgency began in Iraq, its legitimacy was accepted in much of the commentary of critics of the war. After the latest bombing, they would say, "The Iraqis don't want us there." This takes the actions of a violent faction as representative of the broad sentiment of the Iraqi people.

In reality, the insurgency is directed against Iraqis, which should be plainly evident, since it is Iraqis who are primarily the victims of its murderousness, and it is they who will be subjugated under its heel should the insurgency prevail.

In this struggle, the fate of a country and a region hangs in the balance, and the forces of goodness and evil couldn't be more starkly arrayed. But never mind. We have Don Rumsfeld's autopen to argue about.

Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.



The Rich Lowry column



The Bush administration is giving \$15 million to help the victims of the massive tsunami that killed over 50,000 people and produced untold amounts of damage over a huge swath of countries.



Meanwhile, the administration is spending two to three times that amount on Bush's inauguration.

And that doesn't include security—that's just for the parties and the festoonery and the little paper hats that say "W" on them.



I'm so, so glad that this administration has its priorities straight.

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## beyond the beltway

### The next four years

— 'in other words'

by DONALD KAUL

There were some who thought that \$40 million was a bit much to spend on an inauguration at a time when our troops in Iraq are resorting to "hillbilly armor" to protect themselves against attack; Democrats, mainly. You just can't please



those people and the president was right to ignore them. He stole the election fair and square and he has every right to enjoy it. I'm with Mrs. Bush on the matter. When asked about the propriety of such a bacchanal she said: "[Inaugurations]...are a ceremony of our history; they're a ritual of our government. I think it's really important to have the inauguration every time...I think there's a symbolic aspect of the inauguration that - and because of that, the symbol of the inauguration, you never want to - for any reason - cancel it or not have it." (Have you noticed that she's beginning to talk like her husband, poor woman, as though her remarks are translated from Bulgarian? Didn't she used to be a teacher?) I would have phrased it differently. I'd have said:

"Look, we put the arm on corporate America, the Religious Right, the Filthy-Rich and their wannabes for about 400 mil to win this election. They're not going to keep coughing up that kind of dough if we give them an inauguration with crackers and Cheez Whiz. You have to give them something to take back home to impress their friends with."

That would have been a good answer, at least an honest one, but it's not fair to expect honesty from a politician's wife. The truth is that pretty much everything in politics these days is about money. Virtually all of Mr. Bush's initiatives, for example, are about money:

His drug proposal mainly benefits drug companies.

His Social Security scheme will make Wall Street hustlers even more obscenely rich than his tax cut did.

His war in Iraq has been great for defense contractors.

His environmental policies favor the extraction industries — logging companies, mining companies, oil companies.

His tort reform is a boon to the insurance industry.

These favored industries are expected to pay for these policies and they do, by financing his re-election and giving him a Republican majority in Congress. In return for their millions, they get billions in benefits. Why shouldn't they throw something extra in the pot to have an inaugural wingding? It's their government, isn't it?

The soldiers in Iraq? They threw a party to pay tribute to them too. Anyway, it's not like anyone at the inaugural balls actually had sons or daughters over there.

I don't mean to imply that the Republicans are alone in this. The Democrats are much the same but, being Democrats, they are not as good at it or as brazen.

In fact, I have decided to join the line at

the all-you-can-eat buffet myself. I was given the idea by Armstrong Williams, the conservative columnist who has admitted taking \$240,000 from the Education Department to push the President's No Child Left Behind law in his column and on television.

I didn't know you could get the government to pay you for your opinions. If Williams, why not me?

So let word go forth from this time and place that I am forming a consulting firm called "The Golden Parachute Insider Trading Company" and will make myself available as a speaker to promote any worthy cause that pays me. (Unworthy causes will pay extra.) I will also write columns to order.

This is my fee schedule, arrived at after asking myself the question: "What would Jesus charge?"

Column supporting piece of skanky legislation — \$5,000; three columns for \$12,500.

Column supporting a medium-sized war — \$20,000; big war — \$50,000.

Speech promoting president's forest protection plan, "No Tree Left Behind" — \$10,000.

You get the idea. I will also serve on corporate boards and live up to my corporate motto: "We Roll Over."

It's the new me. There's a big barbecue out there folks. You don't want to be caught on the outside with a rubber fork.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the "Des Moines Register." He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way. Email him at donald.kaul2@verizon.net.



# Hazard man shares his millions with others

The Associated Press

HAZARD — A multimillionaire in love with Eastern Kentucky has opened his bank account to several community causes in Perry County.

Vernon Cooper, Jr., 81, is the former president of People's Bank and Trust Co. in Hazard. Recently, his generosity helped eight sheriff's deputies keep their jobs during Christmas 2003, spurred potential viewership at a Beattyville television station and provided lights for school baseball and softball teams in Hazard.

His latest gift — of more than \$200,000 — helped build an open-heart surgery unit at a Hazard hospital.

"I've been around the world, but this is the most special place in the world to me," Cooper said. "Hazard is my

home, and where's there a need I like to help."

Just over a year ago, Perry County Sheriff Pat Wooton was preparing to lay off all his deputies and ruin their holidays because of a tight budget. Cooper heard about the situation and pledged \$20,000 to Perry Fiscal Court to keep the officers on the job.

"He's a very civic-minded individual and has been for a long time," Wooton said. "He has made significant contributions to so many areas in Perry County."

Also in 2003, the 1941 graduate of Hazard High School made the largest contribution in the 92-year history of the school district, writing a \$120,000 check for the installation of lights at the high school's baseball and softball fields. District Superintendent

James Francis said the lights have helped Hazard attract regional tournaments and allowed working parents to see more of their children's games.

"No one has been more instrumental in the progress the school district has made," Francis said.

Cooper's philanthropy hasn't always had positive consequences.

In 1999, he mailed an ill-fated \$500 check to the University of Kentucky to help pay for a summer football camp. An internal investigation of the program showed the check was endorsed by former UK football recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett and sent to a high school football coach in Memphis, Tenn.

In 2002, the NCAA placed Kentucky on probation for more than three dozen recruit-

ing violations. The Wildcats were banned from a bowl game for one season and ordered to forfeit 19 scholarships over a three-year period.

Cooper was never accused of any wrongdoing, but Bassett was fired.

Cooper has not let the incident dampen his generous spirit.

"I learned a lesson that not everybody can be trusted, but most people can," he said.

A 1949 UK graduate, Cooper now opts to build strong relationships with organizations before parting with his money. He recently gave \$50,000 to WLJC, a television and radio station in Beattyville whose call letters stand for Wonderful Lord Jesus Christ.

Station manager Jonathan Drake said the money helped buy a transmitter that nearly

tripled the number of homes the station reaches.

"He is a man with a very large heart," Drake said. "He got to know us, was a guest host for us and then really helped out."

One of Cooper's largest gifts to date went to the Appalachian Regional Healthcare Regional Medical Center in Hazard.

Charles Housley, the hospital chain's executive director of development, said the gift helped finance an open-heart surgery unit in an area that has lacked such a facility. Cooper said the amount was \$200,000, but Housley said it was more.

Ashland, Pikeville, and London — each more than 60 miles from Hazard — had been the only eastern Kentucky towns to offer the open-heart procedure.

"We hope to give him some recognition for that," Housley said.

The Hazard hospital admitted its first open-heart patient earlier this month and expects to perform around 100 surgeries this year, Housley said.

Cooper has climbed some of the world's largest mountains and skinned seals with Eskimos. He has a jacket identifying him as an honorary colonel in the Argentine army and a jersey with "Bruiser" — his World War II nickname — emblazoned across the back.

But he's never lost his fondness for the mountains and his Kentucky home, and he plans to continue giving to the region.

"I have some things in mind," he said. "There are a lot of worthwhile places out there."

## Class seeks to rid kids of their Appalachian accents

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A new class that seeks to teach youngsters how to lose their Appalachian accents has set off an age-old phonetic debate: Should mountain natives drop the drawl or hold tightly to their twang?

The class, put on by an eastern Kentucky theater group, is designed for children in middle and high schools who want to reduce their accent to "broaden their performance opportunities and improve overall marketability."

"We don't want people to be held back just because they have an accent," said Martin Childers, managing director of Jenny Wiley Theatre in Prestonsburg. "If you want to work professionally, you have to be able to drop the accent when it's required. We want to give people the opportunity to learn to do that."

People from central Appalachia have been wrestling with the accent for as long as they have been driving to northern cities to land jobs. Some quickly adopted the

speech patterns of Cincinnati or Detroit co-workers to avoid being made fun of. Others held onto the accent like a cherished keepsake from home.

Dee Davis, head of the Center for Rural Strategies that waged war against two networks that wanted to produce hillbilly reality shows, said he has no problem with the class as long as teachers keep one thing in mind.

"It's important that they make sure the kids understand that their language is beautiful, that their culture is powerful, and that it's not something they should be embarrassed about," Davis said.

An Appalachian accent can be an asset if a casting director wants an authentic mountain sound, but Childers said a strong accent can prevent actors from being able to fill some roles, especially if that role involves a character from the Northeast or Midwest.

"We're proud of our accent, but there are times we have to lose it in order to get the parts we want," he said. "We're not slamming the accent, but if we need to drop it, we need to be

able to do that."

Even people who stay in the region and have nothing to do with the performing arts, especially those in white-collar jobs, have had to learn to drop the accent on occasion or risk being looked down upon, said Tracy Frazier, executive director of the Letcher Action Team, a community-development group in Whitesburg.

"It's ironic that we're teaching kids to drop their accents and Hollywood invests so much time in teaching actors to have the accent," he said.

Davis, a Hazard native who went to the University of Kentucky and the University of Pittsburgh, said some of his classmates had trouble understanding his mountain dialect. When he told them his field of study, "riding," they'd look at him quizzically and say they didn't know it was offered. He'd then spell it: W-R-I-T-I-N-G.

"There's nothing wrong with being able to speak in different accents, but you should above all things hold on to the language you dream in," he said.

## Gambling expansion doesn't look like good bet in 2005

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The odds seem stacked against passage of legislation to expand gambling during the 2005 General Assembly.

Opponents and even some supporters of the idea say the stars would have to align for legislation to pass, though there might be an outside shot at getting a proposed constitutional amendment approved for placement on the ballot in 2006.

Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, said some old rivalries and disagreements make it far less likely that some basic opposition to casino gambling can be overcome.

Buford said race tracks, which would like to ensure that they get to keep casino action for themselves, cannot agree on a strategy. Hotels and resorts, which would also like a piece of the pie, would lobby against any plan to let the

tracks keep all the games. "And you've got the churches and non-profits protecting their income," Buford said.

Even if Gov. Ernie Fletcher weighed in, it would be a hard sell, Buford said.

"If the governor came out for it and pushed it, it would still have a tough time," Buford said.

Lt. Gov. Steve Pence has been assigned to look into the gambling issue by Fletcher, who has said he neither supports nor opposes it. Pence has had little to say about his work publicly, though he has met with advocates for casinos. A spokesman for Pence said no gambling proposals are likely from the administration.

Sen. David Boswell, D-Owensboro, has the only concrete proposals for expanded gambling pending before the 2005 General Assembly. And even he seems less than convinced of winning approval.

"I still think there's going to

be growing sentiment in these bills," Boswell said.

Boswell said the fundamental appeal is the state could get more money without raising taxes, a seemingly forbidden topic among legislators these days.

The issue raises a number of political obstacles, some of which might be overcome with the money. But even on that topic there is disagreement and complication.

House Democratic leaders, who have been burned in the past by considering gambling expansion only to see it fail in the Senate, have said any legislation would have to start in the Senate.

But the proceeds of expanded gambling would probably have to be apportioned in the legislation to attract more support and such an appropriations bill can only start in the House, Buford said.

"I don't see the General Assembly too excited to jump into this one," Buford said.

## Fletcher to propose bonds, no gas tax

by MARK R. CHELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Thursday he wants the state to sell \$500 million in bonds to finance road and bridge projects but will not advocate a higher gas tax to finance construction and repairs because of a lack of political will.

Fletcher said a bond issue is "not a long-term fix" to the state's huge backlog of highway projects and repairs. But an increase in the gas tax is "not politically feasible at this time."

Jack Fish, who represents Kentuckians for Better Transportation, acknowledged the General Assembly won't be voting for a gas tax increase, even though he said the current levy of 17.4 cents per gallon is among the lowest in the nation.

"There's never enough money," Fish said.

Fletcher gave few details about his transportation plan to a luncheon meeting of the lobbying group. Afterward, Fletcher said the bonds would be used to finance bridge projects in Jefferson County and perhaps for the proposed Interstate highways, I-69 to cut across western Kentucky and I-66 to skirt the southern part of the state, among other things.

Most of the bonds, \$350 million, would be financed with state tax receipts and be available for any state highway project. The remaining \$150 million would be retired with federal funds and available for use only on federal highways.

Rep. Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville, said he and other lawmakers have been kept in the dark about the administration's budget

plans.

"How can you be for or against something until you know what's being recommended? We've always known pretty much what the budget was before we went into session," Collins said.

Fish's group has long lobbied for increased road funding. He said the current six-year plan, which is something of a wish list for road projects in the state, would cost about \$1.5 billion to complete.

Money available for road projects has not enjoyed the modest rebound that General Fund tax receipts have. The latest forecast for the Road Fund is actually \$57 million less than predicted in January of last year.

"It's pretty dire, isn't it?"

Fish said.

Fletcher was more circumspect. "Our revenues are challenging in the area of transportation," he said.

While refusing to disclose the exact list of projects that might be funded with a bond issue, Fletcher acknowledged there are always political considerations in deciding what roads get built. But he also said he wants an economic development impact study on road projects to determine whether they contribute to job growth.

Fletcher declined to say whether he would request money to buy a new airplane for the state. He has taken test rides in planes offered by at least two different manufacturers.

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**John W. Hall Lodge 950 Plans sale of building**  
John W. Hall Lodge 950 F&AM, Martin, will be having a called meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005, for the purpose of discussing the sale of its lodge building, and comments on looking for a new building.  
Steve Barnette, Master

**Floyd County Historical and Genealogy Society**  
The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the Samuel May House at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion**  
Prestonsburg High School Class of 1994 reunion being planned for February. Please contact Patricia Garrison at 606-874-6004, Cory Reitz at 859-338-6956 or John Stout at 859-433-3610.

**JWT Auditions**  
Jenny Wiley Theatre will hold auditions for its upcoming season on Fri., Jan. 28, from 5-9 p.m., and Sat., Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Auditees should prepare a short monologue and brief musical selection, total time not to exceed 2 minutes. Pianist provided. Taped accompaniment and a cappella singing not acceptable. Bring comfortable alternate clothing for basic dance combination. Many non-singing opportunities also available. More info., call 886-9274.

**Beauty Pageant**  
The "Stars of Tomorrow" Beauty Pageant will be held on

Saturday, January 29, at 2 p.m., at the Pikeville Independent Elementary School, in Pikeville. Registration will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Payment deadline is Jan. 18. Call 432-5718 for info.

**Girl Scout Cookies!**  
Donate a box of cookies to "Operation Cookie Drop" through the Floyd County Girl Scouts to our local National Guard Unit. Call 1-800-475-2621 to support your local Girl Scouts and soldiers.

**Big Sandy 4-H Club**  
Is seeking new members! Do you like to have fun? Meet new people? Help your community? Then join our club! For more info., contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668.

**Basic Computer Training**  
To be taught by Ray Tackett at the Martin Community Center, located on Route 80, at Martin, on Feb. 4, 11, 18; March 4, 11, 18; and April 1, from 1-3 p.m. Cost - \$7. This is an 8-week training series designed for those who have little or no experience using computers. Space is limited - call 886-2668 today to register!

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

**Floyd County Democratic Women's Club**  
Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

**Auxier Lifetime Learning Center**  
•GED classes - Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Later times may be arranged - call office to make arrangements.  
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•Creative Sewing  
Mondays, 6-8 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
For more information about these activities and class fees, call 886-0709.

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

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

**PARENTS!**  
Are you in need of child care services? If so, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. The office is partnering with Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition. For more information on how we can help you, call Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or toll free at 888-872-7227.

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

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

872-7227 (toll free).

**Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings**  
Allen: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.  
Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at PHA Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.  
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.  
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

**Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild:** 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office.  
Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

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

**Extension Club Announcements**

**The Newbee's Quilt Group** will meet on Jan. 27, from 6-8 p.m., at the Extension office. Lesson will include a slide show and hands-on demonstration of color coordination, presented by Nan Tournier. All interested quilters are invited to attend. Meeting may be canceled due to inclement weather.

**Homemaker Leader Training "Growth Choice"** will be held on Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. Learn skills for creating

happiness and blessing others. Public invited.  
More info., call 886-2668

**"Looking For a Support Group?"**

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

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

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

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

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

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being

offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

•Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

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

•Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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

## Obits

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Ulis Collins, 81, of Racoon, died Saturday, January 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Geraldene Smith Collins. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 25, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Harold R. Johnson, 70, of Morehead, a Pike County native, died Sunday, January 23, at St. Claire Regional Medical Center, Morehead. He is survived by his wife, Christine Cobbs Johnson. Arrangements were under the direction of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals.

