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briefs

Drug roundup nets 22 in Martin County

The Associated Press INEZ — A former magistrate was among 22 people arrested Friday in a drug roundup in Martin County, an official said. Martin County Sheriff Garmon Preece said the former magistrate, Oscar Jude, 52, of Beauty, also is a former school bus driver for the local school district. Jude was among 31 alleged drug dealers that local law enforcement officers along with the anti-drug task force Operation UNITE identified during a four-month investigation. Operation UNITE said in a press release that officers confiscated 238 pills and \$1,692 in cash from Jude's home. He was charged with one count of trafficking in a controlled substance. "The impact of drugs has become overwhelming to many communities throughout the commonwealth, and Martin County is no exception," said Karen Engle, executive director of the anti-drug task force. Preece said officers still were searching for the remaining suspects.

Board rewrites school bus policy

by TOM DOTY and MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITERS

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Board of Education has changed a controversial policy on school bus drop-off procedures, which previously required that students of all ages must stay on the bus if

a parent or guardian wasn't waiting to meet it at the end of the day. The new policy, which goes into effect Thursday, will allow drivers to release students at their stops, regardless of whether a parent is present, unless parents request in writing that their child not be released from the bus unless a parent or guardian is present. Parents have to submit those

instructions to their schools by Wednesday. In the event a parent makes such a request and then is not present when the bus arrives, the child would be returned to school and calls would be made to the primary and secondary contacts for the student to arrange transportation. If no one can be reached, then school officials will try to contact an emergency designee. The

sheriff's department will be called if all other efforts are unsuccessful. Preschool students are not affected by the change and it will remain necessary for a parent or guardian to be present to meet a preschool child when it gets off the bus. Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning noted that any (See POLICY, page three)



Cheryl Kinslow appeared shocked in circuit court Friday when her son-in-law, and intended victim, was called to testify on her behalf at her shock probation hearing.

Intended victim asks judge to release mother-in-law

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Cheryl Kinslow, 58, appeared in circuit court Friday for a shock probation hearing, her second after receiving an eight-year sentence for attempting to hire a hit man to kill her son-in-law, Daniel Hart. Kinslow was arrested after she tried to arrange Hart's murder last spring. Kinslow met with an under-

cover cop, who posed as an assassin for hire, and implored him to do the job, saying, "He's the son-in-law from hell." She talked terms with the officer and bargained to have Hart murdered despite several attempts by the officer to dissuade her from the notion of "murder for hire." Upon her arrest Kinslow maintained her innocence but wound up entering a guilty plea after seeing the videotape of her meetings with the officer.

Kinslow had support from her family throughout the ordeal but got the most help in court Friday from her intended victim, Hart, who testified on her behalf. "Her husband has cancer," Hart said. "I have no objection if the court is willing to grant her home incarceration." Hart went on to explain that he has had trouble with the law and spent (See VICTIM, page two)

P'burg couple pleads guilty to sex abuse

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg couple pleaded guilty Friday in circuit court to charges that they sexually abused their four children over a one-year period between 2000 and 2001. Judge John Caudill heard their pleas acting in his capacity as regional judge, as presiding Judge Danny Caudill was called away on family business. Judge John Caudill accepted the pair's guilty pleas but also made sure that they explained what they were pleading guilty to.

Mark Freet showed no emotion Friday as he entered his guilty plea and explained that he was charged because he sexually molested his four children. Laura Freet appeared next and had a harder time speaking about her offenses. Judge Caudill gave her time to compose herself. Laura Freet came back before the judge and said she was pleading guilty because, "I knew what was happening and didn't interfere." Freet also stated that she herself "touched them in their genital area for my own sexual gratification." Caudill accepted their pleas and ordered presentencing investigation reports be filed on both Freet's with the Department of Probation and Parole. The Freet's will be formally sentenced May 6. Sentence recommendations from the prosecution included eight years for (See GUILTY, page three)

Bank robber asks for early release

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A 23-year-old Ohio woman who pleaded guilty last year to robbing the BB&T branch bank at Glyn View Plaza will have to wait for victim impact statements to be generated before finding out if she will be granted shock probation.

Melinda Workman appeared in court Friday and asked for an early release from her eight-year sentence, saying, "I am sorry for what I did. I wasn't thinking at the time." Workman's attorney, Steve Owens, produced several certificates from programs that Workman (See ROBBER, page five)

State seeks to revoke foreman's certificate

Times Staff Report JENKINS — The Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing (OMSL) recently filed a complaint against Simon

Ratliff, superintendent of a coal mine operated by Misty Mountain Mining, seeking to revoke Ratliff's underground mine foreman's certificate. Ratliff's certificate is

already on probation — and has been for two years — stemming from a separate disciplinary proceeding brought by the agency. OMSI claims that Ratliff "repeatedly violat-

ed" the terms of his probation. The complaint alleges that Ratliff allowed miners under his supervision at (See FOREMAN, page three)

Media encouraged to promote health in Appalachia

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAZARD — Health care professionals in central Appalachia challenged the media on Friday to devote more attention to medical issues in one of the least healthy regions of the nation. "The news media in Appalachia could play a key role

in improving the region's health," said Al Cross, director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at the University of Kentucky. "But all too often most of the health care information some outlets carry is advertising from providers looking for patients." At a conference in Hazard, Cross and others challenged jour-

nalists from newspapers, television and radio to devote more attention to health issues facing Appalachian residents. "Rural communities are very dependent on the local news media to act as their advocates," said Judy Owens, director of the University of Kentucky Center for Rural Health. "It's imperative in this age that someone provide a

voice for people living in these rural communities. Reporters really should be that voice." An Appalachian Regional Commission study released last year showed that the mountain region had higher rates of premature deaths caused by heart disease, diabetes and all forms of cancer than the nation as a whole. "Open up the obituaries and you'll be surprised at how many people die before they reach 65," said Bruce Behringer, assistant vice president for rural health and assistant dean at the East Tennessee State University College of Medicine. Wayne Myers, former head of the U.S. Office of Rural Health (See HEALTH, page three)

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Odds and Ends

■ **TRENTON, N.J.** — Animal rights activists are disgusted by a new candy from Kraft Foods Inc. that's shaped like critters run over by cars — complete with tire treads.

