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briefs

House passes bill limiting junk food in schools

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Pupils would have a harder time getting junk food and soft drinks under a bill the Kentucky House passed Friday. Among other things, the bill would prevent candy bars and fried potato chips as offerings in school vending machines. Healthier alternatives would have to be available instead. Sugary soft drinks would be kept from elementary school pupils. However, middle and high school students would have some access. Still, vending machines would be stocked primarily with water, milk or juice. Elementary schools could also offer up to 30 minutes of physical activity as part of the school day under the proposal. The House passed the measure on a 85-4 vote. It heads to the Senate where it has an uncertain future; similar proposals have stalled there three previous times.

Cocaine dealers won't face state charges

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The commonwealth's cases against several men convicted of federal drug trafficking charges have fizzled.

Charges against four men have or will likely be dismissed because they are already serving federal time for the crimes.

Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill entered an order Friday dismissing charges against one of the men, David Slone, who faced one count of cocaine trafficking. Slone

was among a ring of cocaine traffickers who were indicted in 2003 for similar charges. He, like the others, pleaded guilty to the crime in U.S. District Court in Pikeville.

Federal officers stepped in to prosecute the cocaine trafficking cases before state charges were completed locally, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said.

Caudill will consider another motion Monday to dismiss charges against Harold Thornsberry, 49, who is currently serving a federal sentence for cocaine trafficking.

Thornsberry, a former Wheelwright resident, faces eight counts of cocaine trafficking. The commonwealth offered him a 10-year sentence on each count, to run concurrently with each other and with the sentence imposed on him in federal court.

During a hearing Feb. 9, Thornsberry entered a motion to dismiss the case, citing the double jeopardy clauses in the state and U.S. Constitutions that prevent accused individuals from being charged twice with crimes resulting from the same evidence in each case.

Caudill held the motion to dismiss in

abeyance, in order to give Thornsberry time to file a supplemental memorandum to his motion. He has until noon Monday to file the memorandum, the order says.

A similar case against Rodney Thornsberry, 50, formerly of Bypro, was dismissed last month because the commonwealth said they had no basis to object to a motion for dismissal.

Turner said in the motion that subsequent prosecution by the state following a federal conviction is prohibited because

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Ricky Williams was sentenced to five years Friday for two counts of drug trafficking. Williams, seen here conversing with his attorney, public advocate William Collins, worked out a plea agreement with the commonwealth in which he received two concurrent four-year sentences for the crimes. Those sentences were enhanced with an additional year because Williams also holds a persistent felony offender charge.

photo by Mary Music

Martin council member charged with assault

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — A Martin city council member was arrested this week after a domestic violence dispute at his home.

Charles E. Justice, 46, of Front Street, pleaded not guilty Friday to one count of fourth-degree assault.

The charge came after an apparent domestic violence dispute in which his girlfriend was injured, the police report says.

According to court records, Kentucky State Police officials investigated the scene after a call for assistance was made Thursday at approximate-

ly 2:48 a.m. by the alleged victim's 8-year-old son.

KSP Trooper Shawn Little, heading the investigation, reported that the victim, who had redness around her neck, claimed that no assault had taken place between her and Justice.

The victim's son, however, told Trooper J.D.

Wolfe that Justice held the woman against the wall and choked her.

Little also alleges that Justice admitted to holding the victim down.

Alcohol was a factor in the dispute, the citation says.

The alleged victim did

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Justice

No bond reduction for vet

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit Judge John David Caudill overruled a motion Friday to reduce the bond of Vietnam veteran who allegedly caused a scare at the Floyd County Justice Center last year.

The bond for Carter Ray Castle, 55, will remain at \$25,000 cash, Caudill ruled, after hearing objections in the matter from Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor.

Castle, a former Gunlock resident, is accused of entering the Floyd

County Justice Center armed with a gun in October. Castle's appearance startled bailiffs attending the metal detector at the Justice Center.

A pursuit ensued following the incident, leading authorities to the Red Light Diner, where Castle had apparently gone to order two cups of coffee.

According to reports, officers tackled Castle inside the restaurant, and the struggle then continued into the parking lot. Several officers walked away with minor injuries.

Following the incident, Castle was charged with attempted murder of a police officer, two counts of assault

of a police officer, and six counts of wanton endangerment.

Ned Pillersdorf, Castle's attorney, requested a bond reduction in the case, citing his medical condition.

Pillersdorf argued that Castle was off his regular medication, used to treat his post-traumatic stress disorder, at the time of the incident. He claims that a prolonged jail stay would deteriorate Castle's condition.

Pillersdorf has moved for a mental competency evaluation in the case.

Castle remains incarcerated at the Floyd County Detention Center. He is scheduled for a pretrial conference on March 17.

Doctor wins fight to stay in Eastern Kentucky

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRESTONSBURG — A physician recruited by the federal government to open a practice in medically underserved central Appalachia has won his legal battle to stay.

Dr. Enrico Ascani III filed suit in October against Appalachian Regional Healthcare, his former employer, to stop the hospital chain from using a noncompetes clause in his contract to force him out of Eastern Kentucky.

Ascani, who came from New Orleans about six years ago to help offset a shortage of doctors, reached a settlement earlier this week that will allow him to open a practice at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, about 60 miles from his home in Hazard.

"I'm just happy to be able to stay in Eastern Kentucky," said Ascani, who specializes in obstetrics and gynecology. "When I first came here, I wasn't going to stay permanently, but I fell in love with the place. This is my home."

A clause in his contract with Appalachian Regional Healthcare prevented him from opening a practice within 50 miles of any of the chain's hospitals. The problem — Appalachian Regional Healthcare operates hospitals throughout the region, leaving him no choice but to leave or fight to stay.

His patients joined the fray, calling on the hospital chain to relent. They said Ascani is an excellent doctor who is badly needed in the region.

"I feel like I've taken care of

them, and now they've taken care of me," Ascani said. "I appreciate all the support that my patients have given me."

For decades, the central Appalachian region has worked hard to improve doctor-to-patient ratios, primarily by recruiting physicians from other states and countries. Even with the recruited doctors, the region has only about one primary care physician for every 1,200 people. In specialty fields such as Ascani's, the ratio is

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Dr. Enrico Ascani III

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Odds and Ends

■ **VALENTINE, Texas** — Love is getting stamped out in this tiny West Texas town.

Valentine's Day cards and letters have been coming to the town's adobe-style post office for weeks as romantics from around the world send messages to get stamped with the distinctive postmark of Valentine, Texas.

With 7,000 cards already behind them Monday, Postmaster Maria Elena Carrasco and her part-time assistant Leslie Williams were greeted with a dozen brimming baskets of cards and letters left by the daily delivery truck that traveled 150 miles from El Paso.

They stamped each piece by hand, and by nightfall, another truck making the return trip picked up the cards and letters for routing to cities coast to coast, border to border. By Carrasco's count, they've gone to 28 countries, including Saudi Arabia, Ireland and Switzerland.

"It reinforces my belief that there is a lot of love and a lot of people do believe in God because that's what love is," said Carrasco, who has run the post office since 1990.

The holiday postmark tradition grew from the 1980s, when the previous postmaster, Doris Kelley, offered the postmark to some friends and the favor spread by word of mouth.

■ **VOLANT, Pa.** — Archie Glenn's family made sure he was Deere-ly departed.

The 99-year-old dairy farmer had a passion for John

Deere tractors. So at his Feb. 4 funeral, his family had his casket pulled to the North Plain Grove Cemetery using a 1950s vintage John Deere tractor.

"He loved those machines," said Glenn's daughter, Ruth Wigton. "They never let him down."

Glenn bought his first John Deere tractor in 1935. When he retired in 1977 at age 72, he continued to use a tractor to mow 20 of his own acres and his neighbors' land.

Glenn's green casket had a liner embroidered with a yellow-and-green tractor image. Flower arrangements were yellow and green. The family downloaded music featuring the sounds of a running, idling and stalled tractor engine from the John Deere Web site to play at the funeral home.

"Dad's funeral was not a mournful occasion, but a celebration of his life and what he loved - from the people to the tractors," Wigton said.

■ **COLUMBIA, S.C.** — Dozens of birds got drunk from eating holly berries, then crashed into the glass of an office building and died.

"It was like an Alfred Hitchcock movie," worker Denise Wilkinson said. "It was spooky. You could hear them where they flew into the glass."

Warm weather and an ample supply of berries attracted hundreds of cedar waxwings into the enclosed courtyard of the three-story building Tuesday.

The birds began getting drunk on the fermented berries. They got so loopy that some were falling off branches and others were slamming into the glass walls that enclose the courtyard, said Burgess Mills, the building's owner.

About half of the 100 birds that slammed into the building died, workers said.

Groundskeepers have tried to help the birds by putting tape on windows or nets over the holly trees to keep them from eating the berries, Mills said.

■ **EULESS, Texas** — A robbery suspect was caught after leaving his wallet on the store counter - and then going to the police station to pick it up.

Joseph Fahnbulleh, 22, was jailed on a robbery charge, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Thursday.

A few days after the Jan. 29 robbery, he walked into the police station in Euless, near Dallas, to pick up his wallet after a detective called to tell him someone had found it.

"Once we had the wallet, we called him to say it had been turned in to our lost and found," Detective Marco Valladares said. "We don't really have one."

The store clerk said the man took about \$200 from the cash drawer after attacking him with pepper spray.

■ **ALBUQUERQUE** — Police got the drop on a drug suspect when the man dropped his stash wrapped in cash.

Hugo Suso-Dominguez, 23, was in line at a convenience store in front of two plainclothes officers when he dropped a dollar bill folded into a pouch Tuesday night, police said. The officers, who had stopped at the store to get food while on a surveillance operation, recognized the pouch as a method of holding drugs.

One officer picked up the dollar, unfolded it and found white powder, which later tested positive for cocaine, according to a criminal complaint.

"Hugo looked back at us and the dollar bill, which was now open displaying the suspected cocaine. Hugo laughed and stated, 'That is mine' (in Spanish)," Detective Thomas Gutierrez said.

Suso-Dominguez was charged with possession with intent to distribute because there was about one-half ounce of cocaine in the pouch, police said. He was being held on a \$2,500 bail.

■ **ROTHSCHILD, Wis.** — Jon Jazdzewski made a valuable discovery while driving out of town for business.

Jazdzewski, 52, an employee of Wausau Supply, was leaving town around 4 a.m. on Jan. 28 when he spotted something on the road near the Rothschild Village Hall.

"I knew it was a money bag, and I picked it up. But there was no doubt in my mind that this thing was going back to (the village)," said

Jazdzewski, of Kronenwetter.

More than \$850,000 in cash and checks was inside the locked bag, according to city officials.

A police officer had set the bag on the trunk of a squad car and then was called to an emergency, Jazdzewski said. The bag apparently slid off the back of the car when the officer pulled away.

Rothschild Police Chief Bill Schremp declined to discuss the contents of the bag, but he said he was grateful.

"Someone that found the bag was very honest. We are planning on doing something for him," Schremp said.

■ **LIVINGSTON, Mont.** — Sheriff Clark Carpenter says identifying inmates should be a black and white matter, so he's color-coordinating uniforms based on crime.

The Park County Detention Center is outfitting inmates charged with felonies in black and white prison stripe uniforms.

Carpenter said he got the idea on a trip to Canada, when he saw a work crew on the side of the highway in black and white striped clothing.

"It left no question in my mind who those guys were and what they're doing," Carpenter said.

For years, Park County inmates have worn solid orange uniforms, which can be identical to work clothes worn by some road crews. Carpenter said if someone escaped from jail and was seen on the side of

the road in an orange jumpsuit, it might not raise suspicion.

Detention center supervisor Jay O'Neill lobbied against the new uniforms, but said some of the inmates "almost get a chuckle out of it and say, 'Those are kind of cool.'"

Park County bought 60 black and white uniforms to replace aging orange uniforms. Carpenter said as more orange uniforms need replacing, he'll purchase orange and white striped uniforms for those facing misdemeanor charges.

■ **OMAHA, Neb.** — Sen. Ben Nelson had to hitch a ride with a stranger to his own news conference after accompanying President Bush on a last-minute ride to the airport.

The Democratic senator said he did not know his own staff had sent a car for him on Friday to Eppley Airfield, where he accompanied Bush in the presidential limo.

So Nelson accepted a ride with White House staffers back to the Qwest Center, where Bush had spoken about Social Security. From there, he was stranded and late for his news conference to offer reaction to Bush's plan. Nelson said he could not reach his own staffers, who were waiting for him 50 blocks away.

Dick Preston saw Nelson outside the complex, where he was going to the annual home and garden show.

"It was obvious he needed a ride," Preston said. "I told him I had this old Buick and it was ready to go."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2005. There are 321 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-death of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

On this date:

■ In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

■ In 1795, the University of North Carolina became the first U.S. state university to admit students with the arrival of Hinton James, who was the only student on campus for two weeks.

■ In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

■ In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

■ In 1945, during World War II, the Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

■ In 1945, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden.

■ In 1960, France exploded

its first atomic bomb.

■ In 1980, opening ceremonies were held in Lake Placid, N.Y., for the 13th Winter Olympics.

■ In 1984, Konstantin Chernenko was chosen to be general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, succeeding the late Yuri Andropov.

■ In 1988, the 15th winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Ten years ago: A tribunal in the Netherlands indicted 21 Serbs for atrocities against Croats and Muslims interned in a Bosnian prison camp. House Speaker Newt Gingrich ruled out running for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination.

Five years ago: Charles Schulz's final "Peanuts" strip ran in Sunday newspapers, the day after the cartoonist died in his sleep at his California home at age 77. Tiger Woods saw his streak of six consecutive victories come to an end as he fell short to Phil Mickelson in the Buick Invitational.

One year ago: President Bush, trying to calm a political storm, ordered the release of his Vietnam-era military records to counter Democrats' suggestions that he'd shirked his duty in the Texas Air National Guard.

Today's Birthdays: Former test pilot Charles E.

"Chuck" Yeager is 82. Actress Kim Novak is 72. Actor George Segal is 71. Actor Bo Svenson is 64. Actress Carol Lynley is 63. Singer-musician Peter Dinklage (The Monkees) is 63. Actress Stockard Channing is 61. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 61. Singer Peter Gabriel is 55. Actor David Naughton is 54. Rock musician Peter Hook is 49. Actor Matt Salinger is 45. Singer Henry Rollins is 44. Actor Neal McDonough is 39. Singer Freedom Williams is 39. Actress Kelly Hu is 37. Rock musician Todd Harrell (3 Doors Down) is 33. Singer Robbie Williams is 31. R&B performer Natalie Stewart (Floetry) is 26. Actress Mena Suvari is 26.

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Obituaries

Mary Ruth Conley Hughes

Mary Ruth Conley Hughes, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, February 11, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born October 7, 1922, in Riceville, she was the daughter of the late Hargus Conley and Julia Rice Conley. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Long Fork United Baptist Church, in Riceville.

She is survived by her husband, Hargus Preston "Press" Hughes.

Other survivors include one son, Preston Keith Hughes of Prestonsburg.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, February 14, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Elder John R. Pelphrey officiating.

Interment will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Visitation is Sunday, 5 p.m., until 9 p.m.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Charges

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the prosecution of each offense requires proof of a fact that's not required in another case.

"The elements of the federal charges and the state charges are basically the same and under the analysis required by KRS 505.050 they would be treated as the same offense," Turner wrote in the motion. "As a result, the state charges cannot be prosecuted any further. Accordingly, the commonwealth has no legal basis to object to the defendant's motion to dismiss the case."

Thornberry, facing three counts of first-degree cocaine trafficking, was sentenced to 27 months after pleading guilty in federal court to the crimes.

Turner said dismissal of charges against the men would not have any effect on their federal sentences, as any sentence imposed through the state would run concurrently with the federal sentence the men are now serving.

The state's case against Vernon Slone, facing two counts of first-degree cocaine trafficking, will also likely be dismissed.

Justice

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Justice posted a \$2,000 surety bond and was released Friday. He is subject to a 500-foot restraining order.

Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson refused to comment Friday.

"I don't think so," she said, when asked if Justice's arrest would affect his service on the city council.

Repeated attempts to reach Justice were unsuccessful.

He is scheduled for a pretrial conference in the case May 16.

Doctor

even higher.

Ascani, a graduate of Louisiana State University School of Medicine who did his residency at Tulane University Hospital, came to Eastern Kentucky under the federal program that forgives college loans for physicians who work in medically underserved communities.

Kathy Rubado, spokeswoman for Highlands Regional Medical Center, said Ascani will begin his practice in Prestonsburg on Wednesday.

"We are absolutely delighted," she said. "For us to recruit a physician of his caliber, we are just so pleased."

Ascani said in his lawsuit that he shouldn't be held to the noncompete clause in his

contract with Appalachian Regional Healthcare because the hospital chain violated his contract by not providing services and equipment needed in his practice.

The company declined to comment when Ascani filed the lawsuit, and said little more after the settlement.

"We are happy that both parties have resolved their differences," President and Chief Executive Officer Stephen C. Hanson said Friday through a spokeswoman.

Thomas Moak, a Prestonsburg attorney representing the physician, said terms of the settlement are confidential, but that the lawsuit will be dropped.

"I'm glad it worked out for him," Moak said.

