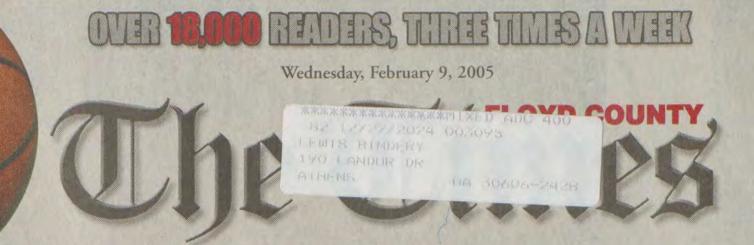
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briefs

## **ATV wreck** kills mom, hurts kids

#### **Times Staff Report**

VIRGIE - A Pike County woman is dead and her two children were injured in an allterrain vehicle accident this week.

Kendra Renee Cavins, 28, of Virgie, was riding an ATV in Shelby Gap Monday afternoon with her two children when she lost control of the ATV and went over a steep embankment.

Cavins was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County **Deputy Coroner Denver** Bailey.

Her children, 5 and 7 years old, were both transported for treatment. The 5-year-old sustained more severe injuries and was flown to Cabell Huntington Hospital.

The 7-year-old was taken to the Jenkins Community Hospital following the accident.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Melissa Hampton continues the investigation.

# Bus policy continues to draw fire

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education's decision to enforce a rule that's been in the books for several years now is still ruffling feathers in the county this week.

The board instructed county school bus drivers last week to refuse to drop their students off at bus stops or residential areas where parents or a person named on the child's pick up list is not present.

2000-2001 school year as a matter of safety, not convenience, Supt. Paul W. Fanning said, but it has been aptly ignored by area bus drivers since its inception.

Convenience is the issue this week, with parents mounting complaints against the board and their area bus drivers who are now enforcing the rule.

'They're supposed to be educated people, not morons," Cliffside resident Margie Maynard said. "I think it's totally stupid." Maynard said her daughter, a 17-year-

The policy was adopted during the old eleventh grader, was nearly carted back to school Monday because she was not at the bus stop when the bus attempted to drop her daughter off near their home.

'The bus driver called me on the cell phone and after I told her it was okay, I had to go out with the phone in my hand and show her I was there," Maynard said. "I told her to take a message back to those [expletive deleted]: They've let her off there for 12 years, now what's the matter that they can't do it now? I'm going to sue them for letting her go all these years, if

they've put her in danger. Then, the law will be on their side.'

Maynard says her daughter has been walking the 200-yard walkway from the bus stop without parental supervision since she was in third grade. She says understands the need for the school board to protect itself from possible liability if a child, left home alone, is hurt, but what she doesn't understand is why that matters to a high school student.

**Five more** 

file blast

lawsuit

(See POLICY, page three)

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

IVEL - The list of complaints is getting longer this week for companies accused of negligence in the Nov. 8 explosion at the Rolling Acres Estates subdivision.

Five Ivel residents who were hurt or lost property during the explosion have filed a lawsuit against 13 businesses and four of their employees.

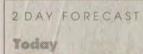
Charles Reid, Annabelle E. Reid and Kenneth R. Reid, former Ivel residents who have since relocated to Dillion in the suit. Dillion

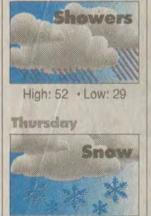
Mark West panies Hydrocarbon Inc., Equitable Production Company and their affiliates - are directly responsible for the explosion that ripped through the subdivision, utterly destroying three homes and seriously damaging two others. The suit, filed yesterday by attorney Keith Bartley, is significantly similar to one filed last Wednesday in circuit court by a Pikeville law firm representing 35 Ivel restdents.

Bartley, however, did not name Ivel resident James Abbott Creek, join the suit was specifically named in



Hampton was not available for comment yesterday.





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# Jury could begin weighing **Bishop murder case today**

#### by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

the inmates.

PRESTONSBURG - The jury for accused murderer Dwayne Earl Bishop should start deliberations today after hearing closing arguments in the case.

The trial produced 12 days of testimony after three-and-a-half days of jury selection.

"These things take a long as they take," Judge John Caudill said as he dismissed the jury for the day on Monday. He also explained to them that they were getting Tuesday off because he would be filling in on

the bench in Perry County that day as part of his duties as the chief regional judge for the area.

Testimony came to a close on Monday with two final witnesses appearing. Both were circuit court clerks who testified to criminal matters. The first was called up to most likely aid the defense in offering an alternate theory for the murder of Carolyn Bishop. The clerk simply stated that Kathy Mitchell, a witness for the commonwealth, was arrested on charges of wanton endangerment and fourth-degree assault in June 2001.

The defense may have had this

information put on the record to promote the notion that Mitchell once threatened to cut someone up "just like" Carolyn Bishop.

Mitchell did note; when testifying, that she saw the Bishops on the night of the murder but her interaction that night was with Dwayne Bishop and she testified that he made a crude remark to her. There has not been a hint, during testimony, that she ever had an adversarial relationship with Carolyn Bishop.

The final witness called was another clerk who stated that

(See **BISHOP**, page three)

along with Sharon Harris, of Front Street in Ivel, and Malcolm Layne, Mockingbird Lane.

the preceding suit because the construction of a driveof way on his property is

(See BLAST, page seven) They allege that the com-

# **Two area stores** hit by robbers

#### by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

MARTIN - Two area convenient stores were targeted in armed robberies Monday morning. The perpetrators are currently still at large.

Kentucky State Police officers were called out shortly after midnight to the Phelps Double Kwik, located at the junction of Routes 632 and 194.

Two female clerks on duty said a white male entered the establishment while they were in the back of the store. One of the

(See ROBBERS, page three)

# Fire dept. seeks to sell disgraced former treasurer's home

#### by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

HAROLD - The Betsy Layne Fire District is asking the court to sell property belonging to a former employee who stole nearly \$240,000 from the agency.

Attorney Anthony Craig Davis filed a motion in Floyd Circuit Court last week, requesting judgment against the Glen Donovan and Delores Burgess and their mortgage company, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc.

Davis headed the district's former lawsuit against the couple, which ended in September with a summary judgment awarded to the district in the amount of \$239,226.34, plus 12 percent interest.

The district filed that suit because Glen Burgess, former secretary and treasurer of the company, stole money and used it for his personal business. East Kentucky Printing, between April 1995 and August 2001

He pleaded guilty in 2003 to seven counts of theft and received five years, concurrently, on each count. Additionally, Burgess was ordered to pay the District \$15,000 annually, was placed under a 1,000 ft. restraining order, and was denied the obligation to volunteer for "any sort" of community-based organization without the permission of the probation and parole office.

Burgess was released from the Floyd County Detention Center on March 18, authorities said, after serving approximately five months of that five-year sentence.

After the case opened in 2002, an

injunction was issued against the Burgess couple, prohibiting them from disposing of any money until the resolution came in the case. A lien was placed upon all the county real estate in which they have ownership interest.

Davis claims in the motion that the couple "directly violated" the injunction 21 days after it was filed, when they purchased a home at Pine Ridge in Harold from the Mortgage Electronic

(See TREASURER, page seven)



# Odds & Ends

Calif. - Leaders in this community known for its progressive views are trying to ban cosmetic surgery - for pets.

Mayor John Duran introduced a motion Monday that would prohibit ear cropping, tail docking, debarking, defanging and other surgical procedures performed on animals for "noncurative" reasons.

Such procedures, supporters say, hurt the animals to satisfy their owners' tastes. Already law in many European countries, the ban would be the first of its kind in the United States, Duran said. West Hollywood already has laws forbidding cat declawing and designating its residents as pet guardians rather than pet owners. Last year, the city started requiring pet-grooming companies to supply their customers with fresh water and report injuries related to grooming within 24 hours.

"We recognize we have an opportunity to provide leadership on public policy," said City Councilman Jeffrey Prang, who co-sponsored the motion. "Somebody always has to be first. Animal welfare is something West musician agreed Monday his Hollywood feels strongly about."

Darla Dorr has raised dogs for 40 years and she rejects the idea that ear cropping is cruel.

Given proper care, the puppies are soon "racing around the house as if nothing's been done," said Dorr, Angeles Doberman Pinscher Club.

If the measure passes, the city attorney will draft an ordinance that will become law 30 days after the City Council gives final approval.

MADISON, Wis. — Imitation might be a form of flattery, but a little resemblance might be too much of a good thing.

The state tourism agency may scrap the jingle composed for its new ad campaign because it sounds too much like a 1995 song by a British group.

Composer John Tanner has acknowledged similarities, which he said were unintentional, and offered to write new music, says Jim Holperin, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism.

"If he's having second thoughts and would rather redo it, we may take him up on it," Holperin said Monday. Tanner was paid about \$22,000 to compose original music for the \$2.2 million campaign with a slogan of Wisconsin - Life's so Good."

The Milwaukee-based music closely resembled the tune "Alright" by Supergrass - a band some say is derivative itself of earlier groups all the way back to the Rolling Stones.

"It turns out it was way, way - even I think now, listening to them side by side too close to Supergrass," Tanner told the Milwaukee

WEST HOLLYWOOD, former president of the Los Journal Sentinel from New Haven, Conn., where he is composing a score for a Yale University performance of Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors."

> Holperin said a staffer in his agency pointed out the resemblance to "Alright" several weeks ago, but at the time Tanner assured the department there would be no problem, Holperin said.

The state has not been contacted by any representative of Supergrass, said Jerry Huffman, communications director for the tourism department.

RED WING, Minn. -Red Wing Shoes will take a big step with a giant boot next week, when the Minnesota company celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Using ladders, cranes and special rigging, company employees and retirees have built a supersized "638-D" replica of the company's classic workboot No. 877.

The boot stands 16 feet tall and is 20 feet long. It required 80 cowhides, 1,200 feet of rope and 300 pounds of adhesives. The shoelace is 104 feet long. It has been recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's largest shoe.

The boot took more than a year to build. Employees said everything about the massive replica was properly scaled, so if a 12-story-tall man came to town they would have a roughly \$100,000, ready-towear boot for him.

LONDON – A British military pilot who used an army helicopter to deliver a pizza to his girlfriend has disciplined, the been Ministry of Defense said Tuesday.

The Lynx helicopter was on a map-reading training exercise in eastern England on Jan. 25 when it made a landing in the Stanford area, a Ministry of Defense spokesman said.

"The pilot took it upon himself to basically deliver this pizza," the spokesman said. "He has been made aware that the chain of command doesn't condone his actions and has been disciplined."

Ministry officials dia not give release details of the punishment.

The Sun newspaper reported that the pilot, a lieutenant, was delivering the pizza to his girlfriend, a cadet officer.

GREEN BAY, Wis. - A Connecticut boy has been making good use of his Christmas present.

Since opening the gift - a Green Bay Packers jersey quarterback with Brett Favre's No. 4 - on Christmas Day 2003, 8-yearold David Witthoft has worn it 408 straight days.

"I just kept doing it for said Witthoft, of fun," Ridgefield, Conn. "Some of the kids at school said, 'You are weird' and stuff. But I'm not sure when I'll stop."

Witthoft told the Green Bay Press-Gazette for a story in Sunday's editions that he wants a Guinness Book of Records mark for the most consecutive days wearing a Packers jersey. No such record exists, Guinness officials said.

"David has a lot of 'sticktoitiveness,"' said his father

Chuck Witthoft, who grew up in Milwaukee and has kept his allegiance to the Packers. "This wasn't an idea of ours."

The jersey isn't holding up as well as the boy's enthusiasm: The No. 4 has all but worn off and the seams are taking a beating as he grows.

"Just another typical diehard cheesehead." said Packers President Bob Harlan. "I hear from them all the time."

■ PROVIDENCE, R.I. -Perhaps it's a sign of convicted former mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci Jr.'s currency: The Web site bearing his name is up for sale.

John Ackerman, owner of VincentCianci.com, put the Web site up for sale on the online auction service e-Bay on Saturday. There's been one bidder so far, who offered the minimum \$88.50. The auction ends Thursday.

Ackerman told The Providence Journal he decided to sell the domain because he thinks Cianci's name recognition is fading. He added that he has lost money on the site.

The colorful Cianci was Providence's longest-serving mayor. He is serving a fiveyear, four-month sentence in federal prison on a single count of racketeering conspiracy in 2002.

HOLLAND, Mich. – A man was fined \$600 and put on probation for throwing an Egg McMuffin at a McDonald's restaurant manager after he said he didn't get what he ordered.

Scott Rodgers, 46, was convicted Thursday of misdemeanor assault and battery. Besides probation, he was sentenced to three days in a work program and a fine and is banned from the McDonald's.

Authorities said Rodgers and his 6-year-old son stopped to get four Egg McMuffins with ham on Oct. 9 but returned to the service window to complain that at least one of the sandwiches had sausage.

County prosecutor Craig Bunce said that when the shift manager asked him to give the sandwich back, he threw it through the window at her.

"The manager was picking egg out of her hair," he said. Rodgers' attorney said he did not throw the sandwich. but rather returned it quickly.

SHREVEPORT, La. -Add this to the many uses of duct tape.

Narcotics Ark-La-Tex Task Force agents and Caddo Parish sheriff's deputies stopped a man at a Greyhound terminal Friday after they said he was acting suspiciously, sheriff's spokeswoman Cindy Chadwick said.

While being patted down for weapons, Charlie Ross told officers it was a back brace they felt around his chest not nearly \$55,000 in cash stuck to him with duct tape.

Ross, 50, was not able to produce a transaction receipt required under federal law for anyone carrying more than \$10,000 in cash, Chadwick said. He also would not say where he got the money, so he was booked with money laundering, she said.

Authorities learned later that Ross was a fugitive from Ouachita Parish.





#### The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2005. There are 325 days left in the year. This is Ash Wednesday. This is the Rooster.

Today's Highlight in War II battle of World

In 1964, The Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" on CBS.

In 1971, the Apollo 14 spacecraft returned to Earth Chinese New Year of the after man's third landing on the moon

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri History: On Feb. 9, 1943, the V. Andropov died at age 69, less than 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was succeeded by Konstantin U. Chernenko.

president's economic leadership, while Kerry's rivals sought to slow his brisk pace. Anti-government rebels took control of nearly a dozen towns in western Haiti as the death toll in the violent uprising rose to at least 40.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Kathryn Grayson is 83.

Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an American victory over Japanese forces.

On this date:

born in Charles City County, aboard the boat. Va.

Representatives elected John 71. Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majori- Sen. J. William Fulbright died ty of electoral votes.

In 1861, the Provisional States of America elected Alexander H. Stephens vice president.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

Wheeling, W.Va., Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 2001, a U.S. Navy sub-In 1773, the ninth presi- marine collided with a Japanese dent of the United States, fishing boat off the Hawaiian William Henry Harrison, was coast, killing nine men and boys

In 2002, Britain's Princess ■ In 1825, the House of Margaret died in London at age

> Ten years ago: Former in Washington at age 89.

Five years ago: Hackers Congress of the Confederate stepped up their "denial of service" attacks on popular Jefferson Davis president and 'Internet sites, zeroing in on such targets as ETrade and ZDNet, inconveniencing millions of Web users and unnerving Wall Street. Boeing Co. engineers In 1950, in a speech in and technical workers began a 40-day strike.

One year ago: President Bush and Democratic front-runner John Kerry sparred over the

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Television journalist Roger Mudd is 77. Actress Janet Suzman is 66. Actress-politician Sheila James Kuehl ("The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis") is 64. Singer-songwriter Carole King is 63. Actor Joe Pesci is 62. Singer Barbara Lewis is 62. Author Alice Walker is 61. Actress Mia Farrow is 60. Singer Joe Ely is 58. Actress Judith Light is 56. R&B musician Dennis "DT" Thomas (Kool & the Gang) is 54. Actor Charles Shaughnessy is 50. Country singer Travis Tritt is 42. Actress Julie Warner is 40. Country singer Danni Leigh is 35. Actor Jason George is 33. Actor David Gallagher is 20. Actress Marina Malota is 17. Actress Camille Winbush ("The Bernie Mac Show") is 15.

Thought for Today: "Modesty is the conscience of the body." - Honore de Balzac, French author and dramatist (1799-1850).

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Special prosecutor David

Smith, of the Attorney General's

Office, brought in three rebuttal

witnesses before resting his case.

Two of Smith's witnesses were

Dwayne Bishop after his initial

incarceration at East Kentucky

Correctional Center following

Bishop referred to killing his

wife and noted that he usually

referred to her as a "bitch." Their

testimony buttressed that of

Harlan Mackintosh, who testi-

fied to the same information on

Friday. Mackintosh also talked

about a vast conspiracy to con-

vict Bishop before recanting his.

story and saying Bishop threat-

ened to have him killed if he did-

n't say the commonwealth's

attorney's office put him up to

uled to begin at 9 a.m. today and

should see the jury get the case

Closing arguments are sched-

Each man testified that

his wife's murder.

## Policy

"I can holler and talk to her at the bus stop," Maynard said. "I can see her from the house. If it was a 5- or 6- or 4-year-old child, I can understand, but an 18-year-old? She'll be 18 this month ... They're insinuating that we're stupid, that we don't know how to take care of our own kids. If my child gets off the bus in an unsafe situation. I'd already have somebody there to get her."

Maynard argues that the board should have communicated the enforcement of the rule more effectively.

For most parents, as Fanning pointed out, it is a matter of convenience. For others, it goes a bit farther than that.

Gabriel Fields, 17, is taking his complaint right out the door. He and his bus mates were informed of the change last week. He hasn't been back to Prestonsburg High School since that day and he says he isn't going back.

He plans to officially withdraw from classes this week, and is expecting to obtain his GED after he turns 18 in May. To him, withdrawing and getting a GED beats the hassle of getting home every day.

"My dad works all the time," he said Monday. "I'll have to be stuck at school every day. It's awful. I don't think they should do it with the high school students. I can understand if they do it for kids in grade school or preschool, but we go over to the bus stop and wait for the bus every morning. How come we can't walk home [from the bus stop]? I just don't think it's a good idea. Sure, there are some people who are not responsible enough, but why punish all of them when it's just for a few people?"

Fields, a junior at Prestonsburg High School, has been walking about a block home - approximately 80 yards - since he was in the second grade.

His parents used to greet him at the railroad track in Dwale when he was younger, but as he got older, the question of responsibility for the family was not an issue.

Now, the family says, the issue is only an issue for the board of education.

"It's like he's a baby again," his stepmother, Theresa, said.

Floyd County School Bus Transportation Director Karen Johnson holds similar feelings about the current policy.

"A 16-year-old can drive, but they can't get off the bus," she said.

Johnson said that plans are already under way to present the problem to the Floyd County Board of Education during its next regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 28.

"The policy doesn't have an age limit on it. Dr. Fanning and I discussed it earlier and decided to take it to the next board meeting and ask them to review the policy and follow the law," she said. "The only written law we can find about having an adult present when kids are dropped off the bus has to do with Head Start students.'

Johnson also said that the bus drivers who have ignored the policy for the last four years will likely face disciplinary measures, but she doesn't know what type of disciplinary action will be taken against them.

Fanning, who supported the implementation of the policy in 2000, says the community should look at the reasons the policy was adopted in the first place.

"We're taking all the information," Fanning said. "I've recorded every call, gotten names and local bus routes and areas. What people need to do is go back to the bottom line. This state policy and regulation was expanded for safety purposes in 2000 ... The policy was not adopted on a frivolous whim and it will not be changed on a frivolous whim. The issue, again, is safety."

Fanning said county bus drivers currently utilize a sevenstep process in picking up and returning children each day. If these issues of convenience necessitate a change, Fanning said they system might adopt a 'Stop, Drop and Leave" policy.

Changing the policy would reduce the board's responsibility to the students. Fanning said, and it would also deter end-of-the-day congestion at local schools and save time on bus routes. The question, however, is how those issues rank compared to the safety concerns.

"I will support the board's decision." Fanning said.

Fanning also said that Gabriel Fields' decision to drop out of school is an "excuse, not a reason," and that the student

## **Castle seeks lower bond**

#### by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -A motion to reduce the bond for a man accused of several counts of wanton endangerment against area law enforcement officers is expected to be heard in circuit court Friday.

Carter Ray Castle, a Vietnam war veteran, is accused of assaulting area policemen in a struggle that ensued at the Red Diner, where Light Prestonsburg police officers arrested Castle after he had frightened staff at the Floyd County Justice Center when he entered the building carrying a shotgun. Castle entered the building brandishing the weapon and promptly left before the staff at the center could determine what he had wanted. Police spotted him entering the Red Light Diner a few minutes later and went in after him.

Inside the diner, Castle, who had left his shotgun in his car. ordered two cups of coffee but frightened the staff there as well as he was carrying a large handgun when he placed the order. Officers tackled Castle and the ensuing struggle moved out into the restaurant's parking lot, where officers finally got the pistol away from Castle after suffering various minor injuries in the melee.

way out."

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His stepmother said the boy had previously dropped out for a period of two weeks, but work toward his diploma.

The Cabinet for Health and Families said last week that there is no state law to determine at what age a child can or cannot be left home alone. It's a judgment call on the part of the parent, they say, bearing in mind that the parent will be responsible if anything does happen to the child.

Ned Pillersdorf, representing Castle, has said previously that at the time of the incident Castle was off the medication he normally takes to treat his posttraumatic stress disorder. He has moved for a mental competency evaluation of his client and was granted the motion on Dec. 3. He is still waiting for his client to be evaluated by the staff of the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center.

"It's real simple motion," Pillersdorf said. "Mentally ill people don't get better in jail. If we can lower his bond [currently at \$25,000 cash] then we can arrange to have him evaluated sooner."

Pillersdorf said he is also concerned that a prolonged jail stay could prove disastrous for his client.

"The longer he is in the jail, the more his condition could deteriorate," Pillersdorf observed.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner has agreed to the need for a mental evaluation of Castle but indicated that he will oppose any motion to reduce bond in the case.

"It's a reasonable bond," Turner said, "considering the seriousness of the charges."

The charges in the case include six counts of firstdegree wanton endangerment. two counts of assault and one count of attempted murder.

was probably looking for "a Dwayne Bishop had been charged with 20 offenses over the years, including wanton endangerment and fleeing police in April 2000. Defense counsel returned to school after she and Harolyn Howard made it a point + men who had served time with her husband convinced him to of getting the clerk to note that the complaining witness in that case was Ron Peppi.

Bishop

The intent of the testimony appears to be an effort taint the biggest piece of incriminating evidence recovered during the murder investigation. A t-shirt containing the blood of Carolyn Bishop that was recovered from Dwayne Bishop's room at his mother's house while Dwayne Bishop was incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center following his DUI arrest on the night of the murder. The defense has tried to show that a strained relationship existed between Dwayne Bishop and Peppi following a previous arrest of Bishop, by Peppi, for assaulting Carolyn Bishop's brother, Mark Tackett.

#### Robbers

the customer, who then repeatedly brandished a knife at her and the register.

Authorities say the man, described as being approximately 5 feet, 10 inches to 6 feet tall, 150 pounds, fled on foot on Route 632, with approximately \$126 from the business.

He was wearing camouflage coveralls and a black ski mask, authorities say.

The Martin City Police Department is investigating an armed robbery that took place approximately 10 hours later at another Double Kwik location.

Chief James Slone said a white male, armed with a handgun, entered the convenience

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by this afternoon.

clerks walked up front to assist store on Route 80 at approximately 10:25 Monday morning.

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The man, wearing denim overalls and sporting a full beard, fled the scene in either a blue Mitsubishi Eclipse or a blue Concorde, Slone said, with approximately \$700.

The perpetrator has black hair and is described as being in his late 30s or early 40s.

No suspects have been cited in either crime. Trooper Marty Combs continues the investigation of the Phelps robbery.

Slone is currently reviewing surveillance tapes at the Martin Double Kwik location.

There is no connection between the robberies, he said.



Valentine's Day Greetings

## from Our Readers to Their Loved Ones.

## Valentine's Day Special Edition Friday, February 11

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## Guest View

## The FDA vs. consumers

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is supposed to be on the side of consumers, and much of the time it is. But you wouldn't necessarily know it by what happened recently to Charles Netzow, 81, of Fox Point, Wis.

After three years of successfully controlling his cholesterol levels with approved prescription drugs. Netzow learned that the FDA had confiscated his latest 90-day supply of Lipitor. What did Netzow do wrong? The Lipitor was being shipped to him from a pharmacy in Canada, in violation of a federal government ban on importing drugs from Canada.

The Bush administration says the ban is about guaranteeing the safety of drugs coming here from Canada. Nonsense.

The notice the FDA sent to Netzow late last month said the Lipitor had been confiscated by the agency's Chicago office because it was "an unapproved new drug." Never mind that Lipitor is not a new drug and is FDA approved, as Journal Sentinel medical reporter John Fauber pointed out in a story on Netzow's experience. The FDA attempted to get around this by saying the agency defines "unapproved" as including any drug made in another country or any drug made in the United States, imported to another country and then re-imported to America.

If that sounds like bureaucratic double talk, that's because it is. An official of the Calgary, Alberta, pharmacy told Fauber that the Lipitor sent to Netzow was the same as that sold in the United States. In fact, all of the Lipitor sold in North America comes from the same plant in Ireland.

"It's the identical pill from the same production line," the pharmacy official told Fauber.

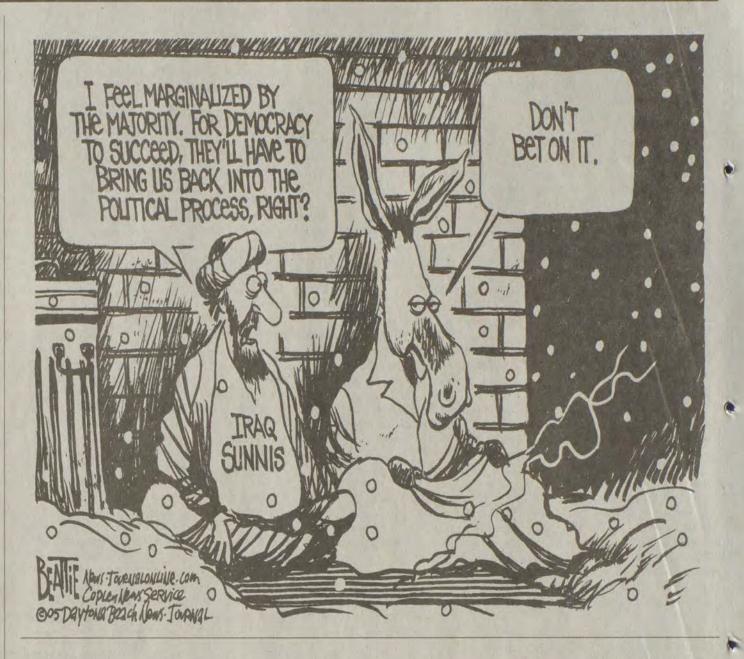
Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle and a growing number of other public officials across the country, including members of Congress, are challenging the ban because it forces Americans like Netzow to pay more for the same drug than do Canadians. The reason is that Canada sets price limits on those drugs and the United States does not

Doyle advocates the right of Wisconsinites to obtain prescription drugs from Canadian pharmacies, and Wisconsin has set up a Webbased program to enable state residents to do that. The FDA says the program is illegal.

'I wish they would get on the side of this gentleman rather than the drug companies," Doyle said, when told of Netzow's problems.

We'll go a step further. Doesn't the FDA have better things to do than confiscate 90-day shipments of cholesterol-lowering drugs from senior citizens? You would think so.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



## Capitol Ideas Would the tax 'trigger' shoot down future governors?

by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - During the past six months, while operating state government without a legislatively enacted budget, Gov. Ernie Fletcher has had to patch some gaping holes.

certain threshold, thereby reducing taxes. There is not a corresponding formula for increasing taxes in the event receipts fall below expectations.

The General Fund is expected to receive about \$660 million more than predicted back in January 2004. Fletcher and the legislature already have spent or

"Philosophically, the governor is at opposite poles from us," said Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville.

The trigger, Wayne said, is a "disaster.'

The philosophical differences do not end there.

Fletcher's plan would lower corporate 🦚

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He moved \$80 million to partly shore

up a runaway Medicaid program and more millions to pay for the unexpected flow of criminals into Kentucky cells. Last year, when the General Assembly did get around to passing a partial state spending plan, it poured more money into health insurance coverage for outraged teachers and public employees.

If Fletcher has his way, future governors and legislatures may not be able to make such repairs.

Fletcher's budget proposal contains a "trigger," a formula that would reduce the income tax if revenue receipts reach a

Letters

Don't single out pharmacists

It is well recognized that the state Medicaid budget has reached a crisis point with an estimated shortfall this year of \$526 million. Unfortunately, the Fletcher administration appears intent on remedying this problem by singling out one healthcare provider - pharmacists

obligated huge amounts of that. And Fletcher proposes to spend every dime of it - and hundreds of millions more in other government receipts that are not counted in the General Fund - to balance the budget proposal he made last week.