Peggy Ellen Newsome Mickey, 56, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, formerly of Caney Creek, died Wednesday, January 19. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 21, in Winston-Salem. Information, courtesy of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Maudie Keesee Hatcher, 96, of Pikeville, died Friday, January 21, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 23, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

James Edward Johnson, 77, of Hardy, died Monday, January 24, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Jane Scott, 97, of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 23, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 26, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

James Russell Simmons, 66, of Hurricane Creek, died Sunday, January 23, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Dovie Thacker Simmons. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 26, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Elster Clayton Spears, 70, of Glenview, Illinois, formerly of Pike County, died Friday, January 21, at Rush University Medical Center, Chicago. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 26, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Margie Abshire Williamson, 86, of Lick Creek, died Sunday, January 23, in Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

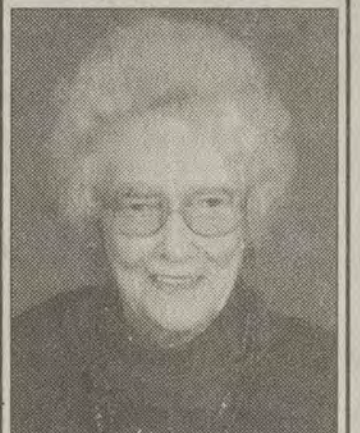
### MARTIN COUNTY

Homer Cline Horn, 66, of Milo, died Wednesday, January 19, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 12, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Kathleen Cline Taylor, 77, of Matewan, West Virginia, a native of Inez, died Thursday, January 20, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 23, at Chambers Funeral Home.

Rhonda Von Williams, 52, of Ashland, died Wednesday, January 19, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 21, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

**Iuca Esta Hamilton**  
January 30, 1908 -  
December 20, 1994



A poem written by "Mom-Mom"

What a friend we have in mother, who will all our secrets share. We should never keep things from her, tell her all and she'll be there. Oh, what tender love she gives us, when in sorrow or despair. Tell her gently, whisper softly, she will listen, she'll be there.

Day by day as she grows older, she's the nation's guiding star. Don't forget the prayers she taught us, you will need them where you are. Though her hair has turned to silver, send her flowers sweet and fair. Drop a card or send a letter, she'll be waiting, she'll be there.

When her eyes have closed in slumber, gently kiss her icy brow. Fold her hands upon her bosom, she will rest in Heaven, now. When your days are dark and dreary, and your cross is hard to bear, Do not let your memory fail you, think of Mother, and she'll be there.

Sadly missed, but loved and thought about every day,  
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## KENTUCKY LIFELINE AND LINK-UP PROGRAMS

**What Programs Are Available To Assist Low-Income Consumers?**

There are two programs available to assist low-income consumers with their telecommunications needs: The Lifeline program and the Link-Up program.

**What is the Lifeline Program?**

The Lifeline program was designed to preserve and promote telephone services to qualified low-income households. The program provides a monthly credit for local services.

**What is the Link-Up Program?**

The Link-Up program offers eligible individuals a reduction in the local telephone company's charges for starting telephone service. The program pays for half of the installation charge up to \$30.

**Are There Any Restrictions?**

Yes. An individual is allowed to enroll only once during a twelve month period at the same address. (This restriction does not apply when you are moving from one location to another within twelve months.)

**Who Is Eligible?**

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Food Stamps
- Medicaid
- Federal Public Housing
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Program (TANF)
- National School Lunch's free program (NSL)

**AND**

You have paid or made payment arrangements for any outstanding balance for telephone services provided to you or any member of your household at your current address.

**What Benefits Does Enrollment in Lifeline Provide?**

Enrollment in Lifeline provides the following benefits:

- Waiver of the federal subscriber line charge.
- Reduction in monthly residence line charge.
- Free toll blocking service.

**How Do I Enroll?**

Contact your local telephone company for enrollment details. You must be able to provide proof of participation in a qualifying program.

**How is the Lifeline Program Funded?**

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has approved an eight cent charge to be placed on all telephone customers' bills to help eligible low-income consumers maintain basic phone service.

**Who Can I Contact With Questions?**

For more information concerning these programs, contact Coalfields Telephone Company during regular business hours,

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FLOYD COUNTY



# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

Sol Douglas Branham, 27, of Weaverville, North Carolina, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, January 18, at the residence of his brother, in Marshall, North Carolina. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John T. Chaffins, 67, of McDowell, died Monday, January 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Randall (Dale) Conn, 58, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 25, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Betty Jean Fouts, 59, of Kite, a Floyd County native, died Friday, January 14, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Burnis Fouts. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Virbil "B. Bob" Hall, 67, of Teaberry, died Friday, January 14, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruby N. Laferty, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 12, at Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Velma Mae Collins Martin, 65, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, January 14, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, John Martin. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Randall "Randy" McCarty, 36, of Emma, died Monday, January 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Amy Hicks McCarty. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Norlene C. Moore, 52, of Melvin, died Monday, January 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. She is survived by her husband, Carl Moore. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

John Moore Jr., 66, of Mousie, died Wednesday, January 26, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Banks Moore. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Joan Patton, 71, of McDowell, died Friday, January 28, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## KNOTT COUNTY

Claude Brewer, 64, of Hindman, died Monday, January 17, at A.R.H. June Buchanan Primary Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Truman Combs, 57, of Red Fox, died Saturday, January 15, at Hazard ARH. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Irene Bowen Cornett, 79, of

Morehead, a Knott County native, died Wednesday, January 19, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 22, under the direction of Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals.

Archie Evereage, 76, of Carrie, died Saturday, January 22, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Evelee Combs Evereage. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 25, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Betty Jean Fouts, 59, of Kite, died Friday, January 14, at Hazard ARH. She is survived by her husband, Burnis Fouts. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Burchel D. Jacobs, 61, of Pinetop, died Wednesday, January 12, at Whitesburg ARH. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Paul Darrel Johnson, 64, of Amburgey, died Wednesday, January 26, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Mullins Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Grethel Ritchie, 72, of Fisty, died Wednesday, January 19, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Reverend Marvin Douglas Tuttle, 60, a native of Minnie, died Friday, January 21, at Stroh, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Rister Tuttle. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 25, under the direction of Hite Funeral Home, in Indiana.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Vertie Back Craft, 87, of Foraker, died Monday, January 17, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 20, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Venus Bayes Jones, 91, of Salyersville, died Monday, January 17, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, January 19, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Phillip Ryan Minix, 30, of Salyersville, died Sunday, January 16, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Judy Arnett Minix. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 19, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Homer Arthur Porter, 77, of West Covina, California, formerly of Salyersville, died Thursday, January 20, in West Covina. He is survived by his wife, Carol Walda Muckleston Porter. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Russell Jackson West, 63, of Salyersville, died Sunday, January 16, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Palesteen Prater West. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 20, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Dixie Leslie Minix Whitaker, 66, of Hazard, formerly of Salyersville, died Wednesday, January 12, at the Hazard Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Jack Whitaker.

Jack D. Williams, 75, of Salyersville, died Monday, January 24, at the Salyersville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Ann Minix Williams. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January

27, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

Lou Vernia Baldrige, 79, of Fairborn, Ohio, a native of Paintsville, died Saturday, January 15, in the Wright Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 18, under the direction of Burcham Funeral Home.

Allene Blair Colvin, 66, of Paintsville, died Thursday, January 20, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, James F. Colvin. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 23, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Ruby Craven, 76, of Paintsville, died Saturday,

January 22, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, January 24, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Virginia Lou Estep, 66, of Paintsville, died Thursday, January 20, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Arvil Estep. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 23, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Earl L. Ferguson, 72, of Van Lear, died Monday, January 17, in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Mary LeMaster Ferguson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 20, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Myrtle Craft Short, 99, of Beaver Creek, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, January 20, at Heartland of Beaver Creek. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Hazel Lois Witten, 90, of Flatwoods, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, January 25, at Kingsbrook Nursing Facility in Flatwoods. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

Fannie Adkins, 82, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, a Pike County native, died Sunday, January 23, at Reynoldsburg.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Linda Lou Lawhorn Coleman, 67, of Regina, died Friday, January 21, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Harold Coleman. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 24, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Roy Collier, 53, of Caney Creek, died Sunday, January 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Roma Lee Bartley Collier. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 27, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

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## Lady Raiders turn away June Buchanan

## Trammell moves into third-place on all-time scoring list

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - South Floyd was ready when June Buchanan paid a visit Tuesday night. Senior Tabitha Trammell led the charge for the Lady Raiders. Trammell scored a game-high 27 points and pulled down 13 rebounds as the Lady Raiders beat the visiting June

Buchanan girls 59-49. Trammell also moved into third-place on the South Floyd High School girls' basketball all-time scoring list. Tuesday night's double-double was Trammell's 11th in 12 games this season.

For the Lady Raiders, the talented play of Trammell has been a consistent all season long.

"She's had an outstanding sea-

son," said South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac, talking about the senior standout. "(Tabitha) Trammell has worked and played hard all season."

Trammell did most of her damage in the third quarter, connecting on a trio of three-pointers. For the game, Trammell connected and hit on five three-point field goals.

In 12 games, Trammell, a 5-11 forward, has hit 17 three-point field

goals and scored a total of 240 points.

South Floyd held a lead over June Buchanan at the end of every quarter Tuesday night. The Lady Raiders outscored visiting June Buchanan 11-7 in the opening quarter and led 27-19 at halftime. The Lady Raiders outscored the visiting 14th Region school 16-7 in the third quarter.

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photo by Steve LeMaster  
Tabitha Trammell continues to make strong contributions on a consistent basis for the South Floyd Lady Raiders.

## Eagles overcome slow-start first half, beat Union

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - Despite getting off to a hot start, Union College wilted in the second half Thursday night as host Alice Lloyd College came away with Thursday's 74-63 decision in Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) men's basketball action.

The loss dropped Union to 10-15 overall and 8-7 in the AAC, while the Eagles improved to 12-13 overall and 5-10 in league play.

The Bulldogs jumped out to early leads of 9-0 and 11-3, but Alice Lloyd fought back. Still, Union owned a 31-25 halftime margin.

The two teams each had chances to pull away before Alice Lloyd ultimately played its way to the victory.

In the second half, things really began to fall apart for the visiting Bulldogs. Hitting just 32.3 percent (10 of 31 shots) from the field and 29.4 percent (five of 17) from 3-point range, Union's offense struggled. Meanwhile, the Eagles soared behind 18-of-33 shooting (54.5 percent), including a six-of-13 performance (46.2 percent) from the arc, as Alice Lloyd outscored Union 49-32 during the final 20 minutes en route to the 11-point victory.

Union finished the game making just 36.5 percent (23 of 63) of its shots with Alice Lloyd connecting on 40.3 percent (29 of 72).

Floyd County basketball products Jeremy Daniels (Betsy Layne HS) and Jimmy Stumbo (South Floyd HS) each netted 16 points to lead the Eagles. In other scoring for Alice Lloyd, Jeremy Jackson and K.J. Waterman scored 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Sophomore Chris Mullins (Mt. Sterling) paced Union with 16 points. Senior Aaron Troutman (Mt. Washington) chipped in 11.

## Raiders survive scare, beat Phelps

## 53-point second half fuels comeback

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PIKEVILLE - Ask anyone in the 15th Region who would be the expected winner of a South Floyd-Phelps matchup, and the answer would most likely be South Floyd. On Thursday evening, however, Phelps had different ideas as the upstart Hornets took the Raiders to the wire before falling by a

final score of 81-78.

Phelps took an early lead - thanks in part to some strong guard play - and actually led by as many as 12 points in the first half.

South Floyd looked to senior Burnett Little when it came crunch-time and the Raider big man came through in a big way. Little came up with a career performance by pouring in a game-high 32 points and pulling down a school record 21 rebounds.

Not only did Little pour in the points but the Raider senior also came up with six blocks in the win. Phelps led 20-16 after one quarter and 38-28 at the half before South Floyd jumped on the comeback trail early in the third quarter. Robert Gannon led the Phelps attack with 30 points. South Floyd outscored Phelps 28-18 in the third quarter and evened the game at 56-56 on a

(See RAIDERS, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell  
South Floyd senior forward Burnett Little scored 32 points and pulled down a school-record 21 rebounds in Thursday night's 15th Region All "A" Classic win over Phelps.

## Lady Bears suffer two-point loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Campbellsville's Lady Tigers held Pikeville College scoreless for four minutes down the stretch and used that time to rally for a 60-58 win on Thursday night.

The win improved the Lady Tigers to 12-10 on the season and 2-1 in the Mid-South Conference, and gives Donna Wise's club three straight wins on the season. With the win, Campbellsville became the first women's team to get a win on the road in the Mid-South Conference this season.

Pikeville (14-8, 1-2) took a 56-53 lead with 4:36 to play on a basket by sophomore Tonya Amburgey. But from there, its next point would come with only 36 seconds to play when sophomore Heather Dillon made two free throws.

In the interim, Campbellsville scored only seven points themselves, but it was plenty enough to turn the game around. Senior Tiffany Roaden hit two free throws to send them on top 60-56 before Dillon's toss-

(See LADY BEARS, page two)

## Campbellsville shoots out Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The numbers truly tell the story. Campbellsville University hit its shots while Pikeville College didn't, and the result was a 75-67 win for the Tigers.

Keith Adkins, a former Bear assistant, returned home and watched his players do exactly what he excelled at in his own playing days: They shot the lights out.

Campbellsville (11-11) hit 53.1 percent (26-of-49) from the floor, including 50 percent (11-of-22) from the arc and missed only one of its 14 free throws to pick up its first Mid-South Conference win in three tries.

Pikeville (18-4, 1-2) was as off as the Tigers were on, making only 42.4 percent (28-of-66) from the floor, including 4-of-18 (22.2 percent) from the arc, and were only 7-of-15 (46.7 percent) from the line.

To add insult to injury, Campbellsville outscored the Bears 42-16 off the bench.

Junior Jeremy Taylor came off the bench to fire in a team-best 24 for the Tigers. Sophomore Corey Mitchell hit 4-of-5 from the arc to follow with 18 markers.

Freshman Zach Allender chipped in with a double-double, scoring 12 points and pulling down 11 rebounds, while junior Eric Johnson tossed in 12 points as well.

For the Bears, senior Walter Harris led the way with 24 points and pulled down five rebounds. Senior Jarell Jones tossed in 11 for Pikeville.

The Bears hit the road on Saturday, playing at 14th-ranked Georgetown. Campbellsville was hosting Lindsey Wilson.

## Allen Central 48, Paintsville 43

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - The girls' basketball teams from Allen Central and Paintsville high schools met in the opening round of this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic. In that contest, played less than two weeks ago, Paintsville came out a winner by a slim, one-point margin. On Thursday night, Allen Central traveled to Paintsville and returned the favor, beating the Lady Tigers 48-43.

Senior center Becky Thomas led Allen Central with 20 points.

The Lady Rebels played from behind early

(See ALLEN CENTRAL, page two)



## Allen Central

on. Paintsville led 13-9 when the game entered the second quarter. Allen Central took a 23-22 lead into halftime and outscored the host Lady Tigers in each of the final two quarters.

Mara Biliter added nine points for Allen Central. Alanna Cline had six points for the

Lady Rebels. Amanda Mills and Yumekia Hunter each had five points apiece. Lyndsey Frasure rounded out the Allen Central scoring with three points.

Kendra Carroll led Paintsville in scoring with 16 points. Chelsea Jarrell followed with 12 points. Jesikah

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Russell flipped in eight points for the Lady Tigers. Rounding out the Paintsville scoring, Stephanie Hall and Laura Carroll added four and three points, respectively.

Allen Central held Paintsville to nine points in both the second and fourth quarters.

## Turn

Lindsey Dye added nine points for the Lady Raiders. Candice Hall had six points for South Floyd and Heather Dean flipped in six. Senior guard Miranda Gregory added three points while Jessie Tackett, Kayla Hall and Faith Little all

had two points apiece.

Trista Damron scored for South Floyd when she connected on a second-quarter free throw.

Megan Watts connected on three three-point field goals and led June Buchanan with 20 points. Kayla Brown had 12

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points and Ashley Cornett finished with seven points. In other scoring for June Buchanan, Maris Hovee netted six points and Sheena Slone and Malinda Hall scored two apiece.

June Buchanan hit 13-of-24 free throw attempts.

## Lady Bears

es cut the lead in half.

Pikeville got the ball back on a tie up and had a shot to tie, but Amburgey's elbow jumper fell short and Campbellsville grabbed the board to seal the win.

Dillon paced Pikeville with 14 points, hitting all six of her field goal tries. Amburgey and senior Selena Williams had a dozen each.

Senior Amelia Cody had

eight points, a team-high seven rebounds and three steals in the contest.

Campbellsville's balanced attack was paced by Roaden with 11. Senior Lyndsey Neal and junior Jenny Noort followed with 10 each. Noort also had 10 rebounds for the Lady Tigers, who won that battle 35-29.

Pikeville shot better than Campbellsville, hitting 47.1

percent to 43.6 for the Lady Tigers, and hit 57.1 percent from the arc. But Campbellsville hit 8 from the arc on 21 tries, while the Lady Bears were 4-of-7.