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Fire

ally light. The result has been a "very heavy accumulation of fuel in our forests," Kentucky Division of Forestry Director Leah MacSwords said.

"This heavy accumulation could create a very dangerous situation," MacSwords said. "This year, more than ever, citizens who live in and around our state's woodlands should take extra precaution to ensure their property is

safe from wildfire."

The national Firewise Communities Program recommends keeping at least a 30-foot mowed buffer area around homes, water hoses long enough to reach around houses, decks enclosed to keep out dried leaves, and firewood stacked away from houses.

More information about fire safety can be found at www.firewise.ky.gov.

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Officials would receive information about Open Meetings, Open Records laws

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky House passed a bill Thursday aimed at making sure that local officials are familiar with the state's Open Meetings and Open Records laws.

Under the measure, the state attorney general's office would provide information to officials explaining the "procedural and substantive provisions" of both laws.

The information would be sent to an array of officials, including county judge-executives, mayors, county and city attorneys, public school superintendents and the presidents of public colleges and universities. County judge-executives and mayors would distribute the information to locally elected officials and members of local governing boards or commissions. School superintendents would provide the information to members of

school boards and school councils.

Rep. Derrick Graham, D-Frankfort, said his bill would especially be informative for newly elected and appointed officials.

"This measure would help elected and appointed officials have a better understanding and knowledge of the way to handle open meetings and offi-

cial records responsibly for the media and the public," he said.

The bill passed 91-1 with little discussion and now goes to the Senate.

The attorney general's office would send out the information within 90 days of the bill becoming law and again whenever the Open Meetings or Open Records laws are amended.

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Guest view Politics holding Kentucky back

Administratively, Kentucky is one of the best-run states in the country. But its political leadership is killing it.

That's the conclusion of a recent national report that evaluated how the 50 states manage money, people, infrastructure and information.

The Government Performance Project — carried out by a team of academics and journalists from *Governing* magazine — gave Kentucky an overall B-plus, a rating it shared with four states. Only two states scored higher, although in reality the states were compared not against each other but against defined criteria.

The report's first paragraph reiterates what the editorial board at *The Post*, historians, political science professors and other government watchers have been saying with increasing fervor:

"It's not always possible to differentiate between the impact of management and politics on a state's ability to control its fiscal destiny," the report read. "But Kentucky seems to have a kind of managerial bipolar disorder. The arsenal of administrative tools it has accumulated over time is terrific. On the other hand, the state's political leadership has brought many of its processes to a standstill unparalleled in Kentucky's history."

While eviscerating the Legislature, however, the report complimented Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his predecessor, Paul Patton, for efforts to bring stability and efficiency to state government. The report noted that the governors have had to run the state via short-term spending plans because Democrats and Republicans in the Legislature have failed twice to even pass a budget.

"The effect of this debilitating warfare is that the state has been unable to make any progress with worthwhile new programs," it read.

The silver lining, it read, is that Kentucky is managing what finances it does have "penuriously." In particular, the report — funded by the Pew Charitable Trust, a public-interest group based in Philadelphia — praised Kentucky's state government for:

- The process by which it predicts revenue.
- Keeping expenses in line via its fiscal notes process for predicting program costs.
- Solidly stocking its pension funds.
- Managing cash.
- Strict oversight of procurements.
- Strategic planning.
- Reorganizing departments under Fletcher to avoid duplication.
- How new employees are recruited and trained.
- Widespread opportunities to access services and information on the Internet.

On the other hand, the state could improve its weak technology system, how quickly it responds to delays and overruns on some capital projects, how it seeks public input on highway projects, funding of poor maintenance budgets in the highway department, use of performance auditing and the process by which citizens can convey concerns to state government. ...

We encourage the governor and his administration to continue their efforts. Now if the legislature would ever come around, perhaps the state could show some real progress.

— *The Kentucky Post*



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guest column Open Records Act exists for the public

by CHARLES N. DAVIS
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The Kentucky Open Records Project is a labor of love, the product of hours of work by dozens of journalists across the Bluegrass State, and the first comprehensive attempt to gauge the state of access.

All in all, the results paint an encouraging picture, especially when compared with the results in many other states. Freedom of information is a constant battle, after all, and denial is far too often the norm rather than the exception to the rule, which should be transparency.

Some 30-plus audits nationwide yield a distressing theme: despite the

best efforts of many public officials, many in our federal, state and local governments cling to the notion that government information belongs to the government. In Kentucky, like in many other states, law enforcement remains a laggard when it comes to public records.

Too many law enforcement agencies in the Kentucky audit seem to operate as if they own their information.

They don't.

While there is no official legislative history in Kentucky, the intent of the legislators in enacting the Open Records Act is contained in the act's pream-

ble. The legislature declared that "free and open examination of public records is in the public interest and the exceptions provided for by (the act) or otherwise provided by law shall be strictly construed, even though such examination may cause inconvenience or embarrassment to public officials or

others." In other words, the information is yours — not theirs — and the Open Records Act exists for you, not them.

Why do newspapers conduct FOI audits? Because somewhere in Kentucky, far more often than we care to think about, a citizen is denied access to public records. For that citizen, the denial represents what might very well be the first and only time that parent, or homeowner, or student, has requested information from their government.

And what happened? A stern clerk, who may or may not have known better, told them no.

That is why we conduct open records audits.

This open records audit belongs to you, the citizens of Kentucky. The right of access to information in Kentucky exists thanks to you. Journalists care deeply about freedom of information, because without access to information, we can't give you the information you need to govern yourselves in a democratic system.

Freedom of information is a right whose loss is not felt until after the fact, a right which far too often is labeled a press right of interest only to

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The Rich Lowry column

— beyond the beltway War nurtures voting and torturing

by DONALD KAUL

It was a good start, the Iraqi election. President Bush called it "a resounding success" but what would you expect him to call it? A \$100 billion fiasco?

It's really too early to call it anything. (I'm even suspicious of the report that nearly 60 percent of the Iraqi people went to the polls. If you can't get an honest count in Ohio, why should you trust one out of Baghdad?)

But the consensus seems to be that a goodly number of Iraqis did turn out, most of them people who had lived with Saddam's heel on their necks for the past 30 years. In doing so they showed uncommon valor and a yearning for democracy that beggars our own, which will seldom get more than 50 percent of an electorate away from their television sets and into a voting booth. (Is it possible that democracy will grow and bloom in the Middle East even as it withers here? Stay tuned.)

My favorite vignette from the election was captured by Karl Vick of the "Washington Post." A voter at a polling

place where a suicide bomber had blown himself up hours before said:

"I would have been happy to have died voting at the time of this explosion, because this is terrorism mixed with rudeness."

Terrorism mixed with rudeness; what a wonderful concept. I'm not saying I understand it, but I loved it.

As my uncle, Lao Tzu, once said: "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."

On Iraq's journey to democracy, last week's election was that step. The next one — establishing a government that gives constitutional protection to the rights of minorities — is a much longer one.

In a country like Iraq, riven by bitter factions — religious, economic and ethnic — minority rights are essential. Without them you don't have a government, you have civil war. Which is what we have now, more or less, Sunnis against the world.

We have to hope that, against all odds, President Bush knows what he's talking about and things will calm down over there. I really don't see how they can but that's me, calling the glass 90 percent empty again. Maybe today we should just celebrate the Iraqi people's accomplishment and let it go at that. Plenty of time for reality later.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the president continued staffing his administration with veterans of the War on Terror, torture division.

After seeing his original nominee for Homeland Security Secretary, a mobbed-up cop from New York, shot down politically, he's now gone to Michael Chertoff, a former Justice Department chap who had a hand in vetting our "interrogation techniques" in Iraq and

Guantanamo. (He's the other bookend to Attorney General nominee Alberto Gonzales, a former White House counsel who also participated in devising our interrogation techniques.)

We can all take comfort in the fact that our entire law enforcement community will soon be on the same page.

I can see the scene now — a crew chief assembles his passenger-screening team at one of our larger airports.

"All right guys," he says. "We're going out there and make sure no terrorist gets on a plane here today; not on our watch. Here are a few points I'd like to make:

"There have been entirely too many cases of organ-failure during questioning lately. That is just overkill, pure and simple. In most instances, bending back a finger works just fine. If it doesn't, twist an arm, but not until it breaks. Use common sense.

"And when you strip-search passengers, for god's sake don't lead them around the airport naked on a leash. It scares the other travelers.

"Also, take it easy on wiring up suspicious characters to our lamps. Our electric bills were way up last month.

"Don't forget, we're the gateway to the friendly skies. Now go out there and screen."

Don't you feel safer now? I do. (By the way, Lao Tzu isn't an uncle; I made that up. Everything else is true, though.)

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It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark

Evangelicals seek to clarify their beliefs to a wary public

by RACHEL ZOLL
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HAMILTON, Mass. — Recognizing that many Americans worry about their influence following President Bush's re-election, evangelicals are saying that they have been misunderstood and — in some ways — remain underdogs in a nation they consider hostile to public talk about faith.

The image of evangelicals is a key element in an ongoing series of conferences in Washington and other cities explaining the movement; the first meeting was held last week at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary outside Boston.

Speakers at the gathering, organized by the seminary, listed what they consider among the biggest myths about evangelicals: that they are anti-intellectual; that they seek to create a Christian government in the United States; and that their belief that salvation comes only through Christ is intolerant and aims to silence other religious expression.

Timothy Tennent, professor of world missions at Gordon-Conwell, said evangelicals have no desire to impose Christianity on unwilling Americans. He insisted conservative Christians can be respectful of other religions — without abandoning their own core teaching that all faiths are not equal.

"We want an open discourse where we have the right and freedom to share our faith," Tennent said. "I want to protect the right for a Buddhist to be a Buddhist in America. I want to protect the right for a Muslim to be a Muslim in America. ... But I still want them to know Christ."

While people outside the evangelical movement often view it as monolithic, major divisions exist, including disagreement over which moral and public policy issues should be paramount. Some speakers said evangelicals too closely align themselves with Republicans and focus too much on abortion and gay marriage, instead of broad social concerns.

Estimates of the number of evangelicals in the United States vary dramatically — from 44 million up to 126 million — depending on how broad a definition is used, according to Todd Johnson, director of the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell.

Robert Wenz, of the National Association of Evangelicals, whose member churches say they represent 24 million people, drew a sharp distinction between organizations like his and the Moral Majority, which was started by the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

While Falwell deserves credit for re-energizing Christians politically, the Moral Majority was "fatally flawed," and its emergence as a representative of

conservative Christianity was "regrettable," Wenz said.

"It was all about making America a nice place for Christians to live," he said. "This is not the kind of social involvement that we need or that evangelicals espouse."

University of Akron political scientist John Green has said that Wenz's NAE, whose member churches claim 24 million congregants, represents the pragmatic center of evangelicalism compared to two other wings: progressive evangelicals and the Christian right, which includes much of the Southern Baptist Convention.

John Jefferson Davis, a professor of systematic theology and Christian ethics at Gordon-Conwell, said it was understandable that non-Christians now view evangelicals as at the peak of their influence, given that an outspoken Christian is in the White House and Republicans responsive to Christian concerns control Congress.

Still, conservative Christian values face wholesale rejection in other arenas, such as the entertainment industry, while evangelicals continue to lose major court battles over abortion and religion in public schools, Davis said.

"We acknowledge as evangelicals that we're in a culture war," Wenz said, "but the war is against a movement that seeks to impose a totally secular world view."

David Wells, professor of historical and systematic theology at the seminary, said some of the trouble stems from a tendency to equate evangelicals with fundamentalists. Fundamentalists are cultural separatists, withdrawing from people who hold different beliefs and adopting "a set of cultural attitudes that evangelicals have abandoned," he said. Evangelicals seek to involve themselves in society, engaging members of other religions and influencing the broader culture.

"Race, poverty and the environment are, or should be part of, our biblically based ethic," Davis said.

Wenz added that evangelicals have little support among conservative black Christians. The lack of white evangelical involvement in the civil rights movement in the 1960s "continues to be an embarrassing failure from which we have not recovered," Wenz said.

"The word evangelical is not popular in the black evangelical community," he said.

The speakers said they were not surprised by the public's wariness of evangelicals, as membership in conservative Christian churches explodes around the world and evangelicals build alliances with the politically powerful. However, Wenz said evangelicals desire many of the same things as other Americans: free speech and help for the disadvantaged in society.

by BONNIE S. HOWELL
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LATTER-DAY SAINTS

"Be ready, not afraid," isn't just the United States Department of Homeland Security's slogan — it's a way of life for many of the more than 12 million members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, more commonly known as the Mormons. In fact, when it comes to emergency preparedness, the Mormons have it "down pat." They are simply following their church's teachings, which emphasize self-reliance and preparedness.

Preparedness is actually not a new concept. It wasn't too far back that it was considered prudent and practical for our ancestors to put away food for the winter. This practice has since faded as more people rely on grocery stores and fast food. In the early days, the church taught its members to have enough so that when they faced hard times, they wouldn't panic. Members were not only encouraged to keep emergency reserves, but to plant gardens, avoid debt and live within their means. Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in eastern Kentucky as well as worldwide, still heed this counsel and are known locally in many communities as the local food storage and emergency preparedness experts.

Many stalwart members, especially in the western United States, plan a food storage room when building their homes, complete with angled shelving, which allows #10 cans of dry packed food to roll forward easily as each can is removed. However, most members have food stored wherever they can find the space — in basements, under beds, in closets and in stackable plastic buckets in the garage. Some creative members use boxes of food storage for bed frames and night stands.

While there are Latter-day Saints with a full year's supply of food, it is more common for people to have enough for just a few months. Members are not asked to go out and buy food for a year all at once. Rather, they are encouraged to buy extra food and supplies each time they shop. Some have even been known to sacrifice a vacation or Christmas just to stock up on food storage.

The Mormons may have gotten ahead of the game when it comes to preparedness, but in these days of unemployment, unpredictable weather, terrorism, war and political unrest, it just makes good sense to be prepared regardless of your religion. In fact, more and more non-Mormons are getting in on the preparedness bandwagon. The average family should have the following basic food sup-

plies on hand for one person for one year: 400 pounds of grains (includes wheat, rice, corn, rolled oats and spaghetti and pasta), 60 pounds of legumes (includes dry beans, peas, lentils, all beans, in fact), 16 pounds of powdered milk, 60 pounds of sugar or honey, 10 quarts of cooking oil, and 8 pounds of salt. This is the bare minimum that it will take to sustain life for one person for one

year. Obviously, this is not a healthy diet on its own and since you shouldn't "put all your eggs in one basket" it makes sense to store frozen and canned foods as well as "comfort food" items. EWYS and SWYE (eat-what-you-store and store-what-you-eat) is a common internet acronym

and very good advice. In times of unemployment or peril when you must rely on your food storage, chocolate chips tucked away nicely in the freezer can be a welcome treat.

More than likely most of us already have some type of a food storage program. If you can or freeze garden produce or buy cases of canned goods on sale from the local grocer, then you already have a start on your food storage. There are many web sites devoted to acquiring a year's supply of food. You can easily go to any search engine and type "food storage", thereby accessing hundreds of "how-to" web sites and food storage manufacturer's web sites as well. Software programs are even available to help you track your inventory as well as what you need to buy based on the number of people in your household. Preparedness, however, goes beyond food storage. Other items that you should keep on hand are: matches, candles, lanterns, a battery-operated radio, knives, a hatchet, a shovel and other tools, medicine, blankets and a first-aid kit, mess kits or paper cups, paper plates, and plastic utensils, a manual can opener, a wheat grinder, plastic garbage bag and a plastic bucket, soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste and supplies for dentures and contact lenses, toilet paper and sanitary items, money, books or games for children.

By now you are surely thinking, "How do I get started?" Simply point your web browser

to <http://www.providentliving.org>, the latest web site owned and operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This site covers 7 major topics: (1) Physical Health, (2) Social and Emotional Strength, (3) Education and Literacy, (4) Employment (5) Resource Management, (6) Food Storage and Emergency Preparedness and (7) Helps for Church Leaders. This site is chock full of common sense ideas on preparedness, including: Why store food, what to store, how to

store, using food storage, gardening and emergency preparedness. This site suggests first buying foods that a family could eat to keep them alive if there were nothing else, then buying foods the family enjoys eating. Also included are recipes, information on storage methods and a list of foods a family of four would need to survive for one year.

Food storage is not just for a natural disaster or attack. It's part of the way to be sure you can help friends and family if something happens. Some church members have had to live off their food storage when times were tight due to unemployment, lay-offs, or other unforeseen events.

In addition to having an adequate supply of food, church leaders have counseled their members for years to have a 72-hour emergency kit on hand. This kit, which is usually in a backpack, contains enough food, water, first aid supplies, clothing, sanitation, sheltering supplies (if you have to stay outside) and other comfort items to sustain one person for a minimum of 72 hours. 72 hours is the reasonable length of time settled on by industry that it will normally take for help to arrive, basic utilities to be restored and for relief workers to reach an area. 72-hour kits should be customized to the individual, but at a minimum should contain the following: paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, battery operated radio, extra batteries, flashlight with extra bulbs and batteries, manual can opener, ABC fire extinguisher, whistle, toilet paper and towlelettes, soap, sanitary supplies, extra set of clothing, 3 day supply of emergency rations or MREs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine sanitary items, medicines, knife, a multi-purpose tool or a selection of

screwdrivers and pliers, a tube tent or tarp for shelter and a good wool blanket.