Fletcher said Friday the trigger would not have kicked in to cut revenues this year if it had been in place. He said the formula is so conservative that it would not unduly restrict future governors.

The idea is in keeping with the philosophy embraced by Fletcher and his fellow Republicans - shrink government.

income taxes by 27 percent immediately. Individual income tax rates would decline by 3 percent at first and then fall further. Wayne's proposal would add \$300 million to the corporate tax bill.

Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, the chairman of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said Fletcher's tax and spending plans do not move the state forward, as the governor has repeatedly claimed.

"The state's problems will not be solved by his tax plan. That's not a

(See TRIGGER, page nine) 🐑

- to shoulder the entire burden under the guise of controlling "pharmaceutical costs."

The fact is, pharmacists do not control the costs of pharmaceuticals. Pharmaceutical costs are determined by the drug manufacturers. Reducing the reimbursement to pharmacists in an effort to control drug costs is akin to reducing the salary of a prison employee in an effort to control prison cost.

As has occurred with other providers in the state, while Medicaid drives pharmacists reimbursements ever lower there

is the real possibility that some pharmacies may have to "opt" out of the program. Pharmacists, like any other small business operator, must maintain a reasonable level of profitability in order to stay in business while their chief concerns is always patient safety. The recent actions of the state Medicaid program endanger both the pharmacists and patients they care for in Kentucky.

Mike Mayes **Executive Director** Kentucky Pharmacists Association Frankfort

## Plan a 'knee-jerk reaction'

Many readers may not be aware that Gov. Fletcher and his subordinates at Medicaid have enacted emergency regulations that will drastically change the Medicaid prescription drug program. The changes include limiting the number of brand name products Medicaid beneficiaries can receive to three per month, requiring 92 days supplies on maintenance medications, and drastic cuts in the amount pharmacies are paid for providing pharmacy services to Medicaid beneficiaries including the elderly in nursing homes.

These new changes to Medicaid will

drastically change the way thousands of Medicaid recipients must take their prescription medications. In our practice we have children with diabetes, asthma and epilepsy that are now well controlled on their current medications. Many will be forced to change their current medications because of the new regulation limiting brand name drugs to three per month. In many instances, this will unnecessarily disrupt their' care. These new changes will also cause significant financial losses to pharmacies, which may change what services can be provided. It is likely some patients will no longer be able to get care from their local pharmacies because some will be forced out of business.

Of course the main concern of the Fletcher administration is the bottom line. Drug costs for Medicaid have been spiraling up for many years and the knee-jerk reaction from past and current administrations has always been to cut payments to the pharma-

cies. This reaction is both short-sighted and wrongheaded. The fees paid to pharmacists and pharmacies for providing care to Medicaid beneficiaries are not the cause of Medicaid's budget problems. Sadly, Governor Fletcher and Medicaid know this to be true, but chose to ignore it.

The overwhelming majority of the the cost to Medicaid to administer the pharmacy program can be attributed to drug manufacturers. The United States has always paid premium prices for prescription drugs while the rest of the world is on the deep discount plan. Administrations tend to ignore the cost issues with drug manufacturers because of their deep pockets during election times. When will a governor stand up to the drug companies instead of cutting local businesses that provide jobs and taxes for their communities and the Commonwealth?

Steven Dawson Pharmacist. McDowell

# Health Extra

# Health insurance access forum to be held in Prestonsburg

PRESTONSBURG - A public forum aimed at learning more about the problems Kentuckians face with health insurance has · been set for 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22, in the Johnson Building on the campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

Part of a series of public forums on the problems of the under- and uninsured being held in the state's 15 Area Development Districts (ADD), the meeting will feature a brief presentation on the scope of the problem in Kentucky and the five counties in the Big Sandy ADD, then focus on the work now underway to study the problem and propose and advance solutions. To make attendance more convenient, food will be served.

In 2003, according to population projections from the State Data Center and county-level estimates of the uninsured from The Lewin Group, a national health research organization, the average uninsured rate for the five counties in the Big Sandy area stood at 18 percent in 2003, the highest rate registered among ADDs. Martin County had the highest rate of uninsured in the ADD and the fourth highest rate in the state at 19.4 percent, while Pike County had the lowest at 16.2 percent. By contrast, uninsured rates in the state's urban triangle were the lowest in the state. The highest rates were found in eastern and southeastern counties where ADDs averaged an uninsured rate of 18 percent and a dozen counties registered even higher rates. These estimates show that approximately 27,358 people in the five-county area of the Big Sandy ADD had no

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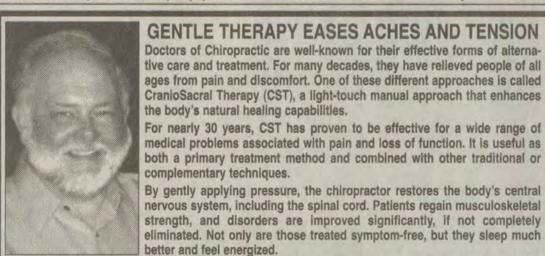
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health insurance in 2003.

Overall, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates the state's rate of uninsured at 14 percent in 2003 compared to 15.6 percent nationally, a rate which has climbed steadily since 2000. Kentucky's rate of uninsured, on the other hand, has fluctuated in recent years, rising in 2002 and 2003 but remaining consistently below the national average throughout the 1990s and into the early part of this decade.

In its annual economic report for 2003, the University of Kentucky Center for Business and Economic Research reported that Big Sandy ADD employers offered 80.3 percent of eligible salaried and 82.9 percent of eligible hourly employees individual health insurance in 2002. An estimated 84,4 percent of salaried employees participated in the health insurance plan offered by their employer, compared with 78.4 percent of hourly employees, the third lowest participation or take-up rate among hourly employees found among the ADDs.

The second lowest percentage of eligible salaried employees were offered dependent coverage in the Big Sandy ADD (77.0 percent), while 82.2 percent of hourly

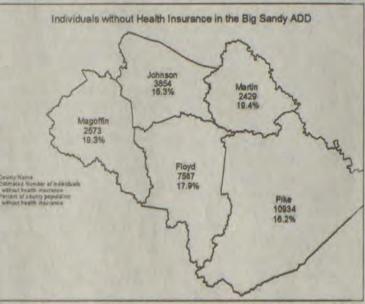


employees were offered dependent coverage. Employers contributed significantly lower percentages of the cost of these benefits, but 63 percent of salaried employees, the highest rate found among all the ADDs, took advantage of the availability of these benefits. Similarly, 51.6 percent of hourly employees purchased dependent coverage, the third highest take-up rate found among the ADDs.

Kentucky Health The Insurance Research Project is funded by a federal state planning grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, which facilitates state-level responses to the problems of the uninsured. The University of Kentucky's Center for Excellence in Rural Health based in Hazard, Kentucky, is the principal recipient of the grant, working in partnership with the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center, a state agency, and the University of Louisville's Center for Excellence in Urban Health.

A multidisciplinary team from these institutions will examine the scope of the problem of underand uninsurance through largeand small-group meetings; statewide surveys of the general population and small businesses, which are far less likely to provide health insurance; and an analysis of the economic cost of uninsurance. Additionally, the project will analyze policy options available to the state and propose strategies for increasing access to health insurance. Research consistently shows that people without health insurance are more likely to postpone attention to health care needs or forego them altogether.

"This research project will give our state an important foundation of knowledge about the scope of the problem of uninsurance here and give us the opportunity to identify workable strategies to help us address these gaps in health care," said Professor Michael Samuels, principal investigator for the project and an endowed chair and distinguished scholar in rural health at the University of Kentucky's Center for Excellence in Rural Health. "Our overriding goal, one that is shared by citizens and policymakers alike, is that of bringing more and more people into the ranks of the insured where they can get the health care they need when they need it and avoid costly health consequences. In turn, they will become more productive mem-



bers of our communities and enjoy a higher quality of life, something all of us benefit from."

For further information on the public forums, contact Michal Smith-Mello or Suzanne King at the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center at 800-853-2851 or 502-564-2851. Should you

have special needs and wish to attend the forum, please contact Ms. Mello or Ms. King at least seven days in advance of the meeting. The full schedule of public forums and more information about the study are available at the Center's web site at: www.kltprc.net/news.htm.

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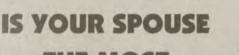






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# Obituaries

Judy Meade Gleason

Judy Meade Gleason, 57, of

Martin, died Sunday, February 6,

Born October 9, 1947, in

Martin, she was the daughter of

Rebecca Francis Salisbury

Meade of Printer, and the late Joe

Meade. She was a homemaker,

and attended the Church of

In addition to her father, she

Survivors include: two sons:

Centerville, Michigan, and Jason

Lee Gleason of Sturgis,

Michigan; a step-son, Chris

Gleason of Ypsilanti, Michigan; a

step-daughter, Rose Skelly of

Georgia; two brothers: Glenn

Meade of Winchester, and Jerry

Meade of Jackson, Michigan; two

Catlettsburg, and Audrey Hass of

Three Rivers, Michigan; and six

Funeral services will be con-

ducted Thursday, February 10, at

1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier

Funeral Home, in Martin, with

Burial will be in the Meade

Cemetery (Spurlock), at Printer,

under the direction of Nelson-

Visitation is Wednesday,

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February 9, at 5 p.m., at the funer-

Bruce Coleman officiating.

Frazier Funeral Home.

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#### Billy H. Hall

Billy H. Hall, 75, of Betsy Layne, died Friday, February 4, 2005, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born January 28, 1930, in Ivel, he was the son of the late William Langley Hall and Roxie Workman Hall. He was a retired brick mason, a veteran of the Korean conflict, and a member of D.A.V. Chapter 169, at Betsy Layne.

He is survived by his wife, Lula Bell Webb Hall.

Other survivors include one son, Randy Edward Hall of Pikeville; one daughter, Mildred Ann Hall of Betsy Lavne: one brother, Lloyd Hall of Indiana; and one sis-Ormagene (Tiny) ter. Holbrook of Betsy Layne.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Claude Hall; and one sister, Dorothy Stanley.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 8, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ellis Holbrook officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

#### Judy Jarvis

Judy Jarvis, 85, of Endicott, died Friday, February 4, 2005, at the J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, in Louisa.

Born December 22, 1919, in Endicott, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Josie Sherman Jervis.

Survivors include a brother. L. J. Jarvis of Pontiac, Michigan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Jack Jervis, Woodrow Jervis, Darvin Jervis, and Hillard Jervis; and a sister, Elizabeth Jervis.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 7, at 11

#### **Ettie Spencer**

Ettie Spencer, age 84, of Willard, Ohio, passed away Monday, February 7, 2005, in Willard Mercy Hospital, following a lengthly illness.

She was born August 29, 1920, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late George and Hulda (Johnson) Cook, and had been a Willard resident since 1962. She was a member of the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church in Plymouth, Ohio, and was a homemaker. She enjoyed quilting and gardening.

She is survived by eight stepdaughters and spouses: Coletta and Ray Bolen, Ann and Bob Spradlin, and Linda and Mike Jones, all of McGuffey, Ohio; Patti and Jeff Henry, and Gail and Dave Sowers, all of Willard. Ohio, and Muriel and Ron Johnson, and Betty and Chester Tuttle, all of West Liberty, Ohio, and Ruth and Carl Howard of Lady Lake, Florida: three stepsons and two spouses: J.C. and Dalphene Spencer of Morehead, Obe and Reba Spencer of Melvin, and Darvin Spencer of Prestonsburg; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; three sisters: Linda Hall of Dry Creek, Sarah J. Tuttle of Grafton, Ohio, and Betty Branham of Plymouth, Ohio; three brothers: Willie Cook and Bobby G. Cook, both of Dry Creek, and Joe Cook of Virginia.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Spencer; two sisters: Nettie Hall and Hettie Hall; and four brothers: William, Samuel, Johnnie and Lew G. Cook.

Friends may call at the Secor Funeral Home in Willard, Ohio, on Wednesday, February 9, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 10, at the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church, in Plymouth, Ohio, with Elder Danny Carty officiating. Burial will follow in the

Greenlawn Cemetery, in Plymouth, Ohio, under the direction of Secor Funeral Home.

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#### Sarah Mae Hatfield Sarah Mae Hatfield, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 6, 2005, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in

Ashland. Born May 23, 1927, in Allen, she was the daughter of the late Harold Edwards and Georgia Porter Edwards Davis. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Wheeler Hatfield.

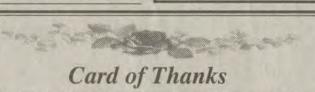
Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Debbie Hatfield, and Michael and Cindy Hatfield, both of Prestonsburg; two daughters and sons-in-law: Linda and Dean Blevins, and Patty and Russell Shepherd. both of Prestonsburg; a brother, Johnny Caudill of Olive Hill; three sisters: Joann Robinson of Newark, Ohio, Margaret Lewis of Frankfort, and Peggy Glover of Morehead; seven grandchildren: Betty Ann, Jason, Tim, Kellie, Brooke, Chris and Joseph; and three great-grandchildren: Lexie, Noah, and Brycen.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Edwards.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 9, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Mark Tackett, and Tommy Reed, officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



The family of Jerry Fonce Howell would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the food, flowers, prayers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to Rev. Vaughn Rasor for his comforting words, the First Baptist Church, of Jackson, Ky., and the Hall Funeral Home, of Martin, Ky., for their kind, professional and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers were a great comfort to our family.

#### **Gracie Waddles**

Gracie Waddles, 86, of Topmost, died Sunday, February 6, 2005, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born December 30, 1918, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Monroe and Josie Gibson Slone. She was a homemaker and a member of the Caney Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Tom Waddles.

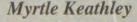
Other survivors include a son, James A. Waddles of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Joyce Campbell of Fairborn, Ohio, and Georgia Hall of Topmost; 12 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Diamond Ray Waddles; two brothers: Julius Slone and Eulis Slone; and two sisters: Eunice Akers and Verble Gardner.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 10, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery, at Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m. (Paid obituary)



Myrtle Keathley, 79, of Ivel, died Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at her residence.

Born October 16, 1925, in Wheelwright, she was the daughter of the late Will and Laura Gilliam Allen. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ted Keathley.

Survivors include three sons: Teddy Keathley of Jonesville, Michigan, Billy Keathley of Jackson, Michigan, and Tommy Keathley of Betsy Layne; three daughters: Sandra Thomas of Unionville, Virginia, Carol Ball of Wyandotte, Michigan, and Brenda Stewart of Ivel; a brother, Frank Allen of Princeton, West Virginia; a sister, Emma Marshall of Blaine; 17 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Andy Allen, Joe Allen, Bud Allen and Henry Allen; a sister, Josephine Adkins; and two grandchildren: Michael Paul Stewart, and Austin Tedridge Keathley.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 11, at 1,p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tim McClanahan officiating.

Burial will be in the Roberts Cemetery, at Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation is at 2 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)



a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier made to the Little Rebecca Funeral Home, in Martin, with Church. Atha Johnson officiating.

Burial was in the Jervis Cemetery, at Endicott, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home,

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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THE FAMILY OF RAYMOND COLLINS

## Card of Thanks

The family of Bertha Martin would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or just spoke a kind word. We would like to send a special thanks to The Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF BERTHA MARTIN

## Card of Thanks

The family of Ray Crisp would like to express our appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, and all the kindness expressed. A special thanks to Clergyman Arnold Turner for his comforting words, the Floyd County and Johnson County Sheriff's Departments for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All your acts of kindness were a great comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF RAY CRISP

THE FAMILY OF JERRY FONCE HOWELL

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failure to construct, maintain, repair or monitor the natural gas line at Ivel, which leaked for an extended period of time before the blast occurred on Nov, 8. He says the companies also trespassed against the residents' rights and failed to warn them about the impending dangers.

The group is seeking punitive damages and compensation for past and future mental and physical pain, suffering and inconvenience, past and future medical expenses, emotional

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one attention. The Senate

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OKs bill restricting

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The legislation is Senate Bill

Students found to have

expenses.

Bartley said yesterday that the two lawsuits will likely be consolidated for trial and discovery purposes.

'My clients and I believe that the defendants |MarkWest and Equitable] are responsible for the explosions and resulting damage," Bartley said. "Therefore, we have filed this lawsuit to begin the process of insuring that they take responsibilities for their failures."

The following businesses and employees are listed in the suit: MarkWest Hydrocarbon Mark West Inc., Energy Partners, MarkWest Energy GP., MarkWest Energy Appalachia, MarkWest Energy Operating Company, MarkWest Hydrocarbon Partners, Equitable Production Company, Resources Equitable Inc., Kentucky West Virginia Gas Equitable Field Company, Services, Equitable \*Energy, Equitable Gas Company, Kentucky Hydrocarbon, Tim Castle, Jeff Stark, Keith Hayes and Robert Cooper.

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Registrations Systems Inc., an assignee of Full Spectrum Lending Inc.

Davis asks that the mortgage against the property be declared "null and void" and that the property be sold by the master commissioner of the

He also filed a supplemental motion requesting default judgment against the mortgage company because they have failed to respond to his allegations about the Harold proper-

Burgess filed an answer to this latest suit against him on Jan. 27, requesting that it be

district has received a "small amount" of money due to them by Burgess, but he had no specific amount readily available Continued from p1

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Frank Semple, president and CEO of the Englewood, Colo.based company, MarkWest, said yesterday that the company will be "proactive" in resolving the landowner issues.

MarkWest operates the natural gas line in Ivel, which is owned by the Equitable Companies. The line is now fully operational.

Semple had not yet seen the lawsuits, so he refused comment on specific allegations made by landowners, but he did say that his company would "love" to resolve the situation.

'The point we'd make as MarkWest is that we're working with all the local agencies to respond to the cause of the accident and to deal with all the landowner concerns as effectively as possible," Semple said.

The Office of Line Safety is currently investigating the cause of the accident.

David Young, the company's senior vice president, visited Floyd County yesterday, Semple said, in an attempt to learn more about the explosion and the nature of the lawsuits.





facture methamphetamine. Under the legislation, pseudoephedrine and related drugs would have to be sold directly by a pharmacist or a technician. who would then have to keep records of buyers

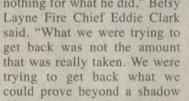
The bill, which has been heavily promoted by Gov. Ernie Fletcher and will draw an appearance from U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Ky., to the Capitol next week, now goes to the Senate

The legislation is Senate Bill 63.

#### FRANKFORT - A Senate late Monday approved a bill that would set strict limits on the sale of a popular allergy and cold medicine courts. that is sometimes used to manu-

dismissed by the court.

Davis said yesterday that the



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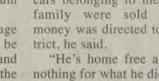
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## cars belonging to the Burgess family were sold and the money was directed to the district, he said.

"He's home free and doing

nothing for what he did," Betsy

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you the name and location 40601. Its phone number is clear evidence that you of the person who is.

Q: What if your request is denied?

denied, the public agency involving open records and must say in writing what meetings, says Vicki Glass, section of the law gives it a the right to withhold the records. You can ask the state attorney general to review the denial. If the attorney general rules against you, you can file a lawsuit in circuit court. The attorney general has 20 days to issue an opinion to you and the agency.

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have abused the right.

If you win an open records lawsuit, the court has the discretion to require the agency to pay your attorneys' fees and pay you for up to \$25 for each day you were denied access to the record.

Q: What records are excluded?

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business if not already known publicly; documents related to purchase of property by a public agency; academic tests for licenses; and law enforcement investigations before action is taken.

If open and closed records are intermingled among records you request, the record keeper must separate the materials and allow you to see those that are open.

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## Parents refuse to allow children to travel treacherous road

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAUL - Some children in this isolated eastern Kentucky community haven't been to school in three weeks because parents are afraid to let them travel a road that snakes its way through the mountains.

Rosa Couch, a mother of two, said portions of Kentucky 2022 between Saul and Buckhorn have broken lose and fallen over steep bluffs. She said parents worry the entire roadbed might give way, sending a school bus careening over a ledge.

"It's extremely dangerous,"

way to take a school bus full of children across that road."

The conditions have made Saul, already one of Kentucky's most isolated communities, even more detached.

Saul residents have been living in isolation since 1960, when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed Buckhorn Lake, cutting the tiny community off from the rest of Perry County.

Since then, Couch and others here have had to drive through Owsley and Breathitt counties on Kentucky 2022 or Clay and Leslie Counties along Kentucky 484 to get to their

Couch said. "There's no safe county seat, Hazard. Either road, which has no guardrails residents have. way, travel time is more than an and varies in width from 10 feet hour.

> built to control flooding in the area, is seen largely as a barrier by Saul residents who have been pushing for a bridge to reconnect them to the rest of Perry County.

> A state study in 2001 found that a bridge to reconnect Saul residents with their neighbors could be built for \$9.5 million. Couch said local residents have pushed unsuccessfully for the span.

For children, the ride to school in Buckhorn takes about 40 minutes along the one-lane road is the only viable option

to 14 feet. When two cars meet, For that reason the lake, they slow to a near stop and squeeze by one another, door handles nearly rubbing as they pass.

> Charles, Minks, assistant transportation director for the Perry County school district, said the worst section of the 11mile road is expected to be repaired this week.

Minks said the ideal solution would be for the state to build a bridge to give Saul residents easier access to other communities. Until that happens, Minks said the narrow, curvey

"The road is not in the best condition, but we feel like it's safe enough to get a bus through there," he said.

H.B. Elkins, spokesman for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet office in Jackson, said crews will drive steel beams into the ground to stabilize the roadway. He said the work is scheduled to begin Wednesday, weather permitting.

Couch said after the repairs are made parents will allow the 12 children involved in the boycott to again ride the school bus. However, she said parents

plan to ask the local school board to begin using smaller buses that can better handle the curves in the road.

Highway workers have been kept busy across eastern Kentucky cleaning up rock and mud slides and repairing breaks in mountain roads because of higher-than-normal levels of precipitation.

He said Kentucky 2022 is not the only road in need of repairs.

"It's a common problem in this part of the state, simply because of the geography,' Elkins said.

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panacea, as I think he's tried to present it to be," Moberly said.

Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit is less strident, but said the direction provided by Fletcher's plans is not forward, but at best stationary.

"This is a maintenance budget. It allows us to continue to function at the current level," Wilhoit told the State Board of Education last week. "I think if you were to ask a superintendent or school person about this budget, they'd say you can't maintain. It's actually a lost budget for them because their costs are escalating. They have increased demands.'

Wilhoit said he is not the only voice that will be questioning Fletcher's plan and claims.

Higher education is coming back with a statement they simply want to, in the short term, replace what they lost the last time around. Now this budget doesn't adequately do that," Wilhoit continued.

Borrowing from his administration's new "unbridled spirit" logo. Fletcher said of his tax plan, "I propose that we invest the extra money to opportunity, build grow careers and strengthen education. I prefer and I believe Kentuckians will prefer this unbridled path."

Others have a different perspective on the future and the slogan.

"We may have 'unbridled tice and fairness," Kemper spirit,' but that's meaningless if we're stuck at the gate without the resources needed to move full speed ahead," said K.A. Jones of Louisville, a representative of the Kentucky Economic Justice Alliance.

The Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, director of the Kentucky Council of Churches, has a different take on the philosophy of the budget.

"As far as I can discern, after a fair amount of reflection on the issues relating to Kentucky's budget crisis, 'shrink, shift, and shaft' are not categories of morality that conform to principles of jus-

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recently observed. "They are, instead, terms that appropriately define the attitudes, and methodology of current budgetary proposals that have been floating around Frankfort for the past year or two."

Mark R. Chellgren is the Frankfort, Ky., correspondent for The Associated Press.





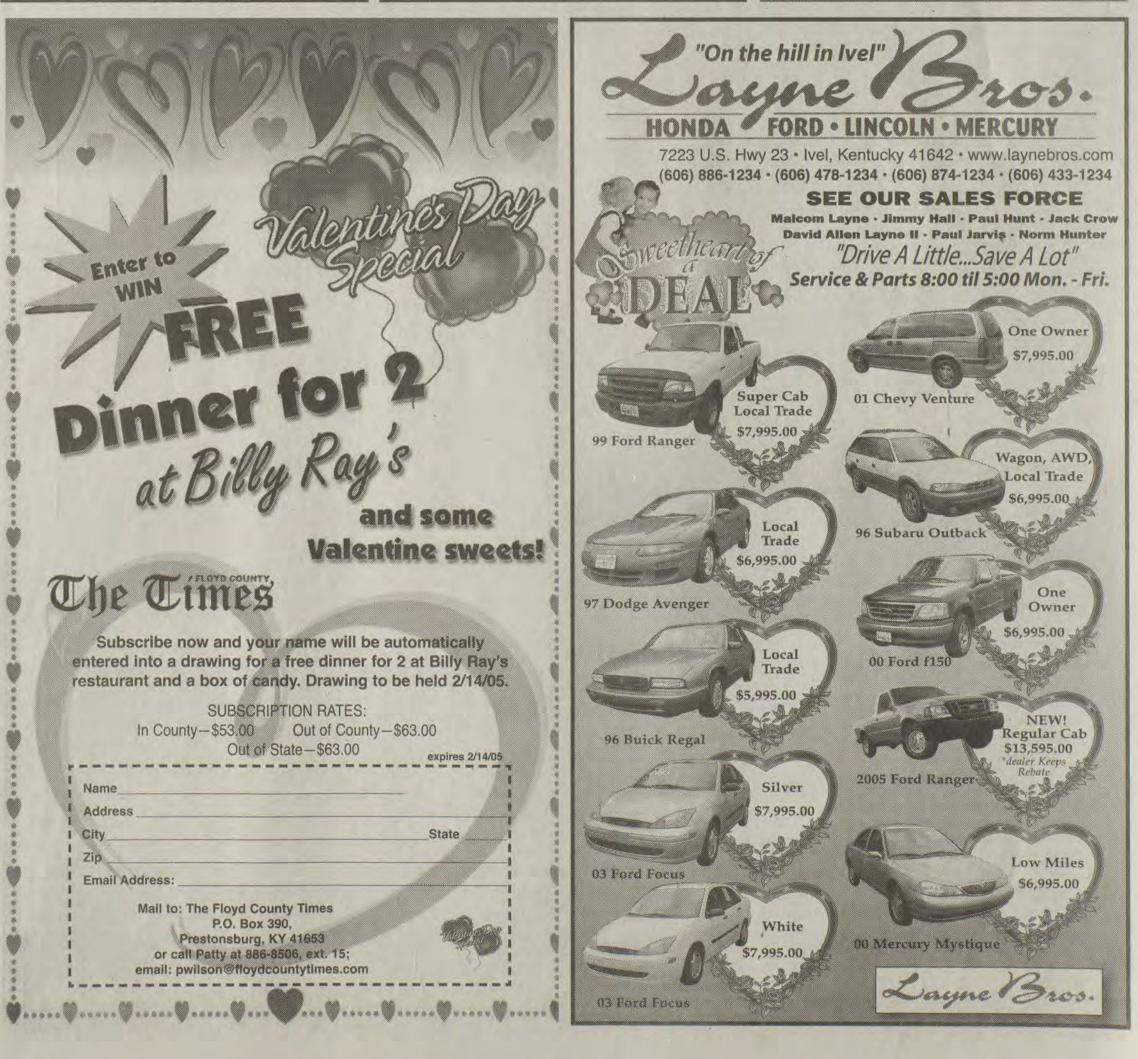


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# Community Calendar

#### Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

#### **ACT Preparation Classes**

Big Sandy Community and Technical College will be holding ACT Preparation Classes in mathematics and reading, Saturday February 5th, at the Prestonsburg Campus, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00. Each session will last three hours, a fee of \$25 will be charged. Fee includes ACT Prep materials. For more information contact your nearest BSCTC campus.

#### Stand up for a Brighter Tomorrow

A mental health conference on the emotional well-being of children and adolescents. To be held March 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Hosted by Mt. Comprehensive Care Center's Victim Services Program and IMPACT Program. Lunch will be catered by the Ramada Inn. To register, call 886-4395, or register online at www.mtcomp.org. Registration is required to attend. Registration deadline is March .10. There is no charge for registration or lunch. Some fees may apply, but no fee will be collected from child care workers, foster parents, or education administrators CEU's.

4, 11, 18; and April 1, from 1-3 p.m. Cost - S7. This is an 8week training series designed for those who have little or no experience using computers. Space is limited - call 886-2668 today to register!

#### Home-Based Microprocessing and Processing Workshop

Monday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Floyd County Extension Office. Learn about food safety, sanitation, and home canning. Registration fee required. For those interested in selling home-processed food products. Call 886-2668 for more information.