The fruity-flavored Trolli Road Kill Gummi Candy — in shapes of partly flattened snakes, chickens and squirrels — fosters cruelty toward animals, according to the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"It sends the wrong message to children, that it's OK to harm animals. And that's the wrong message, especially from a so-called wholesome corporation like Kraft," said society spokesman Matthew Stanton.

The society is considering petition drives, boycotts and letter-writing campaigns to get the candy pulled from the market, Stanton said.

After receiving a complaint from the NJSPCA Wednesday, Kraft officials pulled an animated advertisement from Trolli's Web site that featured car headlights and animals. No other decisions on changes have been made, said Kraft spokesman Larry Baumann.

"If you look across the Gummi category we certainly have many products that are offbeat, and that's what we were doing in this case," Baumann said. "We didn't mean to offend anyone."

■ **COPENHAGEN, Denmark** — When two Danish burglars realized someone had stolen the keys to their getaway car, they reacted like honest citizens and called the police.

Police said they were only too happy to help, and arrested them after they confessed to breaking and entering.

The men, 18 and 20, broke

into a summer cabin late Wednesday near Kaldred, 55 miles west of capital Copenhagen.

As they carried their haul to the car, they were confronted by a passer-by, who witnessed the break-in and insisted that they return the stolen property.

To ensure they couldn't get away, the passer-by took the keys from their car, and refused to return them.

"The two young men then called us and said they needed our help getting their keys back," Chief Superintendent Asger Larsen said Thursday.

He said the two realized that without the keys, they would have to leave their car at the scene, which would put the police on their trail and lead to their arrest anyway.

"It's a pretty straightforward case for us, since this time, the thieves actually reported the robbery," Larsen said.

■ **CHEYENNE, Wyo.** — C-O-N-T-R-O-V-E-R-S-Y.

A week after the outcome of the local spelling bee was challenged by one of the contestants, organizers have named two winners.

Zack Anderson and Jennifer Black, both 13, will receive first-place trophies, bee sponsor Cindy Szot said Wednesday.

Anderson originally won last week's bee and was given the first-place trophy when Black missed the word "phlebitis." Black spelled it with an "f."

But Black appealed to the judges, saying she spelled it wrong because the judges incorrectly told her the word's origin was Latin. She said the "ph" spelling showed the word came from New Latin.

After the judges looked up the word and saw Black was right, they resumed the spell-off, which Black eventually

won.

This week, Anderson's aunt, Stacy Lynne, of Wellington, Colo., wrote a letter to the school district that hosted the bee asking that Anderson be declared the winner.

Szot said judges were right to allow Black to continue after her appeal. But she also said she didn't like taking the trophy away from Anderson, and that the bee didn't have rules for a last-word appeal.

"The competition between those two students was such an excellent level that both of them deserved a first-place trophy," Szot said.

Anderson, Black and third-place Elise Geringer all qualified for the state bee in March.

■ **MOXEE, Wash.** — Emma is home again after nearly a year on the lam, and Diana Parker is one happy emu owner.

"I thought for sure she was gone," Parker said of her beloved bird, who hails from Australia and is related to the ostrich. "She would've been a lovely Sunday roast for somebody."

Parker, 60, said Emma vanished while she was away in March, about six months after she got the 3-year-old bird. She immediately alerted the Humane Society, Yakima County sheriff's office, property owners and workers in nearby hop fields.

"The word was out," she said. "I told everybody, 'Look for my emu.'"

After a week of fruitless searching, she gave up. To console her, a friend gave Parker two 3-week-old emus, Eddie and Baby.

Then, on Tuesday, both a neighborhood boy and a family friend saw Emma not far from her old stomping grounds.

Parker feared Emma would

flee — the flightless birds can run as fast as 30 mph — but her bird was soon back in the fenced yard after being corralled by Parker's husband, Richard, and son Doug.

"It just floors me," Heidt said. "I mean, where was it all this time? Where'd it stay all winter?"

■ **KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.** — The folks who play bingo at the Klamath Basin Senior Citizen Center are no longer outlaws.

Five months ago, the Department of Justice contacted officials at the senior center after getting a complaint that bingo games were being played for cash.

Nickels, to be exact.

The senior center has a gambling license for the higher-stakes bingo program. But the Golden Age Club, which has about 200 members, is separate from the senior center and has never had a gaming license for its nickel-bingo operation.

The Klamath County Board of Commissioners last week amended the county's social gaming ordinance to include bingo, to the relief of the seniors who learned they've been playing an illegal game for the last two decades.

"Have fun with your bingo without the bureaucracy," Commissioner Bill Brown told an audience of about 20 seniors who came to support changing the rule.

■ **ANN ARBOR, Mich.** — Some University of Michigan students are cleaning up — in more ways than one.

They're getting cash payments for keeping their dormitory rooms presentable and available for tours by prospective students and their parents.

Eighteen students in nine residence halls are participat-

ing in the Michigan Campus Day tour program, according to Randi Johnson, the university's housing outreach coordinator.

The rules for Campus Day participants technically don't require a clean room. Participants do, however, have to be dressed and out of bed if they are home, and must let tour groups see their room from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Displays of anything illegal, offensive or banned — like hot plates — are forbidden.

Sophomores Aaron Bennick and Eric Romain are receiving \$100 each this semester to participate.