If you're really serious about preparedness, you can add other items such as a camp stove and Sterno fuel, cooking pots and utensils, sleeping bags, emergency blankets and a pillow. Last, but not least, you should plan for one gallon of water per day per person per. Some people use

Two-liter soda bottles because they fit more easily into a backpack. A 72-hour kit must be handy for emergencies. If you have to evacuate quickly, you should be able to grab your kit and go. For this reason, it's a good idea to keep one in the car and office as well. Food items should

be rotated every six months. If you ever have to evacuate, all you'd have to do is grab your 72-hour kit and go.

Being prepared is a lot like having a spare tire. No one expects a flat, but we carry the spare and the tools regardless. It's considered prudent to have that spare ... just as you have auto and home insurance and many other safeguards. Your family will cope best by preparing for disaster

before it strikes. Once disaster hits, you won't have time to shop or search for supplies. But if you've gathered supplies in advance and stocked up on your food storage and have your 72-hour kits ready, your family can endure a home confinement or evacuation. Just remember, it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

For more information about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in your area, you may call: In Martin, 285-0023; Paintsville, 789-5769; and in Pikeville, 437-0850.

The official web site for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints can be found at <http://www.lds.org>.

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Bob Arnold, executive director of the Kentucky Association of Counties, said most county officials are aware of their obligations under the open records law. Still, some county officials worry about potential lawsuits that could result from improper-

ly releasing a document.

"These jailers and folks are just scared to death of being sued again — about anything," Arnold said.

But open government is one of the cornerstones of democracy and should be preserved,

Barry Bingham Jr., former publisher of The Courier-Journal, said. People should care about open government even if they have little direct interaction with public records themselves, Bingham said.

Without true information, cit-

izens can't make informed decisions about which candidates or programs they should support, Bingham said.

"Information is more important than paving highways," Bingham said. "Information is what you base democracy on."

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ink-stained wretches in the Fourth Estate.

It is a right to be exercised by an aggressive press on behalf of the people, to be sure, but it is also your tool in monitoring your government. Kentucky's open records laws empower the citizen to a far

greater extent than you may realize. Unlike many states, in Kentucky, rather than being forced into the courts when a public agency denies access to a record, any citizen may ask the state Attorney General for an opinion on the matter.

That is a powerful check on government, but only if you use it. The Kentucky Open Records Project demonstrates that many officials across the state still need to realize that the information in their files belongs to you, the citizens of Kentucky. This

audit is the first step; your active involvement is the next.

Charles N. Davis is executive director of the Freedom of Information Center at the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

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State Senate passes bill aimed at curbing meth production

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Seeking to curtail the spread of methamphetamine, Kentucky's Senate voted Friday to put limits on the sale of cold medicine commonly used in making the illicit drug.

The bill, which passed 34-0, would limit people to buying no more than three packages of medicine containing pseudoephedrine at one time, and no more than 9 grams per month, or about a dozen boxes. Pseudoephedrine is a decongestant found in drugs such as Sudafed.

If the bill becomes law, people buying such medicine

would have to show a government-issued photo identification and sign a log at the store. Retailers would have to restrict access by putting such medicine behind a counter or in a case.

A similar law passed last year in Oklahoma saw meth lab seizures fall more than 80 percent. In Washington, a dozen Republican and Democratic senators are pushing for federal legislation to put such cold medicines behind the counter.

Kentucky Sen. Tom Jensen, R-London, said the bill wouldn't eradicate the highly addictive drug, but would restrict access to an ingredient seemingly common in any meth recipe. Jensen called the spread

of meth "a plague creeping across America, particularly this state."

"So what this law is designed to do is hamper and put some roadblocks in the way of these manufacturers that are destroying our children," he said.

The measure, backed by Gov. Ernie Fletcher, now goes to the House.

It also seeks to strengthen the hand of prosecutors in pursuing meth convictions.

Under the bill, someone caught with at least two ingredients or two pieces of equipment needed to make meth could be convicted of manufacturing meth if they intended to make the drug.

That section is a response to a Kentucky Supreme Court ruling that said a meth suspect must be caught with all the ingredients, not just some, because of the way Kentucky law is worded. Some prosecutors have said the ruling has hampered their ability to win meth-related convictions.

George Moore, a commonwealth's attorney, said Friday that the bill would be an effective tool for prosecutors in fighting meth. "Trying to reduce ready access to the materials for manufacture is a good step," he said in a phone interview.

The Kentucky Retail Federation has expressed some

concerns that the bill could be burdensome for pharmacies and stores. Gay Dwyer, a lobbyist for the retail federation, said that new language approved by senators Friday eased those misgivings, but some concerns remain. She said the retail group would continue to work with lawmakers.

"We recognize meth is a horrid problem and one that is growing," she said in an interview. "We want to be part of the solution."

The bill also would create a separate felony for making meth in the presence of a child.

Sen. Robert Stivers, the bill's lead sponsor, said more than 600 meth labs were found in

Kentucky last year, and in those cases more than 90 children were present during manufacturing.

"The fumes are caustic, and the ingredients when mixed become quite volatile, and there have been numerous explosions documented to have occurred," said Stivers, R-Manchester.

Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, said the bill was part of the fight against meth. Another necessary step, he said, is to develop adequate treatment facilities.

"I would just like us, as we're passing this legislation, to not think this is the end of the problem in solving this situation," he said.

Kentucky has system for enforcing Open Records Act

by LUKE SALADIN
THE KENTUCKY POST

COVINGTON — While there are — and probably always will be — disagreements about the interpretation and strength of Kentucky's open records laws, people who deal routinely with such issues say the system for enforcing those laws is quite effective.

In Kentucky, rather than proceeding directly with a costly court battle when a public agency denies access to a record, organizations and individuals have the right to ask the Kentucky Attorney General for an opinion on the matter.

While the attorney general may not always be the final authority in such matters, experts say it is a welcome departure from other states that either force individuals to move directly to litigation or have a

committee — such as those found in New York and Connecticut — that hears such disputes.

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

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

Those being denied a public record who feel they are in the right need only submit a letter to the Attorney General asking for an opinion.

Jon Fleischaker, a first amendment attorney who represents the Kentucky Press Association, The Courier-Journal and a number of other newspapers and media outlets, said putting the Attorney General on the front lines of public records issues ensures that decisions are made in the best interest of the public.

"The attorney general system works well, frankly, because if the office does something the public doesn't like they have to face those same people when election time rolls around," Fleischaker said. "It also provides a cheap and easy way that laypeople can get better access to the records they want."

Fleischaker, who helped draft the state's public records law in the 1970s, said it wasn't until the law was amended in 1992 that Attorney General

opinions had any real weight behind them.

Before that if the attorney general issued a decision stating that a document or piece of information should be available to the public, the agency withholding the information could simply ignore the ruling without punishment. The only recourse was then to file a lawsuit and fight for the records.

"Essentially, the agency that was being challenged could simply tell someone they were not going to listen to the decision," Fleischaker said. "It was absolutely a ruling without any teeth."

Fleischaker said the legislature amended the law so that if the Attorney General's opinion was not challenged in court within 30 days, a person or organization could simply take the decision to court and, without debate, the court could

order the document to be turned over or impose punishments on the agency holding the documents.

If the Attorney General's office denies an open records request, that decision can be challenged in court. According to the statute, an open records case generally moves ahead of other items on the circuit court docket and "shall be assigned for hearing and trial at the earliest practicable date."

The attorney general's office issues about 500 appeals and decision each year concerning the state's open records laws and public meetings, enough to keep a staff of three full-time lawyers busy.

To inform ordinary citizens of their rights regarding public records, the office publishes a booklet titled "Protecting Your Right to Know." The office also publishes another booklet,

"Your Duty Under the Law," which explains to public officials in the state what their responsibilities are regarding public records.

The office also participates in training programs across the state for law enforcement and other government agencies to keep them up to speed on laws regarding public records.

When requests for legislative branch documents are denied, appeals are handled by the Legislative Research Commission rather than the attorney general.

Fleischaker said the one notable drawback in Kentucky's open records law is that if a person seeking a record is required to move his fight to court, it is difficult to recoup attorney fees unless he can prove that an agency knew it was breaking the law and still denied access to the records.

Officials respond to open records audit series

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Standing on the state House floor, Rep. Derrick Graham brandished visual aids to help push his latest proposal: various newspapers carrying the second installment of Kentucky's first statewide open records project.

Graham, a Democrat from Frankfort, highlighted the news reports to his colleagues Thursday. Minutes later the House passed his proposal aimed at bolstering awareness among local officials about Kentucky's Open Records Act.

The plan, which now heads to the Senate, would help ensure that local officials are familiar with Kentucky's open records and open meetings laws, Graham said. Officials serving on boards or commissions would have to sign off on having received information about the laws.

"This measure would help elected and appointed officials have a better understanding and knowledge of the way to handle open meetings and official records responsibly for the media and the public," Graham said on the House floor Thursday.

Media outlets across the state participated in a statewide open records survey, organized and conducted by the Kentucky Press Association, The Associated Press, and other newspaper, professional and university student groups.

The survey was conducted in nearly all of Kentucky's 120 counties in October. Auditors asked for four public documents: a city budget, a county judge-executive's expense report, a school superintendent's contract and a jail log.

But the audit found easy public access isn't always the case.

City budgets were produced in 99 out of 113 instances, and county judge executives served up their expense records 79 out of 109 times, the survey found. School superintendents provided auditors their salary and compensation package information in 56 out of 110 cases, and denied them 13 times. However, county jailers produced jail logs 28 out of 113 times, and refused 67 requests.

Graham said the open records series was a public service that could help promote awareness about the law.

"It makes people aware of some of the problems and the

needs that we have in terms of trying to make sure that this law is carried out in the proper manner, which it was supposed to be," Graham said.

State Sen. Julian Carroll, who was Kentucky's governor when an open records law was passed in 1976, said he was disappointed with the series' findings. Carroll, a Frankfort Democrat, said he planned to correspond with the counties he represents to find out why they didn't all fully comply.

"I find it very difficult to understand why out of 120 counties you have so many counties that failed to comply 100 percent," Carroll said. "Any public information — and the statute is very clear on what is and what is not public information — should be produced upon a request within the time frame or an extended time frame. There is no excuse for not producing it."

Sen. Ernie Harris, R-Crestwood, said he hadn't had a chance to read the entire series. However, Harris said, the survey was a good idea to help people understand the law. Harris' district includes Henry County, which had a compliance rate of under 50 percent, according to the survey.

"The survey of open records, I think that's a good idea because we want to make sure that the public, no matter who they are, can have the assurance that they can request any public information and get it on a timely basis," Harris said.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo, whose office reviews open records appeals, said in a statement that he was "very pleased with the coverage" in the open records series.

Counties that didn't have full compliance should, "take a look at their procedures and see if they want to be more responsive," the statement said.

Bobby Waits, president of the Kentucky Jailers' Association, said some jailers may have been concerned about possibly exposing their counties to lawsuits. Some jail logs may contain confidential medical information, or could pose security problems if publicized, Waits, who is also the Shelby County jailer, said.

In instances where there is doubt about a document, most jailers would turn to their respective county attorneys, Waits said. But, there should be a more clear-cut definition of what documents are public,

Waits said.

"Do I take a chance in giving you that information and risk it being wrong and face a lawsuit?" Waits said. "My first and foremost responsibility is protecting my county."

Crittenden County jailer Rick Riley said he disagreed with the audit and how it was conducted. Riley — who refused to give auditors his jail logs — said he would have produced them if auditors had introduced themselves or indicated their motives.

State law does not require citizens to show identification when requesting information.

When asked by a reporter for The Associated Press — who identified himself — Riley

released the jail's log.

"I'm not in a position to just hand things out to anybody who just walks in off the street," Riley said in a telephone interview. "I don't know what purpose it is that they would want that list, and I need to be afforded an opportunity to know that."

Vince Lang, executive director of the Kentucky County-Judge Executive Association, said he heard some county judges discussing the series, but hadn't fully read it himself. Lang's organization would try to get more information on the laws out to its members, he said.

"It's kind of a good test to see where everybody is," Lang said.

(See RESPONSE, page five)

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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 will apply, but no fee will be collected from child care workers, foster parents, or education administrators CEU's.

Floyd County Historical and Genealogy Society

Next meeting to be held Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., at the Samuel May House. Guest speaker George Campbell, from Scotland, will share history of his homeland and an appreciation of poet Robert Burns. The Society encourages all to please attend. For more information, call 886-6308. The Floyd County Historical and Genealogy Society meets the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the Samuel May House.

FCCD Feb. meeting

To be held Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the District office, located near the entrance to Jenny Wiley State Park. Meeting is open to the public.

**Free Tree Seedlings will be given away, beginning Sat., Feb. 12, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Give-away will then continue, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., until all trees are gone. First-come, first serve. Email to: conserve@mikrotec.com or call 889-9800 for more information.

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It's been 20 years! Reunion is being planned. If you are a classmate, or if you know of a classmate's whereabouts, please email addresses to Debbie Hall Parsons or Gwen Cecil at: dochallparsons@charter.net.

East Point Masonic Lodge

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dates on Sat., Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. District deputy will make official visit. Members are asked to bring an item of food. All Master Masons welcome.

Big Sandy 4-H Club

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

Big Sandy Women's Symposium

To be held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. Theme: "Focusing on Life's Lessons." Registration at 8 a.m., fee required. Keynote speaker, Dr. Ann Weeks. Presented by MSU East Kentucky Small Business Development Center. Call 788-6008 for more information.

Basic Computer Training

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

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 Applicators 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.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club

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

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Now taking applications for Spring session. Classes offered are: Basic and Intermediate 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.

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PARENTS!

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

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

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

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

-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" con-

test.

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

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

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

"Looking For a Support Group?"

Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 6 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265, or Jane Bond at FCHD.

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

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

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

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

Paintsville.

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

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

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or

more information, call 886-4326.

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

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

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

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Hayley Pinson was crowned McDowell Elementary's Homecoming Princess on December 6th, 2004. Hayley is the daughter of James and Tina Pinson of Drift. She is the granddaughter of Diana and the late Roland Price of Drift; and Fay and the late George Pinson of Scottsdale, Arizona. Hayley was escorted by Jacob Tackett.



Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Judy Meade Gleason, 57, of Martin, died Sunday, February 6, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Billy H. Hall, 75, of Betsy Layne, died Friday, February 4, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lula Bell Webb Hall. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sarah Mae Hatfield, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 6, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Judy Jarvis, 85, of Endicott, died Friday, February 4, at the J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Monday, February 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Myrtle Keathley, 79, of Ivel, died Tuesday, February 8, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Vaughn Dennis Shepherd, 39, of Gunlock, died Wednesday, February 9, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 13, at 11 a.m., at the Brushy Fork Missionary Baptist Church, at Gunlock, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ettie Spencer, 84, of Willard, Ohio, a Floyd County native, died Monday, February 7, in Willard Mercy Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 10, at the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church, in Plymouth, Ohio, under the direction of Secor Funeral Home.

John Stephenson, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, February 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Mandy "Peach" Arnett, 84, of Royalton, died Thursday, February 3, at Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Millie Louise Back Grimm, 62, a Magoffin County native, died Thursday, December 9. Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 13, under the direction of Dennis George Funeral Home, Cleves, Ohio.

Dora F. Miller, 77, of Edwardsburg, Michigan, formerly of Salyersville, died Monday, January 31, at Elkhart General Hospital, Edwardsburg. She is survived by her husband, Junior Miller. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 3, under the direction of Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola, Indiana.

Lou Perkins, 83, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, February 2, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Denzil Whitt, 81, of Worthington, a Magoffin County native, died Monday, February 7, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Grace Slone Whitt. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 9, under the direction of Evans Funeral Home, Raceland.

Kelly Wireman Jr., 26, died Wednesday, January 26, in Lafayette, Indiana. Services were held at Little Rachel

United Baptist Church, in Trace Fork, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Arthur Combs, 74, of Springboro, Ohio, a native of Knott County, died Thursday, February 3, at Kettering Hospital, in Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 8, under the direction of Anderson Funeral Home.

Dorothy Combs, 93, of Fisty, died Monday, January 31, at Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, February 1, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Stanley Hall, 43, of Kite, died Sunday, February 6, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Kira Sky Mullins, infant daughter of Bryon and Samantha Dobson Mullins of Hindman, was stillborn Monday, February 7, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Gracie Waddles, 86, of Topmost, died Sunday, February 6, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. She is survived by her husband, Tom Waddles. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Irene R. Adkins, 83, of Pikeville, died Monday, February 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 10, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Anna Marie Allen, 84, of Barboursville, W.Va., formerly of Monaville, W.Va., and a Pike County native, died Friday, Feb. 4. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 8, under the direction of Honaker Funeral Home, Logan.