#### Floyd and Pike County Master Gardener Program

Volunteer training program sponsored by UK Co-op Extension Service. Designed to provide research based information to the public in regard to horticulture. Anyone may apply. Call Ray Tackett at 886-2668 or Brian Combs at 1-800-233-1390 for more info. To be held March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11 at Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center, from 6-9 p.m. Enrollment fee required.

#### Private Pesticide A p p l i c a t o r s Recertification/Training

To be held Feb. 15, from 9-11:30 a.m. and Feb. 17, from 6-8:30 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office. Contact Ray Tackett at 886-2668 for more information.

#### 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.

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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

•Feb. 2 - Homemaker Leader Training, 11 a.m., Quilt History and Preservation - taught by Leslie Workman, at Floyd Co. offic.

-Feb. 12 - "Hats off to Homemakers Valentine Tea" 1:30-3:30 p.m. All homemaker, and those interested in joining, invited. Fun, food, fellowship, door prizes and "Wear a Hat" contest. Please RSVP to Extension Office by Feb. 9. (886-2668)

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.

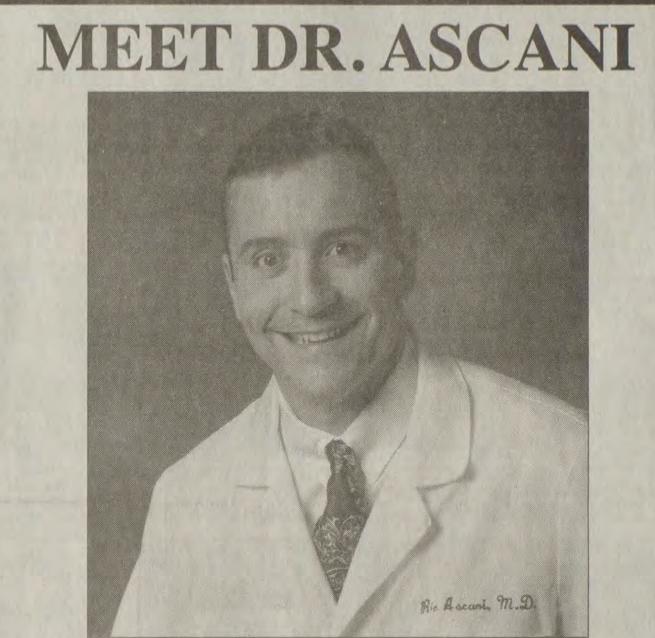
Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

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

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Emergency Preparedness for Families and Youth

Thursday, Feb. 3, from 6-8 p.m., at thte Floyd County Extension Service office. Presentations by American Red Cross, Project Recovery, Division of Public Safety, UK Cooperative Extension. Question-answer sessions. More info., call Chuck Stamper at 886-2668.

#### 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.

#### **Girl Scout Cookies!**

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#### **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 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

Now taking applications for Spring session. Classes offered are: Basic and Advanced computer; Word processing; Computer keyboard; Creative sewing; Knitting and Crocheting. Also, GED classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 886-0709 for more information.

#### Free Body Recall classes

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

#### 'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067. Enrico "Ric" Ascani, M.D., F.A.C.O.G. Obstetrics and Gynecology 606-886-7456

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## Open records survey finds helpfulness, hostility and ignorance

#### by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

A statewide survey to determine whether public offices are allowing citizens to view government documents showed most offices are obeying the state's Open Records Act, but compliance is not uniform.

The state's first audit of compliance with the state's open records law in 114 of the state's 120 counties drew responses from hostility and suspicion to cooperation and helpfulness,

A request to inspect the city budget in Greensburg was met with a smile, a free copy and a piece of candy. An inquiry about a list of prisoners at the Montgomery County Jail led to a demand for identification and jail employees becoming intimidating.

The records sought in the survey were a city budget, a judge-executive's county expense report, a school superintendent's contract and a jail log - documents in local and state government possession that can affect daily lives.

Other types of records might answer questions like: How safe are schools? Is a shopping center planned for that vacant lot down the street? When is a street to be repaved? Is a city council member getting campaign money from a contractor? Is the mayor's nephew on the payroll?

The survey was organized by the Kentucky Press Association, The Associated Press, various newspaper and professional groups and several university student programs.

More than 100 students, volunteers and newspaper employees visited four local government offices on Oct. 21 seeking specific public records. They were told to act as any ordinary citizen when making their requests in the government offices.

"Our hope is that this collective effort will enlighten the public, the legislature and custodians of public records across our state, and that public access to government will be strengthened as a result," said John

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dent of the KPA and managing editor of The Advocate-Messenger in Danville.

The open records law is supposed to be the window through which Kentuckians can take a hard look at how their government works - or doesn't work.

The preface to the 1976 law is a clear statement about government and its relationship to the governed: "The General Assembly finds and declares that the basic policy ... is that free and open examination of public records is in the public interest and the exceptions ... shall be strictly construed, even though such examination may cause inconvenience or embarrassment to public officials or others.'

In spite of the demands made by some local officials during the October survey, the law requires only that a request include a legible name, a signature and a description of the records.

But in order for citizens to peer into government, there was a long struggle in the legislature and a continuing give and take to educate public officials and employees and the general public about the law.

And even though the survey found the overwhelming majority of public agencies complied, there was still widespread lack of knowledge about how the 30year-old law works.

Journalists, lawyers and even inmates might be frequent users of the Open Records law, but anyone can take advantage of it.

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Kentucky's law allows citizens to "flush out the truth," Skaggs said.

"It's a great law," Skaggs said. "It's a law that allows concerned citizens of the commonwealth to use it to find truth about their county governments or their state government and the people that are charged with the operation of those entities."

The survey found nearly universal compliance with the law among city officials asked for the budget. When the response was a simple yes or no, nine out of 10 county judge-executives complied when asked for their travel reimbursement records. School districts provided copies of the superintendent's employment contract more than 80 percent of the time when the response was yes or no.

But the surveyors found some officials far less compliant.

Fewer than a third of jailers complied with requests for records.

In Montgomery County, Jailer Dewayne Myers and two employees backed auditor Dariush Shafa up and demanded his identification.

'The whole situation was very intimidating," Shafa, 20, a University of Kentucky student, said in an interview.

Several jailers said the Randy Skaggs, who operates uncommon request for the jail

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log - and the fact the auditors more than 10 cents a page. would not produce identification or say why they wanted to see it - raised concerns about the safety of inmates, authorities and the public.

"We don't want to take no chance with somebody we don't know," Myers said.

Such distrust of the public was a factor in the long debate that led up to the creation of the Open Records Act and its companion, the Kentucky Open Meetings Act.

After an open meetings bill failed in the 1972 General Assembly, the Watergate scandal and cover-up unraveled, giving momentum to advocates of so-called sunshine laws across the nation.

The 1974 legislature passed an open meetings law, but then-Gov. Wendell Ford vetoed a bill broadening the open-records law, saying it didn't have enough exceptions to protect records that should be kept confidential.

A new effort in 1976 created a comprehensive open records law, but legal decisions slowly fogged the window of access.

In 1992, the law was overhauled, eliminating some exceptions. The law is not just supposed to make access possible, but make it easy.

The law not only requires the holders of the records to respond to requests within three days, agencies are supposed to provide facilities where documents can be reviewed. And a series of rulings by the attorney general's office and the courts have said The role of the attorney gen-

eral's office, which is charged with reviewing appeals when, records are refused, is generally considered a major advantage of Kentucky's open records law. Previously, a denial meant a citizen had to go to court to get the ruling overturned. Now, a free request to the attorney general brings a decision that can carry the force of law unless it is taken to court.

There is an exception to the attorney general's purview over appeals. The General Assembly's Legislative Research Commission handles an appeal when the legislative branch denies a request for a public document. If the LRC upholds the denial, the requester appeals to Franklin County Circuit Court rather than to the attorney general.

"I actually think Kentucky is a very strong state in terms of the way it handles open Rebecca records." said Daugherty, freedom of information director for The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, a nonprofit based in Arlington, Va., that provides free legal assistance to journal-

"In most states you don't have an independent governmental body to hear these complaints. That's not to say we consider all the ruling to come out of Kentucky favorable, but we think the system, the way it is set up, is a good one."

But some officials, especially in smaller towns, are still leery copies should generally cost no of the scrutiny allowed by the

"You come into office and you really don't know these things," said Sylvia Lovely, the longtime chief of the Kentucky League of Cities. "We live in a very litigious society, and its scary to them."

There is little or no formal training in the law available to local officials.

Amye Bensenhaver, an assistant attorney general long tasked with considering the appeals of open records decisions by government agencies, said there is no duty assigned in the law to educate citizens or officials.

Bensenhaver said the attorney general's office has provided speakers to organizations such as the league of cities and chiefs of police gathered for training at Eastern Kentucky University. There is also a pamphlet available called "Your Duty Under the Law," which explains the records law to officials.

For citizens, the Legislative Research Commission has a booklet available describing the records and meetings laws.

There is also information available on the attorney general's web site. A modest review of state government's various web sites finds hundreds of ref-

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# Some at the courthouse hate to see them coming

#### by LEE MUELLER LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

down at the courthouse generally | can expose the truth." hate to see them coming.

Often, they arrive in old cars or pickup trucks, ordinary citizens armed with perhaps the most potent weapon available to them without a lawyer: a Kentucky open-records request.

After studying the Kentucky Revised Statutes with an intensity their neighbors normally reserve for the Bible, they march into the clerk's office and slap down a newly crafted letter, demanding to see everything from fiscal court minutes to how many relatives magistrates have on the payroll.

If some elected officials privately dismiss these citizens as pests -Assistant Attorney General Jim Ringo called them "self-appointed watchdogs" - the law is on their side and they know it.

"I don't believe they think I'm so much a nut as they think I'm a S.O.B." said Randy Skaggs, an eastem Kentucky animal-rights activist who in 1997 gained the distinction of becoming possibly the first person to file open-records' requests in all 120 Kentucky counties.

The documents he's obtained have helped him raise awareness on different animal rights issues, he said. He said some of the information helped lead to a law prohibiting animal euthanasia by gunshot and minimum standards for animal shelters.

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#### out the truth," Skaggs said. "You can't always make the change come about that you're hoping will come LEXINGTON - Bureaucrats n from the findings, but at least you

In western Kentucky, Dick Bowman last year he pried open records of a nonprofit foundation that had been secret for 40 years and won perhaps the largest settlement of an open-records lawsuit in Kentucky history.

"They think I'm crazy, ... but they take me seriously now" said Bowman, a 75-year-old systems engineer with a Ph.D. "And, as they say around here, it's only going to get worser."

Local and state government agencies are accustomed to dealing with open-records requests from high-profile environmental or citizens' groups, but Bowman and Skaggs generally represent an unconnected federation of grassroots Kentucky activists who use the law to tilt alone at their bureaucratic windmills.

Motives vary some are obvious vendettas, others well-intended, state officials say but the law requires all properly filed openrecords' requests be taken seriously by everyone from the attorney general's office to the smallest agricultural district.

Bowman says he learned about the open-records act in Frankfort while trying to find legal leverage to open the financial records of Redvelopment Kuttawa Foundation, a nonprofit agency formed by Lyon County leaders in 1960 to help relocate the town when Lake Barkley was filled.

For years, foundation officials claimed they were a private agency. Bowman claimed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provided more than 25 percent of the foundation's funds, making it a public organization subject to the open records and open meetings laws.

Since Bowman arrived in Kuttawa in 1992, at least two lawsuits filed by other residents alleging self-dealing and financial skullduggery by the foundation have been dismissed in court.

Bowman has not been so easily dissuaded.

"He's been, I call it, harassing us for two or three years," said Kuttawa Mayor Lee McCollum, whose wife is on the foundation board.

"He digs," the mayor said. "He dug all the way back to 1948, but we started doing our homework and making it as difficult for him as we possibly could."

After Bowman filed an openrecords request with the city and foundation in 2001, however, the board and city ultimately agreed in 2003 to allow him to inspect the foundation's records.

When Bowman showed up with his attorney at Kuttawa City Hall to begin their review, however, foundation officials at first wanted him to drive to another county to view their records, he said. Then city officials closed the building rather than allow him to continue, he said.

In his lawsuit in circuit court, Bowman alleged the city and the foundation violated the openrecords law by insisting upon vague conditions and restrictions before allowing him to see the records.

We kind of messed up on following instructions," McCollum

conceded.

Kuttawa officials grudgingly agreed with foundation directors to a mediated settlement \$5,700 for Bowman's attorney's fees which Ringo said could be the largest settlement of an open-records lawsuit in state history.

Bowman filled two banker boxes with records, some of which he believes suggest wrongdoing.

"But I never got anybody to do anything," he said. "I've been running around here and in the Capitol up there, but nobody wants to pursue it."

Skaggs, 52, of Webbville, remembers the day he discovered the power of Kentucky's open records law. He was standing in his living room in Elliott County, surrounded by about 130 barking dogs.

Skaggs said after he founded a no-kill animal shelter called the Trixie Foundation in 1996, the number of dogs at his home doubled, making him wonder how many surrounding counties were complying with Kentucky's 50-year-old dog law. That law requires every county to hire a dog warden and provide access to an animal shelter.

At first, several county judges "totally ignored me," Skaggs said.

Then his attorney, in a phone call, told him about the open-records law.

You don't have to be a lawyer or a journalist to use it, the lawyer told Skaggs. Anybody with paper, pen and a stamp can make almost any public agency sit up and pay attention, he said, and they often have only three days to do it.

"I knew I'd hit a gold mine," he said. "The law was on my side for a change and it wasn't going to be up to the local yokels to enforce it. Incredible! The attorney general's office is the hammer because, in open records cases, their opinion has the force of law. Without them, it's all a waste of time."

Some local officials, of course, also have their own opinions of citizens who use and, they say, abuse a valuable legal tool reserved for exposing corruption, incompetence and negligence.

In Kuttawa, population 596. mayor McCollum said he believes Bowman was treasure hunting.

"He knew this town had a little money and he was going to get him

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some of it," McCollum said.

Bowman stiffly denied such a motive. All he wanted to find out was how the foundation operated and why it hadn't created more jobs 54 in Kuttawa, he said.

It would not have cost Kuttawa 4 or the foundation anything if they'had not originally fought his open records request, he said.

McCollum said he did not believe Bowman's request was rea-13 sonable a sentiment echoed by some 12 of Skaggs' critics.

Demanding records from all 120 counties and telling judges they might go to jail, that's not going to get you anywhere," said Don'i Grubb, who owns a private animal " shelter in Greenup County.

A single request is reasonable, " Grubb said; 120 requests is a witch ' hunt.

"What this guy was trying to dowas stick it in their ears and make" these counties do what they normally don't do." he said. "You can't force government to do anything."

Associated Press writer Joe Biesk in Frankfort contributed to" this report.

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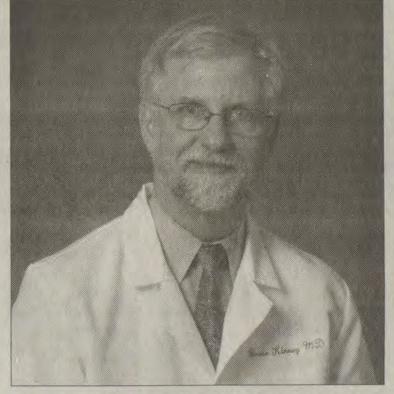
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## Q&A on how the open records law works

#### The Associated Press

The Kentucky Open Records Act requires that documents in the possession of a public agency - even those on computer - be made available to the public. Some records are exempt from the law, such as confidential business information or trade secrets and records of ongoing investigations.

Here's a look at how the law works:

QUESTION: What is a public agency that must have open records?

ANSWER: The law applies to all state and local officers and government agencies, including school boards, and any other body which is created by the state or local government or which gets more than 25 percent of its funding from state or local authorities. Examples are school boards, city councils, fiscal courts, state offices and municipal corporations.

Q: What is an open record?

A: All books, papers, maps, photographs, cards, tapes, discs, diskettes, software, recordings or other documentation regardless of physical form or characteristics, that are prepared, owned, or used in the possession of a public agency.

Q: From whom do you request access to open records?

A: The official custodian of

records of a public agency is the chief administrative officer or any other employee who is responsible for maintenance, care and keeping of public records.

Q: How can you gain access to public records?

A: To obtain such records, it is always best to make your request in writing to the public agency involved. You may make the request in person, by mail or by fax machine.

Keep a copy of your request for your records in case a dispute arises later about whether the agency showed you all the documents you sought. The agency is required to allow you to inspect and copy the records if they are not exempt from inspection. It is to respond to your request within three working days of receiving it.

You may have to go to the agency's office to get the records, and it can also make a reasonable charge for the cost of copying documents. For example, most state agencies charge 10 cents a copy. You also have to pay postage if the records are mailed to you.

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erences to the open records law. Rep. Derrick Graham, D-Frankfort, failed in 2004 to get legislative approval of a bill that would have required local government officials to sign off on having read the law. Graham has filed the bill for consideration again this

There are also some legislative efforts to add exemptions to the openness requirements, such as to for public viewing.

allow governments to keep records and meetings secret if homeland security issues are on the table.

Boone County Administrator Jim Parsons said he would like to see the attorney general and the courts clear up some ambiguity in open records law, specifically dealing with e-mail messages and portions of personnel records open

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"Overall I think the system considers himself a "public watchworks pretty well and the law is pretty fair on both sides," Parsons said. "People shouldn't have to spend money to go to court just to learn if they can get a record that they want.'

Others think the system, even with its flaws, provides an adequate lens with which to peer into the government everyone pays for. Elbert Powell of Nortonville

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dog" of government proceedings in Hopkins County. Recently Powell sought the Hopkins County emergency plan for clearing roads after a December snow storm.

"I'm just a regular Joe-blow citizen that's trying to keep their feet to the fire, and by me doing open records requests that's one way of doing it," Powell said.



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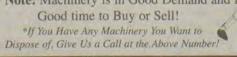
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# Collective effort involved intense planning

#### by JOHN A. NELSON THE ADVOCATE-MESSENGER

DANVILLE - For years, the prospect of a public records audit in Kentucky has been left to form in the minds of busy people. A year ago, the prospect re-emerged, and busy people just decided to get busier.

At the Kentucky Press Association convention in January 2004, the membership was introduced to Gov. Emie Fletcher as a diverse group with one constant a commitment to open government. That was no passing comment.

A year later, among the proof we offer is an assessment of the same commitment, or lack thereof, on the part of some local and state agencies. It took the hard work of many

and the patience of a few.

The project began in a room full of college professors who had brought their students to the convention. There the idea found great enthusiasm and the offer of assistance. We were assured of the necessary personnel, and we were off and running.

At first, KPA staffers and a handful of professionals formed the nucleus of a committee charged with developing a plan. The challenge was daunting. Not only was there the need to attempt audits in all 120 counties, but to do it on the same day, in the same way, in each county.

One more thing. The plans must be kept a secret for the better part of a year.

The state was first divided into regions based loosely upon the boundaries of its area development districts. Each region was assigned a coordinator, an editor within that region willing to secure auditors for each county and assist in their train-

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Among our numbers were some who had experienced audits elsewhere and others with unlimited contacts from which to draw advice. That experience was invaluable in discussions about which agencies and which records to include, but especially in the development of a training model for auditors, over two-thirds of whom would be college students. Members of the committee used that model as they traveled the state in the weeks before the audit to conduct the training.

A plan for collecting the data was the next obstacle. The result was an online form for the auditors to use in reporting their findings, which were compiled at the KPA office in Frankfort.

It all came together, despite the difficulty in settling on an audit date.

Imagine trying to schedule a single day around selected fall breaks, homecomings, conventions and school newspaper deadlines.

That day, perhaps fittingly, found the KPA board of directors at its annual retreat. The secret was so safe that even most board members were unaware of the work being done on their behalf.

To say the least, they are grateful and proud.

Our hope is that this collective effort will enlighten the public, the legislature and custodians of public records across our state, and that public access to government will be strengthened as a result.

John A. Nelson is managing editor of The Advocate-Messenger newspaper in Danville and immediate past president of the Kentucky Press Association.



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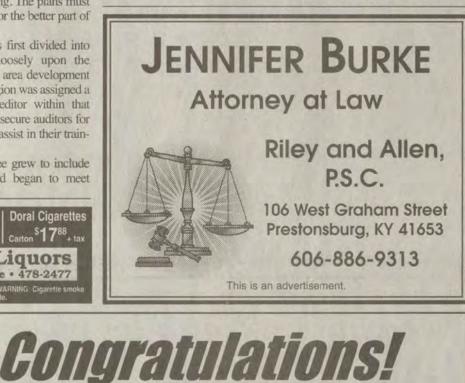
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The judicial and legislative branches of state government have different approaches to open records topics.

The courts have ruled they are not subject to the Open Records Act at all, though documents are generally available for public review unless a judge orders otherwise.

The General Assembly in 2003 took itself out from under the attorney general's review of records decisions. If the legislature declines a request for records, legislative leaders review the denial and then that decision can be appealed to the courts.

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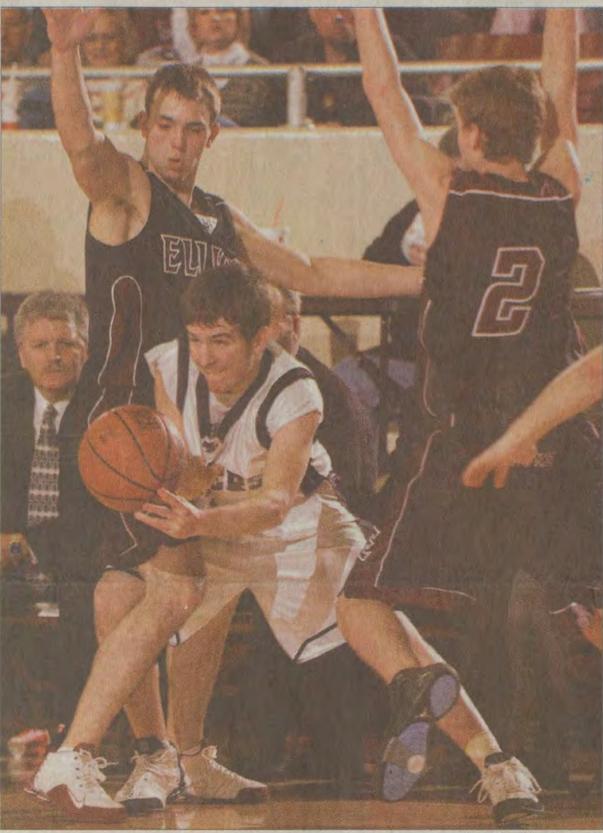
#### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

GIBSONTON, Fla. - Don O'Neal of Martinsville, Ind., won his first career Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series main event as the series opened its 2005 racing season kicking off with the 29th Annual Winternationals from East Bay Raceway Park. O'Neal led every lap of the 30-lap main event earning \$5,000 for his 10th career win at East Bay. The 40-year-old driver did not win without any threats as Steve Francis gave him all he wanted for several laps during the race. O'Neal drove his C.J. Rayburn Monte Carlo sponsored by Jay Dickens Racing Engines, A-1 Auto Salvage, Living Room Center, O'Neal Wood Products, All-Star Performance, Hoosier Racing Tires and Fast Graphix. Francis of Ashland, who started 12th in the main event, charged through the field and was up to second place by lap five finished second in the Valvoline/Rocket Dodge Intrepid. Third place at the finish line was Terry English of Benton, driving the Arizona Sport Shirts/C.J. Rayburn Race Cars entry. Taking fourth was Steve Shaver of Vienna, W.Va. piloting the Bill Bland owned/Richard Construction/Rocket Monte Carlo and rounding out the top five was Rick Eckert of York, Pa behind the wheel of the Raye Vest Excavating/Rocket Ford Taurus. The first night of the Dirt Late Models Winternationals at East Bay set a new record car count as 116 drivers from 23

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# **MOVIN' ON**

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## No time to look back, Raiders resume regular-season play by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - This is a pivotal week for the South Floyd Raiders. South Floyd, fresh off a 15th Region All "A" championship run and a stint in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic, resumed regular-season play last night, hosting Betsy Layne. On Friday night. South Floyd will travel to Allen Central. On Saturday, the Raiders will hit the road again, traveling to Prestonsburg for a key matchup with the defending 58th District champion Blackcats.

Upon returning to Floyd County from Richmond and the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic, South Floyd was able to get in some practice time. The Raiders began the smallschool state tournament with a win over 16th Region champ Elliott County. In the quarterfinals, South Floyd fell to Lexington Christian Academy. Following the loss to Lexington Christian, it was South Floyd head coach Barry Hall's top priority to get his team back on track for the remainder of the regular-season and on into the post-season.

"We've told the kids that we are a good basketball team," said Hall. "I think there's eight teams that can win this region and we're one of them.

Hall has told his players on several occasions not to look too hard at won-loss records.

"As a coaching staff, we've emphasized not going by what the record is or was," said Hall. "With the schedule we had set up, we knew going in that we could have some losses. We've played a tough schedule and because of that, we've become a better basketball team.'

South Floyd put two of its best quarters of the season together in the second half of the

#### Purse for Daytona 500 to exceed \$17 million

#### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH Fla. - The 47th annual Daytona 500 on Feb. 20, NASCAR's biggest and most prestigious event of the year, will carry the biggest purse in the history of stock car racing at more than \$17 million.

The posted awards for the "The Great American Race" on Sunday, Feb. 20 will be \$17,623,980, an increase of nearly \$2 million. The posted awards for the 2004 Daytona 500, which was won by Dale Earnhardt Jr., was \$15,972,313.

The winner of this year's Daytona 500 will collect a minimum of \$1,430,030. The second, third, fourth and fifth-place finishers in the Daytona 500 will receive a minimum of \$1,029,425, \$736,625, \$584,750 and \$456,875 respectively.

Even the last-place finisher in the Daytona 500 will be rewarded with a minimum of \$219,931.

"The Daytona 500 is without doubt NASCAR's signature event and the 43-car field in this year's event will be paid handsomely for their efforts," Daytona International Speedway President Robin Braig said.

Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic win over Elliott County. The win over Elliott County was the first Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic statewide win in school history. Against Lexington Christian, things got off to a rocky start for the Raiders and just continued to roll downhill. We came out flat against Lexington Christian

and it kinda snowballed from there," Hall added.

"But I told the kids - that doesn't mean that we

photo by Tim Webb

South Floyd junior Mason Hall split two Elliott County defenders last week in the opening round of the

Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic in Richmond. Hall finished the game with 14 points. The Raiders won 72-60.

# Lady Bears pick up 16th win

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The numbers were staggering. Let it be summed up this way - Pikeville's 101-33 win over Knoxville College came at the right time.

Pikeville (16-9) got the win in its last nonconference game of the season, which came at the midpoint of the Mid-South Conference round-robin. The Lady Bears are 2-3 in the league and in third place today.

Senior Selena Williams led all scorers with 29 points, hitting 11-of-12 from the floor. She also dished out four assists in the win.

But she was far from alone in her superlatives. Sophomore Heather Dillon tossed in 17 of 8-of-10 shooting and pulled down 16 rebounds, including six off the offensive glass. Freshman Kellie Jo Moore was 7-of-8 from the field to finish with 14 markers and pulled down seven rebounds.

The shooting was terrific across the board; the Lady Bears hit 60 percent on the day.

Freshman Beth Patterson finished with 11 points and seven rebounds.

One reason the Lady Bears had so of those caroms came off the offensive much success shooting the glass.

basketball was the play of point guard Jessica Lovell. The junior from Belfry handed out 13 assists on the day.

Knoxville (4-14) was held to 20.3 percent shooting on the day (12-of-59) and turned it over 21 times.

They were paced by junior center Djenebou Sissoko, who scored 15 times and grabbed 14 rebounds. Eight University.

Samia Dixon, who was 4-of-9 from the arc, finished with a dozen.

(See RAIDERS, page seven)

Pikeville will be back in action on Thursday. returning to league play by paying a visit to Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia. That game will tip off at 7 p.m. EST.

Selena Williams

On Saturday, Pikeville will entertain Lambuth

## Bobcats turn back Paintsville

#### by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Landon Slone scored a game-high 30 🖤 points Friday night, but it wasn't nearly enough to lift visiting Paintsville to a win over host Betsy Layne. The Bobcats led at the end of every quarter and in the fourth quarter pulled away from the Tigers. Betsy Layne hit just two field goals in the final quarter, but used its great accuracy from the free throw line en route to a 75-62 win over Paintsville.

Senior Preston Simon, who hit 11-of-12 free throws, led Betsy Layne with 25 points. For the game, Betsy Layne connectattempts.

Three different Bobcats scored 10 or more points. Betsy Layne junior center Brandon Kidd tossed in 15 points and junior guard Brandon Thacker added 10.

The win was good medicine for Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose and his team.