Their room impressed Clark Iverson, 44, of Royal Oak, who was on the Friday tour with his 18-year-old son, Geoffrey, a high school senior who has been admitted to Michigan.

"It's cleaner than a 15-year-old's room," Clark Iverson said.

■ **MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — The monarch butterfly, Alabama's official state insect since 1989, could be dethroned.

A bill, sponsored by Rep. Sue Schmitz, would end the monarch butterfly's reign as a symbol of Alabama and substitute the queen honey bee as the official state insect.

Schmitz said a beekeeper in her Madison County district suggested the change. She said it would bring attention to the bee industry in Alabama and the help that bees provide in pollinating plants in the agricultural state.

So what about the monarch butterfly?

"It doesn't bring any money in," she said.

Her bill was approved last week by the House Agriculture and Forestry Committee and is

awaiting action by the House. If approved by the House, it would have to be passed by the Senate and signed by the governor.

If the queen honey bee becomes the official state insect, it would join a long list of official state plants and animals. For instance, the largemouth bass is the official freshwater fish, the blackberry is the state fruit, and the pecan is the state nut.

■ **WASHINGTON** — The fur has been flying at John Eaton Elementary School ever since parents discovered that a cat spay and neutering clinic was held there without their knowledge.

The cafeteria and some classrooms and hallways at the school were turned into feline operating rooms where about 500 cats were fixed. Organizers said most were strays.

After hearing concerns about student health, the school system canceled classes and scheduled a meeting for parents to "determine our course of action," principal Willie McElroy said in a statement.

Parents said McElroy never told them about the weekend event.

"Why didn't he go and do some research in how many kids in this school have asthma and allergies?" demanded Dianna Waters, one of several angry parents.

Crews spent two days thoroughly cleaning the cafeteria where the cat surgeries took place on Saturday and Sunday. The city's top health official didn't understand what all the fuss was about.

"These aren't diseased cats that are here, and I don't see any public health threat whatsoever," said Dr. Gregg A. Pane, D.C. Health Director.

Obits

ed Monday, February 21, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Freddie Arnold Howard, 61, of Salyersville, died Thursday, February 17, at Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 20, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Edgar Merle Howard, 66, of Falcon, died Saturday, February 19. He is survived by his wife, Lovella Gamble Howard.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 22, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Kenneth Jenkins, 65, of Salyersville, died Saturday, February 19, at St. Claire Medical Center, Morehead. He is survived by his wife, Francis Helton Jenkins. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 22, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Linda Patrick Risner, 54, a Magoffin County native, died

Thursday, February 10, at the Markey Cancer Center in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Roy Risner.

Terry Lynn Prater Teal, 58, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, February 15, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by her husband, Jerry Teal. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 18, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Edgar R. Williams, 85, of Marion, Ohio, a Salyersville

native, died Sunday, February 20. He is survived by his wife, Lavena Williams. Services were held Thursday, February 24, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

■ **KNOTT COUNTY**
Clara Slone Allen, 94, of Jackson, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, February 12, at Nim Henson Nursing Home, Jackson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dennis Gibson, 67, of Pippa Passes, died Saturday, February 12, at Hazard ARH. He is survived by his wife, Anna B. Slone Gibson. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **LAWRENCE COUNTY**
Julina M. Moore Ball, 82, of Somerset, formerly of Louisa, died Thursday, February 17. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 22, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Rose Combs, 90, of Louisa, died Wednesday, February 16, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. She is survived by her husband, Jay Combs. Graveside funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 19, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Dorothy P. Lambert, 69, of Louisa, died Saturday, February 19, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Edmund W. Lambert. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 22, under the direction of Young

■ **MARTIN COUNTY**
Noah Spaulding, 75, of Beauty, died Wednesday, February 16, at Three Rivers Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Edna Hoosier Spaulding. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 18, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Robert York Sr., 84, of Louisa, died Saturday, February 19, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 23, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2005. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.

On this date:

■ In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

■ In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

■ In 1902, American author John Steinbeck was born in Salinas, Calif.

■ In 1922, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

■ In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

■ In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3 goals to 2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

■ In 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

■ In 1979, Jane M. Byrne confounded Chicago's Democratic political machine as she upset Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to win their party's mayoral primary. (Byrne went on to win the election.)

■ In 1985, former ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, who had served three terms as a U.S. senator and ran as the 1960 Republican vice-presidential nominee, died in Beverly, Mass., at age 82.

■ In 1997, divorce became legal in Ireland.

Ten years ago: Court-appointed salvagers swarmed into Britain's oldest investment bank to evaluate the remaining assets of Barings PLC after Nick Leeson, a 28-year-old trader, ruined the firm by gambling on Tokyo stock prices.

Five years ago: Texas Gov. George W. Bush's campaign released a letter to New York Cardinal John O'Connor in which the Republican presidential candidate said he "deeply" regretted "causing needless offense" by making a campaign appearance at Bob Jones University, a South Carolina school whose leaders had espoused anti-Catholic views.

One year ago: America's top bishop, Wilton Gregory, declared the days of sheltering sex abusers in the Roman Catholic priesthood were "history" as two reports showed

how pervasive assaults on minors had been during the previous half-century. California Attorney General Bill Lockyer asked the state's top court to stop San Francisco from issuing same-sex marriage licenses until the justices could decide whether the weddings were legal. (The justices halted the weddings the following month.)


Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 75. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is 73. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 71. Actress Barbara Babcock is 68. Actor Howard Hesseman is 65. Actress Debra Monk is 56. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 51. Rock musician Adrian Smith (Iron Maiden) is 48. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 45. Basketball Hall-of-Famer James Worthy is 44. Actor Adam Baldwin is 43. Actor Grant Show is 43. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 40. Actor Donal Logue is 39. R&B singer Chilli (TLC) is 34. Rock musician Jeremy Dean (Nine Days) is 33. R&B singer Roderick Clark is 32. Chelsea Clinton is 25. R&B singer Bobby Wilson (Mista) is 25. Singer Josh Groban is 24.