Pikeville will return to action on Saturday when they play at Georgetown at 2 p.m., while Campbellsville will host its closest rival, Lindsey Wilson, at 2.

## Raiders

three-pointer by Ryan Johnson as time expired in the period. Johnson finished the night with 15 points and five rebounds.

Senior center Steven Stanley tossed in 14 points and pulled down nine rebounds despite being saddled with foul trouble in the second half. Mason Hall added eight points for South Floyd, while also coming up with three key steals in the second half to help fuel the Raider comeback.

Ethan Johnson pitched in six points in the win and the duo of T.J. Hall and Wes Hall both added three points each to round out the scoring for South Floyd.

Anytime a team can shoot well from the charity stripe, the odds of winning increase and South Floyd did just that on Thursday as the Raiders went 29-of-33 from the line as a team.

Phelps was able to stay in the game thanks in part to some hot shooting from the field, but in the end it was the tandem of Little and Stanley that controlled the boards and came up with some big baskets late to seal the South Floyd comeback.

The Raiders advanced to 15th Region All "A" Semifinals with the win and on Friday night, took on the surprising Sheldon Clark Cardinals who knocked off

defending champ Shelby Valley, 69-63 in the opening round of the tournament.

The championship game of the 15th Region All "A" Classic was slated for Saturday evening but ended too late to make this edition. Full results of the semifinals and championship game will appear in Wednesday's edition.

### SOUTH FLOYD (81) -

Little 32, Johnson 15, Stanley 14, M. Hall 8, E. Johnson 6, T.J. Hall 3, Wes Hall 3.

PHELPS (78) - R. Gannon 30, Hunt 19, Hardin 12, M. Dotson 7, Daniels 6, R. Dotson 2.

## Knocks

against Paintsville. The tournament's championship game was scheduled for last night.

15th Region All "A" Classic  
At Pikeville

SHELBY VALLEY (15-4) - Bentley 8, Friend 5, Tackett 30, M. Riddle 7, C. Riddle 2, Johnson 5, Potter 2, Bryant 3.  
SHELDON CLARK (6-10)

- Preece 19, Crum 9, May 26, Howell 6, Hammond 4, Johnson 5.  
Shelby Valley.....14 10 19 20-63  
Sheldon Clark.....14 19 12 24-69

# Lady Bulldogs roll to 100-69 win over Alice Lloyd

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Union College women's basketball team cruised to its third consecutive win on Thursday. In a late-January matchup, the Lady Bulldogs netted a 100-69

victory over host Alice Lloyd College in Appalachian Athletic Conference women's basketball play.

This marked the second time this season Union has posted 100 or more points in a game and fifth time it scored

90 or more, but it was the first time the Lady Bulldogs did so on the road.

The win improved Union to 16-7 overall and 9-6 in the AAC, while the Lady Eagles fell to 2-18 overall and 1-12 in the conference.

# P'burg JV blasts David School

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg High junior varsity boys' basketball team defended its homefloor in impressive fashion Thursday night, beating the visiting David School 77-42.

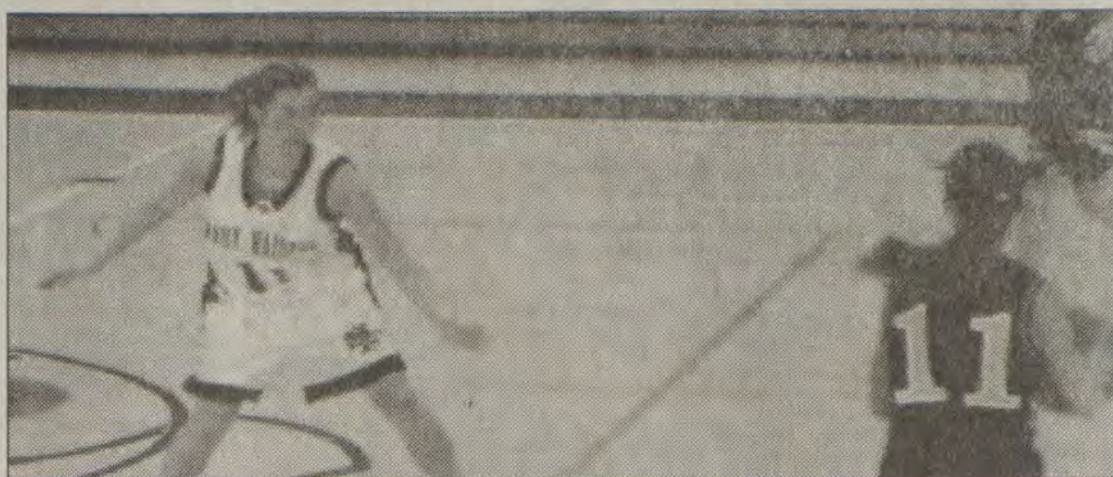
Jordan Hall turned in one of the best performances of his

young career. Hall lit the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse scoreboard up, scoring a game-high 30 points for the host Blackcats. Bobby Hughes added 12 points for the host Blackcats and Nathaniel Stephens added 10.

Prestonsburg doubled up the visiting David team in the first quarter as it raced out to a 32-

16 lead. The Blackcats led 46-26 at halftime and 64-32 at the end of the third quarter. Once it fell behind early on, the David School squad struggled to make up ground.

Lincoln Slone added eight points for Prestonsburg. Two different players had 10 points apiece for the visiting Comets.



photos submitted

Defense helped the South Floyd Lady Raiders score a win Tuesday night over visiting June Buchanan.



## Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series adds Oval Craft Fast Time Award, Contingency Program

### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON - The Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series announces Oval Craft as the "Official" sponsor of the fast time award and as a contingency sponsor of the series in 2005. Oval Craft, based in Tunnel Hill, Ga., will be the sponsor of the "Oval Craft Fast Time Award" for the 2005 racing season.

Oval Craft provides the oval track racing community with aluminum racing components that are superior in design, of the highest quality, and made from the finest materials while maintaining the highest level of service all at the most competitive price. From leading NASCAR chassis builders, suppliers and race teams to entry level racers in oval track divisions, Oval Craft is rapidly earning the reputation as the "new" source for fabricated aluminum products.

"Oval Craft and our employees are looking forward to our association with the NARA DirtCar Series in 2005. By sponsoring the "Fastest Qualifier

Award" we feel we can promote our products to a large group of dirt late model race teams and advertise to the entire industry through the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series. The NARA Series has the marketing tools and staff in place that we feel offers companies like mine tremendous value" stated Ross Ardizzone, president of Oval Craft.

As part of the sponsorship of the Fast Time Award in 2005, Oval Craft will award the driver that accumulates the most "Oval Craft Fast Time Awards" during the 2005 season a check for \$1,000 at the year-end awards banquet for the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series. In addition to the Fast Time Award, Oval Craft will be a contingency sponsor of the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series in 2005. Oval Craft will award the top-three finishers of every feature event on the series product certificates valued at \$100, \$75 and \$50. To learn more about Oval Craft visit their official website @ [www.ovalcraft.com](http://www.ovalcraft.com) <<http://www.ovalcraft.com>>.

"We are very excited to have Oval Craft come on board with

us in 2005 and especially about their sponsorship of the "Fast Time Award". We look forward to expanding this program in the years to come with the partnership with Oval Craft," said Spencer Wilson, Series Director of the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series.

For those Late Model race teams wanting information on the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series you can call the office at 859/271-4501 or visit the series website at [www.naradirtcar.com](http://www.naradirtcar.com) <<http://www.naradirtcar.com>>. East Bay Raceway will host an open practice on Sunday Night February 6th for those drivers wanting track time in preparation for the 2005 Winternationals.

To order advanced reserved single night tickets, reserved camping or for further information on East Bay Raceway Park you can call the track office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 813/677-7223, toll free at 877/457-5611 or visit the track's website at [www.eastbayracewaypark.com](http://www.eastbayracewaypark.com) <<http://www.eastbayracewaypark.com>>.

## Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series signs COMP Cams as a contingency sponsor for 2005

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series has announced a new contingency sponsor for the 2005-racing season. COMP Cams, based in

Memphis, Tenn., has signed on as a contingency sponsor for the 2005 racing season. COMP Cams in association with the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series will use the touring dirt series as an opportunity to further the company's presence in dirt late model racing.

"We are very excited about the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series and our association with Spencer Wilson and his staff. The entire program that Spencer has put together with Lucas Oil and the TV package is tremendous for the sport of dirt late model racing and we wanted to be a part of their program and help in the growth of the series."

said Chris Douglas, marketing director for COMP Cams.

COMP Cams is used by many of the top drivers in dirt late model racing including 2004 Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series Champion Shannon Babb, 2004 Stacker2 Xtreme DirtCar Series Champion Earl Pearson Jr. and 2004 World Of Outlaws Series Champion Scott Bloomquist. COMP Cams spends thousands of hours working with individuals, teams, and companies to make sure their products provide unmatched performance and reliability. One day it's out at Daytona working with a NASCAR team, another day at Pomona with a Pro Stock car, another it's at a dyno all night long. And still others it's on the street driving from state to state, or just down the block.

For over 25 years, COMP Cams philosophy has never

changed: Make the highest performing products possible, provide customers with great service, and lead the industry in technological development. Today the COMP Cams family has grown to multiple companies and hundreds of employees, their vision remain the same. It's with this competitive spirit that has positioned COMP Cams as the leading company in its field.

"We are excited to be associated with COMP Cams and their contingency programs they are offering drivers who run on the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series in 2005," said

Spencer Wilson Series Director of the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series.

Our goal with all our sponsors is to provide racers additional incentives to race with us and at the same time give companies an opportunity to use the series as a marketing tool."

## UK women's win streak comes to an end

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Ashley Earley scored 24 points, and Carla Thomas added 22 to help No. 23 Vanderbilt snap a three-game losing streak with a 73-67 victory over Kentucky on Thursday night.

Earley also had 12 rebounds for Vanderbilt (14-5, 3-3 Southeastern Conference), and Abi Ramsey added 14 points. Freshman center Sarah Elliott had 20 points for Kentucky (13-8, 2-4 SEC), which had its 12-game home winning streak snapped. Freshman Samantha

Mahoney tallied 15 points for the second consecutive game and senior guard/forward Sara Potts added 10 for the Cats.

Kentucky trailed for much of the first half before going on a 6-2 run to take a 24-23 lead at the 6:37 mark of the opening stanza. From there, the Commodores went on a 9-2 run capped off by an Earley jumper to take a 33-26 advantage. The Wildcats were able to close out the half strong by tying the score at 34 on a tip-in by Elliott heading into the locker room.

"I was pleased with the way

Sarah stepped up and finished," DeMoss said. "She ended up with 20 points and finished the game very strong."

Vanderbilt quickly built a lead in the second half, pulling ahead by seven on a pair of free-throws by Earley with 13:06 to go in the game. UK freshman guard Chante' Bowman nailed a jumper with 5:02 remaining to pull the Cats to within three, 65-62, but the Commodores were able to capitalize on three consecutive Wildcat turnovers to push the lead back to seven, 72-65, with 1:16 left.



photo by Jamie Howell

Steven Stanley (52) launched a shot over a Phelps defender.



## Thirty-two UK student-athletes to be inducted into Society of Honor

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The University of Kentucky will induct 32 student-athletes into the Frank G. Ham Society of Character during halftime of the UK-Tennessee men's basketball game, Wednesday, Mar. 2. The football team leads the list with eight members, while 13 of UK's 22 sports had at least one student-athlete inducted.

The Society of Character is part of the University of Kentucky's CHAMPS/Life Skills Program. It is designed to help student-athletes realize the value of higher academic achievement, a higher level of maturity, self-responsibility and greater overall success. The Society was founded in 1998 to recognize those individuals who epitomize the term "student-athlete." Each candidate is nominated by a counselor, coach, trainer or manager and then evaluated on five criteria:

- Commitment to academic excellence,
- Commitment to athletic participation,
- Commitment to personal development,
- Commitment to being a role-model, and
- Commitment to preparing for the world of work.

The mission of the Society of Character is:

- To recognize student-athletes who have achieved and continue to achieve a high level in all areas of their life,
- To bring together these high achieving student-athletes for interactive programs:

- To further enhance the high achieving student-athletes' best interests and well being,
- To promote continued interaction with other organizations.

Each candidate nominated for election into the Society of Character must meet the following requirements:

- Must have completed a minimum of 30 hours prior to nomination,
- Must have a competitive grade-point average,
- Must demonstrate a commitment to their academic suc-

cess as well as to personal development, career development and service activities.

This year's class includes: Matt Fritts, Baseball; J.B. Schmidt, Baseball; Kelenna Azubuike, M. Basketball; Chuck Hayes, M. Basketball; Brandon Stockton, M. Basketball; Arliss Beach, Football; Taylor Begley, Football; Shane Boyd, Football; Jeremiah Drobney, Football; Justin Haydock, Football; Lamar Mills, Football; Claude Sagaille, Football; Jon Sumrall, Football; Laura Clemmons, W. Golf; Lindsay Cameron, Gymnastics; Bethany Strauch, Gymnastics; Robert Donoho - Rifle; Vicki Goss, Rifle; Eric Surber, Rifle; Dan Ferriter, M. Soccer; Jonathan Kenny, M. Soccer; Ollil Lehtimake, M. Soccer; Jamal Shteivi, M. Soccer; Danielle Slupski, W. Soccer; Meghan Cooper, Softball; Jessica Nance, Softball; Cameron Moore, Swimming & Diving; Caitlin Muldoon, Swimming & Diving; Jessica Siegele, Swimming & Diving; Nicole Allyn, Track & Field; Amy Kaplan, Volleyball; Danielle Wallace, Volleyball.

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## No. 22 Georgia Tech 102, No. 5 Wake Forest 101, OT

by PAUL NEWBERRY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Although it's still January, Georgia Tech needed this game in the worst way.

The Yellow Jackets had lost three in a row, squandered a 17-point lead over Wake Forest and were on the verge of a crushing defeat when Jarrett Jack stepped to the free-throw line with 4.4 seconds left in overtime.

"I told myself that I had to come through for my team," Jack said. "The mark of a great team is being able to put the past behind you."

After gathering himself with a stroll toward the opposite foul line, Jack calmly made both free throws to give No. 22 Georgia Tech a 102-101 victory over the fifth-ranked Demon Deacons on Thursday night.

Wake Forest got the last shot, but Chris Paul missed at the buzzer. He also had a chance to win it at the end of regulation, but that attempt fell off the rim, too.

"Coach said, 'Get the ball and try to get to the basket,'" Paul said. "I just missed it."

In other games involving ranked teams Thursday, it was: No. 11 Arizona 91, No. 10 Washington 82; No. 15 Michigan State 64, Michigan 53; and No. 21 Cincinnati 74, South Florida 48.

Georgia Tech (12-5, 3-3) built a 34-17 lead in the first half, but Wake Forest (16-3, 4-2) rallied behind Eric Williams, who scored 27 points and was nearly unstoppable on the inside.

Williams didn't get much help from Paul. The leading vote-getter on the AP's preseason All-America team managed only eight points on 2-of-11 shooting.

Will Bynum scored a career-high 30 points for Georgia Tech and spent time guarding Paul.

"We take pride in stopping great players," Bynum said.

"He's a great player, so we try to play him as physically as possible. Don't let him get into rhythm. Be there in his face every time."

Georgia Tech's student body stormed the court after the final miss, setting off a raucous celebration that lasted several minutes. Weary players from both teams struggled just to make it to their locker rooms.

The Yellow Jackets started the season in the top five, but three straight ACC losses sent them tumbling in the rankings. They had to bounce back from a stunning upset at home by Virginia Tech last Saturday.

"This may have been make or break for our season," Bynum said. "If we had lost this game, it could have destroyed our confidence."

It was a game that didn't want to end, stretching on for nearly three hours and leaving both teams huffing and puffing. Georgia Tech's Isma'il Muhammad hobbled off the court with severe leg cramps, but the pain subsided after he was injected with fluids. He finished the game with both arms wrapped in gauze.

After Jack put the Yellow Jackets ahead, Wake Forest took off up the court. Paul missed a desperation shot as the horn sounded, but the refs signaled that the Demon Deacons had called a timeout.

The clock was reset to 2.8 seconds and Wake Forest inbounded the ball near mid-court. Jack fell down trying to keep up with Paul, but it didn't matter when the final shot fell harmlessly off the rim.

Clearly, the Yellow Jackets seem to have figured out Paul, who was held to a career-low two points in the game at Atlanta last year.

"We have a lot of big bodies," Jack said. "That's something he's not used to. ... Size bothers anybody."

Williams' size bothered the Yellow Jackets. The 6-foot-9,

291-pound junior repeatedly muscled through double- and triple-teams to reach the basket.

"I couldn't let them stop me," he said. "No matter how many guys they put on me, I had to get around them."

But Williams met his match near the end of a game — a cramp that forced him to the bench.

"I was crying after the game. I felt I let my team down," he said. "I was disappointed about having to come out."

Justin Cray added 22 points for Wake Forest.

"I'm proud of our guys," Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said. "We battled back and certainly had a chance to win it in the end."