Kimberly Ruth Bevins, 34, of Grayson, formerly of Lower Pompey, died Thursday, February 3. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 8, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Juanita S. Bevins, 76, native of Pike County, died Friday, February 4, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, February 7, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Kendra Renee Tackett Cavins, 28, of Virgie, died Sunday, February 6, the result of injuries sustained in a four-wheeler accident. She is survived by her husband, Keith Cavins. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 10, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Joyce Charles Clark, 64, of Raccoon, died Thursday, February 3, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. She is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Clark. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 6, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Alex Randal Cline, 46, of Kimper, died Wednesday, February 9, at his home. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Sherman Compton, 75, of Kimper, formerly of Phelps, died Tuesday, February 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Thornhill Compton. Funeral services were held Friday, February 11, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Gibbon Eugene "Sonny" Gooslin, 57, of Phelps, died

Saturday, February 5, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 10, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Jerry Keith Holbrooks, 41, of Grayson, formerly of Rockhouse, a Pike County native, died Thursday, February 3, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 8, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Evay Holiway, 82, of Upper Chloe, died Thursday, Feb. 3, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Monday, February 7, under direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Donald Dean Layne, 69, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Dry Fork of Shelbiana, died Monday, Jan. 10. He is survived by his wife, Betty Layne. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 13, under direction of Tidd Funeral Home.

Margie Blair Lester, 57, of Feds Creek, died Monday, February 7, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 10, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Christopher Floyd Mullins, 39, of Robinson Creek, died Monday, January 31, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mae Maggard Mullins. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 3, under direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

Troy Roberts Jr., 56, of Feds Creek, died Sunday, February 6, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Gail Roberts. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 9, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Geneva Dale Lee Robinson, 64, of Pikeville, died Sunday, February 6, at Pikeville Healthcare Center. She is survived by her husband, Troy Robinson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 9, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Martha L. Williams, 86, of Hellier, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, January 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Connie Ratliff Davis, 44, of Marion, Ohio, a Paintsville native, died Wednesday, February 2, at Community Health Care Center in Marion. Funeral services were held Monday, February 7, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

Nola Mae Meade McKenzie, 68, of North Lewisburg, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Thursday, February 3, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Don McKenzie. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 10, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Columbus H. "Bug" Preece Jr., 67, of Wittensville, died Sunday, February 6, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Clair Parsons Preece. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 9, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Doris M. "Mikki" Roberts, 69, of Huber Heights, Ohio, a native of Paintsville, died Saturday, February 5, at LifeCare Hospital of Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 9, under the direction of the Marker & Heller Funeral Home, Huber Heights.

Zelda Boyd Short, 88, of Meally, died Thursday, February 1, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held

Monday, February 7, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

Clifford Ward, 82, a native of Meally, died Wednesday, February 3, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Garnet Short Ward. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 6, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mary Angeline Williams, 69, of Oil Springs, died Friday, February 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Charles Williams. Funeral services were held Monday, February 7, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Mandy "Peach" Arnett, 84, of Royalton, died Thursday, February 3, at Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Lou Perkins, 83, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, February 2, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 5, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Bertha M. Childers, 86, of Melvindale, Michigan, a Lawrence County native, died Wednesday, February 2, at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 6, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Sarah C. Johnson, 86, of Louisa, died Thursday, February 3, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 6, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Jack R. Sparks, 81, of Ashland, a native of Clifford, died Saturday, February 5, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 8, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Katie Whitt Wiley, 77, of Louisa, died Friday, February 4, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 6, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Clarence R. Raines, 62, of Inez, died Saturday, February 5, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 7, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Okey Ward, 68, of Tomahawk, died Monday, February 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.



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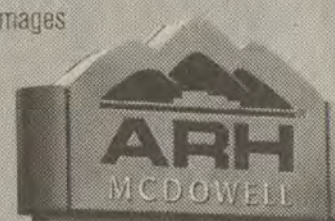
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8 KDFWR law enforcement cadets graduate DOCJT Basic Training

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - Two Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife (KDFWR) law enforcement cadets led the way last week when the Department of Criminal Justice Training graduated Class 351 from its 16-week law enforcement basic training program at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

KDFWR's Damon Foster and David Marques were the only two of the class's 24 graduates to win the honor of "Recruit of Distinction," an accolade reserved for students who achieve a grade point average of at least 95 percent in all areas training. Foster also won the class's Academic Achievement Award and was the class Adjutant.

KDFWR cadets made up a third of the graduating class. The six KDFWR graduates joining Foster and Marques were Jerrod Alley, Tracy D. Bell, Bryan D. Bowling, Darvin W. Chesser, Lee M. Cope, and Eric J. Thomas.

Bell won the class's Firearms Proficiency Award with a 99 percent average, and Thomas was Special Projects Officer.

"We're proud of all of them," said Col. David Casey, Director of KDFWR Division of Law Enforcement. "They have completed the basic requirements required of every Kentucky peace officer. They will begin a 10-week Fish and Wildlife academy this week."

"Our job is quite a bit different than that of most police officers," said KDFWR Training Coordinator Lt. Larry Estes. "Due to the nature of our job, we must be more specialized in order to perform the tasks are not encountered by other officers."

The 10-week KDFWR academy will train the new officers in laws and regulations related to hunting, fishing and boat-

(See KDFWR, page five)

NASCAR: Johnson to run selected Busch races

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CONCORD, N.C. - Lowe's and Hendrick Motorsports announced that Jimmie Johnson, driver of the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series, will run select races in the NASCAR Busch Series in 2005.

Johnson will bring his No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet to the series with additional sponsorship from Kobalt, a line of tools and accessories available exclusively at Lowe's.

"Kobalt Tools has been associated

with the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet and Hendrick Motorsports in the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series since 2002," said Bob Gfeller, Lowe's senior vice president. "We consider Jimmie Johnson and Team 48 the cornerstone of our racing program. With Lowe's expanding its line of Kobalt® tools, it seems a natural progression to expand that relationship at the track as well."

Johnson is scheduled to run six races in the No. 48 Lowe's/Kobalt Chevrolet with unique paint schemes that represent the breadth and depth of the enhanced

Kobalt line. Chad Knaus, Johnson's crew chief in the Nextel Cup Series, will also lead the team in the Busch Series events.

"Hendrick Motorsports is very proud of this opportunity to further represent Kobalt and the employee-owners of Lowe's in the NASCAR Busch Series," said Marshall Carlson, Hendrick Motorsports' general manager. "Jimmie Johnson fans throughout the country are going to have six very exciting Saturdays this season."

Johnson is scheduled to begin his limited Busch Series run at Atlanta

Motor Speedway on March 19, followed by runs at Chicagoland Speedway on July 9, California Speedway on September 3, Texas Motor Speedway on November 5, as well as both events at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

"This is a great opportunity on many levels for Chad and me," said Johnson. "We had a good time when we ran the Busch race last October at Lowe's Motor Speedway. I think our fans will like it as well. It's fun to mix it up a little bit, and I'll enjoy seeing the tweaks to our paint scheme each time."



photos courtesy of Ed DeCoursey

During his days in the Navy, Ed DeCoursey spent time aboard the Rocket Boat 61. After serving in the Navy, DeCoursey returned to Wayland High School and led the Wasps to the State Tournament.

Wayland's DeCoursey goes to war in Asia, ends up in Adolph Rupp's favorite restaurant

by JUSTIN TURNER

Ed DeCoursey, 78, now lives quietly with his wife, Patricia, in an A-frame just outside Hindman in Knott County, but in his younger days he was one of the finest basketball players ever in the state of Kentucky and before he was 20 and had graduated from Wayland High School, he was in Asia aboard a "rocket boat," clearing the Japanese away from Marine landing areas on Okinawa and other islands. He would return to Wayland and lead the Wasps to the State Tournament during the 1946-47 season. Along the way, and later, he would meet an amazing number of famous Americans as well as many of the well-known Kentucky (and Mountain) sports figures of the day.

DeCoursey's career began at Wayland on a dirt court with a bent rim and he says that even today when he sees a group of

youngsters playing outside on a dirt court he has an impulse to join them. However, DeCoursey did not play on a dirt court long at Wayland. By the time he was an eighth-grader, he was on the varsity. When he was a freshman, Wayland won the District Tournament and he was named to the all-tournament team along with guard Ed Bentley.

During DeCoursey's sophomore year, 1943-44, he played both the center and forward positions at 6-2, 170. Wayland won the District again with DeCoursey earning all-tournament honors for the second time and leading the tournament in scoring with 38 points. The Wasps defeated Paintsville in the Regional Tournament before losing a close game to Cumberland High School of Elkhorn City when DeCoursey fouled out.

Wayland's coach during the two district tournament wins was L.B. (Lawrence) Price, a Wayland teacher and a licensed preacher who had been pressed into coaching because of the second World War. According to DeCoursey, Price did not know much about the Xs and Os, but he knew about leadership. Price was the only licensed minister to ever win a 58th District Tournament - and he won it twice.

Maytown's principal and sometimes coach, V.O. Turner, a friend of Price's, once asked him about his championship and the possible intervention of the Lord. Price said, "he did not think the Almighty had time to decide sporting events," adding, "it was more likely Ed DeCoursey."

DeCoursey was not around for the 1944-45 tournament, a tournament won by Garrett, behind the outstanding play of Fairce Woods and Dog Campbell, because he along with a number of other Wayland players, had joined the Navy. Carl Ray Fraley, who was one of those players, said he joined "to avoid being drafted by the Army and sent to the front lines." It seemed to have worked for Fraley, but if it was Ed

(See DECOURSEY, page five)



Ed DeCoursey, pictured during his days as a Wayland Wasp.

Lindsey cashes in from line to hold off Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA - No. 4 Lindsey Wilson sank 14-of-15 from the line during a four-minute stretch late in the game to hold off a charging Pikeville College 78-75 Thursday night.

Pikeville (19-7, 1-5 in the Mid-South Conference) tied the game on a layup by Martin Gerlero with 4:30 to play, but over the next four minutes, the Bears sent the Blue Raiders to the line continuously only to see them do what Top Five teams are supposed to - they made free throw after free throw to finally seal the win.

The victory kept Lindsey tied with Georgetown atop the league standings. Pikeville fell into a tie for fifth with Campbellsville.

Lindsey Wilson (22-2, 5-1) shot 60.7 percent in the first half and built a 41-31 lead, getting 12 from senior Scott Cook and 10 from classmate John Spivey.

But Pikeville wouldn't stop and got a huge spark off the bench from sophomore Ben Valentine. The seldom-used New Zelander tossed in nine points on 3-of-4 shooting and made all three free throws as the Bears mounted their comeback.

Gerlero's layin came off a nice pass from B.J. Townsend to tie the score at 59. But Cook sank two free throws with 4:17 left to begin the barrage, and despite the best efforts of the Bears, led by senior Daniel Price's six points in the final three minutes.

Price paced the Bears with 17, one of four

(See BEARS, page five)

Second-half shooting woes cost Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA - A missed free throw with 7.3 seconds remaining and a follow that fell short resulted in a 60-58 win for the Lady Raiders of Lindsey Wilson as they hosted Pikeville Thursday night.

The loss squared the season series between the longtime rivals brought them even in the Mid-South Conference at 2-4. Pikeville had knocked off Lindsey 61-52 on Jan. 20.

Lindsey Wilson (16-7) led 59-58 when sophomore Jessica Lovell picked up a defensive rebound and was fouled with 7.3 seconds left. After a Lindsey timeout, Lovell, a 52.8 percent shooter on the season, missed the front end of the bonus. Senior Amelia Cody got the rebound and missed a turnaround jumper.

The Lady Raiders got that rebound and Rebecca Husband hit the front end of the bonus with 0.7 seconds left. She missed the second shot but Pikeville couldn't get a shot off out of a timeout.

Pikeville (16-10) hit 52 percent in the first half but made only half of its six free

(See LADY BEARS, page five)

Freshmen: ACHS 64, JCHS 59

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - It took an overtime period, but host Allen Central successfully defended its home floor Thursday evening, beating visiting Johnson Central 64-59.

Josh Prater led Allen Central with a game-high 17 points and eight rebounds. Prater also had four blocks, three assists and two steals. The Rebels outscored Johnson Central 10-5 in the overtime period.

Allen Central led the visiting Eagles 15-10 at the end of the first quarter. The host Rebels outscored Johnson Central 13-12 in the second period. The Eagles outscored Allen Central in each of the last two quarters and forced the game into overtime.

The Allen Central freshman team, coached by Rick Hancock, got scoring from eight different players. Robbie Cole and Alex Hammonds each had 12 points. Jan Michael Hicks added eight points and Corey

(See ACHS, page five)

PRESTONSBURG HIGH HOMECOMING



Prestonsburg High School will hold its Homecoming Thursday. Seniors candidates, pictured at left include: Molly Rebecca Burchett, Prestonsburg, daughter of Blake and Becky Burchett; Courtney Blair Hall, Martin, daughter of Gloria and John C. Hall; Laura Ann Hall, Prestonsburg, daughter of Robert Hall and Lola and Greg Ratliff; Emily Ann Jamerson, Banner, daughter of Tracie Jamerson and Dewey Jamerson; Kelly Ray Key, Allen, daughter of Jimmy Ray Key and Shannon Key; Alisha Marie Meyer, Allen, daughter of Bob and Pam Meyer.

The underclass attendants are pictured at right. Juniors: Kelly Nicole Clark, Prestonsburg, daughter of Karen and Brent Clark; Katherine Leann Hale, Prestonsburg, daughter of George and Barbara Hale; Jenna Noelle Stewart, Prestonsburg, daughter of John and Denise Stewart. Sophomores: Jeane Elizabeth Chaffins, Prestonsburg, daughter of Don and Liz Chaffins; Jaclyn Nicole Joseph, Prestonsburg, daughter of Jack and Janice Joseph; Lauren Deshea Ward, Prestonsburg, daughter of Karen and Steve Ward. Freshmen: Lindsey Paige Maggard, Garrett, daughter of Richie and Michelle Maggard; Maura Jeanayle Minix, Ivel, daughter of Maurice and Brenda Minix; Elizabeth Marie Wallace, Prestonsburg, daughter of Barbara and John Wallace.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Crennel's turn to fix Browns

by TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — He's not Knute Rockne, Bill Parcells or Bill Belichick. Romeo Crennel doesn't want to be any of them, either. In his first news conference as a head coach, Crennel promised to fix the Browns.

"I am who I am," he said.

And that's exactly why the Cleveland Browns hired him.

Crennel's long wait ended Tuesday as the lifelong assistant coach and former New England defensive coordinator was introduced as Cleveland's coach, leaving the powerful Patriots to fix the Browns.

A coaching odyssey that began 35 years ago at Western Kentucky and included stops at Texas Tech, Mississippi, Georgia Tech, New York and

New England, brought the 57-year-old coach back to Cleveland, where he was the defensive coordinator in 2000.

"I've been in this league for a while and I've been somewhat successful as a position coach," said Crennel, who won two Super Bowls on Parcells' staff with the Giants and three more under Belichick. "Now, taking the reins of a team and trying to run a whole program is going to be special. It's a big challenge, but I think I'm ready."

Less than 48 hours after his final game with New England, it was an emotional day for Crennel and his family. During his news conference, Crennel's daughters, Tiffany Crennel and Kristi Cullinane, clasped hands while listening to their father. A few feet away, his

wife, Rosemary, beamed with pride.

Crennel received a five-year, \$11 million contract.

With the NFL scouting combine and free agency coming up in the next few weeks, Crennel will have to hit the ground running in Cleveland. The Browns, who have gone a league-worst 30-66 with one playoff appearance since 1999, may have to turn their roster over again to get competitive.

Crennel also needs to hire a coaching staff before deciding what to do with quarterback Jeff Garcia and contracts for soon-to-be free agents cornerback Anthony Henry, linebacker Andra Davis and quarterback Kelly Holcomb.

Browns general manager Phil Savage said the club asked Dallas for permission to

interview Cowboys offensive coordinator Maurice Carthon, who has cleaned out his office in Texas. The Cowboys' Web site reported Carthon will join Crennel's staff.

The top candidate to be Cleveland's defensive coordinator is Patriots secondary coach Eric Mangini, who began his NFL career with the Browns in 1995. His contract expired after Sunday's Super Bowl and the Browns appear prepared to outbid several other clubs for the 34-year-old.

"I like Eric a lot because he helped me tremendously," Crennel said. "He might be one of the guys we decide to talk to."

As for Garcia, who had a disastrous first season in Cleveland, the Browns have to decide quickly if he fits into

their plans. Savage said he recently spoke with the quarterback's agent, Steve Baker.

"It was a very open-minded discussion," Savage said. "I told him no decision had been made and no decisions have been made on their side. The bottom line is if you go forward with Jeff Garcia, you're going forward with him in terms of your offense. You'll build around him. If not, it's probably best to move forward."

Savage said Garcia's situation is a priority and could be decided in the next week.

Crennel is the 11th full-time coach in team history and Cleveland's first black coach. He's also the NFL's sixth minority coach, but the only one who owns four Super Bowl rings and has another ordered.

In hiring Crennel, the Browns selected a more experienced coach instead of going for an up-and-coming college candidate, as they did in 2001 when they plucked Butch Davis from the University of Miami.

Crennel dismissed the notion that he might be too old to be a first-time head coach.

"If age was a factor, I wouldn't be sitting here," he said. "Age is nothing but a number to me."

In the past few years, Crennel had been passed over for several head coaching jobs, including the Browns. At times, the son of a military father wondered if he would ever get his chance.

"I didn't know where it was going to happen or if it was going to happen," he said.