Thought for Today: "Reasoning with a child is fine, if you can reach the child's reason without destroying your own." — John Mason Brown, American essayist (1900-1969).

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Paintsville mayor named to NLC policy committee

Mayor Douglas W. Pugh of Paintsville has been appointed to the Human Development Policy Committee of the National League of Cities (NLC) for 2005.

The committee is one of seven standing committees that develop policy positions and advocate on behalf of NLC on national issues involving municipal governments.

Key legislative priorities for 2005 include a well-funded transportation bill to reduce growing congestion; municipal economic development programs to ensure the vitality of our country's economic growth, including fully funded community development block grants and Section 8 housing programs; homeland and hometown security programs to adequately equip and train first responders; and preservation of the rights of local government in telecommunications tax and regulatory modernization.

Each NLC policy and advocacy committee has a membership of 200 officials from cities

and towns throughout the nation. The committees will hold their first meeting March 11, during NLC's annual Congressional City Conference in Washington to identify specific policy issues as well as possible recommendations for action.

Policy amendments are brought before the entire NLC membership at the annual business meeting in December at the Congress of Cities, which will be held this year in Charlotte, N.C. Once approved by the league's membership, the NLC National Municipal Policy serves as the basis for the league's advocacy on behalf of all local governments.

Headquartered in Washington, NLC is the nation's oldest and largest municipal organization, with a membership of 1,600 cities and towns of all sizes. All 49 state municipal associations are also members of NLC, making the league a national representative of more than 18,000 municipal governments throughout the United States.

Brushes with bears have some calling for a hunt

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — They're pawing at porches, rooting through garbage and menacing pets. Enough black bears have migrated into the hills of Appalachian Kentucky that some here think it's time to start hunting them down again.

Outdoor enthusiasts believe the move would be good for

hunters and give the bears a fear of humans that would keep the animals away from homes.

"It would make them stay wild. That's the philosophy behind it," said Ronnie Wells, president of the Kentucky League of Sportsmen. "They've been coming right down into people's porches and yards."

As recently as a century ago, bears thrived in Kentucky's mountain region, before over-

hunting led to their disappearance. But over the past 20 years, they've been venturing back through the forest of Virginia and West Virginia, once again giving eastern Kentucky a self-sustaining bear population that has been increasingly butting up against residents.

Homeowners shot at least two of the bears last year when they came too close to homes.

Terry Brock of Whitesburg was ordered to pay a \$250 fine for shooting one of the animals that was eating from his garbage cans and frightening his dogs and horse.

Brock said at his trial he was surprised to be charged with a crime for killing the 270-pound bear. He said the animal refused to leave his back yard after he yelled and banged on the side of his mobile home.

Debbie Sherman, principal of Victory Road Christian Academy in Cumberland, said bears occasionally wander across campus, raising some concern among parents. The school, located near Kingdom Come State Park, put in a bear-proof trash bin so that the animals wouldn't be able to rummage through the garbage for a free meal.

Sherman said she hopes that will cause the bears to lose interest in the school.

"We haven't seen or heard any so far this year," she said, "but they're just now waking up."

Neighboring Virginia and West Virginia have had bear hunts for years, but Kentucky officials say it would be premature for them to restart one because they don't yet know how many black bears live in the state.

"Absent that information, it would be a little reckless at this point to push ahead with a hunting season," said Mark Marraccini, a spokesman for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Marraccini said just such a study is under way and "as soon as there is a documented population that can support hunting, I'm sure the Fish and Wildlife Commission would seriously consider that. Right now, we don't have the data."

Wells said chapters of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen in eastern Kentucky have drafted a resolution calling for a hunting season and planned to vote on it in June.

"I think we're a long ways from having a bear season," he said. "But I think it's time to take a serious look at whether we need it or not."

Policy

policy needs to be enforced and that procedures put in place by the school board are not suggestions but rules to be followed.

Fanning pointed out that the bus policy was an extension of rules already applied to preschool children and was extended to other grades to satisfy safety concerns. The policy, however, was not enforced by many drivers until recent weeks, when the board mandated strict enforcement.

That led parents of some high school students to complain about the measure. However, they changed their tune when informed of the change.

Cliffside parent Margie Maynard, who previously referred to the policy as "totally stupid," changed her opinion of board members who initiated the change.

"It's a step in the right direction, for sure," Maynard said. "I realize that smaller kids have to have supervision. I agree with that, wholeheartedly. I'm glad they've changed the policy. It really complicated my life to

have to be here for an 18-year-old. I'm glad they're working on it. Better late than never."

Maynard's comments resonate another parent's new point of view.

Debbie Halbert, mother to Zack, 14, says the board moved in the right direction with the policy change.

"Common sense kicked in," she said.

Fanning noted that he has communicated the change in policy to school staff and transportation coordinators for the county. Fanning fully expects that everyone involved in transporting school children will respect the new routine and said, "Anyone who chooses to ignore a policy can expect a spirited discussion with me."

The announcement of the policy change comes a weekend shy of the board's next scheduled meeting. Several parents concerned about the transportation policy had been expected to attend the meeting, which is slated for Monday at Betsy Layne Elementary.

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Mural class offered

Times Staff Report

OIL SPRINGS — The Johnson County Cooperative Extension Service is teaming up with the University of Kentucky to bring a little color to the lives of local residents.

A series of five mural painting workshops will be held at the Oil Springs Cultural Arts Center (OSCAR) beginning next month.

The workshops, geared to teaching interested participants the art of creating murals, will be held at the center from March through May.

A general orientation session

will take place Saturday, March 5, (1 p.m.) at the center, which is located approximately seven miles outside of Paintsville. This class will be the first in the series of five and will include information of topics covered by upcoming classes.