No. 11 Arizona 91, No. 10 Washington 82: The Wildcats went 38-of-40 from the free-throw line and took over first place in the Pac-10.

Salim Stoudamire had 25 points for Arizona (17-3, 7-1), which made 31 straight from the line at one point. Stoudamire's three-point play on a leaning baseline bank shot with 44 seconds left gave the Wildcats an 88-82 lead.

Brandon Roy had 15 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the visiting Huskies (16-3, 6-2), who beat Arizona three times last season.

No. 15 Michigan St. 64, Michigan 53: Maurice Ager scored 18 points and the Spartans (13-3, 5-1 Big Ten) won for the 11th time in 12 games.

Dion Harris and Courtney Sims each had 12 points for the visiting Wolverines (12-8, 3-3), who lost to their in-state rival for the 11th time in 12 games.

No. 21 Cincinnati 74, South Florida 48: Eric Hicks had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the visiting Bearcats (16-3, 5-1 Conference USA), who beat South Florida for the 14th straight time.

Brian Swift had 27 points for South Florida (8-9, 1-5), which has lost five straight.

# Morehead St. 75, Tenn.-Martin 69

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOREHEAD — Quinton Smith scored 21 of his career-high 29 points in the second half as Morehead State beat Tennessee-Martin 75-69 Thursday night.

Chad McKnight added 16 points, 14 in the second half,

and Ramon Kelly 10 for Morehead (9-9, 3-4 Ohio Valley Conference).

Jason Thompson led Tennessee-Martin (4-14, 1-6) with 15 points, Cleve Woodfork scored 14, Jared Newson had 11 and Will Lewis 10.

McKnight hit a pair of free

throws with 6:49 left in the game that put Morehead State ahead 53-52, and the Eagles never relinquished the lead.

Morehead State was 17-of-24 (70.8 percent) from the field in the second half and 12-of-15 from the free-throw line after trailing 33-28 at halftime.

## Buffalo stops Thundering Herd men, 78-65

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Buffalo center Yassin Idbihi scored 25 points to lead the Bulls over Marshall, 78-65, in Mid-American Conference basketball action Thursday evening at Alumni Arena.

Buffalo improves to 12-5, 5-4 in the Mid-American Conference, while the Thundering Herd falls to 3-14, 0-8 in league play.

After Marshall led for the first 33 minutes of the contest, the Bulls took advantage of an 8:10 Thundering Herd scoring drought down the stretch in the second half to pull

away with the victory. David Anderson knocked down two free throws to make the score 58-54 in favor of the Thundering Herd at the 9:03 mark, but then the Buffalo ran began and the Herd's inability to put the ball through the basket began. The Bulls went on a 17-0 run that ended on two A.W. Hamilton (Georgetown) free throws; however, by then, Buffalo had pushed their lead to 71-60 and taken control of the contest.

The Herd played a very productive and efficient first half, shooting 55.2 percent from the floor and committing only four turnovers.



Ronnie Dawn

Marshall led by as many as seven in the first half, and took a 41-37 lead into the halftime break. The Herd continued to play in front of the Bulls at the beginning of the second half, and led Buffalo until a Calvin Cage three-pointer put UB up 71-68. They would never relinquish the lead after that.

Freshman Joe Miles led the Thundering Herd with 14 points. Anderson (11), Hamilton (13), and Ronny Dawn (Fort Thomas (13) were the other Marshall double-digit scorers.

Idbihi led the Bulls with 25 points. Turner Battle added 20 points, and Cage also poured in 18 points.

Marshall returns home to take on the Kent State Flashes Tuesday evening at the Henderson Center. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

## Lady Bears suffer two-point loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Campbellsville's Lady Tigers held Pikeville College scoreless for four minutes down the stretch and used that time to rally for a 60-58 win on Thursday night.

The win improved the Lady Tigers to 12-10 on the season and 2-1 in the Mid-South Conference, and gives Donna Wise's club three straight wins on the season. With the win, Campbellsville became the first women's team to get a win on the road in the Mid-South Conference this season.

Pikeville (14-8, 1-2) took a 56-53 lead with 4:36 to play on a basket by sophomore Tonya Amburgey. But from there, its

next point would come with only 36 seconds to play when sophomore Heather Dillon made two free throws.

In the interim, Campbellsville scored only seven points themselves, but it was plenty enough to turn the game around. Senior Tiffany Roaden hit two free throws to send them on top 60-56 before Dillon's tosses cut the lead in half.

Pikeville got the ball back on a tie up and had a shot to tie, but Amburgey's elbow jumper fell short and Campbellsville grabbed the board to seal the win.

Dillon paced Pikeville with 14 points, hitting all six of her field goal tries. Amburgey and senior Selena Williams had a dozen each.

Senior Amelia Cody had eight points, a team-high seven rebounds and three steals in the contest.

Campbellsville's balanced attack was paced by Roaden with 11. Senior Lyndsey Neal and junior Jenny Noort followed with 10 each. Noort also had 10 rebounds for the Lady Tigers, who won that battle 35-29.

Pikeville shot better than Campbellsville, hitting 47.1 percent to 43.6 for the Lady Tigers, and hit 57.1 percent from the arc. But Campbellsville hit 8 from the arc on 21 tries, while the Lady Bears were 4-of-7.

Pikeville will return to action on Saturday when they play at Georgetown at 2 p.m., while Campbellsville will host its closest rival, Lindsey Wilson, at 2.

## Cards to recognize Silver Anniversary of '80 NCAA champs

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE — On the silver anniversary year of the achievement, the University of Louisville's 1980 NCAA Championship team will be recognized at halftime of the Cardinals' Feb. 12 game against USF in Freedom Hall.

A commemorative poster, sponsored by Hamilton Printing, will be provided to fans in attendance at the game. Prior to the game, members of the team will be available for autographs in Freedom Hall from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Following the game, the team will visit the Cardinal Hall of Fame Cafe to sign autographs and mingle with

U of L fans from 5:30-7 p.m. Commemorative 1980 NCAA Championship T-shirts will be sold through Louisville area Kroger stores for \$15 beginning

Jan. 28 and at the Feb. 12 game. Sales of the T-shirts benefit the Derek Smith Memorial Fund.

The 1979-80 Cardinals, who posted a 33-3 overall record, were guided by future Hall of Fame Coach Denny Crum and led by national player of the year Darrell Griffith, who averaged 22.9 points, 4.8 rebounds and 3.8 assists. Four players who scored over 1,000 career points at U of L were members of that team,

including Griffith (2,333 points, U of L's all-time leading scorer), the late Derek Smith (1,826), Jerry Eaves (1,250) and Rodney McCray (1,247).

In addition to honoring the championship team, nearly 100 former U of L men's basketball players are expected to be in attendance for Cardinal Basketball Legends Day. Among those expected to be recognized during timeouts at the game are Phil Bond, Wade Houston, Charles Jones, Allen Murphy, Bud Olsen, Phil Rollins, Marv Selvy, LaBradford Smith and many more. The list includes representatives from the Cardinals' 1980 and 1986 NCAA Championship teams, 1956 NIT Title squad and 1948 NAIB National Champions.



## EKU 73, Murray St. 61

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND — Matt Witt scored 18 points and Alonzo Hird added a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead Eastern Kentucky to a 73-61 victory over Murray State Thursday night.

Witt scored 12 points in the second half as the Colonels (12-6, 4-3 Ohio Valley Conference) snapped the Racers' three-game winning streak.

Eastern held a 36-28 halftime lead but outscored Murray (10-7, 5-2) 17-8 in the first five

minutes of the second half to push the margin to a game-high 17 points at 53-36 with 14:59 remaining.

Murray narrowed the deficit to 66-56 with 3:11 left but could get no closer as Eastern scored five unanswered points to fend off the Racers' late comeback attempt.

Zach Ingles followed Witt with 15 points and Michael Haney added 10.

Trey Pearson led Murray with 16 points, while Darnell Hopkins added 13.

Eastern hit eight 3-pointers

and was 6-of-9 from long range in the first half. Witt and Ingles had three 3-pointers each as Eastern shot 50 percent from the field, including a 53 percent mark from 3-point range.

Hopkins scored eight points during an 11-3 Murray State run that turned a 16-9 deficit into a 20-19 lead with eight minutes remaining in the first half.

Eastern, which shot 53 percent in the opening half, outscored the Racers 17-8 the rest of the way for a 36-28 halftime lead.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Undefeated Rockport Harbor, voted thoroughbred racing's fourth-best two-year-old last year, ran five furlongs at Oaklawn Park in 1:02 Wednesday in his first workout since suffering a deep gash in his right hind leg during last year's Remsen Stakes at Aqueduct.

A Smarty Jones stablemate trained by John Servis, Rockport Harbor was under regular exercise rider Bobby Velez. Velez said it appeared the horse was ready to run.

"I did not carry a stick," Velez said in a statement from the track. "And I was merely trying to keep him together for the first part. At the head of the stretch, he switched to his right lead and really picked it up. At the eighth pole, I grabbed him because he wanted to do more than we wanted."

The gray colt defeated rival Galloping Grocer in the 1 1/8-mile Remsen on Nov. 27 to remain unbeaten in four starts. He arrived at Oaklawn Jan. 6.

"Bobby told me the horse worked really well. There's a chance he may make the

Southwest Stakes," Servis said. The Southwest Stakes is Feb. 19.

Smarty Jones won last year's Southwest Stakes before winning the Rebel, the Arkansas Derby and the Kentucky Derby to claim a \$5 million bonus put up by Oaklawn to celebrate its centennial season. Smarty Jones lost the Belmont Stakes by a length to Birdstone and failed to win the Triple Crown.

Rockport Harbor was fourth in balloting for the 2004 Eclipse Awards in the Two-Year-Old Male category. Smarty Jones finished second in Horse of the Year balloting.



# Prestonsburg Junior Basketball • Week No. 7 Results

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

Pee Wee League – Yellow 8, Black 4; Dylan Slone and Ben Branham each tossed in four points as the Yellow team defeated the Black team. Maddy Ousley and Tate Green each finished with two points for the Black team. The Yellow team led 5-4 at the half and went on to win 8-4.

Orange 10, Green 6 (2OTs): Nicholas Rowe came up with a team-high six points as the Orange team beat the Green team in an overtime thriller. Scott Stapleton tossed in four points for the winning team. Dustin Blair led all scorers with a game-high seven points for the Green team. The Orange team led 2-0 at the half before the Green team tied the game late to force the overtime.

Red 7, Blue 4: Clay Slone tossed in three points to lead the Red team to the win. Drake Nunnery and Hannah Little each finished with two points

for the winning team. Bailey Slone and Shonda Hall each netted two points for the Blue team. The Blue team led 5-4 at the half and went on to win.

Girls Training League – Blue 10, Red 9: Kiera Shelton led the Blue team to an exciting 10-9 win by tossing in six points. Bethany Scarberry added four points. Allyson DeRossett led the Red team with seven points and Bobbie Lynn Blair rounded out the scoring with two points. The Red team led 7-4 at the half before the Blue team rallied to pull out the win.

Black 17, Green 6: Andrea Hansford led all scorers with 15 points as the Black team remained unbeaten on the season. Samantha Hall pitched in two points for the winning team. Kathryn Calhoun led the Green team with six points. The Black team led 10-4 at the half and went on to win.

Boys Training League – Black 35, Yellow 6: Shane Hall poured in 12 points as the Black

team stayed perfect on the season. Seaton Hall added nine points and Bradley Hall pitched in four points for the Black team. Joey Adkins finished with six points in the win and E. Collins rounded out the scoring with four points. Hunter Brown led the Yellow team with four points and John Wesley Cooksey finished with two.

Green 15, Blue 4: Braxton Blair led the way for the Green team with seven points. Tate Goble tossed in four points in the win and Derrick Newsome added two. R. Flannery rounded out the scoring with two points. Seth Marcum and Jordan Ray each finished with two points for the Blue team.

Red 11 Orange 5: Madison Wright's seven points helped to lead the Red team to an 11-7 win over the Orange team. Austin Bailey tossed in four points in the win. Aaron Foley led the Orange team with three points. Corey Conley rounded out the scoring with two points.

Junior Varsity League – Red 20, Green 9: Shawn Burkett poured in 10 points to lead the Red team to the win. Adam Crisp finished with five points and Evan Spradlin added four in the winning effort. Catie Burchett rounded out the scoring with one point for the winning team. Charlie Joseph led the Green team with four points and Evan Bays added three in the loss. Lakin Keathley had two points for the green team.

Blue 22, Black 17: Seaton Hall's nine points led the Blue team to the win. Shane Hall finished with five points and J.D. Adams tossed in four. Tyler Shelton and B. McKenzie rounded out the scoring with two points each. Lucas Stewart led the Black team with six points. The trio of Wesley Robinson, Kain Collins and Rebekah Potter all added three points apiece in the game. Elaina Calhoun finished with two points in the loss.

Varsity League – Black 18,

Blue 16: Austin McKinney led the winners with seven points and the tandem of Brad Stanley and Brad Hicks each finished with four points in the win. D.J. Ousley contributed three points for the winning team. Wes Hall led the Blue team with eight points. Matt Crum added five points for the Blue team and Josh Head added a bucket. Zak Key rounded out the scoring for the Blue team with one point.

Red 24, Blue 14: Austin Ward's eight points led the Red team to the win. Nikki Bradley and Tosha Wallen each added five points for the Red team. Kyle Gearheart pitched in four points and Billy Robinson's two points rounded out the Red scoring. Wes Hall led the Blue team with 10 points. Alexis DeRossett pitched in three points for the Blue team. Zak Key rounded out the scoring with one point for the Blue team.

# H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

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(Thursday's Games)  
 Barbourville 103, Middlesboro 55  
 Clinton Co. 75, Glasgow 67  
 Danville 104, Burgin 51  
 Dixie Heights 55, Ryle 48  
 East Carter 57, West Carter 43  
 East Jessamine 71, Franklin Co. 63  
 East Ridge 67, Mt. Mission, Va., 43  
 Gallatin Co. 71, Eminence 66  
 Lex. Christian 86, Frankfort 70  
 Lex. Paul Dunbar 59, Lex. Tates Creek 58  
 Lex. Sayre 79, Model 44  
 Lou. Collegiate 55, Lou. St. Francis 47  
 Lou. Doss 59, Lou. Fern Creek 41  
 Lou. Eastern 62, Lou. Butler 53  
 McLean Co. 54, Whitesville 49  
 Metcalfe Co. 68, Monroe Co. 57  
 Newport Cent. Cath. 68, Calvary Christ. 39  
 Owen Co. 61, Trimble Co. 59  
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 Pineville 58, J. Frank White Acad. Tenn., 43  
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 South Floyd 81, Phelps 78  
 (15th Region All "A" Classic)  
 St. Henry 52, Newport 47  
 St. Patrick 55, Nicholas Co. 44

## GIRLS

(Thursday's Games)  
 Allen Central 48, Paintsville 43  
 Anderson Co. 53, Henry Co. 29  
 Calloway Co. 64, Caldwell Co. 61  
 Grant Co. 39, Walton-Verona 38  
 Heritage Academy 72, Beechwood 36  
 Ironton, Ohio 54, Boyd Co. 23  
 Lex. Lafayette 55, Madison Central 36  
 Lou. Fern Creek 60, Lou. Doss 36  
 Lou. Holy Cross 93, Lou. Atherton 45  
 Lou. Moore 67, Lou. Presentation 41  
 Lou. Southern 56, Lou. Portland Christ. 25  
 Lou. Waggener 69, Lou. Valley 29  
 Lincoln Co. 40, McCreary Central 37  
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 Nelson Co. 57, North Oldham 39  
 Oneida Baptist 62, Buckhorn 36  
 Pendleton Co. 50, Estill Co. 34  
 Perry Co. Central 63, Owsley Co. 53  
 St. Patrick 57, Augusta 43  
 Villa Madonna 51, Dayton 29  
 Washington Co. 54, LaRue Co. 44  
 Webster Co. 44, Lyon Co. 34  
 West Carter 62, Raceland 54  
 Wolfe Co. 49, Powell Co. 47

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# Ghostzapper wins Horse of the Year over Smarty Jones

by JOHN NADEL  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. – Smarty Jones finished second again – even with a big head start.

Ghostzapper, who capped an unbeaten season with a stunning Breeders' Cup Classic victory, easily beat out Smarty Jones to win Horse of the Year honors at Monday night's Eclipse Awards dinner.

"It's a great honor," said Hall of Famer Bobby Frankel, who trains Ghostzapper. "It wouldn't have been a disgrace if we got beat. The other horse deserved it, too. It's just a shame somebody had to lose."

Smarty Jones became a household name last spring, winning the Kentucky Derby and Preakness before his Triple Crown bid ended June 5 with a narrow loss to Birdstone in the Belmont Stakes.

That turned out to be his final race. While that was going on, Ghostzapper was a relatively unknown 4-year-old getting ready for his first race of the year, which came July 4.

But by the end of October, Ghostzapper was clearly the top thoroughbred in the world.

"We had a great year," said John Servis, who trained Smarty Jones. "I'm not crying. Our goal was to make it to the Kentucky Derby and we came a length and a half short of winning the Triple Crown."