Marino, Young make Hall of Fame

by BARRY WILNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Steve Young was a high school senior being recruited by Army when he stood on the sideline at West Point and watched a freshman for Pitt named Dan Marino.

"I saw him throw an 18-yard out and thought, 'I'm never going to play in college,'" Young said.

Of course, he did — and then the pros. So did Marino, and on Saturday two of the NFL's best quarterbacks were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

"It's an incredible honor," said Marino, the most prolific passer in league history. "It's humbling to think of growing up wanting to be a professional football player."

"Mom and Dad, it's a long way from Parkview Avenue" he said, referring to where he grew up in Pittsburgh.

And a long way from Greenwich, Conn., where Young was raised before heading west to Utah to play for Brigham Young.

"I had a college coach, LaVell Edwards, who took a chance on a wild, crazy left-handed running quarterback from Connecticut," he said.

That crazy kid is now the first modern-era lefty QB in the Hall.

Yet another quarterback, Benny Friedman, and Fritz Pollard joined Marino and Young as the Class of 2005. They will be inducted on Aug. 7 in Canton, Ohio.

"Let's overrun Canton with Dolphins fans," Marino said. "I invite you all to Canton and to have some fun."

Each received at least 80 percent of the votes from the panel of 39 sports writers and broadcasters. Friedman and Pollard were nominated by the senior committee and chosen by the entire panel.

Michael Irvin and Harry Carson, the other two finalists, did not get the required votes for induction.

When Marino left the Dolphins after the 1999 season, he had NFL bests of 4,967 completions, 8,358 passes, 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns. His record of 48 TD passes in a season was recently broken by Peyton Manning.

Marino was that rare rookie quarterback who had an impact, even though he was the sixth QB chosen in the first round of the 1983 draft. Two others from that class, John Elway and Jim Kelly, already are in the Hall.

Marino credited Hall of Famer Don Shula, the win-

ningest coach in NFL history: "I remember coming in, he put a lot of pressure on me early."

Then it was Marino applying the pressure to defenses. Although he never won a Super Bowl, Marino was the 1984 league MVP, made three All-Pro teams and nine Pro Bowls. When he retired, he owned 21 NFL marks, including most seasons with 3,000 yards or more passing (13); most yards passing in one season (5,084 in '84, the only year he won a conference championship); and most games with 300 yards or more passing (63).

Young broke in with the USFL's Los Angeles Express, moved to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, then won the 1995 Super Bowl with San Francisco. He was the league's most valuable player in 1992 and '94.

"This is the place you're going to find out how good you're going to be. This is the spot. I embraced it," Young said, recalling his move from the USFL to the NFL. "I'm here because I did embrace it. It was a great ride."

A clever runner with a strong arm and great field vision, Young made seven Pro Bowls and was a three-time All-Pro. He held the highest passer rating in league history (96.8) when he retired in '99. He also set the highest single-season rating of 112.8, which Manning also broke this season.

In 1921, Pollard became the first black head coach in the NFL. He was a superb running back, leading the Akron Pros to the fledgling league's 1920 championship with an undefeated record.

He later organized the Chicago Brown Bombers, an independent team of black players that barnstormed the country from 1927-33. He died in 1986.

"He was a pillar of the league," said his grandson, Dr. Stephen Towns, "and we're gratified he's finally getting his reward for it."

Friedman, who died in 1982, played for four teams from 1927-34 and was one of the early NFL's great quarterbacks. A contemporary of Red Grange, he also was a strong draw at the box office. Giants owner Tim Mara purchased the Detroit Wolverines, for whom Friedman played in 1928, not only to get him in New York's lineup but to fill the stands.

"We both appreciate and honor the people who played in another era," Young said, speaking for Marino as well. "You're talking about having a passion for the game. We're here on the backs of so many other players."

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Lady Panthers beat Pike Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Host Pikeville knocked off defending 15th Region champ Pike County Central Thursday night. The Lady Panthers beat Pike Central 81-60. Pikeville was led by senior Megan Harris. Harris had one of the best games of her prep career. She finished with 24 points, 18 rebounds and two steals. Sisters Shawna and Samantha Howard finished with 20 and 17 points, respectively. Evin Shockey and Emily Colvin each had five points. Pikeville (15-6) jumped out early on and led 23-14 at the end of the first quarter. The Lady Panthers led at the end of every quarter after that, outscoring Pike Central 19-9 in the third quarter.

Mishay Weddington led Pike Central (10-13) with 18 points. Kayla Lowe had 16 points and Hayley Ratliff added 11. Breathitt County 64, Montgomery County 62: Breathitt County edged Montgomery County Thursday night. Breathitt County junior forward Collette Cole had 31 points and 12 rebounds in Breathitt's winning effort. Montgomery County was able to outscore Breathitt County 36-29 in the second half. Sophomore Nicole Lutes also played a key role for Breathitt County. Lutes finished with 12 points, five rebounds, five assists and four blocks for the host Lady Cats. East Carter 64, Lawrence County 44: Alicia Myers and Tawnee Tackett, both sopho-

mores, had 12 points apiece to lead East Carter to a 20-point win over Lawrence County. Playing at home, East Carter led by 10 points at halftime before going on to win by 20 markers. Jenny Humphrey had a game-high 17 points for Lawrence County. BOYS' BASKETBALL — Pike County Central 54, Pikeville 47: The Pikeville boys' basketball team was unable to defend its home floor, falling to visiting Pike County Central. For Pike Central, senior center Anthony Gibson led the way with a game-high 20 points. The Hawks jumped out early on and led 12-4 at the end of the opening quarter. Pike Central outscored Pikeville 21-13 in the game's final quarter.

No. 6 Wake Forest 86, N.C. State 75

by KEITH PARSONS ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Justin Gray scored 18 points, Eric Williams added 15 and No. 6 Wake Forest held off North Carolina State 86-75 on Thursday night. Sixth-man Taron Downey was 4-of-4 on 3-pointers and finished with 14 points to help the Demon Deacons (20-3, 8-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) move into a first-place tie with Duke and North Carolina. Chris Paul had 13 points, eight assists and five steals. The Wolfpack (13-10, 3-7) had won three straight against their oldest rivalry, but not even a sensational performance from Julius Hodge could stop their slide toward the NIT. Benched for showing up late for a team function — the second time this season that's happened — the reigning ACC player of the year made his first

10 shots and scored 27 points. Three times in the second half, Hodge jumped in the passing lane for steals and raced to the other end for dunks to bring N.C. State back from a 19-point deficit. Wake Forest had an answer for every rally. When Ilian Evtimov's 3-pointer cut the lead to 58-51, Downey answered with one of his own, and Gray and Jamaal Levy combined for three free throws to increase the margin to 13. But Hodge and the Wolfpack weren't finished. He got inside for a layup, added his final coast-to-coast slam, then fed Jordan Collins for an open 3-pointer to make it 66-60. N.C. State had a chance to get even closer when Williams missed a dunk and had his put-back blocked by Cedric Simmons. When Simmons tried a pass to Tony Bethel, Paul intercepted it and forced a foul from

Bethel, then made two free throws for an eight-point lead. That was part of Wake Forest's 35-10 advantage at the line, and Bethel and Engin Atsur both fouled out trying to guard Paul. The Deacons closed the first half with a 17-7 run to take a 16-point lead, and the margin was 19 early in the second half on a follow by Levy. The Wolfpack got back in it by turning up the defensive pressure, holding Wake Forest without a basket for nearly 6 minutes. With nearly everyone converting their free throws, the Deacons did enough to win for the fifth time in their past six games. N.C. State is going the opposite way. After reaching as high as No. 12 in The Associated Press poll in December, the Wolfpack have lost four of five. They will complete a brutal stretch of road games Sunday at Georgia Tech.

Tennessee Tech 72, Murray St. 68

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MURRAY — Keyon Boyd made two free throws with seven seconds left and scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half as Tennessee Tech beat Murray State 72-68 Thursday night. Willie Jenkins scored 15 points for the Tennessee Tech (13-9, 8-3 Ohio Valley Conference), Derek Stribling had 13 and Milone Clark 10. Issian Redding scored 19 points for Murray State (12-9, 7-4), Darnell Hopkins had 11 and Shawn Witherspoon 10. The game was tied five

times in the last eight minutes, the last time at 5:53 to play when Murray's Justin Orr hit a layup to tie the score at 58. Tennessee Tech took a 62-58 lead on a layup by Clark and held on for the win. Murray State led 33-27 at halftime and were ahead by as much as eight points, 40-32, with 15:29 left. But the Golden Eagles went on an 8-0 run to tie the score at 40 on a 3-pointer by Boyd with 14:10 to go. Murray State outrebounded the Golden Eagles 36-29, but the Racers committed 16 turnovers to Tennessee Tech's 11.

EKU 56, Samford 53

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Michael Haney scored a game-high 17 points to lead Eastern Kentucky to a 56-53 victory over Samford on Thursday. Haney also had 12 rebounds for the Colonels (15-7, 7-4 Ohio Valley Conference). Zach Ingles had 12 points for Eastern Kentucky, and Matt Witt had a game-high five assists. Samford (13-9, 8-3) led 29-25 at halftime, and Eastern

Kentucky trailed for almost the entire second half. The Colonels took the lead 55-53 on a Witt 3-pointer with 1:43 left on the clock. Ben Rushing made a free throw shot for the Colonels with 10 seconds left to play to seal the win. J. Robert Merritt and Jerry Smith led Samford with 12 points each. Smith was 2-of-3 from 3-point range. Eastern Kentucky shot 48.9 percent from the field, and Samford shot 39.5 percent.

WKU 84, Denver 79

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Freshman guard Courtney Lee scored 18 points — 11 in the second half — as Western Kentucky beat Denver 84-79 Thursday night. Elgrace Wilborn finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Hilltoppers (17-5, 7-3 Sun Belt). Western Kentucky entered the game as the top team in the Sun Belt Conference's East

Division, while Denver (14-8, 8-2) led the West Division. Antonio Haynes sparked a 9-0 second-half Hilltopper run by hitting a jump shot and scoring on a tip-in. Haynes finished with 17 points. The Hilltoppers staved off a late Denver rally by hitting 9-of-10 free throws in the final 45 seconds. Junior center Yemi Nicholson led the Pioneers with 30 points on 15-of-23 shooting.

Morehead St. 76, Jacksonville St. 66

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — Chad McKnight scored 25 points to lead Morehead State to a 76-66 win over Jacksonville State on Thursday. Josh Reed scored 16 points for Morehead State (10-11, 4-6 Ohio Valley Conference) and was 2-of-4 from 3-point range. Kevin McDonald had 10 points for the Eagles. The Eagles led 30-24 at

halftime and were 3-of-5 from 3-point range in the second half. The team shot 61.9 percent from the field overall. Brandon Davis led Jacksonville State (6-18, 1-10) with 18 points. Tim Lewis scored 15 points for the Gamecocks and was 3-of-6 from 3-point range. B.J. Spencer had 13 points and was 3-of-7 from 3-point range. Walker Russell had a game-high eight assists. The team shot 45.8 percent from the field.

Olson reaches two more coaching milestones

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lute Olson tried to downplay his latest coaching milestones. "It means I've been able to keep my job a long time," the 70-year-old Arizona coach said. "We've had a good team and great guys in the program." Olson joined John Wooden as the only Pac-10 coaches to win 300 conference games and Arizona reached 20 wins for the 18th straight season with an 88-76 victory at Southern California on Thursday night. Olson is 300-86 in Pac-10 play, while Wooden guided UCLA to a 304-74 conference mark before retiring in 1975. Olson can get his 301st conference win Saturday against the Bruins at Pauley Pavilion, where the 94-year-old Wooden is usually in attendance. The Wildcats (20-4, 10-2) have won 17 of 19. "When I first got there 22 years ago, I said I wanted to build a program, not a team," said Olson, 539-161 in 700 career games at Arizona. Olson's teams have won 20 or more games in 27 of his 32 years as a college head coach, tying him with Texas Tech's Bob Knight and Syracuse's Jim Boeheim for

second in NCAA history. Olson is 731-253 overall at Long Beach State, Iowa and Arizona. In other games involving Top 25 teams, it was: No. 6 Wake Forest 86, North Carolina State 75; No. 11 Washington 95, Oregon 88 in overtime; No. 14 Gonzaga 82, Pepperdine 75; No. 21 Cincinnati 65, Xavier 54; and No. 24 Pacific 78, Idaho 56. Salim Stoudamire scored 16 of his 26 points in the first half for Arizona. He was 5-of-7 from 3-point range and 9-of-14 overall. "I appreciate having Lute as my coach," Stoudamire said. "He's taught me so many things over the years. Only one other coach has gotten 300 (conference) wins, and that's Coach Wooden. So that's a great accomplishment." Channing Frye added 14 points, seven rebounds and four blocked shots for Arizona. Freshman Gabe Pruitt led Southern California (9-14, 2-10) with 21 points and five assists, and freshman Nick Young added 18 points. "We got beat by a better team," Trojans interim coach Jim Saia said. "Congratulations to Lute. He's one of the giants of our game." No. 11 Washington 95, Oregon 88, OT: At Eugene,

iHigh.com boys' state basketball poll

- Poll date: Feb. 8
1. Trinity
 2. Scott County
 3. Jeffersonton
 4. South Laurel
 5. Henry Clay
 6. Ballard
 7. PRP
 8. DeSales
 9. Pendleton County
 10. Calloway County
- 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
 2. Louisville Christian
 3. Scott County
 4. Sacred Heart
 5. Rockcastle County
 6. Woodford County
 7. Henderson County
 8. Christian County
 9. Shelby County
 10. Clinton County
- Honorable Mention: Mercy, Covington Holy Cross, Mercer County, Boone County, Tates Creek, Franklin-Simpson, Knott County Central, Elizabethtown.

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Hart Co. 65, Edmonson Co. 44	Heritage Acad. 54, Lou. Portland Christ. 48
Lex. Paul Dunbar 60, Lex. Lafayette 49	Lou. Central 69, Lou. Brown 60
Lou. St. Francis 80, Ky. Sch. for the Deaf 46	Mayfield 66, Ballard Memorial 45
Owsley Co. 71, Oneida Baptist 43	Paul Blazer 70, Rose Hill Christian 37
Reidland 64, Christian Fellowship 37	South Oldham 81, Carroll Co. 60
GIRLS	
(Thursday's Games)	
Apollo 47, Union Co. 39	Ballard Memorial 47, Mayfield 41
Bourbon Co. 60, St. Patrick 46	Breathitt Co. 62, Montgomery 60
Caldwell Co. 47, Dawson Springs 43	Carroll Co. 64, Henry Co. 30
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Simon Keaton 65, St. Henry 51	South Oldham 43, Trimble Co. 30
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photos by Jamie Howell

Top: At the conclusion of this year's Floyd County Tournament, the Betsy Layne A-Team cheerleaders (top) took home top honors. Middle: South Floyd placed second. Bottom: South Floyd Middle School Coach Dwayne Johnson, coach of the A-Team county champion, received a plaque. Pictured presenting the plaque to Johnson is Floyd County Athletic Director Bonita Compton.

Eagle encounters are widespread nowadays

by STEVE VANTRESE
FOR THE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — This time of year, just about anywhere in Kentucky is apt to be bald eagle country.

"You can see eagles just about anywhere in the state during the winter," said Shawchyi Vorisek, a biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Some years ago, of course, any sighting of the bird that is the national symbol was rare because of the downturn in eagle numbers throughout most of the nation.

That situation has been reversed. Bald eagles have rebounded dramatically throughout much of their original range because of strict federal protection first as an endangered species — later downlisted to threatened status — and environmental changes.

Vorisek said the increased protection for eagles worked in conjunction with the banning of the pesticide DDT to stimulate comebacks for eagles as well as other raptors, shore and wading birds. DDT in the food chain weakened the shells of the birds' eggs and effectively quashed normal reproduction.

The gradual recovery of the environment from the pesticide contamination in the years after DDT was banned allowed bald eagles and other large bird species to again achieve nesting success, Vorisek said.

Now, eagles are a common winter sight in some parts of the

state, while an occasional eagle could show up almost anywhere in Kentucky during the cold season migration from points north.

Vorisek said an annual spot check survey — conducted by state fish and wildlife personnel and volunteers in the same areas over a two-day period each January — showed a sizable jump in eagle observations this winter.

"We had a total of 191 eagles seen, which was up from 156 seen on the survey routes the past year," Vorisek said.

Vorisek said far western Kentucky with its major reservoirs and concentration of major rivers still attracts the most winter eagles and offers greater chances for viewing them.

"The Land Between the Lakes area is still one of the best places to see eagles," Vorisek said. "The Ballard County wildlife management area is good, although a lot of the area is closed to visitors during the winter."

"Places along the Ohio River and the Kentucky River in the Louisville area have been producing several eagle sightings lately," she said.

Vorisek said she had also had reports of bald eagles and golden eagles in Bernheim Forest, just south of Louisville.

"Over on Cave Run Lake there are sightings all the time now because of a nesting pair there, although people can't go right where they're nesting," she said.

Nesting pairs of eagles — totally absent in Kentucky for years at the midpoint of the 20th century — have gradually increased, most in the far west.