Local artist Debra Burchett will be one of the instructors of the class series.

The project is funded through the Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association.

For more information, contact the Johnson County Extension office at (606) 789-8108.

Foreman

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Misty Mountain No. 5 mine to work in unsafe conditions, discharged the miners for making safety complaints, discharged miners for filing safety discrimination complaints with the Mine Safety and Health Administration, and falsified a pre-shift examination record.

Ratliff also allegedly "attempted to impede" a federal investigation by threatening Coy McClain with the loss of his underground miner's card if he didn't "lie" to MSHA's investigators.

"Ratliff is unworthy to hold the underground mine foreman's certificate issued to him by the Commonwealth," a statement from OMSL says.

Allegedly, Ratliff discharged Wendell McClain, Wade Damron and Gary Conway in August. After the men were reinstated at Misty Mountain, each of the miners were discharged again, according to OMSL's complaint, on Oct. 14.

OMSL is requesting the Kentucky Mine Safety Review Commission to order Ratliff's underground mine foreman's certificate be revoked for a period of two years. They also want Ratliff to complete the entire underground mine foreman's course taught by the agency, to retake and pass the underground mine form's examination, and to personally appear before the Kentucky Mining Board to obtain a new certificate.

The U.S. Department of Labor filed multiple discrimination complaints in December, a result of the alleged activities that occurred at the No. 5 mine. The complaint, alleging violation of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act, targeted Ratliff, Misty Mountain Mining and Stanley Osborne, its owner.

In each case, the Secretary of Labor is requesting a finding of illegal discrimination and seeking civil money penalties against Misty Mountain Mining, in the amount of \$5,000, and against Ratliff and Osborne, in the amount of \$2,500 each.

Wendell McClain and Coy McClain are represented by Mine Safety Project attorneys Wes Addington and Steve Sanders, located at the Appalachian Citizens Law Center in Prestonsburg.

The Project can be reached at (800) 919-1442.

Victim

time in prison.

"I have been where she is and hope she's learned something," Hart said.

When asked by Caudill if he would feel safe with Kinslow free, Hart replied, "If she does anything wrong I'll call Brent Turner."

Caudill asked Hart what would have happened to him had Kinslow contacted a real killer and not an undercover

cop. Hart replied, "I guess I'd be a dead man."

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner commented to the judge that Hart has been very understanding throughout the case, noting, "Hart has been sympathetic to her during the whole ordeal. I don't know if she'd do that if situations were reversed."

Since the petition was actually asking for home

incarceration for Kinslow, so she can tend to her husband's illness, it will require some followup before the next step. Judge Caudill asked that Kinslow's attorney, Doug Adams, file a brief showing that the court can commute Kinslow's sentence to home incarceration. Should Adams be able to do that then Turner will have five days to file a response.

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Robber

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has completed since going to prison. He also noted that she has a young child who is being raised by its grandparents while she is incarcerated.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner responded by noting, "People in the bank that day had kids, too." He went on

Guilty

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Mark Freet and six years for Laura Freet. Each will also have to complete a sex offender program while incarcerated and register as sex offenders for the rest of their lives.

to mention that one of the tellers was threatened at gunpoint.

Judge John Caudill said that he would rehear the motion after the prosecution received victim impact reports from the bank staff, noting, "I think it's only fair to get their input."

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Your thoughts and prayers were of great comfort during this difficult time.

FAMILY OF RALPH SLONE

Health

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Policy now working as a health care consultant, told journalists that poverty crosses all racial and ethnic bounds in central Appalachia and is at the root of the health care problem.

"Poverty is the defining characteristic of central Appalachia," he said.


The ARC study found that high levels of unemployment, low incomes, and educational problems contribute to a lower standard of living and poor health. Obesity and smoking are more prevalent in Appalachia than in the rest of the nation, and people in the region tend to be less physically active, the study concluded.

Pat Lay, publisher of The

Harlan Daily Enterprise, said she believes newspapers in the region recognize the importance of educating the public about health issues. Lay said some newspapers in the region devote sections to health and medical news, and that her newspaper routinely runs columns on health issues written by physicians.


Lay said schools also play a key role in educating children about healthy lifestyles, and that health care organizations also need to step up their efforts to reach adults.

"I think we're a partner in helping educate residents," Lay said. "But we are only one of many partners."



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expression

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

— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

'Spirit' not much of a replacement

If kindergarten teachers are on one end of the cheerfulness spectrum, we might be on the other. We weren't born grumpy - just conditioned by a steady diet of inch-thick reports about the SEEK school funding formula, the horizontal equity of taxes, the CATS test, the science of ozone "exceedences" and pension returns. Maybe that explains our position on Kentucky's "smiling sunrise" license plate.

We hate it.

No, we loathe, detest, abhor and despise it. And it gets on our nerves.

We're not the only ones. A few months after the goofy-looking plate was introduced in early 2003, we did a story about all the drivers who were paying extra for specialty plates, just to avoid putting the eternally happy sun face on their vehicles.

"My god, that is ugly," said one driver after his first look at the new plate. "I think it's just stupid," said another.

Last July we conducted a poll on our website, and readers voted 2 to 1 against it.

Commented a Kentuckian who didn't want the plate on his 4WD truck no-way no-how: "Talk about road rage. The mere sight of that thing sends me over the edge. Don't tell me when to be happy. Besides, state government should give us something to smile about first."

Hey, you might as well have put Barney the purple group-hug-loving dinosaur on our trucks. Or a Teletubby.

Unfortunately, the smiley-face plate wasn't due to be replaced until 2008.

Now at one time we thought the plate's hideousness was a conspiracy by the state to raise money, given that so many people were forking over extra bucks to avoid it.

But Kentucky Commerce Secretary Jim Host last week disavowed that notion.