Ghostzapper received 174 votes to Smarty Jones' 95 in balloting by turf writers and racing secretaries. Ghostzapper also ran away with the Eclipse Award for best older horse, while Smarty Jones was the overwhelming choice as champion 3-year-old male.

The debate over Horse of the Year began immediately after Ghostzapper dominated perhaps the toughest field to ever run in the Breeders' Cup Classic on Oct. 30 – nearly five months after Smarty Jones had run his final race.

Ghostzapper won all four of his starts in 2004 and earned \$2.59 million. He won the 1 1/4-mile Classic in a record 1:59, beating such stars as Azeri, Pleasantly Perfect, Roses in May and Birdstone.

Smarty Jones won six of his seven starts and earned nearly \$7.6 million last year including a \$5 million bonus from Oaklawn Park for victories in the Rebel Stakes, Arkansas Derby and Kentucky Derby.

The Pennsylvania-bred Smarty Jones might have lost some votes after owners Pat and Roy Chapman announced the colt's retirement due to minor ankle ailments that might have healed and allowed him to return to the races.

The retirement deal was worth about \$40 million, and came after months of promises by the Chapmans that they planned to keep racing their colt.

"I'm still heartbroken about that," Pat Chapman said Monday night, referring to Smarty Jones' retirement.

Ghostzapper, who won the Tom Fool, the Iselin Handicap and the Woodward before taking the Classic, is in training for his 5-year-old campaign. He's expected to make his 2005 debut in the Metropolitan Mile at Belmont Park in late May.

The record-setting combination of Todd Pletcher and John Velazquez also broke through with their first Eclipse Awards.

Pletcher ended Frankel's four-year run as the top trainer by leading the nation in purse earnings with \$17,282,744. Pletcher trains Ashado and Speightstown, who won the Eclipse for top sprinter over Pico Central, 157-101.

"Ultimately, it's the highest achievement you can have," Pletcher said. "It means a lot. For me, particularly, it's a lifetime achievement."

Velazquez, Pletcher's regular rider, ended Jerry Bailey's four-year reign as the top jockey. Velazquez led the nation in purse

earnings with \$22,203,756, and beat Edgar Prado 241-14.

Kitten's Joy won the Eclipse Award as the top male turf horse, and was just one of several stars owned by Ken and Sarah Ramsey, who won their first Eclipse Award as racing's top owners. The Ramseys also campaigned Nothing to Lose and Roses in May, a winner in his first five starts in '04 before finishing second in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

Ramsey apologized for trying to pay another owner to scratch a horse from a Dec. 31 race at Turfway Park in Florence. Ramsey was suspended for a week and fined \$25,000 by the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority on Jan. 17.

"I made a mistake," Ramsey said, adding he was out of the country from Jan. 9-22 so he hadn't had an opportunity to apologize previously.

Adena Springs, operated by Ghostzapper's owner Frank Stronach, won the Eclipse Award as top breeder, ending Juddmonte Farms' three-year run in the category.

Azeri, the 2002 Horse of the Year who was retired last month, won her third straight Eclipse Award as the top older female horse. The 6-year-old mare won three Grade I races in 2004 and finished her career with 17 wins in 24 starts and earnings of nearly \$4.1 million.

"This is a great tribute and caps off the racing career of a true champion," owner Michael Paulson said.

Declan's Moon was the champion 2-year-old male, and Sweet Catomine was a near unanimous choice as champion 2-year-old filly.

The awards are voted on by the National Thoroughbred Racing Association/Equibase, the Daily Racing Form and the National Turf Writers Association.

The awards are named for Eclipse, an 18th century horse who won all 18 career starts.

# 14TH REGION GIRLS: Wolfe edges Powell

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

STANTON – Wolfe County won its 13th game of the season Thursday night, beating Powell County 49-47.

Wolfe County junior guard Chrissy Reynolds hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to win the game for the visiting Lady Wolves.

Reynolds finished the contest with 12 points. Eighth-grader Lori Fletcher led Wolfe County (13-5) in scoring with 19 points. Fletcher also had 15 rebounds and eight blocks.

Senior forward Candy Walls led Powell County

with 24 points.

Perry County Central 63, Owsley County 53: Perry County Central held off a hard-charging Owsley County team. The Lady Commodores had to fight off a few Owsley County rallies before grabbing the win.

Perry Central (15-4), en route to the win, made 12 free throws in the fourth quarter. Britta Maggard led the Lady Commodores with 21 points.

Senior Tera Chadwell paced Owsley County (10-7) with 16 points. Chadwell drained four three-pointers.

# ON RACING: Smarty Jones gets zapped for Horse of the Year

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zapped.

Smarty Jones surely was America's most popular racehorse after coming agonizingly close to winning the Triple Crown, yet rising star Ghostzapper was voted Horse of the Year – in a runaway.

The results were announced late Monday night at the Eclipse Awards dinner in Beverly Hills, Calif., and many racing fans probably are surprised with the decision.

After all, how can the lovable 3-year-old colt from Philly be denied racing's top honor after winning every race, including the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, before his defeat in the Belmont Stakes ended his Triple Crown try?

And who the heck is Ghostzapper?

Let us attempt an explanation. The 2004 racing season was divided into two parts: Smarty Jones owned the first half; Ghostzapper the second, thanks to a 4-for-4 record and his dazzling Breeders' Cup Classic win.

Smarty Jones captivated the racing world and won the race everybody knows about – the Kentucky Derby. Two weeks later, the 3-year-old colt won the Preakness by a record 11 1/2 lengths. Then, seemingly unbeatable and about to join Seattle Slew as the only other

undefeated Triple Crown champion, Smarty lost the Belmont by a length to Birdstone in front of a record crowd of 120,139.

Two months later, even though owners Pat and Roy Chapman kept promising that their star would keep racing, Smarty Jones was retired with ailing ankles in a deal worth about \$40 million. During a conference call Aug. 2 to announce the retirement, well-known veterinarian Dr. Larry Bramlage said he believed Smarty Jones could run again as a 4-year-old. The mixed message may have cost Smarty Jones some votes.

The awards are voted on by writers and editors who cover horse racing and members of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association. Ghostzapper collected 62.4 percent of the votes, and won 174-95.

"We had a great year," Smarty's trainer John Servis said. "I'm not crying. Our goal was to make it to the Kentucky Derby and we came a length and a half short of winning the Triple Crown."

And while there was a let-down after Smarty's retirement, the 4-year-old Ghostzapper was just starting to strut his stuff. Trained by Hall of Famer Bobby Frankel, the one-time sprinter began stretching out – and winning with authority. The colt won the 7-furlong Tom Fool Handicap on July 4, then posted

a 10 3/4-length win in the 1 1/8-mile Iselin Handicap and a hard-fought neck victory in the 1 1/8-mile Woodward Stakes.

With Smarty Jones still the Horse of the Year favorite, Ghostzapper needed a win in the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Classic – America's richest race – to stake his claim to the title.

Ghostzapper answered in championship style, beating the strongest field in Classic history by three lengths and winning the 1 1/4-mile race in a record 1:59. By comparison, Smarty Jones won the 1 1/4-mile Derby in 2:04 over a sloppy track.

After the Classic, Ghostzapper's owner Frank Stronach said his horse would keep racing and Frankel said it was a "no-brainer" who would win Horse of the Year.

"What stays in people's minds is the last thing they see," says Bob Baffert, who trained 2001 Horse of the Year Point Given. "The last thing they saw was Ghostzapper's devastating win. What if Smarty Jones had won the Preakness at the end?"

So when it came time to cast ballots, voters were left to ponder how the season ended for Smarty Jones – with a loss and a questionable retirement; and how it ended for Ghostzapper – with a record-setting victory over a star-studded field and a promise of more to come.

It turned out to be no contest.

# Harvest numbers reflect modest bobcat boom

by STEVE VANTRESE  
 FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT – While most Kentuckians probably have never seen a bobcat in the wild, hunters and trappers have taken a record number of the felines this fall and winter.

Late in the second year of a statewide hunting and trapping season for bobcats, a recent tally through the required Telecheck phone-in reporting system showed 1,156 bobcats had been taken. Hunters had claimed 1,021, while trappers had accounted for 135. The bobcat season began Nov. 15 and concludes Jan. 31.

While the harvest pales in comparison to, say, deer taken in

Kentucky – 124,567 – the bobcat numbers are a modern high and underscore a trend of population growth for a species that was relatively scarce only a few years ago.

"We're happy with the numbers," said wildlife biologist Jim Lane of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "All across Kentucky's available habitat, bobcats are increasing."

The growing number of bobcats taken merely reflects a larger population of cats that are part of a mini boom as a result of animals reclaiming and flourishing in their former range, Lane said.

Bobcats are native to all of Kentucky but were greatly depressed in numbers, in some places extirpated long ago by

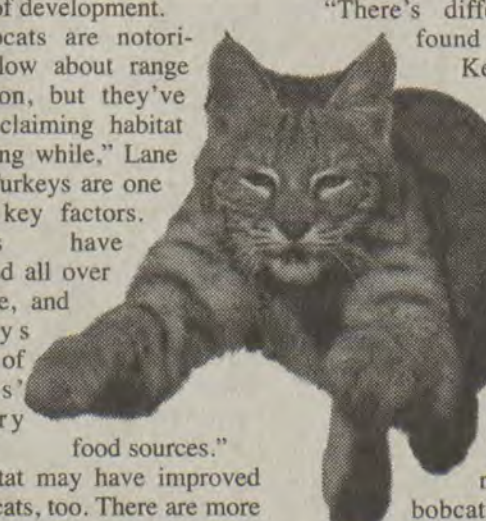
unregulated trapping and shooting and habitat change with the spread of development.

"Bobcats are notoriously slow about range expansion, but they've been reclaiming habitat for a long while," Lane said. "Turkeys are one of the key factors. Turkeys have increased all over the state, and turkeys are one of bobcats' primary food sources."

Habitat may have improved for bobcats, too. There are more fallow, overgrown farms in some portions of Kentucky nowadays, and the reverting land, growing back into cover,

suits cats well, Lane said.

"There's different habitat found across Kentucky, but woodlands and brushy cover is a common link for bobcats," Lane said. "We've always known that woodlands make good bobcat habitat, but we've found that they do better in open areas than what's commonly thought, too." Wildlife managers have wel-



comed the rebound of a native species, even as a predator. There isn't any particular apprehension that the bobcat will adversely affect other wildlife populations.

"I can't imagine the bobcat population having any significant effect on turkeys or other prey species," Lane said. "They're native populations that evolved together."

There does not appear to have been a significant run on bobcat hunting or trapping opportunities now in the second year of a statewide season. For the most part, people taking bobcats have been opportunistic while they were really in pursuit of other game.

"I can't say, from the Telecheck results how many

people were really bobcat hunting, but I can say that the harvest slowed considerably after the close of the modern rifle deer hunting season," Lane said. "A lot of the harvest probably was just the result of deer hunters seeing bobcats and having opportunities to take them during the gun season."

Bobcat season opened just after the first weekend of the statewide firearms deer hunt.

While bobcats are in a relative boom mode compared to just a few years ago, the average Kentucky resident seldom if ever meets one.

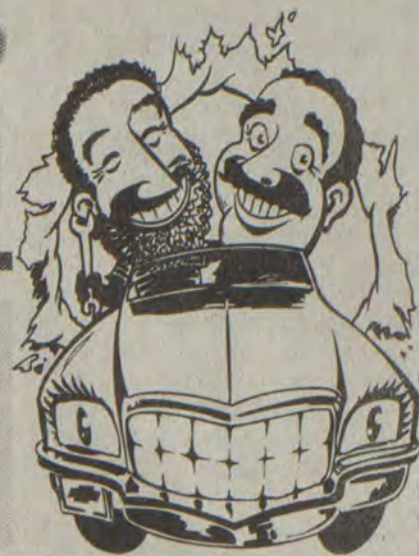
"More people are seeing them these days, but most people still never have," Lane said. "They don't tolerate human disturbance very well and they



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## This Town, That World

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

Illinois advertises itself as the "Land of Lincoln." Where does that leave Kentucky, land of his birth?

### KAINTUCK

Kentucky is something more than the "Dark and Bloody Ground," and its greatest products amount to a lot more than the traditional "fast horses, beautiful women and bourbon." Consider its people, the heritage of greatness that is neither Mountains nor Blue Grass, but is human beings. The list of great names is long. In the country's darkest hour, when it had two presidents, both were products of Kentucky soil—Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis...And what state in these United States of ours can match Kentucky's song, "My Old Kentucky Home?"



Norman Allen

### SAID LINCOLN

Speaking of Lincoln, consider this advice culled from the great volume of Lincoln, amassed by historians:

"Stand with anybody that stands RIGHT. Stand with him while he is right, and PART with him when he goes wrong."

"Better give your path for a dog than be bitten by him in contesting for the right. Even killing the dog would not cure the bite."

"Quarrel not at all. No man resolved to make the most of himself can spare time for personal contention."

And beat this for an argument against slavery:

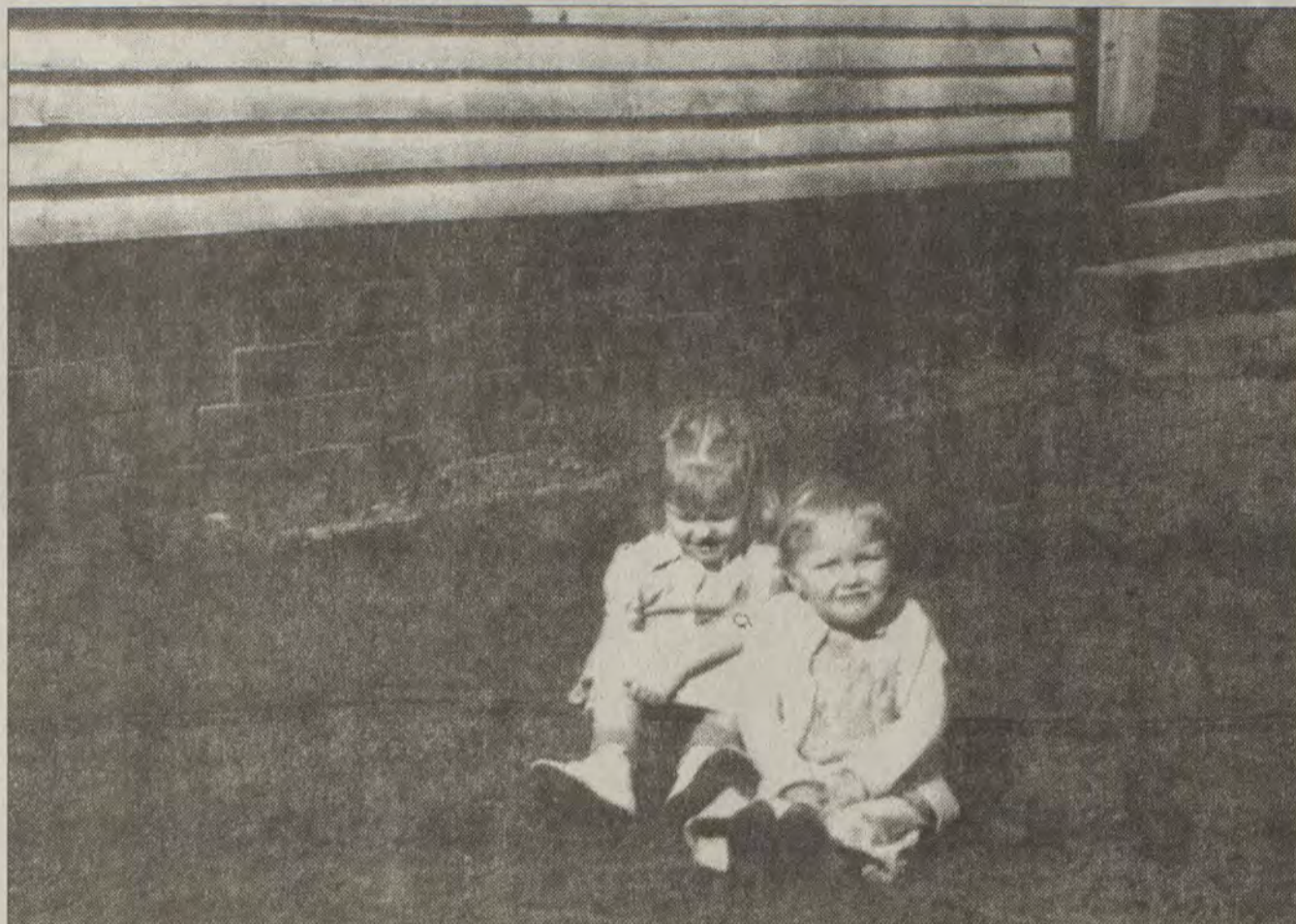
"I never knew a man who wished himself a slave. Consider if you know any good thing that no man desires for himself."

There are those who pessimistically aver that our coal resources are about to be exhausted. We respectfully refer them to the man who has had to advertise that he has an 11-foot canal coal seam just begging to be worked.

### FISH, HE SAID

Our good friend Bernard Carter says in a news-story (see this edition of The Times) that the average fisherman caught two fish an hour at Dewey Lake last year. Note that he doesn't say two bass.