"I thought our kids played with a lot more intensity than they have the past couple of weeks," said Rose. "Defensively we played so much better and did an excellent job on the boards. Even though Slone scored 30 points, I thought we did a good job on him.'

Betsy Layne executed better

ed on 30-of-42 free throw on offense than it had in recent weeks - and it showed.

> "Offensively, we were much more patient and got a lot of good looks at the basket out of our offense," Rose added. "Probably, this game was our best overall effort of the season. Everyone stepped up and played pretty consistent."

> Nathan Lafferty just missed double figures for Betsy Layne, scoring nine points. Trai Witt came in off of the Bobcat bench and added six points. Derek Case and Pat Stapleton each had five points

> The Betsy Layne scoring was balanced as several different Bobcats got in on the scoring act.

> > (See BOBCATS, page seven)



photo by Jamie **Betsy Layne Coach Brent** Rose and senior Bobcat Preston Simon looked on Friday during the home game against Paintsville. Simon scored 25 points in the 75-62 win over the visiting Tigers.

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# ACHS set to host Homecoming

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - Allen Central High School has finalized its 2005 Basketball Homecoming court. ACHS will host Homecoming Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the J.E. Campbell Arena.

The freshman representative is Whitney Octavia Slone. She is the 14-year-old daughter of Melissa Hamilton of Martin and Dale Slone of Hueysville.

The sophomore representative is Aleshia Hall. She is the 16-year-old daughter of Melvina and Craig Walters of

Karen Hall of Hi Hat.

The junior representative is Ashley Madden. She is the 17year-old daughter of Jamie and Darrell Madden of Allen.

The senior Homecoming court includes the following individuals:

Megan Adams, the 18-yearold daughter of Joy and Rocky Adams of Langley. Kayla Crace, the 17-year-

old daughter of Sherry and Greg Crace of Allen.

Britta Fraley, the 18-yearold daughter of Recilla and

Prestonsburg and Wendell and Fred Shepherd of Langley, and Eddie Fraley of Eastern.

Courtney Michelle Hall, the 17-year-old daughter of Judy Bailey of Hippo and Howard Hall of Drift.

Kayla Ann Moore, the 17year-old daughter of Betty and Samuel Moore of Martin.

Kortney Rae Osborne, the 18-year-old daughter of Rita and Larry Osborne of Hueysville.

Amanda Varia Tackett, the 18-year-old daughter of Dr. Dicky and Cathi Tackett of McDowell.

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## Third Annual Basketball Season Little Cheercats Cheer Clinic set

Third Annual Basketball Season Little Cheercats Cheer Clinic, sponsored by the Prestonsburg High School Varsity Cheerleaders, is set for Saturday, Feb. 19. The cheer clinic, to be held at the Prestonsburg High School Gym, is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cheerleaders in preschool through fifth grade are eligible to participate in the clinic

The fee for the clinic is \$25 per individual, \$20 each per sibgroup) and \$15 per individual in Clark Elementary School.

PRESTONSBURG - The any group of six or more. Each participant will receive a T-shirt, refreshments, a treat bag, a certificate of clinic attendance and free admission to the Homecoming game on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Each clinic participant will also be permitted to cheer at the Homecoming game with the PHS varsity squad.

Sign-up forms may be picked up and returned to Leslie Ousley at Prestonsburg Elementary School, Janice Hamilton at Allen ling/cousin (up to five in a Grade School, or Pam Meyer at

For more information, contact any of the individuals at any of the following numbers: Leslie Ousley, 874-0317; Janice Hamilton, 478-2139; Pam Meyer, 886-1434.

Prestonsburg High varsity cheerleaders or their parents may also be contacted.

In order to guarantee a clinic T-shirt, all forms and fees are due by Thursday. Drop-ins on the day of the clinic are also welcome.

In case of inclement weather, the clinic will be rescheduled.

A clinic registration form appears below.

NAME: **PARENT/GUARDIAN:** SCHOOL: **GRADE: PHONE:** T-SHIRT SIZE (CIRCLE ONE): X YOUTH SMALL (6-8) X **MEDIUM (10-12)**  $\boldsymbol{X}$ LARGE (14-16) ADULT SMALL MEDIUM LARGE X-LARGE X

## University Heights 61, Somerset 52

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND - Joshua Mack scored 16 points and dished out seven assists to lead University Heights to a 61-52 victory over Somerset in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic finals Sunday.

The Blazers (22-3) won their seventh title in making their 12th appearance in the five-day tourney.

Mack was named the tournaments Most Valuable Player. He

from the field as the Blazers made 40 percent of their shots from the floor.

Nathan Owen scored eight points in the first half and followed Mack with 14 points and connected in two of his teams five 3-pointers in the contest.

The Blazers held a 36-21 lead with 3:20 remaining in the third quarter. The Briar Jumpers

scored 11 points in the second rallied and narrowed the deficit half and made 7-of-11 shots to five twice in the fourth quarter, but could get no closer.

Nathan Bray made four shots from long range and led Somerset (18-4) with 17 points, while Ray Norman added 15 and Ryan Jamison had 11.

Of local interest: Somerset is coached by former Prestonsburg High assistant coach Shawn Thacker.

## Christian Academy of Louisville 34, **Clinton County 32**

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marsh hit a jumper in the lane snapped the Lady Bulldogs 11with 3.2 seconds left that sent

nament's Most Valuable Player. The win gave the Centurions RICHMOND - Merideth (21-3) their first title and

eight points to secure the win. Ali Shubert led Christian game tourney winning streak. Academy with 13 points on 6-of-Christian Academy of Louisville Clinton County had won the last 8 shooting from the field, while to a 34-32 truimph over Clinton two titles and tied Jackson Marsh followed with 11 points.





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County Sunday in the Touchdown Energy All "A" Classic finals. Marsh was named the tour-

County with the most consecutive wins in the five-day event.

Clinton County (20-4) held a Paige Guffey chipped in with 10.

Amber Guffey led the Lady Bulldogs with 11 points and sister

30-28 lead with 4:45 left, but

Christian scored six of the last

## Lady Patriots handle Bryan Station

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN Central Kentucky competition doesn't seem to phase the Knott County Central Lady Patriots. Knott Central hosted Bryan Station Saturday evening. The Lady Patriots turned back the visiting Lady Defenders, beating the Lexington team 73-65.

Knott Central freshman guard Megan Mosley hit five three pointers and scored a game-high 19 points.

Bryan Station made a couple of different runs, but couldn't match the Lady Patriots.

Keisha Johnson and Heather Martin both had 17 points for the Lady Patriots. Johnson pulled down nine rebounds and led the Lady Patriots in that category.

University of Kentucky signee Kasi Mullins-Galloway added 12 points.

three different Bryan Station players reached double figures. Bryan Station lost, despite outscoring Knott Central 25-17

in the fourth quarter. Johnson Central 51, Phelps 38: Brianna Ritz scored 12 points and Chelsey Salyers tossed in 11 Saturday night to lead Johnson Central to the win

over Phelps. Johnson Central held Phelps to eight points in the first half. The Lady Eagles led 21-8 at

halftime. Phelps standout Sasha Fields

had a game-high 17 points. Magoffin County 79, Shelby Valley 64: Michaela Howard scored 24 points, Brittany Manns tossed in 18 and Calloray Howard added 12 as Magoffin County held off Shelby Valley.

Magoffin County, which trailed by six points at the end of

In the scoring department, the first quarter, outscored Shelby Valley 25-10 in the second quarter and 26-12 in the third quarter.

#### **BOYS' BASKETBALL:**

Phelps 45, Pikeville 38: Seven different players scored as Phelps scored a hard-fought win over rival Pikeville.

Robert Shurtleff had 17 points for Pikeville.

Jenkins 60, Piarist 37: Eight different players scored as Jenkins held off Piarist.

The Cavaliers exited the first quarter with a 14-12 lead and outscored the Knights 24-3 in the second period.

Josh Ousley led Piarist with 14 points. Jacob Moak followed with six points. Chris Baker and Matt Doyle each had four points. Ryan McKinney, T.J. Hollyfield and Zack Parsons all had three apiece.



photo courtesy of Pil

The Pikeville College Hall of Fame Class of 2005 was honored over the weekend. Hall inductees included Misty Haynes Prater, basketball; Michelle Jones, softball; Rosemary Gilliam, basketball; Aubrey Taylor, baseball; Men's Basketball Team 1974-75; PCSOM, Honorary; Pikeville Medical Center Family Practice Clinic, Honorary.

#### THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

Marshall men

stop six-game

losing streak,

drop Ball State

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

senior guard A.W. Hamilton

(Georgetown) scored a career-

high 24 points to snap a six-

game losing streak in a 90-81

Thundering Herd win over the

Ball State Cardinals Sunday

Marshall its first victory in

Mid-American Conference

play in 2004-05, and snapped

an eight-game road losing

streak that dated back to Feb.

early-game storm by Ball State

and senior Dennis Trammell,

who scored the Cardinals first

point on a 9-0 run with 7:39 to

go in the opening period to make the score, 32-31. Ball

State held on to the lead for the

rest of the half and took a 44-

Hamilton took over the game

and propelled the Thundering

Herd to its first MAC win.

Trailing by three at 52-46 with

17:49 to go in the game,

Hamilton knocked in three

three-point baskets over the

next 56 seconds to give

Marshall a 55-54 lead. The

Herd would never trail again,

thanks to Marshall's stellar

free-throw shooting and Ball

State's inability to convert at

the charity stripe. MU was 12-

for-12 from the free-throw line

in the second half, 16-for-17

for the game, compared to Ball

State's 11-for-21 effort from

the charity stripe for the game.

The Herd lead grew to eight in

the middle of the second half,

but Ball State responded, cut-

ting Marshall's advantage to

three, 81-78, with 4:17 to go in

the game. Senior guard Ronny

Dawn (Fort Thomas) then

stepped up and knocked down

a three-point bucket from the

top of the key to push the

Herd's lead to six, 84-78. Marshall closed out the game

six-for-six from the charity

stripe to keep Ball State at bay.

In the second half, A.W.

41 lead into the break.

Marshall weathered an

29 of 2004 (at Ohio).

The Herd's win gave

afternoon at Worthen Arena.

MUNCIE, Ind. - Marshall

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## BluegrassPreps.com

Boys' Basketball Rankings

1. Trinity

H.S. BASKETBALL

SCOREBOARD

BOYS

Camp. Co., Tenn., 39, Whitley Co. 33 OT

Clinton Co. 71, McCreary Cent. 28

Heritage Acad. 66, Calvary Christ. 45

Jenkins 87, Ervington, Va., 62

Cincinnati St. Rita School for the

Lou. Brown 83, Lou. Atherton 69

Murray 57, Christian Fellowship 34

GIRLS

Ballard Mem. 42, Hickman Co. 20

Bracken Co. 49, Heritage Acad.48

Burgin 51, West Jessamine OT 41

Caldwell Co. 76. Ft. Campbell 28

Christian Co. 71, Russellville 50

Rowan Co. 93, Menifee Co. 55

Webster Co. 70, Trigg Co. 67

Boone Co. 66, Newport 32

Breathitt Co. 54, Hazard 40

Casey Co. 54, Taylor Co. 50

Cordia 33, June Buchanan 31

Cov. Holy Cross 68, Lloyd Mem. 36

Daviess Co. 56, McLean Co. 40

Dixie Heights 43, St. Henry 35

East Carter 46, Rose Hill Christ.41

Evansville Day, Ind., 40, Frederick F. 23

Franklin-Simpson 61, Monroe Co. 53

George Rogers Clark 39, Frankfort 31

Grayson Co. 69, Whitesville Trinity 46

Harrison Co. 53, Pendleton Co. 44

Johnson Central 59, East Ridge 43

Knott Co. Cent. 69, Cumberland 45

Cincinnati St. Rita S. for the Deaf 40

Lex. Henry Clay 55, Lex. Paul D. 48

Muhlenberg N. 61, Owensboro Cath. 31

Murray 70, Christian Fellowship 28

Notre Dame 70, Newport Cent.C. 53

Perry Co. Central 56, Leslie Co. 44

Powell Co. 61, Madison Southern 58

Lou. Atherton 53, Lou. Brown 8

Magoffin Co. 67, Paintsville 64

North Laurel 55, Monticello 45

Owen Co. 60, Williamstown 43

Pike Co. Central 78, Phelps 47

Pikeville 79, Shelby Valley 58

Rowan Co. 66, Menifee Co. 32

Russell Co. 75, Boyle Co. 52

Ryle 48, Simon Kenton 42

Shelby Co. 72, Scott Co. 63

Trimble Co. 42, North Oldham 41

Walton-Verona 44, Henry Co. 31

Western Hills 51, Spencer Co. 46

Whitley Co. 47, Campbell Co., 36

Woodford Co. 62, Lex. Lafayette 46

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H.S. BASKETBALL

RANKINGS

West Carter 86, Elliott Co. 42

Paris 41, St. Patrick 20

Jackson Co. 60, Owlsey Co. 59

Jenkins 73, Ervington, Va., 55

Ky. School for the Deaf 55,

Lee Co. 38, Estill Co. 34

Lone Oak 45, Mayfield 26

Ft. Knox 49, Anderson Co. 47

Garrard Co. 76, Danville 46

Highlands 45, Holmes 33

Clay Co. 61, Bell Co. 42

Deming 77, Augusta 62

Evarts 60, Letcher 23

Conner 67. Scott 44

Ky. School for the Deaf 74,

Mercer Co. 85, Burgin 36

Deaf 72

Beechwood 66, Ludlow 60

- 2. Jeffersontown
- 3. Pleasure Ridge Park
- 4. South Laurel
- 5. Ballard 6. Scott County
- 7. Henry Clay
- 8. Pendleton County
- 9. DeSales
- 10. DuPont Manual
- 11. Male
- 12. Bullitt East
- 13. Elizabethtown
- 14. Bryan Station
- 15. Montgomery County
- 16. University Heights 17. Covington Catholic
- 18. Bishop Brossart
- 19. Mason County
- 20. Muhlenberg North

### BluegrassPreps.com Girls' Basketball Rankings

- 1. Lexington Catholic
- 2. Scott County
- 3. Sacred Heart
- 4. Christian Academy-Louisville
- 5. Rockcastle County
- 6. Clinton County
- 7. Mercy
- 8. Henderson County
- 9. Woodford County
- 10. Covington Holy Cross
- 11. Mercer County 12. Tates Creek
- 13. Christian County
- 14. Shelby County
- 15. Ballard
- 16. Ohio County
- 17. Paducah Tilghman
- 18. Boone County
- 19. Assumption
- 20. South Laurel

## Top 10 teams in Kentucky high school basketball

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

BO	YS	•••••	
R. School	Rcd	ТР	Pvs
Lou. Trinity (7)	23-2	104	1
2. Scott Co. (3)	18-2	90	2
3. Lou. Jeffersontown -	20-3	76	3
4. Lou. Ballard -	18-2	65	6
5. South Laurel (1)	18-3	62	4
6. Lex. Henry Clay -	20-3	59	5
7. Calloway Co	20-1	34	9

**Freshman Basketball:** AC 47, Betsy Layne 38

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - Allen Central hosted Betsy Layne Monday night in a freshman basketball game at the J.E. Campbell Arena. After trailing at halftime, host Allen Central outscored Betsy Layne in each of the final two quarters and beat the visiting Bobcats 47-38.

Robbie Cole led Allen Central in scoring with 19 points. Alex Hammonds added 12 points.

Allen Central led 10-8 at the end of the first quarter. Betsy Layne took a 15-12 lead into halftime. In the second half, Allen Central outscored Betsy Layne 11-8 in the third quarter and 24-15 in the fourth period. Corey Webb added seven points for the Rebels. Clinton

Turner and Josh Prater finished with six and three points, respectively.

Samuel Keathley led Betsy

Blair scored nine points and led at the end of every quarter. Tyler Hamilton tossed in eight. Brennan Case was also a part of Betsy Layne's balanced scoring effort, tossing in seven points. Jason McKinney added two points for the Bobcats.

Allen Central 48, Belfry 38: Allen Central outscored Belfry by eight points in the fourth quarter Thursday night and went on to beat the Pirates by 10. Josh Prater led Allen Central with 13 points. Alex Hammonds followed with 11 points. Robbie Cole and Clinton Turner both had eight points. Corey Webb and Jonathan Shepherd each tossed in three. Blake Meade rounded out the Allen Central scoring with two points.

Prestonsburg 64, Allen Central 44: In a freshman game played last Wednesday night, host Allen Central fell to visiting Prestonsburg. The

Prestonsburg took a 14-10 lead out of the first quarter and 32-22 at halftime.

Bobby Hughes hit eight three-pointers and led Prestonsburg with a game-high 29 points. Jordan Hall had 17 points, giving Prestonsburg two players in double figures.

James Lafferty finished with six points and Nathaniel Stephens flipped in four. Taylor Clark, Adam Gearheart, Jeff Hallum and Raymond Woods all had two points.

Josh Prater paced Allen Central with 13 points. Corey Webb had nine points and Alex Hammonds finished with eight, while Clinton Turner flipped in six. Robbie Cole, Jan Michael Hicks, Mike Tackett and Jonathan Shepherd each had two points.

Allen Central will host a freshman basketball tournament Feb. 26-27.

## Magoffin County 67, Paintsville 64

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE -The Magoffin County Lady Hornets held off host Paintsville Monday night. Paintsville had an opportunity to tie the game in the final minute, but couldn't connect from beyond the arc. Coming up short on the long-range dialups, Paintsville (8-10) had to settle for the loss. Magoffin County (15-5) won, 67-64.

Ashley J. Howard led Magoffin County with a gamehigh 22 points. Brittany Manns flipped in 20 points and Michaela Howard added 13.

Paintsville took a one-point lead into halftime. But Magoffin County regained the momentum in the second half, outscoring Paintsville by seven points (21-14) in the third quarter.

Senior Ashley Hall led Paintsville with 20 points. Chelsee Jarrell added 18 points and Kendra Carroll pushed in 12. Johnson Central 59, East

Ridge 43: Senior Alice Daniel scored 20 points and eighthgrader Chelsey Salyers added 13 to lead Johnson Central (16-6) to a win over East Ridge.

In a balanced scoring output, eight different Johnson Central players scored.

Chessi Griffith added eight points for the Lady Eagles.

Johnson Central held East Ridge to five points in the opening quarter. The Lady Eagles led 11-5 at the conclusion of the first quarter and never allowed East Ridge to score more than 13 points in an individual period.

Knott Co. Central 69, Cumberland 45: Knott County Central continued to win Monday night, beating Cumberland convincingly.

Megan Mosley led Knott Central (19-2) with 17 points.

Pikeville 79, Shelby Valley 58: On Monday night, Pikeville shook off any ill effects its had from an opening round loss in last week's Touchstone Energy All "A"

Shawna Howard, with 16 points, grabbed top scoring honors for Pikeville. She was one of five Pikeville players to reach double figures. Evin Shockey had 15 points, Samantha Howard and Emily Colvin each had 13 points, and Megan Harris scored 11.

33 points.

Pike Co. Central 78, Phelps 47: Kayla Lowe scored 24 points and Paige Lowe added 21 to lead Pike Central in a solid win over Phelps. Mishay Weddington had 18 points for defending 15th Region champ Pike Central (9-12).

Marie Denison scored 12 points and Stephanie Williams netted 10, but it wasn't enough to lift Piarist (1-13) over Buckhorn (8-13).

Scoring-wise, three different Buckhorn players reached

• JV: Allen Central 59, Prestonsburg 42

Classic, beating Shelby Valley.

Shelby Valley's Esther Fleming tossed in a game-high

Buckhorn 54, Piarist 31:

double figures.

12 points of the game, all on three-point baskets. The Herd fell behind by ten points on four separate occasions in the first half, but fought back and closed the Cardinal lead to one

# Layne with 12 points. Brandon Prestonsburg freshman team

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN - Nine different Allen Central players scored Wednesday night as the Rebels turned back the visiting Prestonsburg Blackcats in a iunior varsity boys' basketball game that featured several talented basketball players. Allen Central held Prestonsburg to 10 or fewer points in each of the first three quarters and outscored the Blackcats 24-17

TIMES STAFF REPORT

College hit 59.2 percent from

the floor and put six players in

double figures in an 80-51 win

school's Winterfest celebra-

tion, which saw four former

student-athletes inducted into

three-game losing streak with

the win, which came in the final

Pikeville (19-6) ended a

The win wrapped up the

over Knoxville College.

the Hall of Fame.

PIKEVILLE - Pikeville

in the fourth quarter en route to a 59-42 win.

Ryan Collins led Allen Central with 15 points. Josh Martin scored 11 points and Farley Joseph added 10. Josh Prater added eight points for the Rebels.

In other scoring for Allen Central, Justin Jacobs and Nick Music each had four points. Josh Bailey scored three points, while Clinton Turner and Robbie Cole both had two points.

Six in double figures as Bears win

nonconference game of the sea-

son for the Bears. Only five

Mid-South Conference games

junior Chris Carroll led the

way with 13 points. Carroll had

five rebounds while Price

11 and was one of three Bears

with four assists. Seniors B.J.

Townsend and Jarell Jones

joined junior Emanuel Tekie

Senior Walter Harris scored

picked up six steals.

with 10 markers each.

Senior Daniel Price and

remain in the regular season.

From the free throw line, Allen Central was 12-of-19.

Prestonsburg's Bobby Hughes hit three three-pointers and scored a game-high 19 points.

Taylor Clark added seven points for the Blackcats. Trevor Patton scored six and Jordan Hall chipped in five. James Michael Lafferty and Lincoln Slone finished with three and two points, respectively.

The Blackcats made nineof-12 free throw attempts.

Knoxville (11-11) got a

game-high 19 from freshman

Delonte Gray who joined two

teammates with three assists.

Sophomore Jeffrey Rice tossed

in 11 while sophomore

Junior Marvin Lynch led all

Pikeville will be back in

action on Thursday when it

travels to Lindsey Wilson for a

Dakevis Mathews added 10.

players with 10 rebounds.

loday we were fortunate to win, said Marshall head coach Ron Jirsa. "It's been a very trying time for our program, and we stuck together.

For the game, both teams shot extremely well from the floor - Ball State shot 53.6 percent, while the Herd was 51.6 percent. Marshall outrebounded the Cardinals, 32-29, and committed only four turnovers, a season-low, in a crisply played game.

"We have been in every game," said Jirsa. "We have good people in the program. You don't build character by losing games, you find out the character you already had. I believe we have good character people.

"So today, not unlike many of our games this season, we had decided that they would make a run, and that we had to persevere. We did a very good job of not losing focus, we subbed when we hurried, and we stayed focused on our game plan."

Marshall was led by Hamilton's 24 points. Enoch Bunch (Nashville, Tenn.) tallied 14 points, and Mark

## W. Kentucky 83, Fla. International 67

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN -Anthony Winchester scored 27 points as Western Kentucky rallied from a onepoint halftime deficit to rout Florida International 83-67 Monday night.

Winchester was 9-of-11 from the floor for the Hilltoppers (16-5, 6-3 Sun Belt Conference), who remained in first place in the Sun Belt East Division with the victory. Ty Rogers and Boris Siakam scored 13 each

15TH REGION BOYS Shelby Valley 2. Belfry 3. East Ridge 4. Pike Central 5. Johnson Central 6. South Floyd 7. Prestonsburg

#### 9. Paintsville 10. Phelps

#### **15TH REGION GIRLS**

- 1. Magoffin County 2. Betsy Layne
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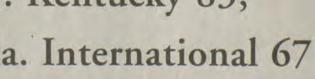
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ble of the season with 13 points and ten rebounds.

The Cardinals were led by Trammell's career-high 38 points, and Peyton Stovall's 15 points.

The Herd returns home to the Henderson Center for a Wednesday night game against Eastern Michigan. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.



for Western Kentucky.

Winchester was also 6-of-8 from 3-point range and 3-for-3 from the line.

Ivan Almonte led Florida International (8-14, 1-8) with 15 points. Junior Matias and Ismael N'Diaye scored 12 each for the Golden Panthers, while Byron Burnett added 10. Florida International ral-

lied from 10 points down in the first half to take a 37-36 lead at halftime.

Western scored 31 points off Florida International's 22 turnovers.

8. Lou. PRP 18-5 9. Pendleton Co. - 17-4 20 10. Univ. Heights - 22-3 17 Others receiving votes: Lou. DeSales 12, Lex. Bryan Station 8, North Laurel 6, Somerset 5, Elizabethtown 5, Lou. Manual 3, Mason Co. 3, Muhlenberg North 2, Cawood 2.

GIRLS

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1. Lex. Catholic (10)	19-1	100	1
2. Scott Co	22-1	89	2
3. Lou. Christ, Acad	22-1	70	4
4. Lou. Sacred Heart -	18-4	56	3
5. Rockcastle Co	17-3	49	5
6. Clinton Co	20-4	40	6
7. Woodford Co	21-1	39	7
8. Henderson Co	18-5	30	8
9. Christian Co	16-2	24	10
10. Mercer Co	19-3	17	
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## iHigh.com boys' state basketball poll

#### Poll date: Feb. 8

- 1. Trinity (23-2)
- 2. Scott County (18-2)
- 3. Jeffersontown (20-3)
- 4. South Laurel (19-3)
- 5. Henry Clay (20-2) 6. Ballard (18-2)
- 7. PRP (18-5)
- 8. DeSales (13-4) 9. Pendleton County (17-4) 10. Calloway County (20-1) Honorable Mention: Bryan Station. Covington Catholic, Elizabethtown,
- University Heights, Dixie Heights, Montgomery County, North Laurel.

## iHigh.com girls' state basketball poll

#### Poll date: Feb. 8

1. Lexington Catholic (19-1) 2. Louisville Christian (21-3) 3. Scott County (22-2) 4. Sacred Heart (18-4) 5. Rockcastle County (17-3) 6. Woodford County (22-1) 7. Henderson County (18-5) 8. Christian County (17-2) 9. Shelby County (17-1) 10. Clinton County (20-4) Honorable Mention: Mercy, Covington Holy Cross, Mercer County, Boone County, Tates Creek, Franklin-Simpson, Knott County Central. Elizabethtown.

The Pikeville College men's basketball team rolled to a win over the weekend over visiting Knoxville College.

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9 p.m. EST tipoff, and will return home on Saturday at 4 to entertain Lambuth University.

# Patton (Barboursville, W.Va.) added his fourth double-dou-

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# Wildcats coming together at right time

#### by TERESA M. WALKER ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Kentucky Wildcats have been working to play better together. It's apparently working very well.

Chuck Hayes scored 15 points and grabbed a team-high 13 rebounds in his best performance since breaking his nose last month, and the No. 6 Wildcats never trailed in beating Vanderbilt 84-70 on Saturday for their eighth straight victory.

They showed off their depth with nine Wildcats playing at least 10 minutes. Patrick Sparks and Kelenna Azubuike also scored 15 points each, and Rajon Rondo added 12.

Sparks said their chemistry helped them ignore a sold-out. crowd in a gym where Vanderbilt had won 27 of its previous 30 home games.

"This is one of the toughest places to play, with the crowd and the raised floor," Sparks said. "But I think we handled it well. We really appreciate the Kentucky fans coming out."

Kentucky improved to 17-2 for its best start since the 1998 Wildcats began 19-2 in winning the NCAA championship. These Wildcats now are 7-0 in the Southeastern Conference this season and have won 17 straight league games, counting last year's postseason.

Asked about the start, including 8-of-17 from 3-point Kentucky coach Tubby Smith range. was brief: "We have some talented players and a great staff."

The Wildcats now head home to host Florida on Tuesday night after playing five of their last six on the road.

That gives them a strong chance to run through the SEC schedule undefeated for the second time in three seasons. Vanderbilt Kevin Stallings, now 2-11 against Kentucky. isn't sure who could **Tubby Smith** knock them off after watching perhaps

coach

their best first half this season. "Somebody might beat them, but it will take a heck of an effort. They have a few weaknesses, but we are not good enough to expose them," Stallings said.

"You have to get them to miss from the perimeter. That's the first thing. The second thing is you have to stop the penetration or contain it as much as you can. When they shoot it like they did (Saturday), they are very tough.'

Kentucky scored the first nine points against Vanderbilt and shot 52.9 percent from the floor (18-of-34) in building a 46-29 halftime lead. The Wildcats finished 31-of-63, themselves," he said.

But these Wildcats aren't merely an offensive force. They showed why they lead the SEC in scoring defense by forcing 19 turnovers that they turned into 30 points.

We wanted to

Kentucky led

keep pressuring on defense and make them work to get a shot," Smith said. "I wanted to defend the backdoor cut. We had a week to work on that, and we were very good at that."

by as much as 24 before Vanderbilt whittled that to 10 twice in the final minute. It was too late.