Commenting on House Bill 426, which would free the Transportation Cabinet from the five-year schedule for the state's license plate, Host cheerfully admitted that the main purpose of the bill was to kill the smiling sun plate.

For that we'd have kissed him, except that we have to maintain our journalistic integrity.

Host instead has another plate in mind, one that has already gotten the OK from the Transportation Cabinet, the Department of Corrections (which makes the plates) and a House committee. If HB 426 is approved by the legislature and the governor, the new plates could be produced as soon as July.

The new plate?

Its colors fade vertically from white to blue, Host said, and it's adorned with the new state logo, "Unbridled spirit."

Hold on.

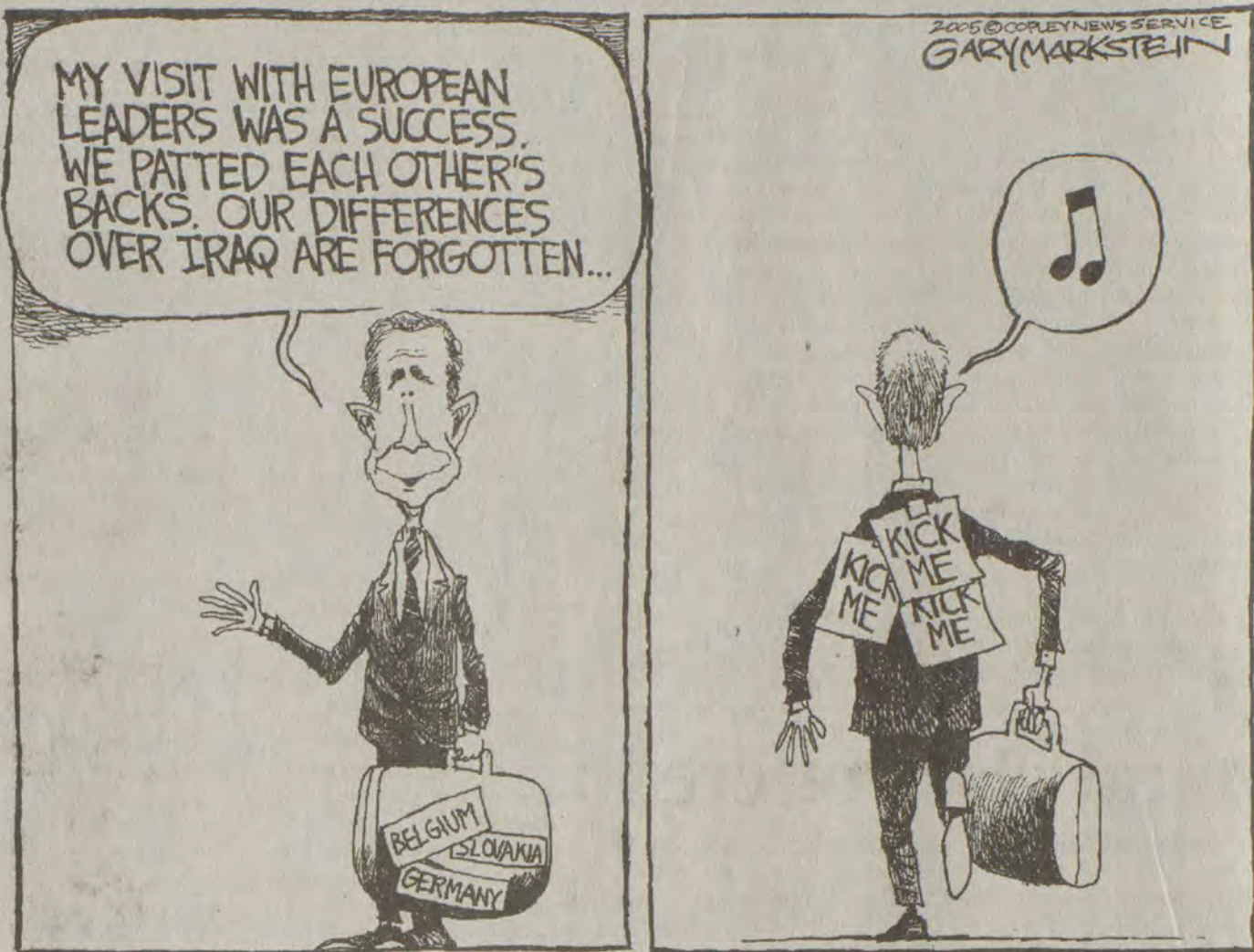
"Unbridled spirit"?

The phrase that has shown up as a bad pun in every press release issued by the Fletcher administration? That was used throughout the governor's State of the Commonwealth address? That is on a bumper sticker on seemingly every government car in the state? That rumor has it is to be tattooed on the head of every baby born over the next 10 years?

We don't think we can handle that.

On second thought, keep the sun. Maybe Kentucky does need all that extra revenue from all those specialty plates.

— The Kentucky Post



— Rich Lowry Column

The querulous party

Being in opposition does funny things to a party. When Republicans opposed Bill Clinton they had flashes of paranoia — remember black helicopters? — and developed a blood lust to bring down Bubba. In the Bush years, Democrats have had their share of paranoia and blood lust, but they are mostly characterized by sheer peevishness.

Yes, there were excesses in President Bush's inaugural speech. But the wave of nitpicking from the media and Democrats was overwhelming. It's as if they had heard Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address and peppered the administration with critical questions: "Malice toward none" — literally 'none'? Is that even possible? The president also referred to achieving 'a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.' Does he have an actionable plan to do that? If not, is he backing off his speech? And isn't that embarrassing?"

embarrassing?"