(See THIS TOWN, page six)



The author's sisters, Sylvia, left, and Wilma outside the home they shared with brother, Ralph, and the rest of their family. This week, Ralph tells of how Sylvia earned a few battle scars playing with a few of the village boys.

## Why Daddy Sold Old Betsy

by Ralph Hall

### ~ Chapter 9 ~

### Home-made Toys

About the only toy I ever got for Christmas was a cap buster. I remember this one time I got a wonderful red scooter. I rode it every place I went. But mostly, we made our own toys. We could make a toy out of almost anything. We would save cream cans - if we could find two cream cans, we would stomp them with the heel of our shoes, like in shoeing horses, and then we would walk around with them until they fell off our shoes.

Another big thing was to find two limbs from a tree with a fork in them. We would use the limbs for stilts. You could see kids walking on them everywhere. There was this one boy, named T.J., who could walk on his hands. He would walk all over the school yard on his hands. That T.J., he was one of a kind. After all, how many kids can go around walking on their hands?

We would also collect willow sticks and pieces of string and make bows. Then we would find a stick, cut a notch in one end, make a sharp point on the other, and then we would have an arrow.

We could make a toy out of an old tire if we found one somewhere. Why, we would roll an old tire around all day long!

A bicycle wheel, and a stick to roll it with, was more fun than anything, though. A jackknife and a piece of wood could be turned into a sword, or for that matter, a gun. One of the games we played was war. We had a great place to play war - the hillsides. There were trees and rocks all over the

place to hide behind. When we weren't playing war, we would play cowboys and Indians. For some reason, I always seemed to get killed first. I guess it was faster to say, "Bang, Ralph! You're dead!" than it was for me, "the Indian," to say "I am going to shoot you with this arrow."

The only way a kid would play a game like that today would be on a computer. You know, I never saw a fat kid when I was a child. We ran the fat off playing war games over on the hillside.

What ever happened to jumping rope, playing hopscotch, "Ring Around the Rosie" and all of those good old games we played in the schoolhouse yard fifty years ago? Back then, we built bridges across the small streams, dammed up the waters and caught crayfish. Home was only the place we went to eat and sleep. Anytime we didn't have chores to do or gardens to hoe, we were off somewhere in that world called "Play." I say, kids would be happier today if we would teach them how to play.

When I was a kid, we played a game called "Roll at the Bat." We didn't need a ball, or for that matter, even a bat. A stick would become a bat and a doll head off one of the girls' dolls would make a real good ball. If we couldn't find a doll's head, we would take an old sock and stuff it with newspaper and roll it into the shape of a ball by covering it all over with strong, black tape. Once done, we would holler, "Play ball!" and we'd "roll at the bat" all day.

I never will forget this one day, Mutt, Sylvia, Wilma and I were playing ball in our front yard. Sylvia was pitching and old me, I was batting. We didn't have a ball and mother wouldn't give us a sock. So, we had to find us a ball somewhere. We decided to use a cream can. Sylvia threw the can and

hollered, "Here it comes, Ralph!" I was ready - eye on the can - and I hit it with that stick. I dropped the stick about the same time Sylvia dropped to the ground. I cried out, "Oh, my God! What have I done?"

If anything can turn out bad, somehow I can figure out a way to make the bad happen.

The can cut Sylvia's eye, so Daddy had to put her into his truck and run off to Dr. Cann's office in the coal camp, at Weeksbury. When Sylvia came home later, she had stitches. Daddy never said anything to me about it, guess he figured I felt bad enough. The only game I ever played with a can after that was "Kick the Can."

Another time, some of the kids were out playing on the hill, over at Hen Pen. This hill was owned by my Uncle Larence Hall. The coal mines were on this hill and they had just put in a brand new chute. They made the chutes out of lumber and tin in those days. Well, these kids decided they would take a ride down the hill in that shiny new chute. My sister Sylvia said, "Let me go first."

So, Sylvia climbed into the shiny coal chute and down she went - doing about 90 miles an hour! All the way, she was screaming, "Help, help, help!" But no one could help her. What could we do? Down the chute she went, straight into the empty hopper, through the door and straight away, landed into the creek!

Our cousin Alma saw her and came running, all the time crying, "She has killed herself! Lord, she's killed herself!"

Well, Sylvia lived through the cream can incident, and the coal chute ride, and she still has the scars to prove it! One thing about us Hall kids, if there was an adventure to be had out there, we would find it, else risk death trying.

(See BETSY, page six)

### MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

## 'Baron Blood'

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

Italian film maker Mario Bava was a cinematographer who later graduated to directing and made films that incorporated gorgeous film work and great use of locations. Here he takes your standard ghost story and ratchets up the tension by incorporating his trademark eye for creepy visuals.

The film takes place in Austria and focuses on an American named Peter Kleist who is anxious to look up his roots. Turns out that his great-great-great-grandfather was a feudal lord who terrorized the local peasantry during the 16th century. His reign of terror finally ended when the villagers revolted and dragged the baron into his dungeon to give him a taste of his own medicine.

Upon arrival he meets his Austrian uncle who chides him for not getting his Ph.D. and promptly spirits him away to the family castle which is being restored as a hotel (stupid idea number one). The plan is to play up the gothic history of the castle and even restore its torture chamber. Kleist is introduced to the restoration expert, Eva, and sparks fly as he woos her by whipping out an ancient parchment that will resurrect the baron.

Stupid idea number two involves going to the castle at midnight to read the incantation, which actually works. The only problem is that a gust of wind accompanies the baron's return and it quickly blows the second parchment, which holds the spell to send him back, into the fireplace.

The baron quickly gets back to work and knocks off some of the crew working on the restoration, which necessitates a public auction of the property. The new buyer, Becker, nixes the idea of converting the property into a hotel and takes up residence in the castle. Meanwhile the killings continue and Kleist and Eva find out that only they can send the baron back, which puts them on the baron's to-do list. It all leads to a showdown with the baron at his castle, where viewers finally get to see the baron do his thing with his torture dungeon.

Though this film is dated by 1970s la-la music and some of the worst fashion sense ever displayed on film, it still works due to the creepy nature of the gothic visuals on hand. The castle is a character all of its own and is well photographed by Bava, who has a knack for shooting with fog and

(See LAGOON, page six)

# Bringing the outside to the inside

by CHRISTINE MONEY

### "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE PRISONER'S SOUL"

Each year every prison in our state conducts a full-scale exercise to practice our response to a serious security incident. As warden, I serve as the incident commander. It is always the most stressful day of the year for me.

At the end of one of these days, I was relieved that the scenario was over and was packing my briefcase to leave for 10 days. I noticed a small piece of paper lying on my desk, and an inmate's name caught my eye. Only yesterday, Tom, a Kairos volunteer, had asked me to see an inmate named David. He had just received news of his nephew's death - a suicide. I kept looking at that paper and

could not bring myself to leave until I met with him.

I sent for David, and we talked about his nephew Tim's death. It devastated him and his entire family. David had attended a Kairos spiritual retreat weekend, during which he had developed a closer relationship with God. He said he wished his sister could experience a weekend like he'd had. The only problem is that this retreat is for men in prison.

I left for England three days later and traveled with a woman named Jo Chapman. Several years ago, she founded a related ministry called Kairos Outside. It provides spiritual-renewal weekends for women whose lives have been impacted by incarceration. Generally mothers, sisters, daughters and spouses attend. In the United States, the week-

end is conducted at a church or retreat center. When I told Jo about David's story, I asked her if it would be possible to conduct the weekend inside the prison. That way, the inmates who sponsored their loved ones could also participate. Jo loved the idea and gave us the go-ahead.

A team of committed volunteers worked hard to prepare. Many details needed to be worked out, such as hotel arrangements for the "guests," logistics of holding the retreat in the prison chapel, security concerns, preparing the team and meal preparations.

The inmates also worked very hard. They

wrote the theme song, "Right From the Heart," planted a garden, set up the chapel and worked behind the scenes preparing meals, writing letters and praying.

The first Kairos Outside held on the inside took place Sept. 17 to 19, 1999, one year after the tragedy in David's family. His sister, along with 35 other women guests, participated in a weekend that none of us who attended would ever forget.

I have worked in corrections for more than 18 years and have been a prison warden for 11 of those. Kairos Outside, brought to the inside, was the most powerful event I have ever witnessed in a prison.





Jim Davidson

# Be careful! It may tip over

The human mind is the single greatest agency to ever appear on the face of the earth. From this small mass of gray matter has hatched every idea, every invention, every product and every service that has ever been used by human kind since the beginning of recorded history. Yet with all of the minds marvelous and mysterious powers, it is limited by what goes into it. The English critic and teacher, Sir Joshua Reynolds (1723-1792), had this to say about the human mind. He stated so long ago, "The human mind is a barren soil. A soil which is soon exhausted, and will produce no crop unless it be continually fertilized and enriched with foreign matter."



Thoughts of this nature have given rise to the saying, "A human mind that has been stretched by a new idea can never again return to its original shape." When I was up in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania recently, as a guest of the Record Herald Newspaper, I had the opportunity to get to know Barry D'allara, Superintendent of the Waynesboro Public Schools. During a luncheon with several of his associates and some friends from "TV Tune-In," USA he told me about a book called, "The Tipping Point" written by Malcolm Gladwell. After lunch, Barry had a courier

come by the paper and bring me information about this book. I will always be indebted to him for going out of his way to do this. The Tipping Point contains a wealth of new ideas and it has certainly stretched my mind. It would be a valuable addition to any person's library. This 280-page treatise advances the concept that often little things can make a big difference. The author gives a wide array of examples where seemingly small, insignificant events turned out to be the "tipping point" that opened the floodgates for the proliferation of new products, trends and even social and economic epidemics. In the course of his work, the author also talks about The Three Rules of Epidemics, The Law of The Few: Connectors, Mavens, and Salesmen, The Stickiness Factor, The Power of

Context and case studies on Rumors, Suicide and Smoking, plus many more. One example of The Tipping Point is the true story of Hush Puppies. The classic American brushed-suede shoes with the lightweight crepe sole. The Tipping Point came somewhere between late 1994 and early 1995. The brand had been all but dead until that point. Sales were down to just 30,000 pairs a year and the company was thinking of phasing them out. But then something strange happened. At a fashion shoot, two Hush Puppies executives ran into a stylist from New York who told them that the classic Hush Puppies had suddenly become hip in the clubs and bars of downtown Manhattan. These executives were told that people were going to the Ma and Pa stores and buying them up. By the fall of 1995, things began to happen in a whirlwind. First the designer, John Bartlett, called and wanted to use Hush Puppies in his Spring

Collection. Then one designer after another called with the same request. To make a long story short, in 1995 the company sold 430,000 pairs of shoes and the next year it sold four times that amount and the year after still more. The amazing thing is that The Tipping Point came when just a handful of kids in the East Village and Soho started wearing them. They didn't do it deliberately; they were just wearing them because no one else would wear them. Another Tipping Point came regarding crime in New York City. Gangs ran rampant in the city and in 1992 there were 2154 murders and 626,182 serious crimes. But then something strange happened. At some mysterious and critical point, the crime rate began to turn. It tipped. Within five years, murders had dropped 64.3 percent to 770 and serious crimes had fallen by almost half to 335,893. The real question is why? The changes in the drug trade, popu-

lation and the economy are all long-term trends, happening all over the country, and they don't explain why it all happened in New York City in such an extraordinarily short time. There were many reasons for this turnaround, but if you can think back to 1984 when a young man by the name of Bernhard Goetz shot four teenagers in a subway who were trying to rob him, it signaled the Tipping Point. Someone had finally stood up to thugs and gang members and during the trials that followed; Goetz became a symbol of a particular dark moment in New York City history. Now it's one of the safest cities in the country. There is so much in this book that would be of value to any person. But be Careful: You may TIP it over. Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

## Betsy

In the summertime, we would catch us some junebugs, tie a string around their legs, and run all over the yard with them. At night, we would catch fireflies and put them in a jar and watch them light up the jar. The world is full of fun for any child who will go out and find it. What I am trying to do by telling these stories is to show the good side of a hard life. Life is about living and in living, we must take the pain and enjoy the good times sent to us. I always had more good times than pain when I was a child. We had very little in material things, but we always had each other. We made our own toys, dreamed up our games and had lots of fun as we played.

When I was in the fifth grade, marbles was the greatest game going. It was the game that all of us boys wanted to play. I was good at marbles because I could shoot them with either hand. I carried my marbles around in a buffalo sack. A buffalo sack was a little sack with a draw string tie that smoking tobacco came in. One would hold about thirty marbles. At recess, we played marbles at school. I had a shoe box full of marbles at home. There were all kinds of rules that went with playing marbles. First of all, we had to put the marbles inside a circle that we drew with a stick on the ground. The object of the game was to see how many marbles you could knock out of the circle with a "taley." A taley was a boy's favorite marble - the one he used to win the marbles of all the other boys. I had the best taley of them all. It was an old catey marble. It could see every marble in that circle and when I shot it, marbles scattered every which way.

As I said, there were all kinds of rules in shooting marbles. If the taley slipped out of your hand, all you had to do was holler "slips!" and you got to shoot again. If you missed the marbles, and your taley went outside the ring, everyone called out "fudged!" which meant you went too far and lost the shot.

There were all kinds of marbles of many different colors. The colors were really something to see. Let's see, there were orange aggies, blue swirlies, cat's eyes, and steelies. Every kid carried around a bunch of steelies. Steelies were little steel balls, not pretty like the colored marbles.

And then there were the taleys. The taleys made their owners into winners. The one that made me into a winner was a big doe roller - when it hit the other marbles, they had to move. That doe roller was about the size of five marbles put together. It was legal, but not every boy owned one. Old doe roller saved the day for me on many occasions. It helped me keep my shoe box full of marbles.

Almost every boy in the village had a dirty right hand filled with the dirt collected from shooting marbles. Sometimes, in the winter, our hands would chafe from shooting marbles. One day, when my hands were chafed, I went to my daddy (Daddy had an answer for everything) and I said, "Daddy, what can I do about these dirty chafed hands?"

To my great surprise, he said, "Pee on them."

I thought to myself that I should have known better than to ask Daddy about chafed hands.

I went off to ask Mother what to do. At the time, I can remember thinking that if Mother gave me the same answer as Daddy, then I would just give up.

But Mother told me to go wash them real good and clean and then put cold cream on them. She said if I did this for a few days, then my hands would get better. So, this is what I did. As I was putting the cold cream on my

hands, I thought, "Well, old Daddy can pee on his hands if he wants to, but I will stick to using Mother's cold cream."

Playing marbles was a good, fun thing, but no good thing lasts forever.

Another game we played was called "mumbly peg." To play mumbly peg, you needed a jackknife. The way you played was to place the point of the knife on a part of your body, then flip the knife to the ground. If the knife stuck in the ground, you got another turn and moved to another part of your body to flip the knife from. Sometimes, the knife ended up in someone's foot. What happened then is that our mothers would say, "I told you not to play with knives!" and then forbid us to do so again.

Now, I have story about a slingshot. You must hear this slingshot story. Me and my old buddy, Joe, made us a slingshot each. We cut us a small fork out of a tree, found an old inner tube from a car, got an old boot and cut out the tongue to make a pad, then cut the inner tube into strips. Then we tied the strips of rubber onto the fork of the tree branch. We cut holes in the shoe tongue, tied the rubber to the tongue with a string and presto!, we had us a slingshot!

Well, one day Joe and me decided we would play "Shoot at the Boy." Here's how the game would be played: I would hide behind the outhouse and Joe would hide behind a big rock across Beaver Creek. Well, we both hid away and then I called out, "Joe, are you ready?"

Joe called back, "Ready, Ralph!" and so the game began.

I popped out from behind the outhouse and as soon as old Joe raised his head up, I fired away in his direction, hitting only the rock. The game went on like this for about ten minutes, then, I popped my head out and there was old Joe, waiting on me. I heard the shot as it went "Pluck!" right between my eyes, about an inch above my nose. That old railroad rock really hurt, too! Joe cried, "I got you, Ralph!" Me, I just cried.

I threw down my slingshot and took off for home screaming, "Mother, mother! Joe shot me with a slingshot!"

Mother, of course, told me that I should have known better than to play such a game. "Don't you know that rocks don't have eyes?," she said.

Well, I had always heard that red-headed boys were mean and old Joe was the meanest red-headed sapsucker that I had ever seen. One day, me and Mutt, and our cousins, Ted and Bob, caught old Joe out in schoolhouse bottom and beat him up. We didn't hurt him, we were just out to scare him. After that incident, I never did shoot at anybody with a slingshot again. I only used them to shoot at old cans.

Now, I have one more little story to tell before I lay down my pen today: There was this one winter when it came a big snow when I was about 11 years old. That snow was about 18 inches deep. School was called off and it became sleigh time. But, I didn't have a sleigh. What was I to do? I decided that I would not be stopped. I made me a sled out of some old boards that we had in the cellar.