"Everyone is playing well for us right now," Kentucky forward Bobby Perry said. "There is not a big dropoff from our starting five to our second five."

The Wildcats swept the season series and now have won 24 of the last 26 games between these teams. Vanderbilt senior Corey Smith was impressed with the deep Kentucky squad after leading Vandy with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

"They're all tough players, and they play their roles well. They don't have to go outside

# No. 6 Kentucky 84, Vanderbilt 70

#### by TERESA M. WALKER ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Tubby Smith didn't need to worry about how his sixthranked Kentucky Wildcats would react to having a week off.

Patrick Sparks, Kelenna Azubuike and Chuck Hayes each scored 15 points, and No. 6 Kentucky beat Vanderbilt 84-70 Saturday for its eighth straight victory

"I was concerned about how we would respond after a week off," Smith said of a team that hadn't played since edging Arkansas 68-67 last week.

"The early lead gave us confidence, and we were able to maintain the lead. A few of our shots at the end of the shot clock. that we made sort of takes the wind out of your opponents' sails and gave us a great lift."

Kentucky (17-2. 8-0 Southeastern Conference) swept the season series between the teams and now has beaten Vanderbilt in 24 of the last 26 games. The Wildcats also have won 17 straight SEC games, counting last year's postseason.

The loss snapped a two-game winning streak for the Commodores (13-9, 4-5), who had won 27 of their previous 30 at home over the last two seasons

Hayes had a team-high 13 rebounds, and Rajon Rondo added 12 points for Kentucky, which is off to its best start since the 1998 NCAA title team began the season 19-2. Smith said Hayes is becoming more comfortable playing with a mask to protect the nose he broke at Tennessee on Jan. 25.

The Wildcats also noticed.

"I'm glad to see that Chuck is getting his stroke back," Kentucky forward Bobby Perry said. "He played great in the mask for us today. He wasn't going to let the mask hold him down. Chuck was also big on the boards today. As a team, we have to follow Chuck's leader-

ship.'

played their best first half of the season.

"Somebody might beat them, but it will take a heck of an effort. They have a few weaknesses, but we are not good enough to expose them," Stallings said.

Corey Smith led Vanderbilt with 16 points, Mario Moore had 15 in a reserve role, and Dawid Przybyszewski and DeMarre Carroll each had 12.

Kentucky took control from the beginning by scoring the first nine points. Vanderbilt missed its first four shots and didn't get on the board until Przybyszewski's 3-pointer five minutes into the game.

By then, it was too late.

The Wildcats led 46-29 at halftime after Azubuike hit a 3pointer at the buzzer. They led by as much as 71-47 midway through the second half. Vandy managed to get within 10 twice in the final minute, but it was too late.

The Commodores outrebounded Kentucky 37-33 and shot the ball about as well as the Wildcats (25-of-51 compared to 31-of-63). But they were only 8of-26 from 3-point range, and Kentucky turned its 19 turnovers into 30 points.

"We wanted to keep pressuring on defense and make them work to get a shot," Smith said. "I wanted to defend the backdoor cut. We had a week to work on that, and we were very good at that today.'

Vanderbilt hit five of its first six shots in the second half and used a 9-2 spurt to pull within 54-42 on a free throw by Jason Holwerda with 16:21 left. But Sparks helped Kentucky put the game out of reach.

Sparks first hit a 3-pointer. Smith answered with a 3, then Sparks scored on a layup. Hayes made a 3-pointer, then Sparks followed up with his own 3 and a layup. He stole the ball, and Ravi Moss scored on a layup that capped a 17-5 run for the 71-47 lead.

Smith wasn't happy with Vanderbilt coach Kevin how the Wildcats eased up in

Stallings thought the Wildcats the final four minutes. Azubuike agreed that marred a game that ( might be their best yet this season.

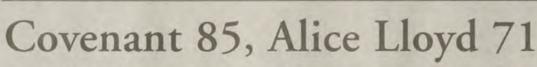
> "Luckily we were ahead by enough points at that time." Azubuike said. "We have to come out every road game and play with the same intensity as we do at home. Every team gives us their best shot.'

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL: AP TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 6, total points based on 25 points for a firstplace vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs	
1. Illinois (72)	23-0	1,800	1	
2. North Carolina	19-2	1.711	2	
3. Kansas	18-1	1.625	3	
4. Boston College	20-0	1,561	5	
5. Kentucky	17-2	1,505	6	
6. Wake Forest	19-3	1,429	7	
7. Duke	17-2	1,349	4	
8. Syracuse	21-2	1,311	8	0
9. Louisville	20-3	1,262	9	
10. Oklahoma St.	17-3	1,144	10	
11. Washington	19-3	1,059	13	
12. Arizona	19-4	983	14	
13. Michigan St.	15-4	872	12	
14. Gonzaga	17-4	805	17	
15. Utah	19-3	686	21	
16. Oklahoma	17-4	657	14	
17. Alabama	17-4	648	11	
18. Pittsburgh	15-4	550	16	
19. Connecticut	14-5	535	23	
20. Wisconsin	15-5	309	19	
21. Cincinnati	17-5	250	18	
22. Villanova	13-5	242	24	
23. Texas	15-6	189	20	
24. Pacific	18-2	173	-	
25. Texas Tech	14-5	156	-	
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Others receiving votes: Georgia Tech 116, Charlotte 108, Florida 97, Wichita St. 65, Minnesota 50, Vermont 40, Georgetown 17, Maryland 12, Old Dominion 12, Mississippi St. 10, St. Mary's, Cal. 9, Nevada 8, Texas A&M 8, George Washington 7, Iowa 7, Wis.-Milwaukee 6, Marquette 5, Notre Dame 5, UTEP 3, Stanford 2, Holy Cross 1, Miami 1.



#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

Josh Suddath and Mark Lovrien combined to score 44 points Saturday, leading Covenant to an 85-71 win over Alice Lloyd.

Covenant outrebounded Alice Lloyd 39-33. The Covenant offense was efficient, dishing out 25 assists.

Suddah had 23 points for

The game was close -Both teams were deadlocked at also had seven points. 34 at the end of the first half.

goal attempts, making eight of the tries in the second half.

Jonathan McClellan added nine points for the winning team.

Jeremy Daniels led Alice Lloyd with 15 points. K.J. Waterman finished with 14. Byron Hall and Jordan Kidd finished with nine and eight points, respectively. Kidd earned a start and made the Covenant and Lovrien added 21. most of it, also pulling down six rebounds and dishing out before Covenant pulled away. four assists. Jimmy Stumbo

Bryan 83, Alice Lloy

points and Versell Wells chipped in 14.

Bryan edged Alice Lloyd in the rebounding department, 31-29

Miscues hurt Alice Lloyd. The Eagles committed 25 turnovers. Bryan had 18 steals and blocked four shots.

Each team had 22 defensive rebounds.

K.J. Waterman had 14 points for Alice Lloyd. Shannon Akers tossed in 13 points, Byron Hall pushed in 11 and Jimmy Stumbo flipped in 10. Jeremy Danield added eight points, three rebounds and two blocks.

A hot-shooting Covenant On Friday, Jonathan Little's team put on a three-point game-high 26 points led Bryan shooting exhibiting. Covenant to an 83-66 win over Alice hit 13-of-26 three-point field Lloyd. Nick Hansan added 20 of-18 three-point attempts.

Bryan connected on seven-

# No. 18 Georgia 68, Kentucky 64

#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Ga. - Kentucky center Sarah Elliott succeeded in pushing the right buttons that got Georgia freshman Tasha Humphrey inspired.

Humphrey scored a careerhigh 32 points, including No. 18 Georgia's last five points as the Lady Dogs overtook upsetminded Kentucky 68-64 Sunday in a Southeastern Conference game.

"I was discouraged by Tasha's play in the first half." said Georgia coach Andy Landers. "She was fading away. But she and Elliott went after each other for a few possessions and Tasha got challenged. What she couldn't do to get ready to play on her own, and what I couldn't affect as a coach after the game started, evidently Elliott was able to do.'

"People know that when we are down I will be the go-to player," said Humphrey. "I have accepted that role, but I can't do it without my teammates. They did a great job. I can't pass the ball to myself."

Trying to beat Georgia (18-6, 7-3 SEC) for the second time this year, Kentucky (14-9, 3-5 SEC) led most of the second half and as late as 1:10 after Sara Potts' follow-up of a missed shot.

But Humphrey drew a foul on Georgia's next possession, hitting two free throws with 54.3 seconds left, putting the Lady Dogs ahead for good at 65-64.

drawing fouls, and the officials bought into it," complained Kentucky coach Mickie DeMoss. "Georgia went to her when they had to have a basket."

Not surprisingly, Landers had a different take on Humphrey's play. "People are just getting rougher and rougher with Tasha," he said. Landers said he sent a tape to the conference office last week for officials to

review. After Humphrey's two free throws, Katie Frye of Georgia Samantha rebounded Mahoney's miss with 40 seconds to play, and Humphrey drove for a layup with 21.8 seconds left, putting Georgia up three.

Kentucky did not call a timeout, and Potts missed a 3pointer with 11 seconds to go. Kentucky's Jennifer Humphrey missed a putback, and Georgia's Tasha Humphrey secured the rebound with 6.2 seconds, icing the game and drawing a foul. She hit the first free throw to account for the final margin.

Potts led Kentucky with 18 points. Mahoney added 11.

Georgia got 15 points from comeback Sherill Baker.

The Lady Dogs shot poorly throughout the game, hitting 37 percent from the field and only 22 percent from the 3-point line. Kentucky also won the rebounding battle, 45-36.

"We didn't hit the jump shots, and we didn't hit the pull-ups," Landers said. "We

"Humphrey is very good at didn't even hit layups. We missed a lot of easy shots."

> Defense dominated the first half as neither team shot better than 36 percent from the field. Kentucky's 6-foot-6 freshman Sarah Elliott connected on a spin move with 6:39 to go in the half to give the Wildcats a 22-15 lead. But Georgia recaptured the lead when Alexis Kendrick's NBA-range 3pointer beat the shot clock with 2:37 to go, lifting Georgia to a 26-24 lead. The teams traded baskets through the end of the half, when the Lady Dogs led 30-28

> Kentucky jumped ahead in the second half. Angela Phillips' first of three 3-pointers put the Wildcats ahead 42-34 with 14:53 to play. Then after Georgia tied the game at 50-50 with 8:10 to go, Phillips' third trey put Kentucky up 58-52 with 4:44 to go.

> Georgia's Frye and Megan Darrah hit treys, answered each time by 2-point baskets by Kentucky. Tasha Humphrey's 3-point play was punctuated by Baker's slash to the basket that gave Georgia a 63-62 lead with 1:39 to play, setting up the

> Potts moved into ninth on the Kentucky career scoring list, passing Kristi Cushenberry at 1,358. Potts now has 1,362 points.

Kendrick moved to No. 8 on the Georgia career assists list. She finished the game with 399, moving ahead of Coco Miller at 396.

# No. 9 Louisville 77, UAB 73

#### by JOHN ZENOR ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - It was Rick Pitino's kind of win.

No. 9 Louisville brushed off UAB's pressure defense, overcame foul trouble and got big plays in the end from its top players to come away with a 77-73 win over the Blazers on Saturday night.

"This is one of my favorite wins of the year," said Pitino, whose team had won its last eight games by an average of nearly 30 points. "UAB is a very tough-minded team, and this environment was difficult for us.

"I'm very proud that we could withstand all this."

Francisco Garcia and Juan Palacios both hit two free throws in the final 34 seconds for the Cardinals (20-3, 8-1 Conference USA) and Garcia also had a key block. Louisville stayed atop the league standings this week with wins over two of its top challengers, Cincinnati and the Blazers.

Demario Eddins gave UAB (16-6, 6-3) a 71-70 lead by making one of two free throws with 1:44 left, then Louisville's stars took over.

Larry O'Bannon hit a 3pointer from the top of the key and finished with 21 points.

Then Garcia was fouled on a 3- and his twin brother, Ronell, point attempt and hit two of three from the line with 34 seconds left for a 75-73 lead.

He blocked a shot by Eddins on the other end and a long scramble for the ball ended with a jump ball that gave Louisville possession. Palacios put the game away with two free throws with 8 seconds left.

"The game was there to be taken, but we couldn't finish it off," Blazers coach Mike Anderson said. "I think the whole nation got a chance to see what UAB basketball is all about."

Garcia had 19 points and played the final 3:25 with four fouls. Palacios added 10 points and the Cardinals made 19 of 21 free throws.

The Blazers missed all eight of their 3-point attempts in the second half for their fourth straight loss in the series. Forward Marques Lewis picked up his fourth foul less than 6 minutes into the second half, and UAB wasn't as effective with him sidelined.

"When he was in there, they had to respect everybody in the game for us." said Eddins, who scored 18 points. "When he was out, they were able to concentrate on our shooters.'

Donell Taylor had 16 points

added 11 for UAB, combining on an alley oop in the second half.

The Blazers led 45-43 at halftime but trailed most of the way after that with Louisville opening the second half on an 11-2 run. The Cardinals could never push their lead past seven points in the half, though, and Eddins hit one of two free throws after getting fouled by Garcia with 3:25 left to tie it 70-all.

UAB, which leads the nation in steals, forced a modest 14 turnovers and never rattled the Cardinals.

'We hung in there and executed at the end," Pitino said. "When you're on the road and turn it over only 14 times. you're mentally tough. We're a veteran team and we played mentally tough tonight.'

The matchup of the league's top scoring teams lived up to its billing in the first half, with UAB taking a 45-43 lead on a layup by Brandon Tobias with 6 seconds left off a pass from Squeaky Johnson.

The Blazers trailed by as many as 10 points in the first half but closed on a 19-7 run and shot 55 percent. They hit only 40 percent after that.

The game drew 9,354 fans, a Bartow Arena record.

## Garrett 73, Highlight Academy 40

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

Senior forward Ryan Slone scored 24 points and pulled down five rebounds to lead Garrett Christian to a 73-40 win over Highlight Academy. Slone hit three first-half three-pointers as the Warriors built a comfortable first-half lead and controlled the game in the final two quarters.

David Franklin added 14 points and nine rebounds for the Warriors. Tyler Slone added a double-double of 10 points and 10 rebounds. Robbie Vanderpool scored eight points, while Peter Youmans added six points and six rebounds. Matt Potter finished with five points, five assists

and seven rebounds. Simeon Brace, Cody Franklin and Jarrod Spencer all had two points.

Garrett held Highlight to eight points in the second quarter and two points in the third period. The Warriors outscored their opponent 24-2 in the third quarter.

Daniel Houchins had 17 points for Highlight Academy.

## Former Celtic, Kentucky basketball player dies of pancreatic cancer

#### by MARK PRATT ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON - Robert W. Brannum, a standout basketball player at the University of Kentucky who went on to play four seasons for the Boston Celtics, has died after an 18month battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 78.

Brannum, who coached basketball at Brandeis University from 1970 until his retirement in 1986, died early Saturday morning at his home in Marshfield, said his daughter, Debbie Brannum

"He felt that he'd had a wonderful life and was ready to go," she said Monday.

"He said, 'I've done everything I wanted to do. How many people can say that?"

Brannum was an avid golfer who coached at Brandeis and Norwich (Vt.) University and was the former golf pro at the Barre (Vt.) Country Club. He also coached basketball and soccer at Kenyon (Ohio) College.

Like many former Celtics players, he remained active with the team and taught Larry Bird how to golf, his daughter said.

The 6-foot-5 Brannum, a Winfield, Kan., native, was a punishing inside basketball player who averaged 12 points per game for Kentucky under coach Adolph Rupp in 1944 to earn consensus All America honors.

His Kentucky career was interrupted by two years in the Army during World War II. After his stint in the military, he went back to Kentucky before transferring to Michigan State University. He played minor league basketball in Sheboygan, Wis., before starting a four-season career with the Celtics in 1951

Playing on teams with Bill Sharman, Bob Cousy and Ed Macauley, Brannum came off the bench and averaged 6.2 points in his career, earning the reputation as a bruiser.

"A boring game was when Daddy didn't get into a fight, and I was thrilled when he'd get in a fight," his daughter said. "I'd love it when he'd come home with stitches in his forehead."

Brannum fought his cancer until the end.

"He was always a giant of a man, with a giant of a personality, and his body just didn't give up. He way outlived what he should have," his daughter said.

Brannum is still the winningest coach in Brandeis history with 204 wins and three NCAA Division III tournament appearances.

Brannum is survived by his wife, Harriet, whom he met when they were 13; sons James and Daniel of Marshfield, and William of Tequesta, Fla.; daughters Deborah of Lake Worth, Fla., Dorcas Hanna of Boonton, N.J., and Katherine of Jupiter, Fla.; brother Paul Brannum; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for Wednesday at Marshfield United Methodist Church.

# Coyle to direct UK Athletics' fundraising

#### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON - When the opportunity came to return to Lexington and join University of Kentucky Athletics, Mark Coyle the Southeastern Conference. didn't hesitate.

"I was very fortunate to work with schools all over the country when I was Host at Communications. It's safe to say that the passion the fans have for the University of Kentucky is extraordinary, and to be

part of that program is something I want to experience," said Coyle, who has accepted the position of UK Associate Athletics Director for Fundraising and Development.

UK Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart announced the appointment today. Coyle officially takes his new post on March 1, replacing Greg Byrne, who resigned in December to enter private business. As Associate AD for Fundraising and Development, Coyle will oversee the K Fund, which generates UK's athletic scholarships, and manage fundraising for major capital projects.

Coyle got his taste for Wildcat Athletics from 1994-2001 at Host Communications. While at Host, Coyle served as Vice President of the Collegiate Sports Division, helping manage multi-media



He also helped generate marketing and promotional campaigns for Host's national, regional, and

local sales offices.

at Host, Coyle

wrote, designed,

and edited game-

When he began

rights agreements with several budget and serving on search committees for hiring coaches and administrators.

Coyle holds a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in Education from Drake University. He also obtained a master's in Sports Administration at Florida State, and he worked at FSU and the University of Miami (Fla.) prior to arriving at Host Communications.

"I'm excited about returning to Kentucky. Other than where I grew up, I've lived in Lexington longer than any other place I've been," Coyle said. "I have a great deal of respect for UK fans, having gotten to witness first-hand the excitement and passion they have for the Wildcats. I appreciate Mitch Barnhart giving me the opportunity to be a part of UK Athletics.'

"Mark is a quality person and is a great addition to our program." Barnhart said. "He knows Lexington and the state well. He also has good experience at a school in another major conference. Mark's combination of local ties and experience as a senior-level athletics administrator make him the perfect choice for this important position."

Coyle and his wife, Krystan, have two children. Grace and Nicholas. Krystan earned a master's in business administration at UK and was a physical therapist at UK's Chandler Medical Center when the Coyles lived in Lexington.

# No. 1 Illinois 60, Indiana 47

#### by JIM PAUL ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPAIGN, III. Indiana coach Mike Davis said he gave his young team a "growing-up pill" by starting four freshmen at top-ranked Illinois.

"I just figured they would never be in this situation or have this opportunity to play the No. 1 team in the country as a freshman on the road in a tough place to play," Davis said Sunday after the Hoosiers lost 60-47 to the unbeaten Illini.

replaced James Hardy injured guard Bracey Wright and joined fellow first-year players D.J. White, A.J. Ratliff and Robert Vaden, leaving junior Marshall Strickland as the only upperclassman in the starting lineup.

The Illini (23-0, 9-0 Big Ten) threatened to make it a blow out early, taking a 20-3 lead behind the sizzling passes of point guard Deron Williams, who had assists on Illinois' first seven baskets

Sunday, No. 2 North Carolina beat Florida State 81-60.

Illinois won its 19th straight regular-season Big Ten game and its fifth in a row over Indiana despite its lowest-scoring game this season. With shooters struggling against the Hoosiers' zone, the Illini held the Hoosiers to their lowest output since a 55-45 loss to Notre Dame on Dec. 8.

"I think we can shut down anybody in the country if we defend and just play in a frenzy like we always do," said guard Dee Brown, who scored 12 points. "Everbody's looking at the offensive game, especially the fans, but I think we win games off our defense.'

Illinois and No. 5+ Boston College (20-0) are the only unbeaten teams remaining in Division I.

James Augustine scored 16 points and Luther Head had 13 for the Illini, who should remain the unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press' college basketball poll for a second straight week. Roger Powell Jr. scored 10 points to reach 1,003 for his Illinois career.

Then as the Hoosiers brought the ball up court, Brown poked it away from Strickland and found Williams, who passed to Head for another flying dunk that made it 6-0 just 3:02 into the game.

"I think if you look at the point guards across the country, he has to be in the top two,' Davis said of Williams. "He plays at a pace that is probably too much for any normal guard to play on both ends. Defensively he's flawless and offensively he can get the ball to people."

Wright, who was a teammate of Williams in high school, sat on the bench in street clothes because of an injured left ankle. The Hoosiers missed his teamleading 18.5 points per game, but the experience gained by the younger players will help make Indiana a better team, according to White.

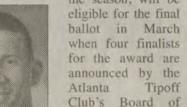
"Us four freshmen together, we can do a lot," he said. "Sticking together we can accomplish what Illinois has done down the road."

## Garcia named mid-season candidate for Naismith Trophy

#### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LOUISVILLE - University of Louisville

junior forward Francisco Garcia has been named as one of thirty mid-season candidates for the Naismith Trophy presented by Cingular players in contention. These players, and others who distinguish themselves throughout the season, will be



Award Midseason Top 30 Candidate following a national poll conducted by the John R. Wooden Award Committee. On March 29, the 10 player Wooden Award All-American Team will be announced. One member of the Wooden Award All-American Team will be selected on Saturday, April 9. 2005 to receive the Wooden

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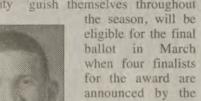
Mark Coyle

day football and basketball programs for several schools, including Kentucky. That's when he got his first impression of UK Athletics.

"Every time 1 dealt with (UK) student-athletes, coaches, and administrators, it was a firstclass experience," Coyle said.

Currently, Coyle is the Associate Athletics Director for External Relations at the University of Minnesota. He is responsible for managing the Golden Gophers' marketing and promotions, ticket office, athletics communications, licensing, and the department's website. Those five areas generate 60 percent of the revenue for Minnesota Athletics.

As a member of Minnesota's team. senior-management Coyle is responsible for assisting with the supervision of the day-to-day operations of the department, including creating and implementing the athletics



"I thought we came out really unfocused," said White, who had 12 points. "We had a really bad start to the game. But we battled back."

The Hoosiers (10-10, 5-4) outscored the Illini 17-5 over the final 8:15 of the first half to cut the deficit to 26-20, but Illinois opened the second half with a 13-2 run to take control.

"I'm not sure our guys were mentally ready to play like we need to," Illini coach Bruce Weber said. "They sat in the locker room disappointed. They didn't feel real good about themselves."

In the only other game involving a ranked team on it ahead.'

Williams finished with 11 assists but scored only one point.

"We got a 'W,' That's all I care about," said Williams, who was 0-for-7 from the field. "I just didn't shoot the ball well. I still got my teammates involved. That's what I try to do."

After two free throws by Augustine opened the scoring, Williams punched a loose ball to a streaking Augustine for a dunk.

"I just hit it ahead to James, rather than catch it and throw it," Williams said. "I thought it would get there faster if I just hit

No. 2 North Carolina 81, Florida St. 60: Rashad McCants had 16 points for the Tar Heels (19-2, 8-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who blew the game open with a 25-6 run in the second half. Raymond Felton had 14 points for North Carolina, which had just nine turnovers for the second straight game

Von Wafer had 14 points for the Seminoles (11-11, 3-6), who rallied from an 18-point firsthalf deficit to get within 49-48 before the visiting Tar Heels went on their big run. Florida State overcame a 24-point deficit last year to beat North Carolina in overtime.

Wireless. a Francisco Garcia national award

presented annually to the men's and women's Jameer Nelson. players of the year.

The Top 30 list was compiled by the Atlanta Tipoff Club's Board of Selectors, comprised of leading basketball journalists, coaches and administrators from around the country. The board based its criteria on player performances this season. The list was narrowed down from the pre-season list of 50 candidates who were announced at the beginning of the season.

Garcia is among the Conference USA leaders in scoring (16.7, 5th), steals (2.1, 6th), blocked shots (1.7, 6th), assists (4.0, 6th), free throw percentage (.844, 8th) and assists-to-turnovers ratio (1.35, 11th). He became the Cardinals' 54th career 1,000point scorer this season and is currently 33rd all-time at U of L with 1,201 points. A doublefigure scorer in 19 games this season, Garcia has twice been named the Conference USA Player of the Week as a junior.

Beginning February 12, CBS' "Cingular at the Half" will feature a weekly Naismith Trophy Watch highlighting the

Last Selectors. year's . Naismith Trophy recipient was Saint Joseph's University guard

Tipoff

Garcia has also recently been named a John R. Wooden Award Trophy as the nation's "Most Outstanding Collegiate Basketball Player of the Year." The mid-season candidates

for the Naismith Trophy presented by Cingular Wireless, listed in alphabetical order, are as follows:

Player	Height	Class	Position	School
Andrew Bogut	7'0"	So.	Forward/Center	construction and the second second second
Josh Boone	6'10"	So.	Forward/Center	
Dee Brown	6'0"	Jr.	Guard	Illinois
Taylor Coppenrath	6'9"	Sr.	Forward	Vermont
Travis Diener	6'1"	Sr.	Guard	Marquette
Ike Diogu	6'8"	Jr.	Forward/Center	Arizona State
Raymond Felton	6'1"	Jr.	Guard	North Carolina
Channing Frye	6'11"	Sr.	Center	Arizona
Francisco Garcia	6'7"	Jr.	Forward	Louisville
Ryan Gomes	6'7"	Sr.	Forward	Providence
Joey Graham	6'7"	Sr.	Forward	Oklahoma State
Luther Head	6'3"	Sr.	Guard	Illinois
Julius Hodge	6'6"	Sr.	Guard Nort	th Carolina State
Jarrett Jack	6'3"	Jr.	Guard	Georgia Tech
John Lucas	5'11"	Sr.	Guard	Oklahoma State
Sean May	6'9"	Jr.	Forward/Center	North Carolina
Rashad McCants	6'4"	Jr.	Forward/Guard	North Carolina
Gerry McNamara	6'2"	Jr.	Guard	Syracuse
Chris Paul	6'0"	So.	Guard	Wake Forest
J.J. Redick	6'4"	Jr.	Guard	Duke
Lawrence R.	6'9"	Sr.	Forward 1	Mississippi State
Nate Robinson	5'9"	Jr.	Guard	Washington
Wayne Simien	6'9"	Sr.	Forward	Kansas
Craig Smith	6'7"	Jr.	Forward	Boston College
Salim Stoudamire	6'1"	Sr.	Guard	Arizona
Ronny Turiaf	6'10"	Sr.	Forward	Gonzaga
Hakim Warrick	6'9"	Sr.	Forward	Syracuse
Deron Williams	6'3"	Jr.	Guard	Illinois
Shelden Williams	6'9"	Jr.	Forward	Duke
Kennedy Winston	6'6"	Jr.	Forward	Alabama

## **Hanging Around** PC teams get mentions in polls Pikevill, coached by Randy the women's Top 25 this week

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - While neither garnered enough attention to crack their respective Top 25, both Pikeville College basketball teams got votes in this week's polls.

team got 11 votes while the men picked up five. Both would be bubble teams if this were the final poll, with the women probably making the Jackson, Tenn., Div. I party.

The Bears, who have been either in the poll or getting

votes all season, had only two votes last week but picked up three more this time. The dozen NAIA Div. I raters were apparently impressed with their double-overtime loss to No. 9 Cumberland (Ky.) on Thursday night and their rout of Knoxville College on Saturday afternoon.

McCoy, e is now 19-6 on the season and 1-4 in the Mid-South Conference.

There were several changes in the poll this week, with nary a team maintaining its spot from last week. That includes former The women's basketball No. 1 Mountain State (W.Va.),

which slipped to second after last Thursday's 72-65 loss No. 23 10 Cumberland (Tenn.) University. The new No. 1 is Southern Polytechnic (Ga.), which picked up 10 first-place votes and

moved up from No. 3. The Bears will play the nation's new No. 4 team on Thursday, as Lindsey

Wilson slipped two places after its 58-45 loss to Georgetown last Thursday. The Blue Raiders are 21-2 on the season.

The Tigers, meanwhile, moved up two places to 12th in this week's poll

Only two MSC teams are in on March 8.

as the teams stand at the midpoint of league competition. Georgetown College is eighth this week, up two places, with Campbellsville up one to 21st. The Lady Bears are 16-9

after last week's wins over Cumberland College and Knoxville College. This week they play at Lindsey Wilson on Thursday night and will host University Lambuth on Saturday.