This same querulousness has been on display in the reaction to the historic Iraq vote — indeed, historic leaps forward for self-government are strangely difficult for the media and Democrats to process. When Afghanistan voted last October, The Washington Post headlined its story "Afghan Election Disputed." In other words, the news from the most free and fair election in human history in Afghanistan was that it wasn't perfect. The Post reported that some voters' fingers had been mistakenly marked with the black pens that were supposed to be used on ballots instead of the indelible ink meant to prevent multiple

process in Iraq, but this solicitousness for the sentiments of a formerly repressive minority — Sunnis are less than 20 percent of Iraq — is odd. No one on the left piped up on behalf of South African whites — 14 percent of the population not universally thrilled with the election — when that country shifted to majority rule.

Then there are those who can't bear to mention Iraq without talking about the scandal at Abu Ghraib. More than 1,400 Americans have been killed creating the conditions for self-determination in Iraq, and still many Democrats and journalists can't get over the criminal misconduct of a handful of goons at a Baghdad prison.

What's going on here? The heroic self-image of the left is caught up with its opposition to fascism and its devotion to social justice and human rights. To see a Republican president topple a fascist dictator and do it increasingly in terms of the spread of justice and rights has to be irritating. What is left to do except cavil and whine?

H.L. Mencken once described a Puritan as a person who can't stand the idea that someone, somewhere is having a good time. Contemporary Democrats are people who can't stand the idea that someone, somewhere is experiencing good news.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

voting. Horrors!

It has been impossible to obscure all the good news from Iraq, but the media and Democrats have strained to find disappointments. They focused on the poor Sunni turnout, which John Kerry mentioned in his pooh-pooing of the election. It is important that Sunnis join the political

— beyond the beltway

Even steroids reach the White House

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

My editors hate it when I write about baseball; they think it too frivolous a subject. Actually, it's no less serious than most of the things I write about, more serious than Congress, for sure. Besides, if it's serious enough for "60 Minutes," it's serious enough for me. So here goes:



Jose Canseco, a former player of immense talent and relatively modest accomplishment, announced to the world (via a book and a "60 Minutes" interview) that he had not only been a dedicated steroid-user as a player but that he'd been the Johnny Appleseed of the performance-enhancing drug, introducing it to many teammates, Mark McGwire among them.

The world of baseball reacted by attacking Canseco as a greedy ratfink and a serial liar. The players involved issued denials and baseball officials indignantly protested their ignorance.

All nonsense, of course. Canseco's charges aside, there is no one remotely interested in baseball who did not know baseball players were using SOMETHING 10 years ago. The circumstantial evidence was overwhelming.

What else could explain the growth spurt that baseball players experienced in the '90s? One moment players were looking like regular big guys, the next they resembled balloons in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade — huge. Canseco was one of the new monsters, as were McGwire, Barry Bonds, Sammy Sosa and others.

Home runs got bigger too. Where once a 400-foot homer was considered an exceptional show of power, they soon became commonplace and 450- even 500-foot drives weren't all that unusual.

Babe Ruth set the modern homerun record of 60 in 1927. In the following 70 years, the record went up by one. Then, in 1998, McGwire broke it by nine homers and, a few years later, Bonds bettered that by three. In the meantime Sosa, the puffed-up former Chicago Cubs slugger now with the Baltimore Orioles, broke 60 three times.

And baseball executives are looking at us wide-eyed and saying: "Who knew?" Gimme a break.

You knew, you lying hypocrites. And if you didn't know you should quit your job and take up the profession you're best suited for — working in a carwash.

(Okay, I go too far. I got carried away. I apologize to people who work in carwashes.)

The fact is, baseball did not merely ignore steroids, it embraced them. We the people love home runs, the bigger the better, and baseball sought to give them to us.

The issue has been couched in terms of cheating. The suspected players have been pilloried in some quarters as cheaters who tried to gain an unfair advantage. I don't buy

that either.

Cheating is part of the historical fabric of baseball. Players and teams have always sought any advantage, fair or unfair. Pitchers have put foreign substances on baseballs to make them harder to hit, batters have put cork in their bats to quicken their swings, teams have stolen the signs of the opposition. Baseball, for the most part, has kept a light regulatory hand on these kinds of shenanigans; winking at them from time to time.

The use of steroids isn't primarily a cheating thing; it's a health thing. Steroids are dangerous. Players should not be permitted to use them for the same reason baseball frowns on cocaine use. It injures players.

Yet baseball allowed the use to go on, long after the Olympic Games and professional football had taken steps to end it. Now, when the thing is public they blame the victims — the players. It's shameful.

One of the things Canseco claimed in his book was that George Bush, then owner of the team for which Jose played, must have known that his players were using steroids. Everybody else did, he said.

The White House said the president didn't know.

It always comes down to that with Mr. Bush, doesn't it? He has made a career out of not knowing things he should have known, from weapons of mass destruction in Iraq to the true cost of his Medicare "reform."

Why should steroids be any different? Next week: hockey.

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Nun who challenged Roman Catholic texts on Judaism is subject of Oscar-nominated film

by DAVID PORTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHIPPANY, N.J. — Sister Rose Thering recalls that, even as a little girl, the words just didn't sound right: Did the Jews really kill Jesus?

It was the 1920s, and Thering's hometown of Plain, Wis., was mostly Roman Catholic with a smattering of Protestants and no Jews. Her curiosity soon led the young Thering to an intellectual contradiction — and then to a lifelong campaign for change within her church.

"I got the answer from my mother and from my teachers: They (Jews) killed Jesus," she said. "But I got something else from my books, that God is all good. And it didn't make sense to me, even as a little kid."

Thering realized that the prevailing teaching of her day had to be wrong, and worked long and hard to challenge her church on the matter — ultimately helping to reshape its worldwide policy. And on Sunday, a film about Thering — "Sister Rose's Passion" — is up for an Academy Award in the short documentary category.