"We won't have the survey on

nesting eagles until March, but our nesting pairs are up to about 40," Vorisek said. "We've been right at that level for two years in a row. Last year, the eggs in a couple of nests were destroyed, but we also go a couple of new nesting pairs, so it stayed right about the same number."

There were just 27 pairs of eagles known to be occupying Kentucky nesting territories only three years ago. In addition, biologists suspect there are other nesting pairs that haven't been observed or reported, thus the breeding population is probably greater than documented.

"Every year we're getting additional nests out there," Vorisek said.

BALD EAGLE FACTS

■ The largest Kentucky native raptor, the bald eagle has a wingspan of up to seven feet, is up to 30 inches long and may weigh as much as 16 pounds.

■ The adult bald eagle is dark brown with telltale white plumage on the head and tail, its "bald" moniker being a reference to its white head.

■ Bald eagles reach sexual maturity at the age of four to five, and immature birds are uniformly dark brown. Large brown birds sometimes mistaken for golden eagles are, in fact, immature bald eagles.

■ While they may hunt for small mammals and take carrion, bald eagles feed primarily on fish. The primary motivation for winter migration is keeping to unfrozen waterways where they may feed on winter-killed forage fish and other species.

Panel advocates stricter drug rules for racehorses

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LEXINGTON — An equine panel has recommended that Kentucky adopt a stricter policy to regulate medication standards for thoroughbreds.

The state Equine Drug Research Council's proposal would permit racehorses to take one anti-inflammatory drug up to 24 hours before post time, but make the bleeder drug Salix the only substance horses could receive the day they race.

A Salix-only policy on race day is the cornerstone of the push for uniform medication rules nationwide.

The last time Kentucky tightened its medication rules was in 2002. Racing regulators decided to allow horses to

receive three anti-inflammatory agents in addition to Salix and another bleeder medication on race day. While that policy was stricter than the previous one, it still leaves Kentucky with the most permissive rules in the country.

The council's recommendation now goes to the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority. If adopted, the standards would then need to be entered into state regulations.

Susan Bunning, president of the 6,000-member Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, cast the lone vote against the council's recommendation. Bunning said she first wanted to see scientific evidence that abandoning the state's policy would be in the best interest of racehorses.

But other members of the panel argued that change is needed.

Connie Whitfield, the drug council chairwoman, said, "Given the fact that Kentucky is really the gold standard in thoroughbred racing in every other aspect, I think that it's time for us to correct this one deficiency."

In 33 of 35 racing states, horses may not receive non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs within 24 hours of post time, according to a survey by Jim Gallagher, executive director of the racing authority. The two exceptions were Kentucky and Massachusetts.

Information from: The Courier-Journal, <http://www.courier-journal.com>

Pletcher leads field among Triple Crown nominees

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LOUISVILLE — Trainer Todd Pletcher leads the field in Triple Crown nominees for the fourth consecutive year.

A total of 357 thoroughbreds were nominated for the 2005 Triple Crown races, with Pletcher leading the way with 34 3-year-olds. The total is down slightly from 434 in 2004.

Last year, Pletcher had 35 nominees but none made it to the Kentucky Derby, Preakness or Belmont Stakes. The highly regarded trainer is still looking for his first win in a Triple Crown race.

Among Pletcher's prospects are Bandini, sired by Fusiachi Pegasus, Gato Grande and Harbor Master, sired by Seattle Slew.

Of the nominations, 14 are from overseas, including a return to the list of Godolphin Racing and owner Sheikh Mohammed, who did not have a nominee in 2004. Godolphin nominated six horses this year, good for third on the owner roster.

Godolphin, operated by Sheikh Mohammed, topped the owner's list of nominees for three year's running before failing to place one last year.

Overbrook Farm leads the owners list with nine nominees. The farm has 1996 Derby winner Grindstone, as well as 1995 Preakness winners Tabasco Cat and Timber Country to its credit.

Among trainers, Robert Frankel has 16 nominees, while Nick Zito has 14 and

Bob Baffert and D. Wayne Lukas have a dozen each. Lukas and his former assistants, Pletcher, Dallas Stewart, Kiaran McLaughlin and Mark Henning account for 63 nominations, nearly 25 percent of this year's total nominations.

A.P. Indy tops the sire's list for the third straight year, with 16 nominees. Fusaichi Pegasus, the 2000 Kentucky Derby winner, has 11 nominees on the list, followed by Storm Cat's eight.

Any horse who wins the Triple Crown earns a \$5 million bonus from the Visa Triple Crown Challenge.

The Derby purse has been doubled for 2005 to \$2 million. Both the Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes remain at \$1 million.

Bristol Speedway, Dragway set to host 2nd Annual American Outdoor Experience

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — If you're one of those individuals who love activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking and archery, you won't want to miss the 2nd Annual Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's American Outdoor Experience. The event returns to Bristol Motor Speedway and Dragway, May 13-15.

Transformed into one huge outdoor expo, the RMEF American Outdoor Experience will utilize the entire acreage of Bristol Motor Speedway and Dragway. The event will offer opportunities for the entire family and outdoor enthusiasts of all ages to partake in nearly every aspect of the outdoor sporting world.

"We're truly excited to bring back the American Outdoor Experience for a second year," said Logan McCabe, BMS marketing vice president. "We established a great foundation for the event last year and we expect the 2005 event to be bigger and better, making it one of the nation's leading outdoor sports gatherings."

Those attending will experience first-hand the latest outdoor sporting merchandise, such as shotguns, fishing rods and tackle, bows and arrows, hunting gear, and much more. Interactive displays will include shotgun, rifle and archery ranges, rock-climbing walls, ATV and 4X4 test tracks and hands-on learning activities.

The American Outdoor

Experience will provide activities suited for the entire family. Composed of a variety of "sporting camps," each one will feature a specific outdoor interest. Camps will include Shooting, Archery, ATV, Fishing, Hunting and many more.

Both the novice and the experienced sports enthusiasts can try-out different outdoor sporting products under true-to-life conditions with skilled professionals to coach them through the process. Participants can purchase these and other products in the event's shopping expo as well.

For more information, go online to www.americanoutdoorexperience.com or call the Speedway at 423/764-6555.

Jeff Gordon: Daytona 500 Preview

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Complete The Mission.

The mission? A fifth NASCAR Cup Series championship for Jeff Gordon and the No. 24 DuPont Motorsports team. The "Drive for Five in '05" begins with NASCAR's biggest event, the Daytona 500, on February 20.

Gordon is no stranger to winning at Daytona International Speedway. Along with his Daytona 500 victories in 1997 and 1999, Gordon has three victories in the Pepsi 400, two Budweiser Shootout victories, two wins in the Gatorade qualifying races and an IROC Series victory at the historic 2.5-mile speedway. Last summer in the 400-mile nighttime event, Gordon led 61 laps from the pole en route to his second restrictor-plate win of the 2004 season.

"We had a great car and a great team effort that night, and it will take the same type of effort to win the Daytona 500," said Gordon. "It will also take a little bit of luck."

"We need to get Jeff a third Daytona 500 win...bad," crew chief Robbie Loomis said. "We won the Pepsi 400 here last year and were in contention to win the Daytona 500 until the final stop.

"We're bringing a brand new car for the '500,' and the Jeff Gordon Network held a contest in which members had the opportunity to name the car. 'Soldier' was the name selected and I think it's a great way to recognize all the men and women who are serving in the armed forces for our great nation."

"In sticking with the same theme, we decided to name the Shootout car 'Veteran' since it is a veteran car in our shop, and also as a way to say thanks to our veterans." Gordon knows it will be a battle, and limiting mistakes will play a crucial role in determining the 2005 Daytona 500 champion.

"It seems everyone has a shot at winning at these restrictor-plate events," Gordon said. "You don't have to be perfect during the entire 500 miles, but it's usually the team that makes the fewest mistakes that wins."

"Our 'plate' program was good last year, and we had a good test down here in January in a new car we believe is better than what we used to win here in July."

"Winning the Daytona 500 would be a great way to begin our charge toward another championship."

The ultimate goal of each team competing in NASCAR's premier division is the

NASCAR Nextel Cup championship, and a final 10-race "Chase" will determine that champion. In the meantime, there are 26 races to determine who will vie for the 2005 championship — and 26 opportunities to win and solidify your place in the top 10.

"Our goal each and every year is to win the championship, and to do that we must first secure a spot in the top 10 during the first 26 races," said Gordon. "The best way to score points is to win, and that's what we'll look to do as we battle for a position in the 'Chase.'"

During his rookie season of 1993, Gordon did not record a victory in a "points-paying" event and finished 14th in the point standings. Since then, he has collected 69 victories — including tying a modern-era (1972 - present) record of 13 wins in 1998 — with 11 consecutive finishes of ninth or better in the point standings.

"This DuPont team consistently runs in the top 10 in points, so I feel we have a shot to win the championship every year under this new format," Gordon said. "It's a lot harder to win the championship under the 'Chase' format, but we think we can be there at the end."

Mission: not impossible.

Undefeated colt won't debut as 3-year-old in Southwest Stakes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. — Undefeated Rockport Harbor won't make his debut as a 3-year-old in Oaklawn Park's Southwest Stakes on Feb. 19 because the mile-long race isn't long enough.

The colt, who hasn't raced since suffering a gash in his right hind ankle in the 1 1/8-mile Remsen Stakes at Aqueduct last November, will next race in the Rebel Stakes at Oaklawn on March 19. The Arkansas Derby is four weeks later, on April 16, and the Kentucky Derby is May 7.

"I would have had to rush Rockport Harbor to make the

Southwest, and there really is no reason to do that," trainer John Servis said. "At a mile, the Southwest would be cutting back from a mile and a furlong, and I really don't want to shorten him up."

Servis postponed a workout scheduled for Thursday to Friday.

"Now that Rocky is passing the Southwest, it doesn't really pay to rush him," he said.

Last year, Servis trained Rockport Harbor stablemate Smarty Jones through a sweep of the Southwest, Rebel and Arkansas Derby before the colt won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness. Smarty Jones lost the Belmont Stakes by a

length to Birdstone, failing in a bid for the Triple Crown.

The horse, however, did win a \$5 million bonus for owners Roy and Patricia Chapman by winning the Rebel and the Arkansas and Kentucky derbies.

If Rockport Harbor wins the Rebel and Arkansas Derby, the Philadelphia Park-based colt would have the same record Smarty Jones did entering the Kentucky Derby.

"The difference between Rocky and Smarty is that Smarty had been only a mile-70 before Oaklawn whereas Rocky has been a mile and a furlong," Servis said. "I don't need to put speed into Rocky at this point."

FCT SPORTS FYI

Floyd County Youth Soccer signups scheduled

Floyd County Youth Soccer Association has announced that registration for the Spring, 2005 season will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen. Volunteers will be at Dairy Queen to accept registrations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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 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 at Allen. During the Fall, 2004 season, approximately 170 boys and girls from Floyd County participated in youth soccer.

Paintsville Little League signups: Paintsville Little League will again hold signups on Saturdays in February (19, 26) and March (5) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day at the Major League Division Boardroom. There will also be a sign-up date on Thursday, March 3 from 6-8 p.m.

Age divisions as of August 1: T-ball (5-6); Rookie (7-8); Minor and Major (9-12); Senior (15-16); Big League (16-18) and Girls' Softball (9-12 and 13-14).

The fee is \$25 per player, \$20 per player for two in the same family and \$15 per player for three or more.

A birth certificate and proof of residency is required.

Big Sandy Babe Ruth meeting: Big Sandy Babe Ruth has scheduled a board of directors meeting for today at 7:30 p.m. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the Pikeville High School Commons area.

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Bears

Bears in double figures. Laneare Anderson followed with 15. Harris and Chris Carroll each scored 11. Cook paced Lindsey with 22. Cetric Anderson, the Raiders' alltime leading scorer, finished with 15 while Spivey added 14.

Both teams shot well from the floor. Lindsey hit 55.8 percent for the game while the Bears sank 50.9 percent. Each team was back in action yesterday, playing at home. Pikeville hosted Lambuth in the second game of

a double dip. The Eagles got a huge lift on Thursday, knocking off Cumberland 74-62. Lindsey hosted Ohio State-Marion yesterday afternoon. Results of the aforementioned games were unavailable at press time.

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Lady Bears

throws and trailed 33-32 at the break. The second half was a different story, however, as the Lady Bears sank only 11-of-30 (36.7 percent) in the second half and couldn't hold on. Sophomore Tonya Amburgey scored a career high 20 points to lead Pikeville. She hit 4-of-8 from the arc and

pulled down three rebounds. Senior Selena Williams followed with 11 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Freshman Kellie Jo Moore had 10 markers, with all coming before intermission. Lindsey's balanced attack was led by Husband and junior Demoya Williams with 11

points apiece. Williams, a native of Arlington, Texas, carded a double-double with 13 rebounds. Pikeville returned home yesterday and played host to Lambuth University in the first game of a doubleheader. Results were unavailable at press time.

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ing. It will also address fish identification, patrol techniques, ATV and vessel operation, water survival, boat and hunting accident investigation, marine theft, and boating under the influence enforcement. They will become hunter education and boater education instructors and become level one certified in the National Archery in the Schools Program. They will receive additional training in firearms since they check many types in the field, and also in defensive tactics.

Johnson leads KDFWR aquatic education efforts

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES
FRANKFORT — In recent years, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) has ramped up efforts to introduce more youngsters in urban areas to the benefits of fishing and aquatic education.

As the beginning of February arrives, the agency is aggressively seeking additional ways to engage youngsters through schools, community programs and other avenues such as local fishing events, in the education of our natural, water-related resources and the recreation well-cared for resources provide. This year, some 500 fishing-related events will be planned, and a host of other educational programs given through schools and community summer park programs.

A decade ago, a deficit in raising awareness of the importance of aquatic resources in Kentucky, along with limited outreach to encourage participation in fishing, was identified by the agency. Nowhere was it more apparent that a lack of opportunity existed to learn and experience fishing, and develop the value of aquatic resources in young people, than in Kentucky's big cities and urban communities.

Marc Johnson, who is now at the helm of the KDFWR's Aquatic Education Program, is determined to continue the success the agency has achieved in networking within communities to offer thousands of children a chance to learn to fish. Kids throughout the Commonwealth are now getting an opportunity to pick up a new skill from hands-on experience — a skill in many cases that would otherwise not be possi-

ble to learn, and one that can be of use to them for a lifetime.

Johnson brings a different perspective to his leadership role than would most others. A graduate of the Governor's Minority Management Training Program, and a former conservation educator for the fish and wildlife department, Johnson understands that giving youngsters a way to develop appreciation of natural resources in the classroom, then expand their knowledge through hands-on fishing, is key to their development and improved quality of life. He has worked with students in various learning scenarios, and is also an avid angler.

Even something as simple as fishing can help young minds develop environmental values. The enjoyment of catching a fish can provide a sense of accomplishment and build self-esteem. Youngsters who may already fish develop into mentors for their friends. The questions fishing generates also opens minds to new areas of interest, and gives youngsters new thoughts and challenges to explore both in, and out of the classroom.

This spring, Johnson will be working diligently with the school systems in southeast Kentucky to integrate the "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs Program" into classrooms. This initiative will be aimed at enhancing parent cooperation with school-based programs. This new partnership will provide students the ability to make positive choices, while opening communication channels with responsible adults.

The sport of fishing is a versatile and captivating avenue to use in the education of young people. At the same time, its universal appeal gives educators a way to engage students on many levels, mentally and physically that goes beyond the traditional classroom setting alone.

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Webb chipped in five. Clinton Turner and Jon Shepherd each had four. Michael Tackett rounded out the Allen Central scoring with two points.

Webb also pulled down eight rebounds for Allen Central. Cole

added six steals. Justin Murray scored 16 points and paced the Johnson Central freshman team. Byron Childers scored 11 points, while Josh Gourdouze and Chad Hall each had eight points. James

Blankenship tossed in seven points and Josh Reno pushed in four. John Turner and Daniel McCarty finished with three and two points, respectively. Allen Central will host a freshman tournament Feb. 25-26.

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DeCoursey

DeCoursey's goal to try and avoid combat, joining the Navy did not work very well. He was sent to the Great Lakes Training Center. While there, he played basketball on a company-level team organized by the future and legendary Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian. DeCoursey later made the semi-professional Great Lakes team, but he was not at Great Lakes long enough to play many games. He was cut new orders and sent to Portland, Ore., to serve on the famed rocket boat.

During the Marine invasions of Japanese-held islands in the Pacific, including Iwo Jima, larger numbers of Marines lost their lives on the beaches and on the barrier reefs. The Navy eventually responded by building rocket boats. The rocket boats were flat-bottomed and designed to run right up on the beaches. Armed with powerful rockets, the boats could then drive the Japanese away from the surrounding high ground and clear the way for the Marines.

The rocket boat DeCoursey was assigned to, designated Landing Craft Supply 61, crossed the Pacific from Portland to Iwo Jima on its own. The craft was flat-bottomed and not at all suited to high seas and typhoons, of which they had one to survive. The boat bounced so badly that there were weeks at a time in which they could not cook and had to subsist on dry rations. After a short stay at Iwo Jima they were sent into battle at Okinawa where they were attacked by a Japanese kamikaze. They were able to shoot the suicide plane down, but it had gotten close enough to rock the boat when it struck the water. The pilot was killed and thrown from the plane, where his dead body was seized upon and taken away by a shark.