The 11 votes is good enough to have the Lady Bears on the cusp of the poll, with only Dilliard (La.) University standing between them and the rating.

The top four teams in the poll remained the same this week, (Calif.) with Vanguard University on top with nine first-place nods and Houston Baptist second with the other three. The Master's (Calif.) and Oklahoma City follow.

Three more polls will come out in women's basketball before the final one is released

# **Floyd Spring Soccer** registration scheduled

#### PRESTONSBURG

Floyd County Youth Soccer Association has announced that registration for the Spring 2005 season will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Prestonsburg Dairy Oueen. Volunteers will be at Dairy Queen to accept regis-

The fee, which covers uniforms and the other costs associated with the soccer program, is \$40 per child.

All children who were born after August 1, 2000 and before July 31, 1986 are eligible to participate in recreational soccer. Players in the U6 and U8 trations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. divisions play against other Floyd County teams only. Teams in the U10 division and older also play teams from surrounding counties. Games are played on the fields at the Christ United Methodist Church in Allen. During the Fall 2004 season, approximately 170 boys and girls from Floyd County participated in youth soccer.



Randy McCoy



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## **Bobcats**

"Two guys I was really glad to see play well were Patrick Stapleton and Brandon Thacker," Rose confided. "Pat played extremely well on the defensive end of the floor and made great decisions on offense. Brandon did an excellent job of running our team in the first half while Nathan sat in foul trouble. Trai Witt made a big difference in the first half with his rebounding and shot blocking presence. Hopefully, we can get a boost from this game as we move into the final

few weeks of our schedule."

Betsy Layne and Paintsville battled from the opening tip. The Bobcats left the first quarter with a 22-20 lead. Betsy Layne led 42-37 at halftime and 57-51 at the end of the third quarter. The Tigers held Betsy Layne to 13 field goals.

Paintsville (10-12) hit six three-pointers, fueled by two from Slone and two from Shane Grimm. Slone was the only Paintsville player to reach double figures. Grimm finished with nine points. Jeremy Pack,

### NARA

states ventured to the 1/3-mile track to pass him. Francis took track located near Tampa, Fla.

O'Neal, who set the Oval Craft Racing Products Fast Time of 14.850 seconds started fourth in his heat race, won that race and drew the number one starting spot for the nine heat race winners as he would start from the pole position for the 30 lap main event. O'Neal took the lead at the start of the race with Rick Eckert charging to second followed by Steve Shaver, Jason Montgomery and Terry English. Steve Francis was the car on the move early in the race rocketing from 12th to the top five within a matter of two laps. Francis picked off cars lap after lap going past English, then Eckert and eventually Shaver by the fifth circuit as he was now up to second place behind the leader, O'Neal. O'Neal was setting a quick pace around a race track that two and three wide racing all night long. O'Neal would see his lead shrink over the lead as Francis came after him in a hurry. By the seventh lap the leaders had picked up the tail end of field with Francis right on O'Neal's heels in the race for the lead.

The first caution of the race would fly for Jackie Boggs on lap eight, after two more restarts the field eventually got things together with O'Neal almost losing his lead to Francis before another caution would come out. With the reprieve O'Neal kept his lead over Francis with English now up to third, Shaver fourth and Eckert running in fifth by the halfway mark of the race.

Things again heated up with

several shots at O'Neal, but every time O'Neal would fight him off. Traffic again played a part in the race as by the 19th circuit O'Neal and Francis were right on the tail end of the back of the pack again. With O'Neal and Francis still fighting tooth and nail the final caution of the race came out with six laps remaining in the race. With a six-lap to go restart, O'Neal would again hold the advantage over Francis as the two raced to the checkered flag with O'Neal winning by two car lengths over Francis. English drove a strong race to corral third at the pay window with Shaver and Eckert completing the top five finishers.

Rounding out the top-10 were Jimmy Mars, Darrell Lanigan, Dennis Erb, Jr, Scott James and Billy Moyer.

In preliminary action the VP Racing Fuels heat race winners were O'Neal, Tim McCreadie, Jackie Boggs, English, Shane Clanton, Jason Montgomery, Shaver and Davey Johnson. The first Rebel Shock Dyno B-Main was won by Earl Pearson, Jr with the Real Wheels 2nd B-Main going to Shannon Babb. The other B-Mains went to Anthony Rushing and Shane Tankersley. NARA Provisionals were R.J. Conley and John Gill and the R.A.C.E. Point Fund and Contingency Provisionals were Billy Moyer and Dan Schlieper.

Action continued at East Bay on Tuesday night with night two of the Lucas Oil NARA DirtCar Series with a full race program and a \$5,000 scheduled ...

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Matt Hensley and Jared Keaton all had five points. Kevin Williams finished with four points. Chris Hess and Travis Ison rounded out the Paintsville scoring with two points apiece.

Paintsville was 18-of-28 from the free-throw line.

Betsy Layne (11-7) was back in action last night, playing on the road at 58th District rival South Floyd. Results were unavailable at press time.

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#### Monday night, Feb. 7 Lucas Oil NARA **DirtCar Series**

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Trailblazer

Griffey eager to spring back from injuries THE ASSOCIATED PRESS surgery in August.

CINCINNATI - Ken Griffey Jr. is feeling good enough to report early for spring first day Reds' pitchers and training. But the

Cincinnati Reds are still cautiously optimistic about their star's health. "We have had no setbacks," general manager Dan

O'Brien said. "So knock on wood - he should be fine."

It's been a long time since the 35-

year-old Griffey was completely matter of building strength in healthy. his legs and that just comes

He missed more than a month of the 2001 season with a torn hamstring and then spent two long stints in 2002 on the 15-day disabled list with a torn knee tendon and a torn right hamstring.

Griffey went on the disabled list twice more in 2003 for a dislocated right shoulder and torn ankle tendon. He finished last year on the DL after tearing his right hamstring, which required

### Raiders

are a bad basketball team. One Valley nor Pike County Central bad game doesn't make you a later on this month. Hall, who bad team."

After returning to Floyd County, South Floyd went right back to work. Hall said his team got in a couple of practices before last night's 58th District game against visiting Betsy Lavne.

Because of his team's tournament-heavy schedule, Hall had to drop a pair of games. South Floyd will not play Shelby

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March 1. Griffey has been working with Matt Krause, the Reds' new strength and conditioning coach.

from the agility and the running

decision to report early. He will

start camp slowly, but O'Brien

expects him to be able to play in

exhibition games, which start

O'Brien said it was Griffey's

program he's on."

His recovery is going well

catchers work out in

Players coming off

season-ending

injuries are allowed

to begin spring

spirits," O'Brien

said. "He's got no

residual soreness or

anything approach-

ing that. It's all a

"He's in great

training early.

Fla.

enough to allow him to report to spring training Feb. 16 - the

Sarasota,

The Reds have worked this

was looking forward to each of

the two matchups, had no choice

ward to playing Shelby Valley,"

said Hall. "Everyone is gunning

for Shelby Valley, and until they

get knocked off a couple of

more times they are still the top

team in the region. The way our

schedule worked out, we had no

other choice but to drop those

"We were really looking for-

to drop the games.

offseason to improve their pitching staff by acquiring starters Eric Milton and Ramon Ortiz, while also signing several relievers. They've added Joe Randa to play third base, but Griffey remains the key to the lineup.

The club went 46-40 before Griffey got hurt last season and finished 30-46 without him. Griffey hit .253 with 20 home runs and 60 RBIs in 83 games, and his presence in the lineup takes pressure off Sean Casey and young outfielders Adam Dunn, Austin Kearns and Wily Mo Pena.

Yet to be settled is how the Reds will find enough playing time to satisfy Griffey, Dunn, Kearns and Pena. Pena had a breakout season in 2004 and probably has better defensive range in center field than Griffey.

"We all know it's a different lineup with Junior in there." Reds manager Dave Miley said.

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two games."

Hall, who is in his first season back at the helm of the South Floyd High boys' basketball program, has his team right in the middle of the 15th Region title hunt. South Floyd has won four of its last five games.

The Raiders (11-13) also have a regular-season game (Feb. 25) left against Fleming-Neon. South Floyd has now played in four different tournaments during the 2004-05 season.

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O'Neal and Francis as Francis would pressure O'Neal looking for every angle around the racy

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## Cincinnati Reds, pitcher Ortiz headed for salary arbitration

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#### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI The Cincinnati Reds and starting

pitcher Ramon Ortiz are at least \$500,000 apart in their salary proposals and likely will go to arbitration Feb. 18, the pitcher's agent said on Friday. A day earlier,

Reds general man-

ager Dan O'Brien said the team was at a stalemate with Ortiz in salary talks.

Ortiz has submitted a demand for \$4 million for this season and the Reds countered with an offer of \$3.45 million, said Pat Roache, the agent for Ortiz.

Ortiz, 31, is the only remaining Reds player eligible for arbitration. The Reds obtained the right-hander from the Anaheim Angels on Dec. 14 for a minor league pitcher.

Last year, Ortiz made \$3.3 million in the final season of a three-year deal. The Angels had a contract option for 2005 at \$5.5 million, but bought it out for \$100,000 in November. They then traded him to the Reds.

The Reds avoided arbitration with two other players last month by agreeing to a \$4.6 million, one-year contract with outfielder Adam Dunn and a

\$930,000 deal with outfielder Austin Kearns.

O'Brien said the Reds don't plan to choose a team captain for

this season, but instead will rely on clubhouse leadership by committee. Former Reds shortstop Barry Larkin had been the team captain.

"Dave Miley has decided that we will not have a single team captain, per se," O'Brien

said of the Reds' field manager. "Instead, Dave has appointed a group of veteran players that collectively will be empowered to provide the leadership and direction necessary in our clubhouse."

O'Brien said the team's bench strength has been improved for this season.

The bench includes backup catcher Javier Valentin and infielders Felipe Lopez or Rich Aurilia, depending on whether Lopez or Aurilia is the starter at shortstop on any given night.

The Reds also have four outfielders on their 40-man roster, with Ken Griffey Jr., Wily Mo Pena, Dunn and Kearns.

"If everyone is healthy, we believe we have potentially 10 regular position players," O'Brien said. "Therefore, in any given game, two of those individuals are going to be available to Dave Miley on the bench."



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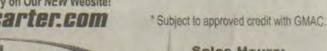
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# Super Bowl: Patriots 24, Eagles 21

#### by PAUL NEWBERRY ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -The whole thing must have seemed routine to the New England Patriots: confetti fluttering across the field, fireworks brightening the night sky, a carefully choreographed championship trophy presentation.

Downright ordinary, right? Hardly.

The Patriots became a fullfledged dynasty with their third Super Bowl victory in four years, beating the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21 Sunday night.

New England claimed a spot alongside the Green Bay Packers of the 1960s, the Pittsburgh Steelers of the '70s, the San Francisco 49ers of the 80s, the Dallas Cowboys of the ·90s.

A team for the decade. A team for the ages.

"We're champions now. That's it," safety Rodney Harrison said. "I don't know about dynasty."

Trust us, Rodney, this group fits the definition in every respect. New England becomes just the seventh franchise to claim back-to-back titles. The Cowboys are the only other team to win the championship

three times over a four-year period.

Typically, the Patriots didn't leave themselves much room. All three of their Super Bowls have been decided by three points - the previous two on last-second field goals by Adam Vinatieri. By comparison, only two of the first 35 Super Bowls were within field goal range at the end.

But what they lack in style, the Patriots more than make up with their steely determination to do whatever it takes to win. When the Eagles jumped to a 7-0 lead, New England responded with a touchdown of its own late in the first half.

When Philadelphia tied the game at 14 late in the third quarter, the Patriots marched right down the field for Corey Dillon's 2-yard touchdown. And, in a fitting bit of synergy, Vinatieri booted a 22-yard field goal with 8:40 remaining that provided the margin of victory.

Donovan McNabb threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Greg Lewis with 1:48 remaining, but the Patriots recovered the onside kick and ran off all but the final 46 seconds. When Harrison picked off McNabb's last pass at the Philly 28, it was time to party.

bration is virtually impossible to distinguish from one year to the next, but that didn't lessen the Patriots' remarkable accomplishment - especially in the era of salary caps and free agency.

"This is the best ever," offensive tackle Matt Light said. "We have more heart than anyone in the world. This is unbelievable. I love this confetti.'

The Eagles got a huge lift from Terrell Owens, who defied his doctor to play in his first Super Bowl. Just 6 1/2 weeks after surgery, T.O. had nine catches for 122 yards. Not bad for a guy who was playing with two screws and a metal plate in his right ankle.

"He's amazing, to be able to come out there and do what he did," Harrison said. "You could tell he was still hurting a little bit, but he played tremendous."

But Owens was outshined by New England's Deion Branch. who claimed the MVP award with 11 catches - tying a Super Bowl record - for 133 yards.

"He epitomizes the way the Patriots win," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Monday. "He has great individual talent ... but all within the context of the team.

It wasn't a flawless game by

for 397 yards) threw three interceptions, was sacked four times and had a fumble overturned by replay. Tom Brady botched a handoff with Kevin Faulk, leading to a fumble deep in Philly territory.

For the most part, though, the Patriots followed a familiar routine - run the ball (28 carries, 112 yards), limit mistakes in the passing game (Brady was 23-of-33 for 236 yards, with no interceptions) and rely heavily on their defense (the Eagles managed just 45 yards on the ground).

The loss extended 'Philly's excruciating championship drought. The city's last football title came in 1960. The last title of any kind came 22 years ago, when the 76ers won the NBA championship.

"I was proud of the effort," coach Andy Reid said. "But we came up just short - too many turnovers - and against such a tough football team you can't do that.

Now, it's time to start sorting out the historical significance of another Patriots' Super Bowl title. They have won nine straight postseason games, equaling Vince Lombardi's

Sure, the NFL-planned cele- any means. McNabb (30-of-51 Bill Belichick improved his Bowls, but he threw two TD playoff record to 10-1, oneupping the great Lombardi.

> 'As I give you the Lombardi Trophy, I suspect that coach Lombardi would have a deep admiration for how your team played today," Tagliabue told Belichick after the game.

The Patriots had a bumpy road to their latest championship, and in many ways the Super Bowl mirrored those struggles. But, as always, New England found a way to perse-

Maybe it's their versatility: For the second year in a row, linebacker Mike Vrabel caught a touchdown pass. He's got five receptions in his career - all TDs.

Even though the Eagles made it to the Super Bowl for the first time since 1981 - after three straight conference championship flops - their sparkling season ended in disappointment before a sea of mostly green jerseys in the crowd of 78,125.

"We were too sloppy to win," Owens said. "It was great to get back, but we made too many mistakes. We could have won and that hurts."

Brady didn't stand out like he did while winning the MVP Green Bay teams. And coach award at his first two Super

passes. Branch stepped in to fill the void, making off with a new car and an additional piece of hardware.

"It doesn't matter who gets what," Branch said.

McNabb looked ordinary, even skittish at times. Maybe it was the four sacks, the persistent pressure and the lack of help from the running game. He threw three touchdown passes. but also made some crucial blunders.

In a precursor of what was to come, McNabb caught a break when a first-quarter interception in the end zone was nullified by a defensive penalty. But he wasted the second chance, throwing another errant pass that Harrison picked off near the goal line.

After Harrison's second interception in the waning seconds, Belichick sought out offensive coordinator Charlie Weis and defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel. Both are leaving for head coaching jobs: Weis at Notre Dame, Crennel with the Cleveland Browns.

"He grabbed me and Romeo at the end of the game and said, 'Hey, it's over," Weis said.

What a ride it's been. One for the ages.



photo by Steve South Floyd students **Heather Dean** and Mark Bennett took part in a halftime event last week during the Tuchstone Energy All "A" Classic. The Raider duo beat their opponents in the shooting event.



## Former Card Branch is Super Bowl MVP

#### by JIMMY GOLEN ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. The Super Bowl couldn't have worked out better for New England Patriots receiver Deion Branch: He won the game's MVP, and then he got to celebrate with a huge rooting section from his hometown.

"A lot of them didn't go to the game," Branch said Monday, a day after catching a record-tying 11 passes to help New England beat the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21. "I didn't have enough tickets."

Jacksonville is the smallest market to host the Super Bowl. and it strained to house and entertain the estimated 100,000 guests who came for the game and the parties surrounding it. Local officials spent much of the week defending their efforts, and NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue defended the decision to come to city without the warmth of Miami and San Diego or the nightlife of from a leg injury to catch nine New Orleans.

#### Branch family."

Branch said 70-75 of his friends and family drove a couple of hours from Albany, Ga., to watch native son tie Jerry Rice and Dan Ross with 11 catches that totaled 133 yards. In all, eight of his catches for 106 yards came on New England's scoring drives.

"He's our biggest, strongest receiver. He does all the dirty work," fellow receiver Troy Brown said. "He leveled a guy on one of runs down the side line. He doesn't get enough credit. He's a big-time playmaker. Our whole group of receivers doesn't get the credit they deserve."

Brown had been New England's most recognizable pass-catcher - and he got most of his headlines for playing defense. And the Patriots receiving corps had been entirely overshadowed by Philadelphia's Terrell Owens, who made a gutsy - and headline-grabbing - early comeback passes for 122 yards.

back Tom Brady took home in ondary. It didn't matter who was the Patriots' last two Super Bowl wins.

"They say big players step up in big games," Branch said after the game, "All the hoopla was about T.O. He's a great player. He really sucked it up tonight. But I want to show I have the same type of talent as those guys."

Not that anyone with the Patriots doubted the third-year pro could be so dominant.

A second-round pick out of Louisville in 2002, he caught 43 passes his rookie year. He improved to 57 the following year, but missed seven games this season because of a knee injury. He finished with just 35 catches for 454 yards and four TDs.

Branch was so frustrated during the recovery process that he didn't travel to every road game.

covering him or what defense the Eagles were playing.

He played a role in all four scoring drives. The biggest catch might have been the last one - a leaping 19-yarder over the middle that set up Adam Vinatieri's 22-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter.

"They did a good job of getting him in the open zone," All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins said.

Branch has developed into one of Brady's favorite receivers, usually getting the first look when a blitz is coming or a big catch is needed.

In last year's Super Bowl, Branch had 10 catches and a touchdown in a 32-29 victory over Carolina. Now, he has helped the Patriots become just the second team to win three Super Bowls in four years.

"He's a very dynamic play-

South Floyd senior Wes Hall worked against the Lexington Christian defense during Friday's All "A" Classic quarterfinals.



photos by Jamie Howe

Above: Betsy Layne players gathered around Coach Brent Rose during a timeout. The Bobcats pulled away late and beat visiting Paintsville.



"If you go to different places, different groups of fans can drive to the game," Tagliabue said, "including the

But it was Branch who walked off with a third championship ring and the Pete Rozelle Trophy that quarter-

"My teammates kept pushing me to get better," he said. "They were telling me, 'We're going to need you soon.' I'm just thankful they didn't put me on IR." knowing injured reserve would have ended his season.

Branch found plenty of free space against the NFL's best secer," Brady said. "He can do it all - getting open, doing great things after he caught the ball."

"I think Deion kind of put the Patriots receivers on the map a little more with tonight's game," receiver David Givens said. "He got us maybe a little more respect that we probably needed that we didn't have.'





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#### **POISON OAK**

## 'Cattywampus' stirs a memory

As far as I was concerned, he was as fine an old gentleman as you'd ever want to meet.

Actually,

much older now than he was then, perhaps using the world "old" might

inappropriate. Anyway, back in the early 1950s, all the kids in

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**Clyde Pack** 

neighborhood in Muddy Branch loved him even though some of the older folks often complained about his insobriety.

At least in my case, though, he is remembered for two things. One, he was a great story teller, and two, he had a certain way with words that made simple, everyday conversation with him just downright entertaining. I thought of him again recently when I read an article in a magazine about

old-time expressions, and came Across the term "cattywampus."

This fellow used that term often. If something didn't quite suit him for some reason, he'd say it was cattywampus. As a pre-teen, I loved that little catch phrase and, perhaps thinking that my doing so might somehow make me appear as intelligent as I perceived this man to be, used it as often as I could myself. I doubt that I ever used the term correctly, and I'd say things like, "This arithmetic problem is cattywampus," or, "Ole Gene Autry sure is

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## Cast List announced for 'My Son is Crazy but Promising'

will be presenting Little Theatre of Hazard performing Tim Kelly's "My Son is Crazy, but Promising" the last weekend of February at the First Federal Center on the Hazard Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College. The cast for this great comedy will include: Chris Doll, Janet McReynolds, John Hanson, Carol Combs, Jessie Jackson, Martha Quigley, Robbie Smith, Greg Clay, Suzanne Deaton, Rebecca Fletcher, Jeremy Wood,

The Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series John Bush, Adrienne Szabo, Rowena Dawhare, and little old lady who is in touch with "space people;" Jackie Goodin. The director is Terry Thies.

The entire family will laugh when eccentric Bud Granger, Hollywood screenwriter, decides to give up life in the fast lane and buys a lodge in Tumbleweed, Arizona. The inn is a termite pile, but as it's near the fabled "Lost Dutchman Mine," Bud thinks he might soon be a reclusive millionaire. What he didn't figure on is that the lodge is full of nuts-a

outraged tourists who thought the lodge would be like the Ritz; Oysters Rockefeller, an emotional mobster who won't stay dead, and aspiring starlet Chi-Chi Vazoom who finds lizards "cute." Then, Bud's zany mother unexpectedly arrives! Other delights include the FBI, a corpse on roller skates, the state lottery, the mysterious flight bag, and Brus-

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## **KIM'S KORNER** A diamond is 'forever'...

Finally, a Super Bowl with some normalcy! Took us a couple years, but dog-gone it, I



**Kim Frasure** 

the same fountain of youth as Dick Clark. Neither of them seems to age at all.

Anyway, it was good to see the biggest game of the year come across without costumes from a galaxy far, far away or, God forbid, another "wardrobe malfunction."

Way to go, Super Bowl XXXIX!

Good Heavens to Betsy! Just when you think you've heard it all, people can come up with some amazing mind blowing ideas and actually put them into effect.

Don't know how many of you have seen the latest news reports or have heard about LifeGem but it does exist.

What is it? Well get ready to hold onto your seats, it's taking your deceased loved ones ashes and having them made into a gem for a ring, or necklace, or whatever your selection of jewelry may be.

Why, I nearly headed over in the floor watching that news report Monday morning.

They even had this woman on there who was wearing her husband on a ring.

Talk about your "heebie jeebies" -I sure got 'em!

"Goodness gracious!," I shrilled.

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# Living life's adventures in a new world

#### by Kathy J. Prater FEATURES EDITOR

There are always those people who "wish" they could do certain things, and then there are those people who are not satisfied with merely wishing these folks set about making their wishes come true.

Here in within our very midst are two such folk - Yolanda Coleto and Guillermo Cuenca, Spainards who are, right now, living an adventure that many only dream of. The newly married couple have been spending the last two years, not only visiting the U.S., but actually living their daily lives here.

Yolanda, 30, is a teacher at Betsy Layne High School. Guillermo, 28, is a graphic artist working in the composing department of The Floyd County Times. The two, along with cat, Gorda, spend their days working, and playing, in a country that is new to them. Along the way, they are enjoying enmeshing themselves in Ameri-

can culture and embarking on new adventures as they spend weekends and breaks sightseeing the land.

When asked what first made the young couple want to come to the U.S., they replied that Yolanda has always had a love for travel. During her years in college, in Spain, Yolanda would, each summer, sign up for programs that allowed her to visit foreign lands as a student visitor/worker. Her travels, prior to coming to Kentucky, took her to such places as Russia, Jordan, Honduras, Prague (Czech Republic), Germany, France and Italy.

Upon meeting Guillermo, or "William" (the English translation of his name), Yolanda successfully managed to inspire a little wanderlust in her companion, also. It wasn't long before the couple were visiting such places as Tunis, Croatia, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, in the Indian Ocean. Finding that he, too, enjoyed travel as much as Yolanda, it wasn't hard for his wife to convince him to spend some time in the U.S., learning about

a new culture and new ways of living.

Guillermo, an accomplished photographer and graphic designer, is now experiencing some success with a home-based business, in addition to working full-time in the Times' composing department. In his business, he restores old photographs, as well as taking assignments that allow him to record events digitally. Guillermo credits local photographer, Paula Goble, for giving him the courage to try establishing a business on his own, as well as helping him to find employment here. "Paula is a really good person, a really good friend," he said. "Yes," Yolanda chimed in, "she has been much help to us.'

The couple say that there is another local citizen who has been of invaluable assistance to them, Audra Slocum, who also teaches at Betsy Layne High School. "Without Audra, I don't know what we would have done at times," said Yolanda. "It was so hard at the beginning, especially for Guillermo, who didn't speak any English at all. It was also hard for me, because I had to start a new life away from my country...Audra really took care of us."

Yolanda, who teaches Spanish at the Betsy Layne school, shared that when the couple were looking at what part of the United States they would come to, that they decided that it really didn't matter what state they settled in, but that they wanted to come to a small town. "Since we came from a huge city like Madrid, we really wanted to experience some quiet and peace," she said.

And finding peace and quiet has been something that they have accomplished, once the initial kinks of settking in were handled. The couple say that they have enjoyed life in Floyd County very much, especially "the mountains and the landscape." "They are so pretty in the spring and summer, and when it snows," said Yolanda.

As a matter of fact, the couple have

(See SPANISH COUPLE, page four)

## **CRITTER CORNER** Spay Surgery – Part 2

#### by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

This week, I am continuing the discussion of spay surgery, or ovariohysterectomy, with a description of the actual procedure as it is typically performed on a dog or cat.

The surgical procedure itself begins with an incision on the midline of the abdomen just below the umbilicus (belly button). No blood vessels actually cross the midline, so if the surgeon's aim is good, there is minimal bleeding. The incision goes through the skin, the subcutaneous tissues and the lining of the body cavity. The uterus of dogs and cats is shaped like a "Y" with the ovaries located at the two upper arms (or "horns") and the bottom stem opening into the birth canal. During pregnancy, puppies or kittens line

#### up along the two horns like peas in a pod, waiting their turn to be born.

Since a non-pregnant uterus is fairly small, the surgeon's first task is to find the organ. Although many vets use an instrument called a spay hook to locate the uterus and bring it into reach, I could never get the hang of them. If I try to use the instrument, I fish out everything in the abdominal cavity except what I want, so I use my fingers and sense of touch to find the uterus. (It always lies between the bladder and colon, and nothing else in there feels like it.) Once located, one uterine horn is traced to its ovary, which is worked loose of its surrounding tissues. The blood vessels that supply the ovaries

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photo by Yolanda Coleto

This is "Gorda." Gorda traveled to Prestonsburg, from Spain, with her owner, Yolanda Coleto, and her husband, Guillermo Cuenca, to live in eastern Kentucky for a while. According to her owners, Gorda enjoys life in Prestonsburg, as well as hiding in the dryer, dishwasher, or "in other places where it is hard to find her," says Yolanda. Her owner shares that Gorda likes to eat ice cream, lick garlic bread and play with catnip mice.

# School Calendar

#### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Feb. 10 - "Connect with Kids" parent meeting will be held at Clark Elementary, at 8:30 a.m. AMS parents and guardians are invited to attend.

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

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

#### Allen Central Middle School

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

Feb. 9 - Parent meeting, 11 a.m. Topic: Digital Revolution. Meeting open to public.

Feb. 11 - Valentine Dance. Feb. 15, 22 - Field trip to Floyd County Tech School, for

6th grade. The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordina-

tor, at 358-0134.

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

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

#### **Betsy Layne Elementary**

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

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra on WYMT-TV, at 7 p.m. Haves, School Nurse.

#### **Clark Elementary**

Feb. 10 - "Connect with Kids" parent meeting, 8:30 a.m.

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

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

#### **Duff Elementary**

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

Feb. 9 - Parent meeting, 11 a.m., in FRC. Topic: Digital Revolution.

Feb. 10 - Advisory Council meeting, 4:14 p.m., in FRC. Public invited to attend.

Feb. 14, 15 - Quality Kids presentation, for K-4th. Subject: Hygiene.

Feb. 23 - "Someone You Know," part of the "Connect with Kids" series, will be shown Feb. 25 - "Dollars &

Sense" program, for 5th grade, at the Martin Community Center

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

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

#### May Valley Elementary

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

Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, wellchild physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

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

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

Mountain Christian Academy Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more

#### information.

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

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

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

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

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

#### South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

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

Walking track open to public. The center has a one-stop .

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

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for

information. All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus,

Room 232, and see Mable Hall. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

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

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

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center Character Words for the

Month: Tolerance and Kindness. Feb. 11 - "Heart Health"

presentation by Kim Sanders, OLWH, for 4th and 5th grade students, 1:45 p.m., in gymnasium. Feb. 21 - NO SCHOOL -

- President's Day Holiday.