Some of the other boys made sleds, too. All the sleds looked awful, but we didn't care about how they looked, we just hoped that they would give us a ride down the hill. I tied a rope around my sled and took off for Tackett Hollow hill. We were all going to ride our sleds down the state highway, near the graveyard. There wasn't much traffic on the roads back in those days when it snowed - nearly none - so this wasn't as dangerous as it might sound to you today.

Well, our sleds all worked and soon,

the hill became pretty slick. On this one trip down, I was moving at a fast speed when all of a sudden, I saw Mr. Branham's mining timber truck coming slowly up the hill. Now, I had no way to turn my old homemade sled, so I just held on for dear life. As I went under the front of the truck, I was screaming to the top of my lungs, "God, please don't let me get killed!"

And, he didn't. I went out behind the back wheels of the truck and over into Mr. Tackett's barbed wire fence! Mr. Branham got out of his truck and cried out, "Ralph! You almost gave me a heart attack!" Then he said, "Go ride them sleds on the hillside someplace else and not out into the road!"

None of us boys ever rode a sled down Tackett Hollow hill again, and Daddy, once he learned what had happened, burned my sled in the fireplace.

Well, come to think of it, it may be safer to play games on the computer, after all.

## This Town

If he had, we would end a friendship by screaming a four letter word meaning prevaricator. And he would, no doubt, do his part toward ending it by retorting, "I said, 'average' fisherman—what do you think you are?"

### DOG DAYS

A note running to this effect was in the typewriter on my return to it Wednesday afternoon:

"A friend called to say that your dog has become confused by the sunshine, thinks it's spring, and has let his fancy take him "way down to the Porter Addition where his thoughts are running to love and not lightly. Indicates he's yelping. "Amor, Amor," so loudly that, being deaf as the proverbial adder anyhow, he can't hear approaching traffic, and is in danger of getting himself knocked halfway home...Suggest that as soon as you can get the car from your No. 2 son, you go get him."

## Lagoon

mist. Eerie sound effects are also well employed at key times but what really sets this one apart is the graphic make-up effects which make the baron look like a walking pile of meat loaf. He's a truly ugly character who still bears the wounds of his horrible death.

The casting is so-so, with most of the actors hailing from Italy and apparently all voiced by the same actor in a cheap attempt at saving on post production costs. Only two actors stand out here, and provide their own voices. Elke Sommer does a fair amount of screaming as Eva and is pretty good overall, though her role calls for some emoting that would shame William Shatner. Joseph Cotten fares better and mates his southern charm with just a hint of menace as the mysterious Becker.

The ending is a true shocker as the film goes from being atmospherically creepy to downright gory in a way that 1972 audiences must have found very unsettling. All in all, this is a good time waster that is heavy on the old-fashioned scares and a precursor of the gore-fests to come.

Best line: "They say one of his favorite pastimes was to impale anyone who incurred his displeasure on stakes."

1972, unrated.

# Click and Clack Talk Cars

## Tires don't need fancy air

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I recently heard about filling tires with nitrogen gas to maintain pressure and lengthen tread life. Since the air we breathe is 78 percent nitrogen, I fail to see how much benefit you actually get from changing from air to nitrogen. The creators of this are selling it as a safety issue. I'd hate to be scammed into paying for premium air. I'm seeing Starbucks-style gasoline boutiques in our near future. What do you guys think? — Rob

TOM: My first thought is, I'm putting all my money into Airbucks!

RAY: Like many sales pitches, the nitrogen idea has a molecule of truth in it. You're right that normal atmospheric air is about 80 percent nitrogen already. The rest is made up of oxygen, argon, water vapor, cat dander, bad breath and coal-plant particulates. And the truth is, atmospheric air is absolutely good enough for filling your tires.

TOM: Pure nitrogen has a couple of advantages. One is that it expands and contracts less under hot and cold temperatures than a mixture of nitrogen, oxygen and water vapor. That can be an advantage if you're in, say, a race car driving at 200 mph around a track for 500 miles — where tiny differences in tire pressure and handling can really matter.

RAY: Nitrogen also doesn't support combustion like oxygen does. So it's unlikely to fuel a fire started in some other part of the car if a tire explodes. Of course, there's already plenty of combustible air all around the car, regardless of what's in the tires.

TOM: And finally, both the oxygen and the small percentage of moisture in the atmospheric air can contribute to degradation of the inside of your tires and wheels. But think about it: The outsidess are exposed to the air all the time, so what are you worried about the insides for?

RAY: So, none of these advantages is important to the average driver. They just don't matter enough to ever think about. And they certainly don't matter enough to pay for, Rob.

## Honda chimes in about oil-filter problem

Dear Tom and Ray:

I read your recent column about Honda's actions regarding fires in 2003-2005 CR-Vs. (Editor's note: Fires were being reported immediately following oil changes, due to oil from an incorrectly installed oil filter dripping on the hot exhaust. Honda blames improper oil-filter replacement procedures. Tom and Ray feel that the design is at least partly to blame.) Early on, we implemented steps to strengthen our communication with dealers and independent repair shops to further educate service personnel on the proper procedures for oil-filter replacement and the importance of proper installation of the oil filter. This communication included:

■ Letters to all (Honda and Acura) dealership service managers and owners.

■ Communication through newsletter mailings to dealers and independent service shops.

■ Additional language printed on Honda original replacement oil filters and on the filter packaging.

■ Information to owners via Honda's Owner Link system.

We are now undertaking a Customer Assurance Program that includes the following measures:

■ A letter will be sent to affected owners of 2003-2005 model CR-Vs. The letter will instruct the customer as follows:

If the customer has not yet had an oil-filter change, he or she is instructed to ask the dealer to inspect the old filter gasket when the original filter is replaced. A sticker will be provided to all customers that can be given to the service technician to underscore the importance of following proper procedures. This sticker can be affixed to the work order at the time of service.

If the customer has had his or her first oil-filter change within the past 30 days, he or she is entitled to a free inspection of the filter by a Honda dealer to ensure proper installation. In the event of a double gasket, the service technician will replace the filter and top off the oil at no charge to the customer.

■ All new CR-Vs in dealer inventory will have the original factory filter replaced by a new filter prior to customer delivery.

■ Honda will be sending additional communication to independent service facilities to further reinforce the importance of following proper procedures during the oil-filter change. The sticker provided to owners can also be used with independent shops to help ensure proper protocol.

Regards, Chris Naughton American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

RAY: Thanks, Chris. We understand the new filter has a gasket with a nonstick coating. Honda says that the problem occurs when the old filter gasket sticks or is only partially removed. That creates an imperfect seal for the new filter. Then while you're driving, oil can drip out onto the hot exhaust, and suddenly, it's time to get the marshmallows.

TOM: While the steps you're taking to warn every possible technician and customer to be careful might prevent some fires (the guys at our own garage didn't know about this until we addressed it in the column), it's nearly impossible to warn every single mechanic in the field. That's why we still think a better solution would be to shield the hot exhaust from oil that drips out of the filter for any reason. That's idiot-proof. And remember, there are people like me and my brother out there changing oil!

RAY: We know that's more expensive than a sticker, but it's the right thing to do.

TOM: And when the next CR-V comes out with a modified design to address this problem, we'll know that you guys at Honda privately agree with us.

Wait! Don't buy another car without the mechanic's checklist that's included in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "How to Buy a Great Used Car: Secrets Only Your Mechanic Knows." It will help you get a good used car and avoid the clunkers. Send \$4.50 (check or money order) to Used Car, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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**812 - Free**

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**900-Legals**

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE** Pursuant To Permit No. 836-0257

(1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Locust Grove, Inc., Box 958, Hazard, KY 41702, has applied for Phase III bond release on increments 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, on Permit Number 836-0257, which was last issued on 4/26/99. The application covers an area of approximately 296.8 acres, located 1.5 mile east of Wayland, in Floyd

County.  
 (2) The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles east of the intersection of KY 1086 and KY 7, at the headwaters of Steele Creek and Doty Branch. The latitude is 37°25'50". The longitude is 82°46'00".  
 (3) The bond now in effect for the Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$40,900. Approximately 100 percent of the original bond amount of \$40,900 is included in the application for release.  
 The bond now in effect for the Increment 3 is a surety bond in the amount of \$10,700. Approximately 15 percent of the original bond amount of \$70,800 is included in the application for release.  
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 The bond now in effect for Increment 6 is a surety bond in the amount of \$ 1 2 , 3 0 0 . Approximately 15 percent of the original bond amount of \$95,600 is included in the application for release.  
 The bond now in effect for the Increment 7 is a surety bond in the amount of \$ 3 , 4 0 0 . Approximately 15 percent of the original bond amount of \$22,400 is included in the application for release.  
 (4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, topsoiling, and seeding, completed in February 1998, for Increment 1; April 1997, for Increment 3; April 1997, for Increment 4; September 1997,

for Increment 5; September 1997, for Increment 6; November 1997, for Increment 7; and February 1998, for Increment 8.  
 (5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 14, 2005.  
 (6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., March 15, 2005, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing shall be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 14, 2005.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5396 Amendment #3 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that McCoy Elkhorn Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41539-9703, has filed for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.00 mile north of Broad Bottom, and approximately 1.00 mile east of Betsy Layne, in Floyd and Pike Counties. This amendment will add an additional 4.86 acres of surface disturbance, but will not add any acres of underground mine area, making a total area of 3,750.25 acres within the amended permit boundary.  
 The proposed amendment area is located approximately 3,700 feet due east of Pike/Floyd Hollow County Road's junction with U.S. Route 23 and/or U.S. Route 460, and located in Pike/Floyd Hollow. The proposed amendment is located on the Broad Bottom and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by East Kentucky Energy Corporation.  
 The currently approved operation will use the underground method of mining. This Amendment Application proposes to add Ventilation Access Roads "7" and "8" and the associated ventilation areas. This Amendment Application also proposes to bring under permit an area that was shown as a no mining zone that has been mined, and also to address underground pillared areas through a subsidence protection zone.  
 The amendment

application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, 40601-Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-9331. Written comments, objections, (or requests for a permit conference), must be filed with the Director of the Division of

Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-4321.  
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Sunday  
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- Avoid honeymoon pitfalls

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## Choose thoughtful thank-you gifts

Most couples put a lot of consideration into the details of their wedding day. Wardrobe, flowers, music and food are just a few of the hand-selected accents that complement the celebration. While you may have specific ideas about the ceremony and the reception, it is important not to overlook the details that show your appreciation to all the helping hands.

Make a list of the people you would like to recognize with thank you gifts. In addition to the table favors, popular etiquette dictates that special gifts are generally given to both sets of parents as well as attendants in the wedding. Your list may be longer depending on the number of special participants in your event.

Presents for close friends

and family members do not have to reflect the theme of your wedding or tie into the ceremony. You probably know these people better than anyone. So, choose a gift that reflects their personal tastes and interests, even if they are not necessarily your own. Take a few moments to relax from the hectic wedding plans and think about each person individually and your relationship with him or her to spark gift ideas.

Consider their hobbies. Sports fans may enjoy a gift certificate for dinner during a game at a popular sports bar. Athletes may appreciate activity-themed gifts like a ski resort lift ticket or a round of golf at the local country club.

Ask yourself if the person has a special collection. Popular collectibles such as

M.I. Hummel have a variety of pieces that can often be hand personalized to make wonderful gifts, such as the Dearly Beloved trinket boxes and holiday ornaments. If interest in the collection is one you share with the recipient, you may want to treat yourself to an item that can be incorporated into your own wedding like the Dearly Beloved cake topper.

If no particular pastime stands out, simply reminisce for inspiration. It is important that your gift convey the significant role this person plays in your life and not just in your wedding.

With all of the excitement, you may want to put some thought into selecting an appropriate time to present the thank you gifts. Scheduling a dinner or lunch the week before the wedding with both sets of parents creates an ideal time to pamper them with your gifts and give everyone a much-needed break from wedding-planning stress.

For attendants, the bride and groom can give bridesmaids and groomsmen their gifts at an intimate luncheon the afternoon before the rehearsal. It will be the perfect time — before busy festivities begin — to show them how much you appreciate their support.

If these pre-wedding events are not practical, pull each person or couple aside during the rehearsal dinner or anytime when you can steal a moment of privacy. This is your chance to show your appreciation; take advantage of this special moment. Remember it is always considered fashionable for a couple to generously express gratitude before, during and after their special day.

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## Anniversary gifts through the years

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- 1st — paper
- 2nd — cotton
- 3rd — leather
- 4th — linen (silk)
- 5th — wood
- 6th — iron
- 7th — wool (copper)
- 8th — bronze
- 9th — pottery (china)
- 10th — tin, aluminum
- 11th — steel
- 12th — silk
- 13th — lace
- 14th — ivory
- 15th — crystal
- 20th — china
- 25th — silver
- 30th — pearl
- 35th — coral (jade)
- 40th — ruby
- 45th — sapphire
- 50th — gold
- 55th — emerald
- 60th — diamond

### MODERN

- 1st — clocks
- 2nd — china
- 3rd — crystal/glass
- 4th — appliances
- 5th — silverware
- 6th — wood objects
- 7th — desk sets
- 8th — linen/lace
- 9th — leather goods
- 10th — diamond
- 11th — fashion jewelry
- 12th — pearls, colored gems
- 13th — textiles, furs
- 14th — gold jewelry
- 15th — watches
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## Essential bridal beauty countdown

Brides undoubtedly look their best on their wedding day. Indeed, it's partially attributed to feelings of joy, nerves and sheer glee. But, that glow also comes from following a beauty-care regimen months before the big day. Everything from hair to nails to skin needs advance maintenance to get that flawless look. No need to fret. Here's a checklist to follow as your beauty countdown begins.

### SIX MONTHS BEFORE

- Experiment with hair cut styles and color.

- Search for a hair stylist if you aren't using your regular one. Bring along pictures of hairstyles you like and your veil and headpiece, if you have them.

- Begin deep conditioning your hair regularly.

- Make appointments with makeup artists. Take pictures of your made up face and see whose work you like best.

- Visit a dermatologist to begin a skincare regimen if you have any acne or scars you want to get rid of.

- Begin to get monthly facials, if you can afford them.

- Start to take care of your body. Meet with a personal trainer if you need help with an exercise routine. For your eating habits, talk to your doctor to develop a nutrition plan.

### FIVE MONTHS BEFORE

- Begin to get monthly manicures and pedicures, if you can afford them.

- If you want longer nails, begin getting artificial nails or grow out your own nails. If you want to address problems like brittle nails or dry cuticles, chat with



Adhering to a beauty-care regimen months before your wedding will ensure you look your best.

your manicurist.

### FOUR MONTHS BEFORE

- Work out areas of your body that will be prominently displayed in your dress — chest, arms and waist.

### THREE MONTHS BEFORE

- Book your makeup artist and hair stylist for the wedding date. Discuss a wedding-day schedule.

- Begin to have your hair trimmed every four to six weeks.

- Test-run your makeup and hair. Mimic the wedding day. Use the same cosmetics; wear your veil and headpiece.

- Make an appointment for a tooth cleaning for one to two weeks before the wedding day.

- Consider having your eyebrows shaped professionally. Get them waxed or tweezed

monthly.

### ONE TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE

- Get your teeth professionally whitened, if you can afford it.

- Start drinking at least eight glasses of water a day.

### ONE TO TWO WEEKS BEFORE

- Get your final haircut or coloring. That way, the cut and color will have time to adjust.

- Go for final eyebrow shaping. Get any other waxing you'd

like, such as your upper lip or bikini area.

- Get your last facial if you've been having them regularly. It will give your face time to tone down if it looks red or puffy.

- Start getting enough sleep.

- Avoid the sun, or wear sunblock to prevent tan lines or redness.

- Get teeth cleaned by your dentist.

### ONE DAY BEFORE

- Avoid salty foods and alcohol, which can promote bloating, puffy eyes or other conditions.

- If you get last-minute breakouts, visit your dermatologist. He or she can give you an injection to reduce the swelling.

- Get a manicure and pedicure.

- Go for a massage.

- Take a nap and go to bed early.

- Put your skin in gear. Exfoliate your skin with a body wash. Apply lots of moisturizer all over your body. Use only products that you're familiar with.

- Drink two extra glasses of water.

### WEDDING DAY

- Eat! No one wants a bride to faint.

- Get your hair and makeup done. Wear a robe or button-down shirt so you don't ruin your face or hair.

- Relax and smile! It's your wedding day, so enjoy it!

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# The dos and don'ts of proper wedding etiquette

Planning a wedding is a tough job. Another thing the bride and groom should think about during planning is to try to heed a few guidelines to make guests, family and friends feel welcome, even if the couple plans to cast tradition aside. As wedding customs continue to evolve, it gets harder and harder to keep track of what you should do and shouldn't do before, during and after your wedding day. To help guide you through the maze of rules and regulations, follow these tips.

## INVITATIONS

Your first connection to wedding guests is through invitations. These informational cards set the tone for your wedding and should reflect the theme and scope of your affair.

■ Write full guest names on the inside envelope of your wedding invitation. Only the people listed are invited to the event.

■ Don't write "and Guest" on the invitation. Try your best to find out whom your cousin or friend will be bringing to the wedding, and include his or her name on the invitation.