After Okinawa, they slowly made their way toward Japan and arrived there in time to see the Japanese surrender to MacArthur aboard the Missouri. DeCoursey and his fellow sailors aboard Rocket Boat 61 had amassed enough points to be sent home, but found themselves "frozen" into longer service. The longer service turned out to be serving as a taxi in Tokyo Bay for Admiral Bull Halsey.

When DeCoursey returned to Wayland and the Kentucky mountains, he discovered the KHSAA had extended the eligibility of all war veterans who had not graduated from high school. DeCoursey, at age 20, had a year left to play at Wayland, which turned out to be a great year for he and the Wayland Wasps.

Wayland had a new coach, the former Hindman and Eastern Kentucky star, Cooper John Campbell. Campbell was to be a highly successful coach at Wayland and would not only coach DeCoursey, but would be Kelly Coleman's mentor. Wayland lost only six games during the year (the New York Knickerbockers could not have won all those away games in the Kentucky mountains) and sailed through the District, winning one of the games over Wheelwright by the score of 60-18. DeCoursey led all scorers and was again named to the all-tournament team. It was the third time he had been selected.

The Region was expected to be a much more difficult matter than the District. The tournament was at Inez, and getting by the Indiana was virtually impossible. This time, however, one of the referees was former University of Kentucky player and Floyd County native William Sturgill. Wayland won the first two games with ease, while Inez polished off its side of the bracket, setting up a Wayland-Inez final. The final turned out to be as much a fight as a game. Inez Indian player "Boney" Mills blind-sided DeCoursey with a blow to the head early in the game. But DeCoursey played on and Wayland got ahead by a single-point with time running out and Inez with the ball. Inez called time

and set up a play only to have DeCoursey call timeout. Inez set up another play and he called timeout again. Inez then threw the ball away. There was a general fight outside the gym after that game, Sturgill and Mills were particularly fortunate to escape serious injury in the melee.

The State Tournament was next. Wayland drew a powerful Owensboro team that had young Cliff Hagan as a substitute. The Wasps were leading by nine when DeCoursey fouled out early in the third quarter. He had 22 points at the time. Wayland lost 56-46.

DeCoursey was the first man picked on the All-State Tournament Team and made First Team in both the Louisville Courier-Journal and the Lexington Herald.

With the season over, the recruiting wars got underway with DeCoursey being hotly pursued by Uncle Ed Diddle of Western Kentucky. Diddle coached the Kentucky team in the Kentucky-Indiana high school all-star game. DeCoursey tried out and made the team, proceeding to score 14 points. Eastern Kentucky and Kentucky Wesleyan made offers, and DeCoursey heard from a number of other colleges, many of them in the North, where there were coaches who had seen him play at Great Lakes. A number of the schools made offers that would get them in all sorts of difficulty with the NCAA if they were made today. There were a few that openly stated that he would receive a certain amount of money each month.

Coach Adolph Rupp came to Wayland twice, once after the State Tournament when school was still in session and another time later in the summer. The second time, he talked DeCoursey into coming to Kentucky. DeCoursey's future wife, Patricia, was already enrolled at the University. DeCoursey came to UK for a week and worked out with what would be Kentucky's 1947-48 team, a team whose members played in the Olympics. DeCoursey only stayed a week. When he went to see Rupp to tell him that he was leaving, he found Rupp eating chili at his favorite restaurant. Rupp tried to borrow money off DeCoursey to pay his bill, after which he gave him a large signed picture of himself and told him, "Here, Ed, take this picture with you, and every time you look at it, I want you to remind yourself what a fool you are." DeCoursey has the picture prominently displayed in his downstairs den.

DeCoursey returned to Wayland, where he would go to work at a truck mine hauling red dig before marrying and getting into the auto parts business. Wayland had an independent basketball team that featured DeCoursey, his 1947 coach, Campbell, and his former Wayland teammate, Fraley. On at least one occasion the team was joined by Kelly Coleman. The Wayland Independents played all over, winning tournaments in Louisville, Ashland and Williamson, W.Va.

Eventually, DeCoursey took up refereeing. He those he refereed with included Maytown's Jack Turner, Hazard coach and former New York Knick, Goebel Ritter, Garrett's Greasey Hughes, George Conley of Ashland (Larry Conley's father) and the legendary Sid Meade.

George Conley, according to DeCoursey, gave him the best refereeing advice.

"Always hustle," George Conley said. "If you are on top of a play you will get the benefit of the doubt because they will think you were in better position to see the play."

Refereeing with Meade proved to be the most challenging. Meade, a corpulent version of W.C. Fields, could not always cover his half of the court, which left DeCoursey with most of the work. He had to run from end to end, trying not to laugh at Meade. According to DeCoursey, Meade was inclined to make "mystery calls," making a call against Martin where nothing happened. When Martin Coach Hoss Halbert challenged him, demanding to know where the call was, Meade replied, "your man encroached upon a congested zone."

DeCoursey got into trouble only one time in his refereeing career. He let Morton Combs and Ritter talk him into calling a Carr Creek-Wayland game the year Coleman was a senior. DeCoursey made a call that cost the Wasps the game. His friends and neighbors were "none too pleased."

The DeCourseys have a son, Ed Jr., and a daughter, Ginger, and grandchildren who are now in college. Patricia, who has a M.A. from the University of Tennessee, taught at Wayland and worked for the UK Extension service before retiring. Her eyes still light up when she talks about the way Ed played in high school.

"He had," she says, "an absolute deadly hookshot."

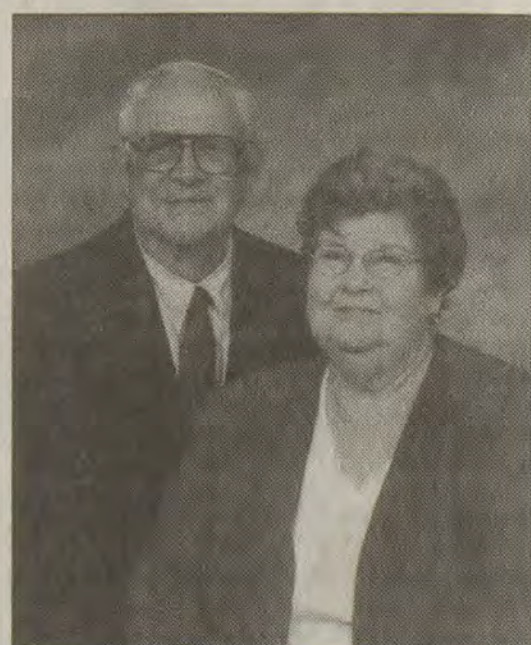
How good was Ed DeCoursey? Carl Ray Fraley, who played high school and independent ball with DeCoursey, described him in 2004 as "the best inside player ever to come out of the Mountains. He could play outside, too, and won several close games with long shots. But it was inside under the goal where he was well-nigh unstoppable. He was only 6-2, but he could jump like a kangaroo; everywhere he played he was referred to as Big Ed. He was so quick inside that he could tip in a shot on the opposite side of the basket. He could also run like a greyhound. I am ashamed to say it, but he could dribble faster than I could run!"

Ed DeCoursey could also serve his country in time of war. Those who served on World War II rocket boats have a national association with headquarters in Springfield, Va. A few years ago, they prevailed upon President Clinton to see if he could arrange a trade with Thailand for the return of the world's only remaining rocket boat. The boat is expected back in the United States next year. The boat is not 61, which now has only 12 survivors, but the DeCourseys hope to see it next fall when the Association holds its yearly meeting in Washington, D.C. They will surely be there, unless Ed gets involved in a dirt court pick-up game somewhere along the way.

Justin Turner is a retired Professor Emeritus in International Studies from Middle Tennessee State University.



The South Floyd High School varsity cheerleaders cheered the Raiders on Tuesday night during a victory over 58th District rival Betsy Layne.



Ed and Patricia DeCoursey currently reside in Hindman.

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This Town, That World

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

Self-control is the ability to lie in a barber-chair with your mouth full of lather, and listen quietly while some ignorant individual gives your favorite candidate Hail Columbia.

And when anybody cries on your shoulder and tells you how they're forcing him to live a dog's life, kick the lucky stiff in the shins.



Norman Allen

SUGGESTION

Somebody has come up with research findings which say that the average person remembers only 6% of what he hears, while he retains 85% of what he reads. We're not going to use that as an argument for newspaper advertising; instead, would remind you that if what your preacher says isn't enough, you might try reading your Bible.

TIMES DO CHANGE

We are so often reminded of the changes time makes. When somebody else isn't broaching the subject we're harking back to it ourselves.

And we're not referring to sputniks, the atom and all that. We are thinking about more commonplace things, matters the average youngster would never believe caused any wonder or excitement in the first place.

You have to belong to the hoss-and-buggy age to appreciate fully the wonders of this age. You have to remember where you barely could walk over a narrow, muddy path or where you once saw sleds drawn by mules or wagons by oxen, in order to appreciate fully the wonder of a shiny automobile whizzing over the very same spot.

That will get you back to when a phonograph and a scratchy needle were something to hark and to lo about; to when talking to a neighbor by telephone was an Event; to when some folks thought there was a record in "that thing," referring to the radio.

And we stop short of the wonder of television, which still has me wondering.

I would not argue with you a moment if you were to predict that you will, some day, be talking to a friend a thousand miles away and

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Weeksbury, around 1939. Our author, Mr. Hall, grew up in the community of Melvin, but he says the layout of the two communities was very similar. A wider view of the community can be found on page B7.

Why Daddy Sold Old Betsy

by Ralph Hall

~ Chapter 11 ~ The Movies

The movies were a big thing back in the 1940s. Almost everyone in the village went to the movies, everyone, that is, but the church people. Church folks didn't go because they thought it was a sin to go to the movies.

I always loved movies when I was a child. My daddy and his brothers ran the movie house in our village. It was me and my cousin, John D. Hall, that cleaned the movie house. In the winter, we cleaned it after school. If we found any change, we kept it. Sometimes we found a nickel or a dime.

The movies all came in the U.S. mail and John D. and I picked them up at the Melvin Post Office. As a rule, they were too heavy for us to carry. They came in a metal case and there would always be about three reels in a case. Since they were too heavy for us to carry, we would slide them up the rail of the railroad tracks. On Saturday and Sunday, the movie show would start at 2 p.m. It would run until about 9:30 at night. Saturday was the day for westerns. The cowboys would come on the screen and us boys would never take our eyes off of them through the whole picture. There was Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Red Rider and Little Beaver, Buster Crabbe and Sunset Carson, just to name a few.

I never missed a movie. The cowboys became a part of the life of every boy in Melvin. Back then, when we played, we played cowboy games. Entire families would walk out of the hollows to come see the shows. The price to see a movie was 10 cents for an

adult, and 5 cents for a child. Any kid age 6 or under got in free. Popcorn was a nickel a bag and soda pop was also a nickel. So, back then, if a kid had 15 cents, he was in for a day of fun at the movie house.

My daddy always told us this story: A drunk went to a movie over in the coal camp, at Weeksbury. Now, back in them days, almost all of the men carried guns. If someone got in their way, they were subject to get shot. In fact, lots of people got shot in Melvin. Well, let's get back to the story - this drunk man went to the movie. The news reel came on the screen first. News reels always told of the events that had gone on the week before in the world. Well, anyway, the drunk man settled in to watch the movie. It was an MGM picture and when it started, the MGM lion came on and roared real loud. The drunk man, startled, pulled out his .45 pistol and shot the old lion five times! Well, of course, that ended the movie and everyone ran out of the building, except for the drunk. The town police showed up and everyone looked for a big gun fight to ensue between the drunk and the policemen, but that didn't happen. The policemen just went in, knocked the drunk in the head, and dragged him off to the calaboose. The calaboose was a small jail on the side of the hill, up Number One (mining location). After that, the people all went back in and saw the movie. Well, you've heard the old saying, "the show must go on," and, it did - bullet holes in the screen and all!

My Uncle Bruce was a big man. He was the best guy in all the world. He was a kind and gentle man. But, you had better not dare to invade his space! There was this one time, in the theater at Melvin, when these two big overgrown boys got into a fight. Well, Bruce tried to break up the fight and they told him to mind his own business.

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Savage Island'

by TOM DOTY
 STAFF WRITER

Family feuding gets revitalized in this flick which borrows somewhat from Wes Craven's 1977 horror opus "The Hills Have Eyes." In that film, a family vacation turned into a nightmare for tourists who run afoul of a mutated family living near an abandoned army base. Here the enemies are squatters who have lived on a remote island in the Pacific Northwest undisturbed until they clash with a family which has purchased the site to build a yuppie vacation paradise.

The main protagonists are a small family which consist of husband Steve, wife Julia and baby Alex. The film opens with Steve driving to a dock where they will meet Julia's brother, who will then ferry them to the island site that her parents are developing. After a bizarre encounter at the dock with a strange guy who tries to sell them animals he's killed and stuffed, they finally hook up with brother Peter.

This guy turns out to be a bit of a loser who refers to the squatters as "Deliverance" types, smokes dope while he's driving and whines that he'll be a movie star once the cameras get rolling on an Italian zombie film that he's been promised a part in. While driving the couple to the home-stand, he runs over a child dressed in rags that he mistakes for an animal. Thinking nothing of it he continues on up the road while the child is found by its feral dad.

While Steve and Julia, who suffers from panic attacks, get a tour of the new house, the squatters hold a meeting and determine that the family in the nice house owes them a baby.

The next morning Peter takes his sister and Steve for a drive but can't stop himself from pulling over where he thinks he hit an animal to try to find it. All he finds though is a small primitive graveyard which he mistakes for a treasure trove until he digs up the corpse of the boy he slaughtered.

Meanwhile, the squatters head out to the parents' house and explain what happened to their child. The father freaks out when they suggest that he give them his granddaughter. Dad chases them off with a gun but everyone who's seen one of these things will know that this is all far from over.

It all leads up to some intense, and violent, scenes as the two families clash over the baby. Most of the characters come to gruesome ends before

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Surviving the shipwreck

by CARA WILSON

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SINGLE'S SOUL"

I folded up into a clump in the center of a sea of boxes, holding my knees tightly to my chest, and sobbed. This was a shipwreck of cosmic proportions. I had floundered from there to here, and I didn't even know where "here" was. "There" was my beautiful old home in the Hollywood Hills, where I had been floating serenely with my husband, our two sons, a veritable ark of pets, tons of friends, laughter, holidays, theater, movies. That was my life. That was my anchor.

And now? Now I might as well have splashed down into the Bermuda Triangle, thousands of miles from my home. I had become a victim of the Hollywood I had lived in: promised scripts of a

lifelong marriage that didn't happen and other women that did. I was thrashing in uncharted waters. My sons were grown and gone, and I was bankrupt and betrayed.

I came to shore in Northern California, an eerie desert island of mist, sea and forest. I rented a tiny basement apartment and surrounded myself with my two birds, two dogs and two cats - two of everything to weather this storm - but only one of me. I hadn't been single since I was a child. I didn't know anything about myself, but I did know that I couldn't make it. I curled up in my apartment, drowning in sorrow, and waited to die.

To my shock, I kept my head above water. I endured getting a box of bank checks with only my name on them, grocery shopping for one, starting a sentence with "I" instead of "we," circling

"divorced" on job applications. When I survived those first waves of despair, I gained confidence to head into others.

I began dating - major uncharted waters - and found the strange creatures there humorous: the guy who assured me he was "one of the Great Ones" in his past life (maybe that explains why he was one of the Great Jerks this time around); the fiery Russian sculptor who loved his own body more than anything else; the vagabond carpenter who loved his dog more than anything else; the intense writer who loved his own words more than anything else; the radio producer tuned in to the

hypochondriac channel who was too worried about dying to love; and the predatory Peter Pan who preyed on a woman until she fell in love with him before he mad-dashed-it back to his pack of Lost Boys.

And there were some gentle, sweet men friends who held me up when I was tired, and many wonderful women friends who taught me the beauty of the female soul. Through all of them, I began to learn about myself: what I liked, what I didn't, what I deserved.

I learned that I could support myself. I banquet-served at a huge Monterey hotel, freelanced articles for

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Jim Davidson

We can't live in a vacuum

Several weeks ago I was invited to speak to the senior citizens at one of our local churches. After the meeting a lady came up to me and said, "When I get my paper, your column is the first thing I turn to." Well, dear lady the following story is just for you. Hope it makes you smile, because we all need more of that in our lives.



An elderly lady called 911 on her cell phone, to report that her car has been broken into. She was hysterical as she explained her situation to the dispatcher. "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal, and even the accelerator!" she cried. The dispatcher said, "Stay calm. An officer is on his way." A few

minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard." He says, "She got in the back seat by mistake."

Now, if you are a young person or even middle aged, don't laugh too hard, because you will be there too, if you live long enough.

Today I would like to share something that may provide some insights into what is happening to a lot of people in our country today. My hope would

be that if I can get this across, we might be able to make a positive difference in the lives of many people. That is the purpose of each one of my columns, and while I'm sure that I do not succeed every time, that is my goal

and it's also my hearts desire. The truth is, we cannot help other people any more than we have helped ourselves. This is why we should always be on the lookout for good ideas.