Feb. 24 - "The Magic Guy" (Skip Kane). School-wide assembly, 1:45 p.m., in gymnasium.

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

## **Ten Years Ago** February 8 and 10, 1995

Four Floyd County schools could share approximately \$262,000 in reward money for scoring beyond performance thresholds on state tests established by Kentucky's Education Reform Act. Auxier, Duff and Harold Elementaries, and Betsy Layne High School were deemed eligible for rewards because the schools either exceeded the threshold by one point or more, or because at least 10 percent of students at novice level moved to the apprentice level or higher...When a sudden impairment, such as erosion and mud slides, takes place, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) natural resources conservation service steps in to help. The conservation service showed three impairment sites in Prestonsburg to thirteen prospective construction companies on Thursday, February 2...The state Justice Cabinet has denied an open records request from The Floyd County Times for information concerning licensed bingo operations in the county...The county official whose ouster caused statewide panic and resulted in legislative action got his office back Tuesday. Breathitt County Judge-Executive Nim Henson, the lone victim of a state Supreme Court decision relating to the filing of performance bonds, may be the final recipient of legislative grace, according to a ruling issued February 7 by special Judge Stephen "Nick" Frazier, of Paintsville...A five-member blue ribbon panel was named February 1 to either receive citizen input on where an E-911 center is to be located or to advise Floyd County's Fiscal Court on how to implement an agreement for the service with the Kentucky State Police...Floyd County's fiscal court will meet at 11 a.m., Wednesday, (today), to decide if the sheriff's department can get back on its feet sooner than expected. The court will consider a request from Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson to borrow \$115,000 from First Commonwealth Bank to repay a state loan acquired last year...If a proposal to hire a full-time attorney to represent Prestonsburg passes city council's muster, the odds are that current city attorney Larry Brown won't be the man for the job. Council's administration and personnel committee discussed the city attorney's position in a meeting, Friday, at the request of Brown, but came away with no formal recommendation...Repair and ren-

last month, is underway...In an effort to quell rumors that the prison at Wheelsecurity facility, Otter Creek officials say such a move is definitely not in the works. According to an official with the state Corrections Cabinet, prison owners cannot make such a change, even if they wanted to ... A Floyd County Grand Jury will hear a case against a Hunter man who is charged with 21 offenses, after a Kentucky State Police trooper was allegedly dragged under the suspect's car. In a preliminary hearing, Wednesday, in Floyd District Court, trooper Ron Peppi testified against Anthony Salisbury, 20, of Hunter...Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson has secured a loan so that he can obtain another loan to get his office back on track, A \$115,000 check from the First Commonwealth Bank was deposited, Thursday, in the sheriff's account, so that a \$115,000 loan from the state's Finance Cabinet can be repaid. Now Sheriff Thompson can secure another loan from the Finance Cabinet to finance his office operations until property tax revenues are collected ... Floyd County will be among at least 22 counties in Kentucky that will be observing Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, February 13 through 18, in honor of Terri LaSha Jarvis, who turns one-year-old on February 13. Jarvis, the daughter of Terri and Tammy Jarvis of Banner, is in need of a lower bowel/liver transplant..There died: Buell Shepherd, 57, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, Tuesday, January 24, in Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Retired Col. James Darwin Stephens, 78, of Georgetown, Tuesday, January 31, at his residence; Odessa Patrick Slone, 63, of Martin, Friday, February 2, at her residence; Willie Mae Blackburn Shepherd, 80, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, February 5, at Northside Hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee; Nova Parker, 77, of McDowell, Monday, February 6, at the residence of her son, Don Parker; Latisha Rose Hall, infant daughter of Gregory Allen and Debra Dee Harris Hall of Weeksbury, Friday, February 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Ethel Ray Mims, 75, of Pikeville, Saturday, February 4, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Vinson Shepherd, 76, of West Prestonsburg, Saturday, February 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Albert Henderson, 23, of Chillicothe, Ohio, formerly of Hi Hat, Thursday, February 2, at Grant Memorial Hospital in Columbus, Ohio;

ovation work at the Strand Theatre in Pre- Ernest Newman, 95, of Grethel, Thursstonsburg, which was damaged by fire, day, February 2, at his residence; Margie Shepherd Crum, 56, of Banner, Monday, February 6, dead on arrival at Our Lady wright is to be upgraded to a medium of the Way Hospital, Martin; Myrtle Duff Roberts, 48, of Oley, Pennsylvania, formerly of Garrett, Sunday, February 5, in Pennsylvania; Essie "Big Mom" Gayheart Martin, 94, of Eastern, Monday, February 6, at her residence; Irene Wright Dotson, 72, of Middle Creek Road, Prestonsburg, Sunday, February 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Clyde Preston Allen, 88, of Hazard, formerly of Martin, Monday, February 6, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Windle W. Blair, 74, of Gallatin, Tennessee, formerly of Water Gap, Thursday, February 2, at Summer Regional Medical Center; Ray Tuttle, 79, of Milan, Indiana, formerly of Garrett, Monday, February 6, at Dearborn County Hospital, Lawrenceburg, Indiana; Hulda Hall Lawson, 87, of Honaker, Wednesday, February 8, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Raymond C. Gilliam, 55, of Wheelwright, Wednesday, February 8, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

## **Thirty Years Ago** February 5, 1975

The fiscal court at its meeting, here, this afternoon, (Wednesday) will consider bids on the collection, hauling and disposal of solid waste from the county's four magisterial districts to the one county-maintained landfill on Turkey Creek, near Maytown...With plane crashes becoming more frequent in eastern Kentucky, the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad has purchased a scanner which will receive "beeps" from a downed plane, enabling searchers to locate the craft quickly ... Ashland Oil Inc., plans to expand its coal holdings, with "special emphasis in the Appalachian area."...Four Floyd County students are among those named to the Dean's List at Pikeville College. They are Johnny Lee Martin, Freshman, of Garrett; Randy Dale Osborne, Freshman, of Martin; Charles Azea Conn, Sophomore, of Betsy Layne, and John Alan Salisbury, Freshman, of Martin...Born: a son, Bryant Dean, to Mr. and Mrs. Dean C. Cornett, of Prestonsburg, Jan. 14; a son, James Christopher, to Mr. and Mrs. James Larry Daniels, of Allen, Jan. 19; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Blackburn, of Drift, Jan. 25...There died: Ernest Hill, 85, Monday, Jan. 27, at his home at Wheelwright; Mrs. Lizzie Akers, 67, of Galveston, last Friday, at a Pikeville hospital; Willie Shepherd, 64, formerly of this county, Thursday, at his home in Marshall, Mich.; Dollie Marshall Dotson, 82, of the Middle Creek Road, last Thursday, at a hospital here; Curtis McCown, 54, of Wheelwright, Tuesday, at a Martin hospital; Sam P. Collins, 89, of Wheelwright, last Friday, at a Lexington hospital; Mary Eileen Hughes, 56, of Wheelwright, last Wednesday, at the McDowell Hospital; Hi Prater, 83, of Blue River, last Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Paintsville Hospital; Thomas Y. Harmon, Sr., 90, of Bayes Branch, Monday, at a nursing home, here.

## **Twenty Years Ago** February 6, 1985

Prestonsburg's oldest house, known locally as "the old Johns House," was gutted by fire, Friday morning ... Child support offices in Prestonsburg, Salyersville and Paintsville are being consolidated into one regional office in Prestonsburg...The weekend snow was runningboard high to a Volkswagen...There died: John F. Hall, 77, of Grethel, January 28, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Hester Vanderpool, 72, of Hueysville, Thursday, in Ohio; Judy F. Isaacs, 89, of Teaberry, Saturday, at her home; Ross E. Johns, 60, of Eastern; Anna Brookover, 88, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Lona Cole, 69, of Prestonsburg, January 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Gertrude Cheek Clay, 82, of Allen, January 30, at her home; Willie E. Osborne, 89, of Eastern, last Wednesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; James Ervin Halbert, 85, of Printer, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Lillian Virginia Hunt, 55, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Grace D. Spradlin, 80, of Stanville, January 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Otis Musick, 77, of Lancer, Friday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

## **Forty Years Ago** February 4, 1965

Beaten about the head with a heavy timber at her home on the Middle Creek road, last Saturday, a 28-year-old mother of two was listed in critical condition in a

### Yesterdays

jailed in connection with the incident ... A 12-room addition to May Lodge, new tenscamping facilities, expanded camping areas, and an enlarged boat dock are planned at Jenny Wiley State Park this year, it was announced, Monday ... Ted Hicks, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will serve as chairman of Heart Days-for Business in Prestonsburg, for the 1965 Heart Fund, it was announced this week ... The Prestonsburg Chamber of Commerce, at a meeting held, Thursday, last week at the Municipal building, named Homer Neeley Jr., as director to succeed Rev. T. W. Chisholm, who resigned ... Blaine R. Hall has purchased the interest of Ed Music in the Hall-Music Insurance Agency, here, the change in ownership becoming effective January 1, it was learned this week...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Barkley J. Sturgill, a son, Barkley Jennings Jr., Jan. 21, at the Pikeville Appalachian Regional Hospital...There died: William Henry Warren, 68, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; A. J. Hamilton, 88, formerly of Floyd County, January 19, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Alex Birchfield, 82, formerly of Mare Creek, Tuesday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Kate Greer Alexander, 65, of East Point, January 25, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Lilly Collins, 60, of Wayland, Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; James Caudill, 26, formerly of Lackey, Sunday, at a Fort Wayne, Indiana hospital; Miss Doll Salisbury, 81, of Martin, Wednesday, at the home of a sister at Martin; Walter H.

in an Ashland Hospital.

## **Fifty Years Ago** February 3, 1955

H. L. Ley, of Prestonsburg, vice-president in charge of operations, Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, announced, today (Thursday), that applications have been filed for authorization which would enable its recently-formed subsidiary, the Kentucky Hydro-Carbon Company, to construct a \$9,000,000 hydro-carbon recovery plant near Maytown...A contract, which promises to break the stalemate on highway construction to Dewey Dam, and around Dewey Lake, is scheduled for letting by the State Department of Highways, February 18...What may by the first polio case in Floyd County this year is suspected in the illness of threeyear-old Gregory Wade Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Bailey of Hippo...Nomination of Curtis Clark, Mayor of Prestonsburg, to the post of U.S. Marshall for the Eastern district of Kentucky was made, Tuesday, by President Eisenhower...Resignation of Judge Bert T. Combs from the bench of the state's highest court was submitted, Monday, to Acting Governor Emerson Beauchamp, and became effective the following day ... Kelly Coleman, Wayland's six-foot-one junior guard, played in three-games last week, and poured 128 points through the nets for an average of 42 per contest...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Smiley, of Prestons-

Lexington hospital, and two men were Crisp, 57, Floyd County native, Sunday, burg, their sixteenth child, a son, Phillip Lindsay, January 30...There died: Lawrence Webb, 50, of East Point, Wednesday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Harvey Hamilton, 64, of Beaver, last Saturday, at the home of his daughter; Mrs. Ella M. Ratliff, 77, of Lancer, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

## **Sixty Years Ago** February 1, 1945

Floyd County's worst mine disaster took place at the Horn Elkhorn Coal Company mine, West Prestonsburg, Thursday evening, last week, when an explosion took the lives of three miners. The dead: Otto Stephens, 33, of Sloan; John P. Pennington, 42, of Lancer, and Theodore R. Collins, 39, West Prestonsburg...Floyd Countians listed this week as war casualties: Killed in action; Pfc. Orville Chaffins, of Minnie: missing-T-5 Charles E. Hunter, of Martin; Willie A. Damron Jr., of Amba; wounded-Pfc. Johnny H. Davis, of Myrtle; Pvt. Jewell G. Minix, of Prestonsburg; Joseph DeRossett, of Lancer; captured-Cpl. James W. Caudill, of Auxier, and Ross Caudill, of Dony... The Floyd County Circuit Court grand jury, Saturday, endorsed the "work-or-fight" legislation now pending in Congress...Elkhorn City won the Big Sandy Conference tournament at Pikeville last week. Barkley Sturgill of the Prestonsburg team, suffered a broken arm, Friday night, in the game with Meade Memorial...Fire caused an esti-

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mated damage of \$200 to Charles Crum's Pure Oil Service Station at Martin, Tuesday...There died: Mrs. Margaret Potter, 74, Tuesday, at Kite; Mrs. Martha Cook, 76, Monday, at Topmost; the Rev. Daniel Hughes, 72, of Martin, Saturday, at a Martin hospital; Barney Davis, 68, last Thursday, at Tram; Mrs. Lula Boyd Mosley, 50, Monday, at Emma; Mrs. T. C. Campbell, 46, of Mousie, Tuesday, at a Martin hospital; John C. Chaffins, 63, of Harold, at a Martin hospital, last Wednesday.

## **Seventy Years Ago** February 1, 1935

Dr. W. L. Stumbo has sold the Beaver Valley Hospital at Martin to a group of Pikeville doctors-Paul Gronnerud, R. S. Johnson, M.D. Flannery, A. G. Osborne, S. B. Casebolt, and R. W. Raynor...The fire which destroyed the barn of John (Cat) Calhoun, Friday morning, in the Porter Addition, here, may have been of incendiary origin, Mr. Calhoun said...Miss Mabel Porter, Floyd Circuit Court reporter, was seriously injured, Friday, when the auto driven by her brother, Paul, skidded on icy pavement near East Point...Jarvey Hamilton, night watchman for the Pike-Floyd Coal Company at Betsy Layne, was killed by a revolver shot, Sunday night...There died: Mrs. Sally Davidson Fitzpatrick, 78, widow of H. H. Fitzpatrick, Wednesday, at a Paintsville hospital; Hy H. Allen, of Middle Creek, Saturday.

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### School

Feb. 25 - "Dollars & Sense" program for Floyd County 5th grade students. To be held at the Martin Community Center (tentative).

"Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If your child has lost any clothing or other personal items, please remind them to check in the FRC. Items not claimed within 2 weeks, become the property of the FRC.

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

## Wesley Christian School

Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Play



### Critter

come directly off the aorta, so they must be carefully isolated and tied off, or ligated, to prevent major bleeding when the ovary is removed. Once one side is finished, the exact same thing is done on the other side. This is fairly straightforward in young dogs and cats; older, fatter animals are much more difficult. The blood supply is greatly increased to the ovaries and uterus during the heat cycle. This doesn't make much difference in a cat, but in a large dog it can be a nightmare. This is why most vets will not spay a dog in heat unless it is necessary for some other reason.

Now that the two arms of the "Y" are free, the base (the body of the uterus) must be removed. It has its own blood supply, in the form of the paired uterine arteries, which also branch off from the aorta. One artery lies on each side of the uterine body, so each must be isolated and ligated separately. Finally, a suture is placed around the entire uterus and tightened down. This prevents bleeding from small vessels and also seals off the uterine stump to prevent any bacteria or fluids entering the abdominal cavity through the opening that will be left when the rest of the uterus is removed. At this point the uterine body is clamped and cut loose. The removal of the reproductive tract is now complete, although the surgery is far scarring and better healing. The animals!

from over. (I should mention here that the absence of ovaries will not affect the cat or dog in the same way that it affects women. In humans the ovaries are more or less continuously active, and the cycles are short. In cats and dogs, the ovaries are only really active during the estrous, or "heat" cycles, which only occur a few times a year.)

With the uterus and ovaries removed, the abdomen is inspected for bleeding, such as from a ligature that was not as tight as intended, or from damage to a small vessel in the surrounding tissues. Usually there is only a slight oozing from some very small vessels which will seal off on its own. The abdomen is now ready to be closed. Even this is more complicated than it sounds. We routinely close abdominal incisions in three layers. The first layer of sutures goes through the peritoneum, or body wall. This is the layer that will provide the strength of the closure. Following this, the muscles and subcutaneous tissues are closed. This layer closes the "dead space" that would otherwise exist between the abdominal wall and the skin; this protects the deep sutures and decreases the chance that any bacteria will work its way in from the outside. It also reduces the tension on the stitches that will go in the skin, so that there will be less deaths of millions of homeless

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first two layers are generally done with suture material that will be broken down and absorbed by the body. The final layer, of course, is the skin. This is closed with any of a variety of materials. Most of these sutures are nonabsorbable, and will have to be removed in a week or so. Every vet seems to have a favorite suture material, and a favorite way to close routine abdominal incisions. The animal may or may not be bandaged following surgery.

Recovery time from anaesthesia depends on the particular drug or drugs used, but most animals are pretty much over the effects by the next day. Within a week, almost all cats and dogs seem to be feeling well and acting normally, although their activity should be restricted at least until the stitches are removed. It is remarkable how fast animals heal-I certainly didn't feel like chasing balls and climbing trees a week after having surgery! Maybe a lot of human post-op problems are in our heads!

I hope this has taken some of the mystery out of what happens during one of the most routine surgeries that is performed on our pets. Also, please remember that spaying and neutering are the keys to ending the crisis of pet overpopulation and to preventing the unnecessary

### Korner

Spouse yelled back, "What's wrong?" So I'm right away telling him about what I had just seen and heard.

Spouse said, "Don't get any ideas, Poopsie, you can't hold onto jewelry for losing it, and I don't think you could handle losing me twice!"

"Don't worry," I assured him. That's one "fad" this ol' girl is positive to stay away from.

What will they come up with next? Goodness sakes alive. Ashes to gems, ummm, ummmm, ummin.

#### Continued from p1 I don't think so!

Geez, don't know if I will ever be able to look at jewelry the same way again. Boy, did Spouse's face light up after that statement.

> 'Til Next Week ... God's Blessings...

Actors for the play "My Son is Crazy, but Promising" include, first row, from left: Jackie Goodin, Martha Quigley, Jeremy Wood, Janet McReynolds, Greg Clay, John Hansen. Second row actors are: Robbie Smith, Rebecca Fletcher, Rowena Dawhare, John Bush, Adrienne Szabo. Third row are: Chris Doll, Suzanne Deaton, Terry Thies, and Jessie Jackson.

sels sprouts on a stick. Despite the madness, miraculously, and true to the author's style, all problems are resolved.

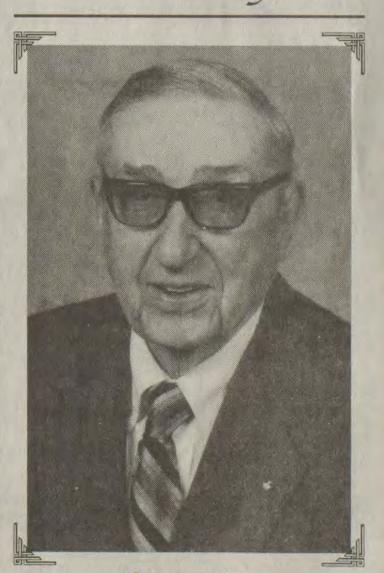
A dinner show will be presented on Friday, Feb. 25 with dinner at 7 p.m., and the show starting at 8 p.m. Tickets for the dinner and show will be \$25. (Season subscribers to the Performing Arts Series may purchase tickets for \$17.) Reservations for Friday night should be made by Friday, Feb. 18 by calling Jackie Goodin at 439-4547, Rayma West at 436-4662, Terry Thies at 436-2848, or Martha Quigley at 439-4325.

The show begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. A matinee will be presented on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2:30 p.m. All shows will be in the First Federal Center on the Hazard Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College. Tickets for all shows except the dinner show will be \$8 adults, \$5 students and seniors. Season subscriber's to the Performing Arts Series will not be charged for admittance.

Greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series grand benefactors are: Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Jackson, Hazard Clinic/Jackson Clinic, Kiwanis Club of Hazard and Perry Distributors Inc.

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# Birthdays



#### **Open Invitation**

The family of Mr. Herman Porter would like to extend a warm invitation to all to join them in celebrating Mr. Porter's 100th birthday. A party will be held on February 13, 2005, at the Allen Fire Department, just off Highway 23, at Allen, from 2-4:30 p.m. Family respectfully requests that no gifts be sent, allow your presence to serve as gift instead. In the case of snow, an alternate date has been set for Sunday, February 20. Call 874-8170 for more information.

## Spanish Couple

a very hard time trying to come up with anything they don't like about our area. "I guess if I have to say," Yolanda said, "I would say that the only problem I can find here is distance. Everything is so far away ... so for example, anytime we have to go to the airport, it is about three and a half hours away. Sum that up with the hours of the flight, and that means a lot of time.'

Regardless, Yolanda and Guillermo both say they enjoy traveling to "nearby" Lexington and Huntington to visit malls, shop in international markets and take in movies and other cultural events. "What we really like is getting to know, and share, different cultures...how people from other countries live and think, and, of course, visiting places that were important in other times...learning how people from ancient times lived," said Yolanda.

"We both think now that living standards are pretty good in this country, something really

difficult to get in Spain right now. Here, for a young couple, it is really easy to find a job and raise a family," she continued.

However, raising a family is not something the couple want to do, themselves, for a few more years. For now, they are enjoying the freedom of travel, and besides, they have Gorda, Yolanda's cat, to lavish their parental instincts on. "Gorda came on the plane with us, from Spain," Yolanda said. "We had a harder time finding a place to live

because some people did not want to rent to us because of our cat, but we are very happy where we are living now, our landlords don't care that we have her."

Both Yolanda and Guillermo say that they miss family and friends in Spain, but have been fortunate enough to have friends from Spain travel to the U.S. to visit with them, as well as having been able to make a couple of trips home to visit family members. "One thing we really miss," Yolanda said, "is to go on

'Tapas', which basically means meeting family and friends in the afternoon for drinks and food, this is a custom in Spain that we do miss...it is also hard on holidays, like Christmas, since it is only the two of us here. We miss our families then,'

In the meantime, though, Yolanda and Guillermo are very much enjoying life in eastern Kentucky teaching and working at the local newspaper, as well as visiting the local flea markets. "Flea markets are so much

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fun," says Yolanda, "You never know what you will see there."

And, for Yolanda and Cuillermo, they never know what country they might see next. But as for now, the lucky ones of us who are experiencing the good fortune to get to know them here in Floyd County, will be missing them very much when the day arrives that they decide to move on. In the meantime, though, we are certainly enjoying learning as much from them as they are learning from us.





Life is a whirlwind of work and fun for Yolanda Coleto and Guillermo Cuenca, of Madrid, Spain. Yolanda and Guillermo, newly wed, have been spending the first years of their marriage working and living in Floyd County. (1) Yolanda, shown here with students Shane McKinney and Jordan Case, teaches her native language at Betsy Layne High School; Guillermo at work putting his graphic arts skills to work for the Floyd County Times. (2) Halloween, a holiday not celebrated in their native land, is one that the couple greatly enjoy participating in here in the states. Shown here are "fat people," Guillermo the farmer and Yolanda the sumo wrestler. Also pictured are the couple's friend, Audra, seated, helping Yolanda carve a jack-o-lantern or two. (3) Examples of Guillermo's photographic "genius" (as friend and fellow enthusiast, Paula, proclaims in regard to the young man's talents.

### Oak

a cattywampus cowboy."

Then, there I was last week reading about "cattywampus" in a national publication after all these years thinking it was just a home-made expression this man had invented. Matter of fact, it was kind of disappointing to learn that the term is used all over the country and probably originated more than two hundred years ago. Everybody everywhere likely knows it means "out of order."

Another word my long-ago friend used on a regular basis, the need to use regular cuss words, was "dadgum."

"This dadgum bicycle wheel is all cattywampus," he'd say.

Well, it took some doing, but I also discovered that "dadgum" is a real word, too, is used everywhere, and also likely originated back in the 1800s.

Fortunately, my discovering that he hadn't invented either term has in no way tainted my memory of this fellow whose tales of his war-time adventures - told in the cool shade

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probably so he wouldn't have of a front porch on those faraway summer afternoons kept a group of rag-tag, coalcamp little boys spellbound for hours at at time.

However, if I someday learn that his heroic deeds while serving in South Africa didn't really lead to our winning WW II, now that might be another thing altogether. One thing's for sure, though. Those of us who hung on to every word he spoke on those occasions, were convinced that ole Hitler was as cattywampus as they came.

## Parents & Students-Do you need assistance with completing the financial aid application?

Hazard Community and Technical College (HCTC) will be hosting College Goal Sunday on Sunday, Feb. 27, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hazard Campus of Hazard Community & Technical College. College Goal Sunday provides students and their families the opportunity to get the 2005-2006 financial aid application filled out with the assistance of a financial aid professional. There are no fees for this service. If a student is planning to attend college starting August 2005, use this event to get the financial aid application completed and submitted for processing.

Attendees should bring com-

pleted 2004 U.S. Income Tax Returns, W-2 statements, and/or proof of income for the 2004 year. Financial Aid Professionals will be on hand to assist with the completion of this extreme-

ly important application.

For additional information. call (800) 246-7521, extensions 73061 or 73060. You may also email:

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Jamie Beth Nunnery was the school, which is located in daughter of James H. Nunnery Sr. and Sylvia Nunnery Purdy, both formerly of Prestonsburg. Jamie was also just recently elected "Valentine Queen" at MCMS.



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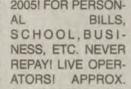
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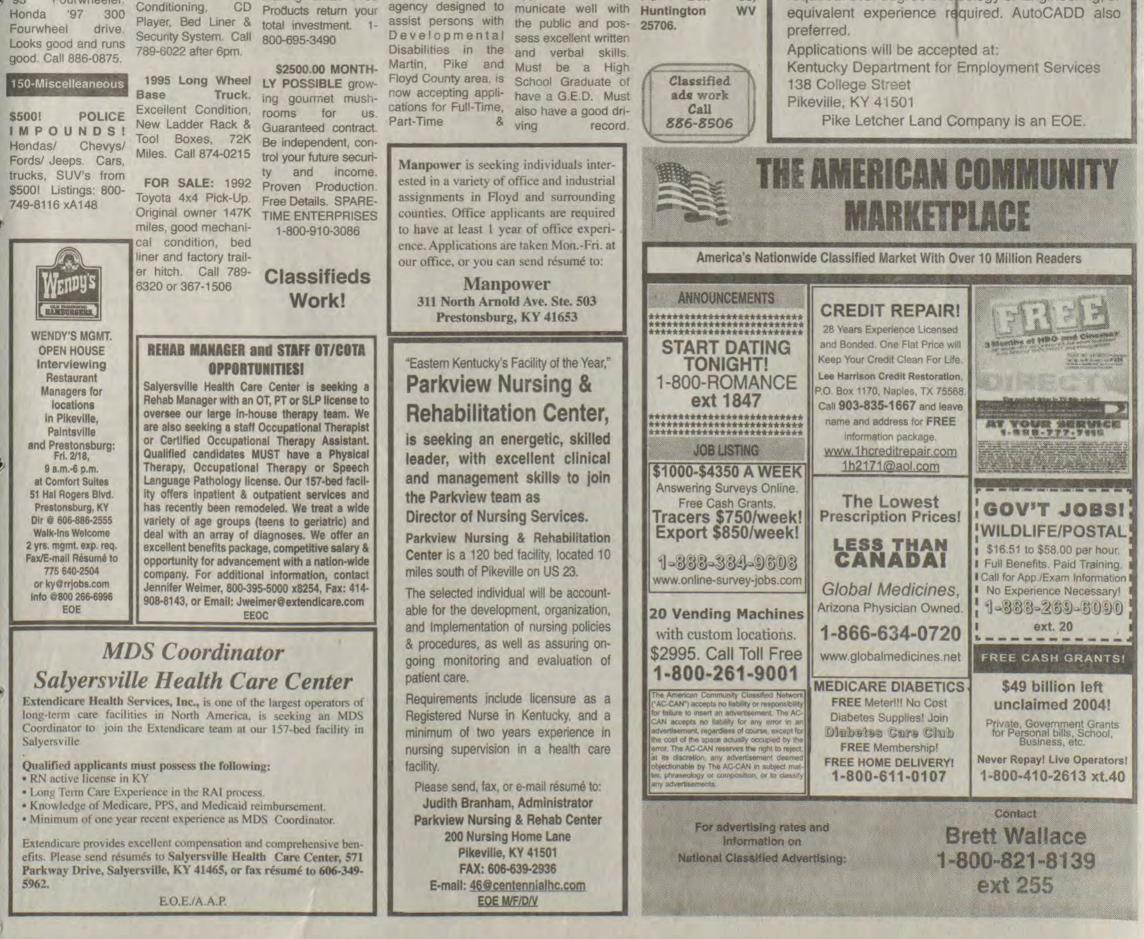
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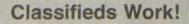
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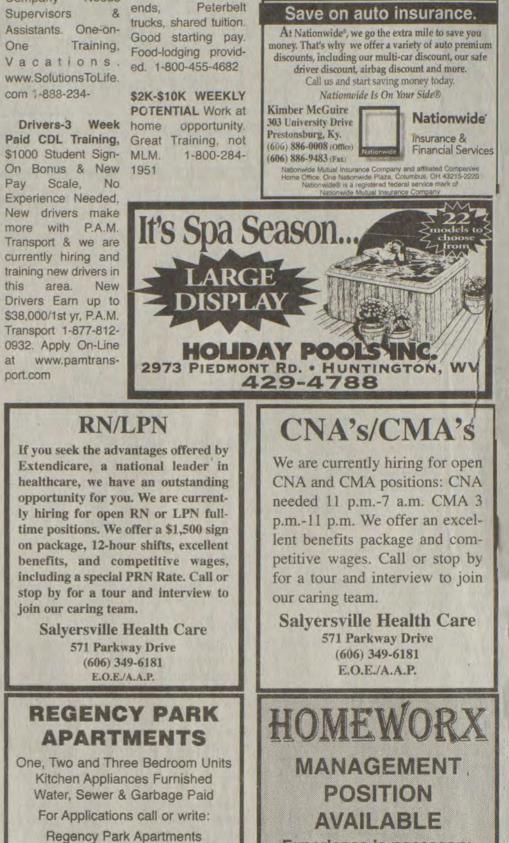
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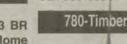
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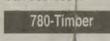
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#### LEGAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will hold its Annual Meeting of membership at its Tobacco Farmer Appreciation Day at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 18, 2005 in Room 101 of the South Wing at the KY Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, KY during the National Farm Machinery Show.