■ Wedding-invitation wording is a personal preference. Most couples include their parents' names on the invitations. However, if a parent is deceased,

his or her name should not appear.

■ If you know a guest is not in a relationship, do not feel obligated to offer a wedding invitation addressed for "two." Subsequently, if you only invited one person and he or she "adds" another guest when sending back the RSVP, do not hesitate to call him or her to explain that financial or space constraints prevent you from accommodating the guest.

■ Gift preferences, registries or any other matters involving gifts should not be mentioned on the invitation or included in the package. If you have a preference, like monetary gifts or a donation to a charity, spread it through word of mouth prior to the event.

■ Don't use labels on your invitations. Handwrite them, use a nice font and print the envelopes using a computer, or get them done with professional calligraphy.

## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Finances can turn sweet wedding plans sour. By keeping in mind some general guidelines, things will move more smoothly.

■ Tradition once stated that the bride's parents would pay for the wedding. However, times have changed and more couples are opting to pay for the wedding

themselves, or the groom's family chips in.

■ Traditionally, the mother of the bride pays for the bridal shower. The bridal attendants may contribute to the shower's cost or be designated jobs, such as purchasing favors or decorating the venue.

■ Bridal attendants will split the cost of the bachelorette party, and the groomsmen will do the same with the bachelor party, if one is held.

■ It is usually the responsibility of the groom's parents to pay for the rehearsal dinner. The spouses or significant others of wedding party members should be invited to the dinner as well.

Here are some other items and who should be financially responsible:

■ Rice/birdseed/confetti bags to toss after the ceremony — bride's family

■ If you are following strict traditions, the flowers are divided between the bride's family and the groom. However, these days, flowers are included in a "package" and usually whoever is paying for the wedding festivities also covers the flowers.

■ Marriage license — groom

■ Clergyman/officiant fee — groom

■ Rings — bride and

groom

■ Bridesmaid dresses/tuxedos — bridal party or groomsmen

## PROCESSIONAL

If you are having a religious wedding, consult your priest, rabbi, deacon or officiant concerning the customary procedure for entering. Each house of worship may have rules concerning processional order, music, photos, etc. Keep in mind that stepparents or

boyfriends/girlfriends of your parents should enter and be seated before your biological family.

## MOTHER OF THE GROOM

Oftentimes the mother of the groom doesn't know her place in wedding planning. She does play an important role and can be as involved as the couple would like. Some of her main responsibilities include:

■ Initiating contact between her family and the bride's family.

■ Providing an accurate and timely guest list.

■ Organizing and hosting the rehearsal dinner.

■ Taking her place beside the bride and mother of the bride in the receiving line to thank guests for attending.

Also note that the mother of the bride dictates wedding day fash-

ion, and the mother of the groom will wear a gown of similar style and length.

## TIPPING

Gratuities are more often than not included in the cost of wedding services. However, if a wedding vendor, waiter or other person has gone above and beyond the call of duty, extra tipping is appropriate. Here are some people who should receive a tip on the wedding day:

■ Coat-room attendant or bridal party attendant.

■ Clergyman or officiant should receive no less than \$100 for his or her services.

■ Limousine driver should receive 15 percent of the bill if a tip hasn't already been

included.

■ Organist and musicians at the ceremony should receive at least \$50 per person.

■ If your reception features a maitre d' or head waiter who oversees the staff, expect to tip this person as well.

## THANK-YOU NOTES

These simple notes are obligatory for each gift you receive. They should be handwritten and should mention the gift given. If a guest gave you money, do not mention the specific amount, but say how you plan to spend it.

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# Fit for the Occasion: Wedding attire — what to expect with your gown

**Congratulations.** Someone you know is getting married — maybe it's even you. Once the initial shock has subsided, you realize just how much needs to be done before the momentous day arrives. Apart from booking a place of worship, reception site and disk jockey, choosing a wedding day wardrobe is just as important an item on your "to do" list.

Finding the perfect wedding gown and bridesmaid's attire is not as easy as it may seem. Consider this down-to-earth advice to avoid a few headaches during the adventure we call planning a wedding.

## BRIDAL-GOWN GAFFES

Many would-be brides are so swept up with emotions concerning their wedding that they make some mistakes and have common misconceptions about the big day.

**Information overload.** If you've bought every bridal magazine on the newsstands, you'll soon take in more information than you can handle. Limit yourself to a few periodicals. This will help prevent paging through hundreds of styles of gowns and having trouble deciding on one. And don't start browsing too early. If your wedding is two years away, styles will likely change between now and then, and some lines may be discontinued.

**Lack of flexibility.** When you have some general ideas of what you like, don't head into the store with your heart set on one particular gown; unless you're built like Heidi Klum or Tyra Banks, how a gown looks on the pictured model may not always be the way it looks on you. Be open to trying a variety of cuts and styles — even ones you hadn't considered. You may be surprised that the

lacy number you thought you'd avoid is the perfect gown for you.

**The big squeeze.** Bridal stores are often stocked with samples in a few sizes, unless they cater to a specific group, like plus sizes. Don't expect to fit perfectly into the gowns you try on. While that does make it more difficult to get an accurate picture of how you will look in the gown, remember that if you like the general style of the gown, it will look that much better in your size.

**Sticker shock.** We're not talking about price here, ladies. Major trauma can occur when you and your bridesmaids learn about bridal-gown sizing charts. Don't expect your gown to be the size you wear in ordinary clothing. Customarily, these gowns are cut smaller, and you'll probably order a gown a few sizes larger than your normal size. For example, if you wear a 10, depending upon the designer, you may need to order a 14 or 16. These sizes are based upon your hip, waist and bust measurements, and then they're compared to the sizing chart for that manufacturer. It's better to have a dress that's too large rather than one that is too small. That way, the

gown can be altered to fit you perfectly.

## BRIDESMAID BLUNDERS

Incorporating your closest family members and friends into your big day is an honor. However, expect a few bumps along the way. Knowing about possible pitfalls can help you smooth out the ride.

**Personality clashes.** Kristen wants to wear crimson and Karen wants to wear powder blue. Andrea is busty and Jill is stick thin. How can you possibly choose a gown that will suit everyone when there are so many personalities and body types to consider? Remember, you're the bride, and while it's nice to solicit the advice of your bridesmaids, you ultimately have the final say. If you want them to wear a red and green plaid gown with a big bow on the back, the ladies should grin and bear it.

When trying out bridesmaids' gowns, it is a good idea to take along at least two members of your bridal party with varying body types. That way you can see how a particular style will look on both frames.

Sticker shock, take 2. This time, we are talking

about cost. Bridesmaids may agree to be in your wedding without fully understanding the costs involved. Expect that a few will be taken by surprise when they see how much that satin and tulle number will be, not to mention its alterations. You may want to help lighten the burden by offering to purchase their shoes or another accessory.

## A LOOK AT ALTERATIONS

Alterations will definitely be needed for you and members of the bridal party. Stressing the importance of fittings will help things go smoothly.

**Taking measurements.** A member of the store staff will take your measurements and order the closest-size dress. Keep in mind that plus-size dresses may require an additional charge. A deposit is usually required at the time of ordering.

They've arrived. As the bride, you will receive all calls concerning the arrival of your bridal party gowns and, of course, your own. You will be responsible for informing the bridal party that they need to make their first fitting appointment, usually scheduled at least a month before the wedding date.

**First fitting.** Bring the undergarments, particularly the bra, you will be wearing and shoes that are similar in height to the ones you will wear on the wedding day to your fitting. A seamstress will decide where alterations need to be made. Be sure to speak up about anything that is uncomfortable or changes you would like to make. Remember that straps can be made wider, hems can be shortened and tops can be taken in. Major alterations that involve adding fabric may require an additional cost. Some stores include

alterations in their initial dress price. Others have a set scale for work that needs to be done. Inquire about this early on, and factor it into your budget.

**Next appointment.** Depending upon the alterations, a follow-up appointment will be set for a few weeks later. At this time, you'll see how the gown fits after the alterations have been completed. It is essential to have your wedding-day shoes at this time to ensure that the length of your gown is just right. At this time, if everything fits, your dress will be steamed and you can take it home. If additional work needs to be done, another appointment will be necessary.

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# It's time to tame that 'Bridezilla'

You once had a best friend who always had a smile on her face and a laid-back attitude toward life. She was a pleasure to be around and you enjoyed doing things together. But then ... her boyfriend proposed. And sooner than he could say "Will you marry me?" she became ... a "bridezilla."

The word "bridezilla" is a combination of "bride" and "Godzilla." And much like that familiar lizard from the cult sci-fi flicks, Bridezillas wreak havoc upon the lives of everyone in their path. They make obscene demands and disobey all rules of etiquette. They see their wedding and the months prior to it as the most important time in not only their life, but everyone else's.

Bridezilla drags you to dozens of stores to find her perfect wedding dress. She dictates that you'll be wearing seafoam green or fuschia as the maid of honor. She stresses about her china patterns. She may cry uncontrollably at the drop of a hat, or throw a tantrum over napkin colors. The only topic of conversation between the two of you from her engagement until the wedding is "her day."

Earning the title of Bridezilla is not something a bride should strive for or a bridal party attendant should have to live with. Learn

to recognize the early warning signs and help to stop the Bridezilla in your life — or in yourself — before the big day.



## BRIDAL PARTY

**Bridezilla:** She chooses her wedding party based

on their dress sizes — the thinner the girl, the better.

**Bride:** Her bridal party is made up of friends and family who mean something to her, regardless of their size and shape.

**Bridezilla:** She dresses her bridesmaids in ball gowns with frills and bows that cost hundreds of dollars. They can never be worn again, and the style only looks good on someone thinner.

**Bride:** She chooses an affordable dress that everyone likes and can wear to another wedding. It flatters all body types.

## BRIDAL ATTIRE

**Bridezilla:** She has to have the latest, greatest wedding gown with expensive embellishments. She'll expect her parents to foot the bill.

**Bride:** She'll shop

around to find a moderately-priced gown that is flattering to her figure, regardless of whether it is from a top designer.

## THE WEDDING

**Bridezilla:** Her wedding is the only topic of conversation.

**Bride:** She is getting married, but she can talk about other things.

**Bridezilla:** She's inviting everyone she's ever met since first grade. Her parents had to sell a car and take out a loan to pay for the wedding.

**Bride:** She is inviting people who mean something to her and is sticking to the budget.

Remember, a wedding is a celebration, not a "show" where the bride plays director. The bridal party shouldn't have to conform to the bride's "vision." Rather, they should enjoy being part of the start of the bride's future.

## GIFTS

**Bridezilla:** She rarely writes thank-you notes. If she does, they are impersonal mass e-mails.

**Bride:** The bride writes thoughtful thank-you's for every gift she receives. They sound genuine and from the heart.

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■ Don't touch oily skin — It is normal for your skin to be extra oily when it's hot. Try not to touch your face and then your diamonds. The natural oils of your skin can be detrimental to your diamonds' glow.

■ Even diamonds can get scratched — Avoid wearing your diamonds

when doing work around the house. Even though diamonds are extremely hard, they do scratch. When storing your diamonds, place them apart from your other jewelry in separate bags.

■ Dips in the pool can be dangerous — Chlorine can have an unfavorable effect on your diamonds. Try not to wear your diamonds when you know you will be swimming. Also, be sure to wear gloves when cleaning the house. Many household cleaners also contain chlorine.

■ Clean diamonds easily — Household remedies will help keep your diamonds sparkling. Although it's tempting, it's important not to clean your diamonds

every day as it can affect their wear. For occasional cleaning, use a solution of one part ammonia and one part water. Let your jewelry soak for 20 minutes, and then scrub gently with a small soft bristle brush. Rinse again in the solution, and dry your diamonds with a soft cloth.

■ Get a diamond check-up — You should visit your jeweler on a yearly basis to make sure your diamonds remain in top condition.

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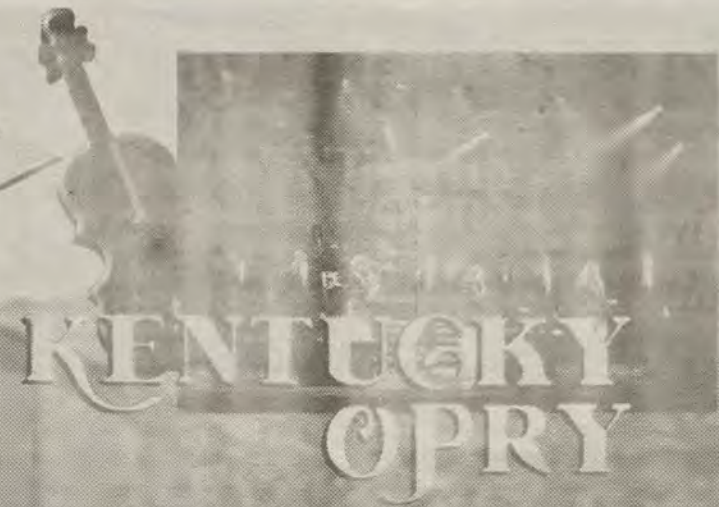
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# Traditional or trendy: Which is for you?

Weddings have long been steeped in tradition. But when it comes to your wedding, it's your decision whether to follow the rules of yesteryear, go a bit more contemporary or do a combination of both. Whatever you decide, your wedding should express "you."

## ENGAGEMENT

**Traditional:** The bride and groom call everyone they know to share news of their engagement.

**Trendy:** The couple decides to marry and the news is distributed in a mass e-mail to family and friends.

## INVITATIONS

**Traditional:** Invitations are formal, engraved and mailed by the bride's parents.

**Trendy:** Invitations reflect the spirit of the celebration. They may be etched on glass, printed on the computer, a collage of memorabilia from the couple's courtship or lettered on scrolls.

## PLANNING

**Traditional:** The bride plans full-time.

**Trendy:** Hire a wedding planner.

## THE WEDDING GOWN

**Traditional:** The bride wears a white, floor-length

gown.

**Trendy:** Brides opt for off-white, light pink or another color for their gowns. Hems hit at different heights, from mid-calf to the knee.

## GROOM

**Traditional:** The groom is to show up on the wedding day.

**Trendy:** The groom takes part in planning numerous aspects of the wedding, from interviewing photographers to screening bands to deciding the wedding menu.

## THE CEREMONY

**Traditional:** Couples marry in a house of worship, hotel, banquet hall or

at home.

**Trendy:** Couples marry at sites which evoke a sense of history or aesthetic appeal — an elegant mansion, a museum or a loft, for example.

## VOWS

**Traditional:** Couples say "I do" with old-fashioned vows.

**Trendy:** Couples alter or rewrite wedding vows. Some add "inside" jokes. Other changes modernize vows to include wording like, "wife and husband."

## CAKE

**Traditional:** The cake is a white, tiered confection with white frosting and a

plastic bride and groom on top.

**Trendy:** Cakes are creative works, decorated to complement the wedding theme. Flavors are for sophisticated palates — spice, carrot, cheese-cake, lemon, orange, mocha or a combination of flavors. Toppers include crystal swans, Disney figurines or custom-made bride and groom figures.



# Avoid honeymoon pitfalls

A honeymoon should be the trip of a lifetime for both partners, full of romance and relaxation after months of planning a wedding. But so many expectations are built into a honeymoon that it can become somewhat of a disappointment. Here are some common honeymoon pitfalls and misconceptions and how to avoid them:

1. Be honest with each other. If you go along with your mate's destination choice to appease him or her, it can lead to quarrels and resentment later on. Instead, choose a honey-

moon together. If you want a beach and he wants museums, pick a location that offers both.

2. Don't expect non-stop romance. It will take time to wind down from all of the wedding excitement, so make fun and relaxation a priority instead.

3. Don't exhaust yourself by doing too much. Hopping across Europe in a week is recipe for stress. A better idea is to spend the first few days relaxing, then explore the sites and cities.

4. Don't forget your sense of humor. Honeymoons occur in the

real world where waiters spill soup and luggage gets lost. Laugh through the bumps and bruises and you will get your marriage off on the right foot.

5. It's okay to be apart from your partner. Scout out the local cafes or collect shells along the beach while your new spouse naps or sunbathes at the pool.

6. Bring along some extra funds. Even if you're going to an all-inclusive resort, be prepared for on-site expenses like international phone calls, gift shop items and laundry service. They can ambush any budg-

et.

7. Tell hotel staff that you're honeymooners. They may offer champagne, invite you to a newlyweds' cocktail party or even upgrade you to a suite.

8. Don't keep just to yourselves. Other honeymooners might key you into hidden treasures, such as a romantic restaurant or a secluded cove not mentioned in the tourist manual.

9. Remember to take out vacation insurance. It will protect you if you must cancel your trip or if you can't travel due to weather or illness.

# Did You Know ... ?

Weddings are rich in traditions. Oftentimes these traditions are handed down through the years from ancient times. Here are explanations of a few:


■ The tradition of bridesmaids dressing the same as each other and in similar style to the bride comes from the old belief that evil spirits cast hexes on the

bride. Dressing the same made it more difficult for the spirits to distinguish the bride.

■ According to English folklore, Saturday, a popular wedding day, is the unluckiest day to marry.

■ The veil dates back to ancient Rome, when it was flame-yellow, worn over the face and called a flammeum.

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