Let me begin with this statement and then amplify it. We can't live in a vacuum. The reason this is true is because when you "vacuum" something, you take all the air out of it. For example, just go into a supermarket sometimes and look in the meat case. You will find vacuum-packed meat packages everywhere you look. The reason they are vacuum packed is to preserve them for longer shelf life. For this reason they have taken all the air out of the package because air contains oxygen, the substance that will eventually break down meat tissue and cause it to spoil.

As human beings we must also have air to live, because

without it we will soon suffocate and die.

If you will go to the dictionary and look at the various meanings for the word "vacuum," in addition to "A space from which air has been exhausted" you will also see this meaning: "A void; an empty feeling." Now, this last definition relates to us human beings, because obviously vacuum-packed meat does not have feelings.

To get to the crux of the matter, please allow me to pose this question. Why do many human beings have "A void, an empty feeling?" The answer is a lot simpler than you may realize.

The reason many people have an empty feeling is because they don't have a purpose for their lives, something that causes them to get all fired up every time they think about it. Another word for void or empty feeling is "bored."

When it comes to a human being, like I said earlier, we can't live in a vacuum either. That is to

say, we cannot remain idle without doing something. When we quit doing one thing, something else comes along to take its place and fill the void. This is why so many young people are "bored" and often get into trouble.

The vast majority of people in this nation do not have a purpose, that's something that comes to a very few, but unfortunately they do not have any goals either. When people get out of bed each day, young or old, without having a goal to work toward, something they really want to achieve, they are a prime candidate for all kinds of negative influences in our society.

Now, you may or may not have ever thought about this before, but the reason millions of Americans spend untold hours before the television each day is because they don't have any exciting goals to prepare for. They are simply filling the void with all the free time they have to kill. In short, they are being entertained and you know what

kind of quality they are getting. One of the reasons I have dedicated the rest of my life to helping people learn how to read is because there are few things in our society where we can succeed, without knowing how to read.

Young people can watch television, listen to music and bounce a basketball without being able to read, but the consequences of doing that for the first and most important early years of their life will be tragic. This is why parents and grandparents need to really get involved with teachers in helping their children and grandchildren learn how to read. Turn off the television and computer for a fixed time each day and read to them. If this applies to you, it will be the best investment of your time that you have ever made.

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This is a photo of the Weeksbury community, taken in about 1939. Shown, from left to right, are: The Beaver Valley Bank; the community "Clubhouse," or hotel; the town's movie theater; the town "Fountain," where one could buy a quick lunch, soda, or gas up their car; a building that may have contained a doctor's office; the "Company Store," owned and operated by the coal mining company that provided the majority of the jobs in the area; and, a row of company houses. This photo now hangs in Compton's Quick Mart, owned by Dale Compton, which is housed in the old bank building, the only original structure of the lineup that is still standing. The old Beaver Valley Bank safe is still housed in the building.

Betsy

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hadn't scared us one bit. What lies! We were everyone scared to death! You see, we all knew that we had to walk past that old graveyard on the way home and, it was a full moon night.

After a while, one of the boys said, "It's gettin' late. I guess we better head out for home." We all said okay and took off up the tracks. As we were walking, one of the boys said, "That old vampire man don't scare me none with his old white face and deep-set ugly eyes." The rest of us chimed in, "Me, neither."

Everything was just right - the old scary movie, the night time, and a full moon shining bright. There's just something about a full moon, too. On a full moon night, you can see everything all around you. Just right for a big old vampire to appear, or for that matter, a good time to see an old casket come sliding down a graveyard hill.

Well, we just kept right on going

up those railroad tracks, heading home to safety, when we got to about 50 feet of the graveyard. One of the boys cried out, "I see it! I see it!" The rest of us all cried out, "What?!" at about the same time. He answered back, "That old casket! Coming down the hill!"

Well now, me, I didn't even look up that old hill - I just took off lickety-split up those tracks fast as I could. I was doing a pretty good speed, but that boy that saw the old casket? Well, he passed me like I was standing still. I never saw him again that night. I finally made it home, but if I got any sleep at all that night, it was very little.

There never was a time that I ever ran that fast again, nor did this little event stop us boys from going to the movies. We just never walked the tracks again. Nope, we just went down the state highway after that.

As much fun as the movies were, we had to learn to separate them from real life. Almost every village had a

movie house in the 40s and every kid loved to go. I would cut weeds or hoe corn all day long to earn the money to go to the movies on Saturday night.

The movies were a great part of life. We have all learned so much from movies. At school, they would show movies sometimes, too. All of us kids loved days at school when we got to lay down our books, sit back in our seats and get lost in that world where we were all movie stars in our imaginations for about an hour and a half on Friday afternoons. At the end of the day, we would say, "See you at the movie on Saturday night."

What a good world it would be if families would go out to the movies together again. That's what made the movies so special back in the 40s, it was a place where families could go on Saturday night after a hard week at work and just relax for a little while. Eat a bag of popcorn, drink a pop and just have a good time. Well, see ya at the movies.

Soup

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a Salinas hospital and sat in on surgeries. I wrote radio spots and worked for a security systems company. (Be careful what you pray for: I prayed for security and learned that God is very literal.) I helped an aging millionaire write his memoirs. I wrote a book.

I learned to love this sea that had first seemed so tempestuous. In fact, I began to enjoy the silence of being alone. At night, I lit candles in my new little cottage, breathed and surrendered myself to change, not to someone else's script.

One day, out of the blue, a young man asked me if I was happy. The question, to which I would have answered a resounding "no" not long before, made me pause. And when I answered him, "Yes, I really am," I knew that it was true. The stormy seas that had so deeply frightened me had also been my healing waters. As Helen Keller said, "Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing." I wasn't divorced and drowning. I was delivered, and I had finally come up for air.

Correction:

Wednesday's wedding announcement Runyon-Cornett should have said the groom, Mr. Vernon Christopher Cornett is the son of Vernon Cornett of McDowell and the grandson of Faye and Elmer Hall of Prestonsburg.

Lagoon

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this thing is over and it packs a surprise ending which hints at a sequel and illustrates that a new family has been borne of the previous struggles. This fact doesn't bode well for the folks planning to move onto ... Savage Island.

This one is a keeper and it manages to pack a lot of ideas into a basically thin plot. The movie doesn't pick a side and manages to convey both families with a degree of sensitivity.

The most chilling moment comes about one hour into the movie. Steve, a sensitive social worker, becomes a savage when he must kill a man who is moaning so loud, from his wounds, that the squatters are sure to hear it and come running.

A great contrast to that scene is that at the same moment the supposedly savage family is conducting a very dignified wedding ceremony for their newly captured members.

It's moments like these that hint at what this movie could have been

with a bigger budget. Luckily for audiences, there are enough ideas here to keep the viewer interested and on the edge of their seat.

The credit all goes to newcomers Jeffrey Lando, who directed, and Kevin Mosely, who wrote the script. These guys refuse to play favorites and give both families a knock or two. Each family has a son who is a bit of a doofus. Sure, the squatters are probably a little sick in the head, but Julia suffers from a mental disorder and she was raised in a modern society. The idea here is, of course, that everything is relative and maybe complex societies beget diseases that wouldn't happen if we all had to hunt for our own food. You won't find eating disorders and the Peter Principle at work in a primitive society.

Then again primitive, too, is a relative concept. Though the final answer is that we all have more in common with each other than we would think, that doesn't stop this from also being an old-fashioned family-in-peril horror picture which

manages to add some new ideas to that premise and is infinitely better than the higher budgeted "Wrong Turn." At least this film dares to present the backwoods people as not being backwards, and that is an accomplishment.

Best line: "It's out of its misery, a definite kill. Calls for a beer." 2003, rated R.

This Town

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at the same time seeing his image before you, or feeling the touch of a hand across the miles. I am not going to risk being called an old fuddy-duddy.

You see, I am greatly impressed by all the changes made in the past.

Who, for instance, would have been able to convince me, back there in those halcyon days when I dug worms to go fishin', that the day would come when I would be buying nightcrawlers?

Steps to take when choosing a PC

by SHANE MAYNARD and STEVEN JOHNSON

In today's world, every one of our lives is affected by computers in one way or another. So we will address some key points to consider when choosing your PC.

Identify Usage — The very first thing to think about is what you are going to be using the computer to do. Ask yourself questions like, "Am I going to be playing a lot of complex games, or simple games?" or "Will I need the internet and if so, DSL, cable, dial-up?" This will be the main thought behind the whole process. Once you have figured out what you will be using it for, it is time to move on to the next step.

Price Range — The next step is to figure out your price range. You need to know how much you are willing to spend on a computer. Once you have the price range, go on to the next step.

Compare — Now that you know what you need and how much you are willing to pay for the computer, it is time to compare the computer itself. Go to different places; don't commit yourself to one

place alone. Shop around a little and get the best deal. Dell and Gateway are the biggest manufacturers and can be easily found on the Internet. To get as much bang for your buck as possible, I would suggest looking into a custom built computer. When you buy a pre-built computer with a set price, you are also getting things you didn't need in the first place like other software or extra accessories. This is where knowing what you need comes in handy. If you get a custom-built computer from somewhere like Dell or Gateway, it is built to your specifications. You tell them what you are going to do with it and they will build exactly what need and anything else you might want on it. Also, don't forget about the little man. Support your local computer business. They can do the same thing and possibly at a lesser price. Again, it pays to shop around. The computer that the consumer may buy today may not be able to keep up with the requirement three years from now. It is important to get what you want the first time, because it may be a costly mistake later. Usually a high-end computer is best.

When the average consumer reads a computer ad in their favorite magazine they see words like Gigahertz or Megabyte, which can leave them just nodding their heads. It's important that you at least have some understanding of these terms. This way you'll have a better knowledge about each of them. Here is a sample article advertising a computer, with a brief, simplified explanation what each term means:

Computers R' Us Sample X10
Processor: Intel Pentium 4 Processor (2.80 GHz, 533 FSB)
Video Card: Intel Extreme Graphics 64MB 512MB DDR SDRAM 433MHz
Hard Drive: 80 GB ATA/100 7200 48x CD-RW Drive
Monitor: 17" LCD Flat Panel Monitor
Microsoft Windows XP Home

The first thing listed is the name of the company and the model of the computer, in this case "Computers R' Us. This is the name of the company and "Sample X10" is the model of the computer.

Processor: The types of processors that come in a computer vary. The two major companies that make processors are Intel and AMD. More than likely, the buyer will only come in contact with these two brands. In this case the "Intel Pentium 4" is made by Intel, and "Pentium 4" is the model. Next on the list are 2.80 GHz and 533 FSB. These tell how fast the computer processes data. Imagine a processor as an engine of a car. In theory a car with 400 horsepower would run faster than a car with 200 horsepower. The same goes with processors. A 2.80 GHz processor would run quicker than a 1.60 GHz processor. The 533 FSB or "Front Side Bus" is a place for data to stay until the processor needs it. Imagine the FSB like the

cylinders in the engine, the more cylinders you have the faster the engine gets its fuel. So a 533FSB is quicker than 233FSB. Keep in mind that the term GHz means Gigahertz and MHz means Megahertz; Giga and Mega are derived from the Greek language, Giga meaning billions and Mega meaning millions. So 1 GHz is faster than 1 MHz.

Video Card: The video card is the device that is responsible for creating the images you see on your monitor. This part has a quantity of memory that limits the type of images your computer can display. The higher the memory in your video card, the more graphic intense software you can run.

RAM: RAM is the working memory. This is the place that information is stored temporarily as the computer works with it. RAM is fast and moves data very quickly. Compare RAM to your kitchen counter top; it is a place where you work with your data similar to working with food as you prepare a meal. The more RAM you have, is like have a larger counter where you have more room to work.

Hard Drive: The place where you store all information, pictures, games etc. The larger space you have, the more data you can store. Remember in the last example when RAM was like your countertop. Well the Hard Drive is like your desk, where you store all your data before it needs to be accessed. The larger desk you have, the more applications it can hold. The larger Hard Drive you have, the more data it can store.

CD-ROM: This particular computer comes with a 48x CD-RW. Meaning it can write CD's up to 48x, the faster the number the faster the CD is written. There are several different types of these drives.

- CD-ROM can only read CDs
- DVD-ROM can read CDs and DVDs
- CD-RW can read CDs and write to CD-R and CD-RWs
- DVD+/-RW can read CDs and write to CD-R/RWs. It can also read DVDs and write to DVD+/-Rs and RWs.

Monitor: The monitor is the device in which you view what output the computer is giving you. Like a TV, the 17" in this example tells the size of the screen is 17 inches.

LCD is a type of monitor that is very thin and light, but is usually more expensive. A CRT monitor, is the type that is big and bulky, but is usually less expensive.

Operating System: In the example "Microsoft Windows XP Home" is the operating system. Microsoft Windows is the most well known OS on market, so it is wise to get a computer installed with a version of it. Other choices you may encounter are Linux, or more than likely MAC OS made by "Apple, Macintosh". We recommend that you stick with Windows.

It is also very important that you read the warranty that comes with your Computer. If you have the money, then buy an extended warranty. This is a big help, especially when accidents happen. The buyer needs to make sure they are covered because replacement parts can be expensive

It is best to shop around. Great deals come and go. Sometime you can get free printers, cameras, or even a rebate. Good luck and happy shopping.

This column will be appearing weekly to answer many of your computing questions/problems. Just email or call us and we will publish your questions and our response. We will answer your questions as quickly and precisely as possible. This column will be written by Information Technology program students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College that also belong to the IT club. To send us your questions, please email us or call:

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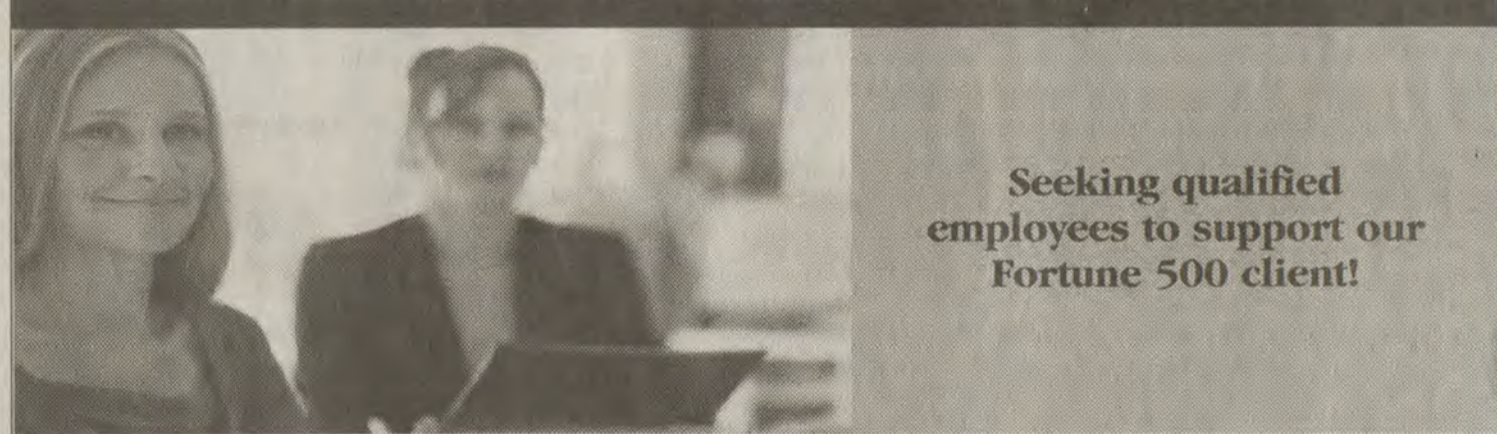
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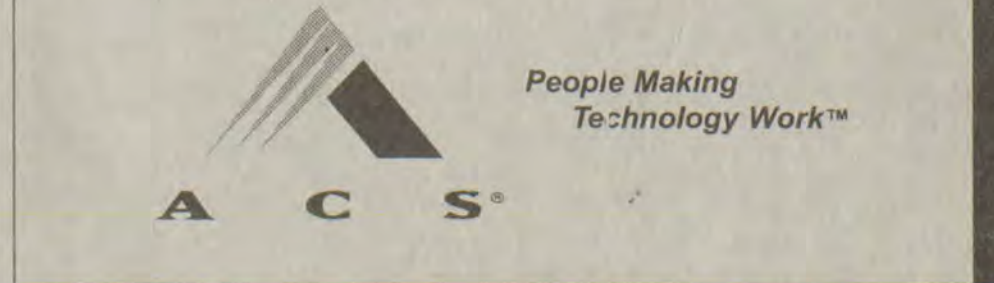
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900-Legals

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PURSUANT TO PERMIT NO. 836-0257

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

(2) The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles east of the intersection of KY 1086 and KY 7, at the headwaters of Steele Creek and Doty Branch. The latitude is 37°25'50". The longitude is 82°46'00".

(3) The bond now in effect for the Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$40,900. Approximately 100 percent of the original bond amount of \$40,900 is included in the application for release.

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(4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, topsoiling, and seeding, completed in February 1998, for Increment 1; April 1997, for Increment 3; April 1997, for Increment 4; September 1997, for Increment 5; September 1997, for Increment 6; November 1997, for Increment 7; and February 1998, for Increment 8.

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

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., March 15, 2005, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing shall be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 14, 2005.

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