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#### C8 · WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2005

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0308

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Pikeville, Road. Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 269.6 acres and will underlie an additional 186.9 acres, located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County

The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 mile northwest at the Old Floyd from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch Prestonsburg and Raccoon Branch Kentucky. of Saltlick Creek.

The proposed operation is located on David the and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the the hour of 9:00 a.m., contour strip, area the mining, and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Ollie Jack Howell, G.M.O. et al. Forestry Fund 3, LP, Effie Crager, Kenneth Patrick Wallace. Brian Ousley, Lowell Dean Shepherd, Shepherd, Glen Handshoe, Clinton Sylvia Warrix, Billy Annie Tussey. Handshoe, Elsie Wright, Thelma and Lurie Hoover, and Knott Floyd Land Company Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Ollie Jack Howard, et al., G.M.O. Forestry Crager, Shepherd, Shepherd, Handshoe. Warrix,

Fund 3, LP, Effie Kenneth Wallace, Lowell Dean Glen Clinton Sylvia Annie Handshoe, Wright, Thelma and the C&O right-of-way Lurie Hoover, and Knott Floyd Land Company Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY 7. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road. KY Route 7 will be closed to traffic during blasting operations. The application has in the Deed records been filed for public of Floyd County, inspection at the Kentucky. Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and sale, the successful Enforcement's bidder, if the other Prestonsburg than the Plaintiff, Regional Office, shall either pay cash 3140 South Lake or \$5,000.00 of pur-Drive, Prestonsburg, chase price, with the Kentucky 41653. balance on credit for Written comments. thirty (30) days, and objections. 10 required to execute a requests for a permit. bond with good sureconference must be ty thereon for the filed with the Director, unpaid Division of Permits, price of said property, #2 Hudson Hollow, if any, bearing inter-U.S. 127 South, est at the rate of Frankfort, Kentucky twelve 40601 This is the final from the date of sale advertisement of the until paid, having the application. All comforce and effect of a ments, objections or Judgment. requests for a permit conference must be shall be sold subject received within thirty to any easements (30) days of today's and restrictions of date. record in the Floyd

Mary Rebecca Elliott, all delinquent Floyd Williams' Rebecca unknown defendant, spouse of Mary R. Elliott, aka Mary Rebecca Elliott, aka **Rebecca Elliott** 

Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSION-

ER'S SALE January 2005, in the the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the princisum of \$38,682.74, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall pro-

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ceed to offer for sale dence over printed cessful bidder shall County courthouse door, South Central Avenue (behind Floyd the new County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 17th day of February, 2005, at following described real estate, located at 59 Jim Case Lane. McDowell, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Left Beaver at E. McDowell:

Beginning at corner of Mary Litteral's property and C&O right-of-way, thence running with said right-of-way to corner of Sol Robinson's line; thence running with Robinson's line the Bill Hall to Branch; thence up said Bill Hall Branch running with the Branch to a corner of Mary Litteral's line; thence across the bottom, running with Elsie said Litteral's line to

aka Mary Elliott, aka County, Kentucky, Elliott, real estate taxes will proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the pur-Mary Elliott, aka chaser of the above same property con- Branch on the left obtained the appro-

to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of BY VIRTUE OF shall be required of Judgment and Order the Plaintiff, and it of Sale of the Floyd shall only be obligat-Circuit Court, entered ed to pay court costs, on the 12th day of the fees and costs of Commissioner, and

any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Anv announcements made on date

of sale take precematter herein. Plaintiff's Attorney:

Hon. Lori R. Leach Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 William S. Kendrick

Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268

Prestonsburg, KY 41653 COMMON-

#### WEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOHNSON CIRCUIT COURT ACTION NO. 04-CI-00008 FAMILY BANK,

**FSB** PLAINTIFF VS: **RE-NOTICE OF** 

## SALE

David L. Trimble; Kimberly P. Trimble, Computers Plus Inc. Brett M. Higgins; United States of America Internal Revenue Service; Commonwealth of Kentucky Revenue Cabinet Commonwealth of Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet Ex. Rel., Division of

Unemployment Insurance: First North American

line to location.

Church Street; Street to the point of Sage Allen Branch, beginning. being the mile up Sage Allen This

for an amount equal Trimble by John M. Trimble and Janet M. dence Trimble by deed dated January 27. 1998, and recorded years. the bid, and no bond in Deed Book 350, Page 589, Records of the Johnson County Court Clerk's knowledge of per-Office.

A. The successful location or the names Master bidder shall either of their next of kin. pay cash or make a deposit of ten (10%) information about percent of the pur- persons buried in this chase price with the location, please conbalance on a credit of tact George Adkins at thirty (30) days, in which event the succontained be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid price and bear inter- Times for a period of est at the rate of 12% 60 days from January per annum from the date of sale until ration of 60 days paid. Said bond shall notice, Jerry Banks have the force and will petition the Floyd effect of a Judgment Fiscal Court to grant for which execution authority to relocate may issue, and a lien

upon the above located. described real estate as additional surety. ments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior vears shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the

chase price. The property C. described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Johnson County Court Clerk's Office, and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the

supervised approximately one licensed described property veyed to David L. hand side of the priate permits from and the Health Services may branch near the resi-Cabinet, Department of Jerry Banks, and has been of Vital Statistics. The abandoned for many to take place on or

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FOR BID

2. This notice is to after March 21, 2005. request assistance ADVERTISEfrom anyone having sons buried in this The Floyd County

Board of Education 3. If you have any will receive sealed bids for Prestonsburg High School Energy Management System. Bids will be Knott Floyd Land received by Greg Company, P.O. Box Adams, Director of Pikeville, 2765. Facilities, 23 Martin Kentucky 41502 Street, Allen, KY (606) 874-9003. 41601, until 2:00 p.m.

4. This notice will local time, February run each Wednesday 10, 2005. Bids will be purchase in the Floyd County publicly opened and read aloud at that time. 12, 2005. At the expi-Bids mailed or delivered to Greg Director of Facilities. 23 Allen, KY 41601, so the graves whose as to arrive prior to shall be retained next of kin cannot be the time established for their opening. All

The graves 5. risks involved with requiring Fiscal Court the proper and timely B. The purchaser approval to be relodelivery of any shall be required to cated will be relocat-Proposal shall be assume and pay all ed at a perpetual assumed by the taxes or assess- care cemetery in

funeral director who will have accepted.

from Associates relocation is planned Architects, 107 Main Street, Whitesburg, KY. 41858 (606-633-2263), for a nonand office of the

Owner. Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a BID BOND, executed ures. by the Bidder and Surety Company, IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE form PERCENT (5%) OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE PRO-POSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if proposal is the accepted, a Contract will be immediately its best interests. entered into and the performance of it properly secured. Contractor The awarded a Contract for this project will be required to provide a 100% Performance and Payment Bond on the terms provided in the attached Project Manual.

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Adams,

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Martin Street,

Mary R. Elliott, aka and payable. Any and direction with Charlie other graves in this Floyd County, and Bidder. Any bid which Proposal Forms ble has awarded a will be marked by is not received on a must be properly contract to SpanPro 1. The cemetery appropriate head- timely basis or in the filled out and submit- Inc., of Florence. thence in a Northerly has no known official stone and footstone. proper form shall be ted in duplicate. No Kentucky, to conbe paid from the sale direction with Church name. It is located on The relocation will be rejected. Facsimile qualifying letters or struct by a transmissions statements will be upgrade of its facili-("Faxes") will not be considered. No bid- ties in Pike, Floyd Copies of the plans bid submitted for a Ing areas. When the specifications period of sixty (60) project is complete. be obtained days after the date the cable company Richardson set for the opening of bids.

In the events the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fails to execute a satrefundable fee of isfactory contract and \$50. Plans and spec- bond, he/she shall be ifications may be eliminated and shall examined at the forfeit their certified office of the Architect check, cash or Bid Bond, and shall be liable for the loss occasioned by the

Owner by such fail-Any bid which is not received on a timely basis or in the proper shall be returned unopened. The Owner reserves the right to

accept any, or to reject any or all bids, and to waive any informality therein, all as it deems to be in FLOYD COUNTY

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day. your cooperation.

COMMONWEALTH Office, and such right OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT **DIVISION NO. I** C.A. NO. 04-CI-00840 Deutsche Bank Trust National Company, as Custodian or Trustee, fka Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A.

Plaintiff

Vs.

to the beginning. This boundary includes property.

Max the Henene Rickete Capital One Bank; Being the same property conveyed to Wilburn Elliott and Rebecca Elliott, by virtue of a deed dated March 9, 1970, recorded on March 13, 1970, in Deed Book 201, Page 378, of

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(12%)) per annum

(b) The property

of redemption as may

exist in favor of the

United States of

America and/or the

record owners there-

(c) The purchaser

shall be required to

assume and pay all

Kentucky, real prop-

erty taxes for the

year 2005, and all

subsequent years,

which are not yet due

County

of.

Floyd

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of

Kentucky East Corporation; Johnson County, Kentucky; City of Paintsville, Kentucky; and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants By virtue of a

Judgment and Order Sale of the Circuit Johnson Court, entered the 27th day of July,

2004, and Order entered January 24, 2005, in the above cause for the combined sums of \$127,544.02 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that I shall proceed to offer for sale in the lobby of the courthouse, outpurchase side of the Circuit had discovered an Court Clerk's Office, abandoned cemetery Johnson County, KY, to the highest and best bidder, at public possibly four (4) auction, on the 24th unmarked graves. It day 2005, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., upon the terms with the assistance of set forth following the description, the following property, to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying graves are: Bobbie and being in the City Paintsville, of County. Johnson Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows: Southwest corner of Street; Second thence in a Westerly direction 63 feet to an iron pin; thence in a All reasonable efforts Southerly direction to have been made to the line of (formerly) Charlie thence in an Easterly determine if there are

record owners there-National Bank; Viper of. Computers; This 27th day of January, 2005.

> Dale Phillips, Master Commissioner Johnson Circuit Court P.O. Box 668 Paintsville, KY 41240 (606) 789-7531

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RELOCATE GRAVES

Jerry Banks is the owner of certain property located at Sage Allen Branch (formerly known as Motts Branch and General Allen Branch) of Salt Lick Right Beaver оп Creek in Floyd County (Deed Book 289, Page 434). He Paintsville, on his property which contains two (2) identifiable graves and of February, is his intention to relocate these graves Knott Floyd Land Company due to mindescribed ing operations on his property.

identifiable The Shepherd and Wanda Hicks. Permission to relocate the grave of Bobbie Shepherd has been granted by Beginning at the her next of kin. The only other identifiable grave is that of Wanda Hicks, born 1926 and died 1927. contact Wanda Hicks' Williams; next of kin and to

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Written by Bob Rouse **Illustrated by Frank Yates** 

#### **CHAPTER 5**

The story so far: Faced with losing their school, a team of students tries to win a cross-country scavenger hunt and a new school. But someone wants them to fail.

#### Last week's clue:

One city had a greeter everybody knew, Patsy Ann welcomed sailors and tourists, too. But P.A. was not your everyday nice female, She walked on four legs while she wagged her tail. To find her figure, you'll have to define, Which state capital is number forty-nine.

"Finally - an easy clue!" Nathan said as the Goldenrod students gathered at an outdoor café in Key West. "State capital number 49 can only be Juneau, Alaska."

The others nodded wordlessly, their mouths filled with Key lime pie.

"Who's Patsy Ann?" Myron mumbled through the pie. "The mayor?

Amber's fork stopped halfway to her mouth. "Not unless the mayor has four legs and a wagging tail," she said.

Just then, Ms. Roosevelt and FreeZee joined the group. "Workin' on my clue, are you?" the rapper asked. "Good luck - have fun."

"We've had fun, but bad luck," Myron said.

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After catching a late-morning flight, Ms. Roosevelt and the kids headed to Juneau via Northeast Texas Airport and Seattle. On board, the teacher met with her students, her forehead lined with concern.

"FreeZee and I talked about the odd things happening to us," she said, "and we want you to be careful and stick together.'

An hour later, Myron was walking out of the bookstore at the Northeast Texas Airport - by himself - with his nose buried in the latest Laz Calloway mystery. He had left his friends and a dozing Ms. Roosevelt at Gate 16, waiting for their Seattle flight.

Out of the corner of his eye, he saw a man pushing a wheelchair and walking quickly. Still reading, Myron stopped to let the man pass but was bowled over by the chair! Before he could turn around, a plastic box was jammed over his head and clamped to his shirt.

"Hey! What's going ..." Myron's protest was cut off by a series of sneezes - one after another! The plastic box was a pet carrier with cat hair swirling around inside and Myron was extremely allergic to cats!

felt humid, outside air, then heard a door opening. Myron was pushed into a dimly lit room. As he struggled to get the crate off, the door closed - and he heard the lock click

"What in the world?" Myron whispered. He saw he was in a windowless building with more pet carriers. The room had a powerful dog smell. At least this isn't the cat room, he thought, but then the growling started.

Myron reached for his cell phone but remembered leaving it at Gate 16. All he had was a pen. Myron yelled loudly for help, but roaring engines overpowered his voice. Must be planes taking off, he thought.

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"Our plane takes off in 35 minutes! Where is Myron?" Ms. Roosevelt asked the other kids at Gate 16. "If we miss this flight, we'll lose the game. That young man will be in my doghouse when he comes back!"

In the airport doghouse, Myron grew desperate. He took the cap off the pen, hoping to blow into it and whistle for help. He could only make a highpitched noise. Nobody's

going to hear ... . His thought

was interrupted by several dogs' howling. They sure heard the whistle! Myron blew harder, and the howling grew louder - almost deafening.

Within minutes the door burst open, and a man in a jumpsuit entered the room. "You hounds hush up!" he shouted, and then spotted Myron. "Heyyy, you're not supposed to be in here," he said.

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As (good) luck would have it, one of the airport's security guards was flying to Seattle, too. He completed his report of Myron's misfortune while in the air, so the Goldenrod group could stay on schedule.

Myron was fine, but Ms. Roosevelt was ready to quit the game. "I have called Mr. Sanchez, FreeZee, and all of your parents about this, this ... attack!" she said to her students. "I will not put you in danger - we'll go home!"

The students looked at each other silently. Then Myron

The boy couldn't see who was pushing the chair. He spoke up. "Ms. R., FreeZee is ready to give us a mansion that can become the coolest school ever. But this game is a way for us to earn it," he said. "Winning will prove that we're worthy of the gift."

> The other kids nodded. A tear crept down Amber's cheek

"That's what your parents said - all of them," the teacher admitted.

When the group landed in Juneau, Sluppy D and two private security guards greeted them. "FreeZee thought you needed the extra muscle," Sluppy D said, and then tousled Myron's hair. "Stopped sneezing, little dude?

After putting on coats provided by Sluppy D, the group - and their guards - crowded into a taxi van. Solving the clue had become the easiest part of the day, as Latisha and Amber had found a Web site devoted to Patsy Ann, Juneau's "town dog" that greeted arriving ships in the 1930s.

As Nathan photographed the statue of Patsy Ann on a Juneau dock, other tourists stood beside Myron and read about the famous canine. "The statue

looks so real," one of them said and then sniffed the air. "It even smells like a dog." Myron blushed.

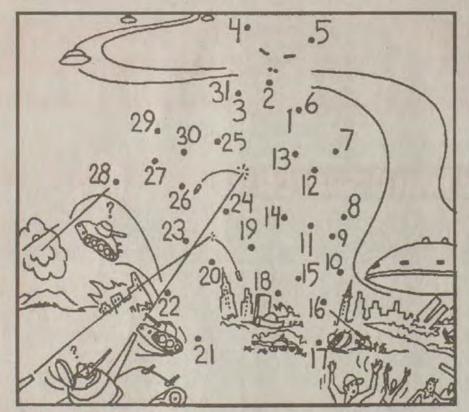
The group got a reply from FreeZee right away. He OK'ed their answer and directed them to the Juneau Empire for the next clue. After getting a paper, Myron said quietly, "Hey guys, I think I know how to catch our badluck maker.'

Each week, a rap clue for the story's scavenger hunt will appear in The Floyd County Times. Look for it in today's Classifieds section.

Bob Rouse and Frank Yates both work for the Lexington Herald-Leader. For classroom activities to use with this story, go to www.kypress.com.

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by Hal Kaufman



SCREEN DOER! Stand fast, game players, we're facing a mighty foe. Draw dot to dot to complete the picture.

LEFT SHOE! When Junior's sneaker fell out of the car window and was lost, he said he could think of three possible uses for the sneaker that was left. What uses? 1. To swat a bug. 2. To use as a door wedge. 3. To toss at his sister. Can you think of any more?

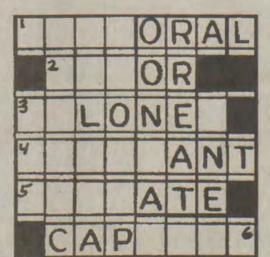
ARMY BUILDUP! Let's see how quickly you can build upon the seven short

words at right to form the names of six different army ranks. That is to say, fill blanks with missing letters to complete the required terms.

What ranks will the exercise reveal? They include three commissioned officers, two noncoms, and just an ordinary GI Joe.

They are in no particular order of importance. Time limit: Not more than two minutes.

1. Corporal. 2. Major. 3. Colonel. 4. Sergeant. 5. Private. 6. Captain.



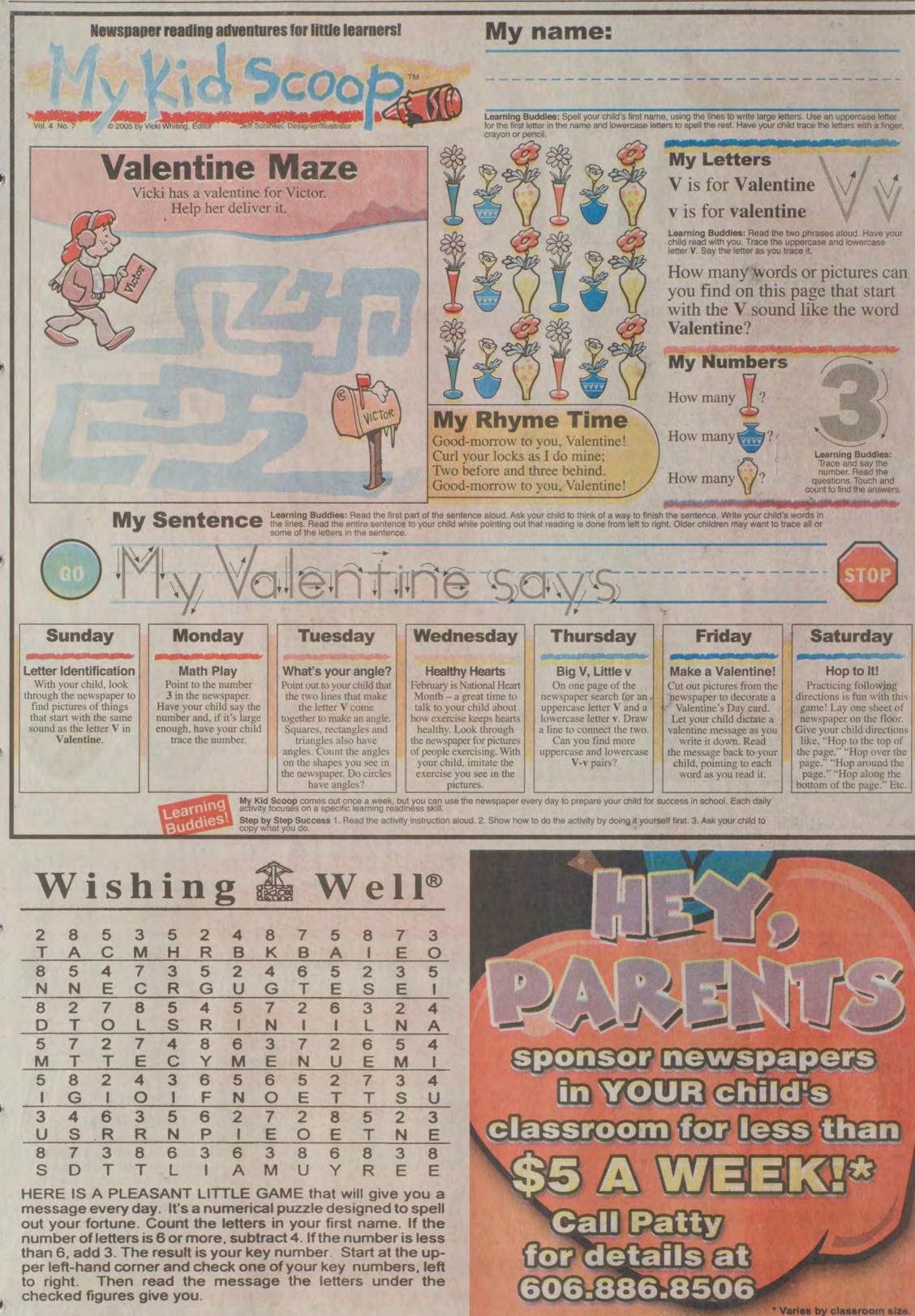
## AS MEN WERE, OR ARE, **OR FACE UP TO BE**

HERE are some curious "Facts About Man," excerpted from an old journal:

"If a well-made man be extended on the ground, his arms at right angles with the body, a circle making the navel its center will just take in the head, the fingertips and feet ... distance from top to toe precisely that between outstretched fingers.

"Length of the body is just six times that of the foot; while distance from edge of the hair on the forehead to end of the chin is one-tenth the length of the whole stature."

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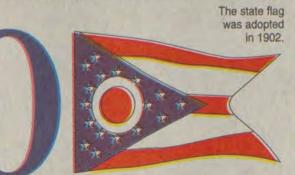
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The cardinal is the state bird.

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The name Ohio is an Iroquois word that means "something great." It is also known as the "Buckeye State" for the once plentiful buckeye trees that grew throughout the region. Early colonists often used buckeye wood to build their log cabins.

### Just the facts

Capital city	Columbus			
Statehood	17th state, March 1, 1803			
Area	41,222 sq. miles (66, 367 sq. km.)			
2002 population	11,421,267 (estimated)			
Agricultural products	Corn, soybeans, wheat, oats, tomatoes, grapes, apples, beef cattle, dairy products, hogs, eggs, greenhouse products			
Manufactured goods	Machinery, chemicals, rubb products, glass products, plastic products, trucks and automobiles, iron, steel, foo			
Mining	Coal, petroleum, salt, sandstone, limestone, clay			

### Climate

Ohio has cold winters and warm, humid summers with an average annual temperature of 52 F (11 C) Record high temperature: 113 F (45 C) July 1934 Record low temperature: -39 F (-39 C) February 1899

Average July temperature: 73 F (23 C)

Average January temperature: 28 F (-2 C)

About three-fourths of Ohio's people live in urban areas, and the rest make their homes in rural communities. The state is home to about 72.000 farms. It is estimated that farms and ranches cover about half the state's land.

Ohio is not a particularly large state, ranking 35th in size among all the 50 states. Columbus has

been the capital of Ohio since 1816.

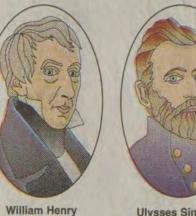


- Cropland
  - Grazing and cropland mixed with woodland Mostly woodland Urban area
- Mineral deposit

Ohio has more than 44,000 miles (70,800 km.) of rivers and streams. It is also home to more than 2,500 glacial lakes and about 180 manmade lakes. Fish living in the state's waters include bass, bluegills, catfish, muskellunge, perch, pike and walleye.

## The mother of presidents

Ohio is sometimes referred to as the mother of presidents. There have been seven presidents from Ohio, eight if you count William Henry Harrison who lived in Ohio when he became president. (He is the grandfather of our 23rd president, Benjamin Harrison.)





Harrison (1773 - 1841)9th president 1841

**Ulysses Simpson** Grant (1822 - 1885)**18th president** 1869-1877



Rutherford **Birchard Hayes** (1822 - 1893)**19th president** 1877-1881

**James Abram** Garfield (1831-1881) 20th president 1881



Benjamin

Harrison

(1833 - 1901)

23rd president

1889-1893

William Howard

Taft

(1857-1930)

27th president



William McKinley (1843-1901) 25th president 1897-1901

Warren Gamaliel

Harding

(1865-1923)

29th president

1921-1923

Wilbur Wright



ne state seal as adopted 1967.	The ladybug is the state's official instate

ect.

## Ancient Ohio

The scarlet carnation is the state flower. It may

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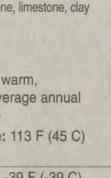
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Millions of years ago, oceans covered the land that is now Ohio. When the water receded it left rich mineral deposits of coal, salt and limestone in the soil. During the Ice Age, glaciers (huge blocks of ice) covered most of Ohio. The glaciers flattened the land and when they melted left layers of rich soil. Thousands of years ago, ancient Indians roamed the land. These Indians were the ancestors of a people called the Mound Builders. The Mound Builders left more than 6,000 burial mounds, forts and other earthworks throughout the region. It is likely that the Indian tribes encountered by the early white settlers were related to the Mound

Builders. Before the white man arrived, several tribes inhabited the land. These tribes included the Delaware, Miami, Iroquois, Shawnee, Wyandot and Huron.





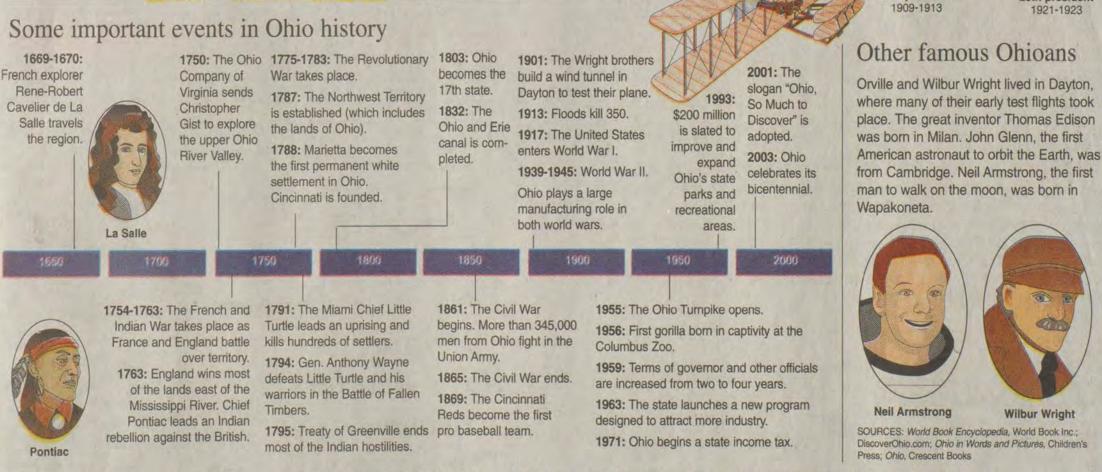
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Great horned owls are among the many birds found in Ohio's forests. Blackbirds, cardinals, chickadees and wrens are common songbirds. Bald eagles can sometimes be spotted along the shores of Lake Erie.



Ohio has many parks and forests. Most of the trees are hardwoods like beech, black walnut, hickory, maple, sycamore and tulip trees. White-tailed deer are plentiful, as are smaller wild animals. Minks, muskrats, raccoons and red foxes can be found living in the wild.

> The Wright brothers' "flyer'



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