"She was a nun in 1950s America, without any mentors or role models to follow, and she said, 'I can't live with this injustice and I have to do something about it,'" director Oren Jacoby said. "It was very heroic."

The 39-minute film intersperses footage of Nazi Germany with people-on-the-street interviews, in which present-day Catholics describe being taught as children how Jews were responsible for the death of Christ. It also accompanies Thering, a professor emerita of Jewish Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, on a trip to her Wisconsin hometown.

Thering translated her message into action when she arrived at Saint Louis University in 1957 to pursue her doctorate. For her dissertation, she was encouraged by Father Trafford Maher, the head of the department of education, to pore through textbooks that were being used in secondary schools to look for examples of anti-Semitism. She found numerous passages where Jews were described in "some very ugly terms."

In a fortunate bit of timing, Thering completed her work in 1961, a year before Pope John XXIII convened the Second Vatican Council. Despite initial resistance from many Catholic educators in the United States, her research eventually was used by the Vatican as it issued a declaration in 1965 that "what happened in His passion cannot be charged against all the Jews, without distinction, then alive, nor against the Jews

today."

Thering's story appealed to Steve Kalafer, owner of a family of car dealerships in Annandale who had produced two other Oscar-nominated films — "More," an animated short about a lonely inventor, and "Curtain Call," a short documentary featuring actors, dancers and musicians talking about their careers. "Sister Rose's Passion" has been purchased by HBO and is scheduled to be aired on Cinemax in May.

"She has a worldwide message and there's been a worldwide response," Kalafer said. "Here she is at 84, in frail health, and she just keeps on going. She did a heroic job. There were some days we couldn't film, but she extended herself greatly."

Thering suffers from diabetes and pulmonary hypertension and is largely confined to a wheelchair. Still, she attended the Tribeca Film Festival last spring — where the film won for Best Documentary Short and she met Robert De Niro, among others — and earlier this month she flew to Los Angeles to attend the Oscar nominees' luncheon at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel.

Among the celebrities she met there was Warren Beatty, who couldn't resist flirting with her.

"I asked him, 'What is your position here?' and he said, 'Sister Rose, I'm a seducer,'" Thering said, with a chuckle. "All the girls' eyes lit up, but mine didn't."

The instant fame that has accompanied the Oscar nomination has been taxing for Thering, who said she will not attend the Academy Awards but will instead watch the broadcast with friends.

Given the choice, she would not have sought the attention, "but if it gets the message out there, I can suffer a little bit," she said.

U.S. teens involved in their faiths but have major gaps in religious knowledge, survey says

by RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

The majority of American teens believe in God and worship in conventional congregations, but their religious knowledge is remarkably shallow and they have a tough time expressing the difference that faith makes in their lives, a new survey says.

The notably comprehensive National of Study of Youth and Religion concluded that "religion really does matter" to teens.

The research found that devout teens hold more traditional sexual and other values than their nonreligious counterparts and are better off in emotional health, academic success, community involvement, concern for others, trust of adults and avoidance of risky behavior.

The four-year effort was conducted by 133 researchers and consultants led by sociologist Christian Smith of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Smith reports the full results in the new book "Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers" (Oxford University Press), written with doctoral student Melinda Lundquist Denton. The book will be published next week.

Smith says the material "is not just about teenagers. It speaks more broadly about the direction of American religion."

The project involved a telephone survey of 3,370 randomly selected English- and Spanish-speaking Americans, ages 13-17, followed by face-to-face interviews with 267 of the respondents in 45 states. With ongoing funding from the Lilly Endowment, researchers will continue to track the same teens through 2007.

While America is becoming a more diverse nation, at least 80 percent of teens still identify as Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Mormon or Jewish, with most teens adhering to their parents' faith tradition, the report said.

Substantial majorities said

they: Were affiliated with a local congregation (82 percent); had few or no doubts about their beliefs in the past year (80 percent); felt "extremely," "very" or "somewhat" close to God (71 percent); prayed alone a few times a week or more often (65 percent); and "definitely" believed in divine miracles from God (61 percent). Fifty-two percent said they attended worship two to three times a month or more often.

On most of the measured criteria, Mormon youths were the most engaged in practicing their faith, followed in order by evangelical Protestants, black Protestants, mainline Protestants, Catholics and Jews.

An entire chapter of the book examines Catholic youths, described as fairly weak "on most measures of religious faith, belief, experience and practice." The problem is attributed largely to ineffective youth programs and "the relative religious laxity of their parents."

Among Jews, only 44 percent believed in a personal God who is involved in peoples' lives today, and 34 percent said they never pray alone.

Future reports from the researchers will provide more detail on teens from specific religious denominations.

Though the phone survey depicted broad affinity with religion, the face-to-face interviews found that many teens' religious knowledge was "meager, nebulous and often fallacious" and engagement with the substance of their traditions remarkably shallow. Most seemed hard put to express coherently their beliefs and what difference they make.

Many were so detached from

the traditions of their faith, says the report, that they're virtually following a different creed in which an undemanding God exists mostly to solve problems and make people feel good. Truth in any absolute, theological sense, takes a back seat.

"God is something like a combination Divine Butler and Cosmic Therapist" who's on call as needed, Smith writes. He says the trend reflects tendencies among teens' Baby Boomer parents. The report speculates that poor educational and youth programs, and competition for teens' time from school, sports, friends and entertainment also

are part of the picture.

In an interview, Smith — an Episcopal layman with children ages 13, 11 and six — said fellow parents should know that "teens are not from another planet. They're just people like everyone else. They're a lot more connected to the adult world, and listening to their parents, than people have any idea of."

No margin of error was released, though the response rate of 57 percent in the 2002-03 phone survey makes the results statistically significant, Smith said, with variations depending on the group being discussed.

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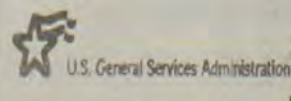
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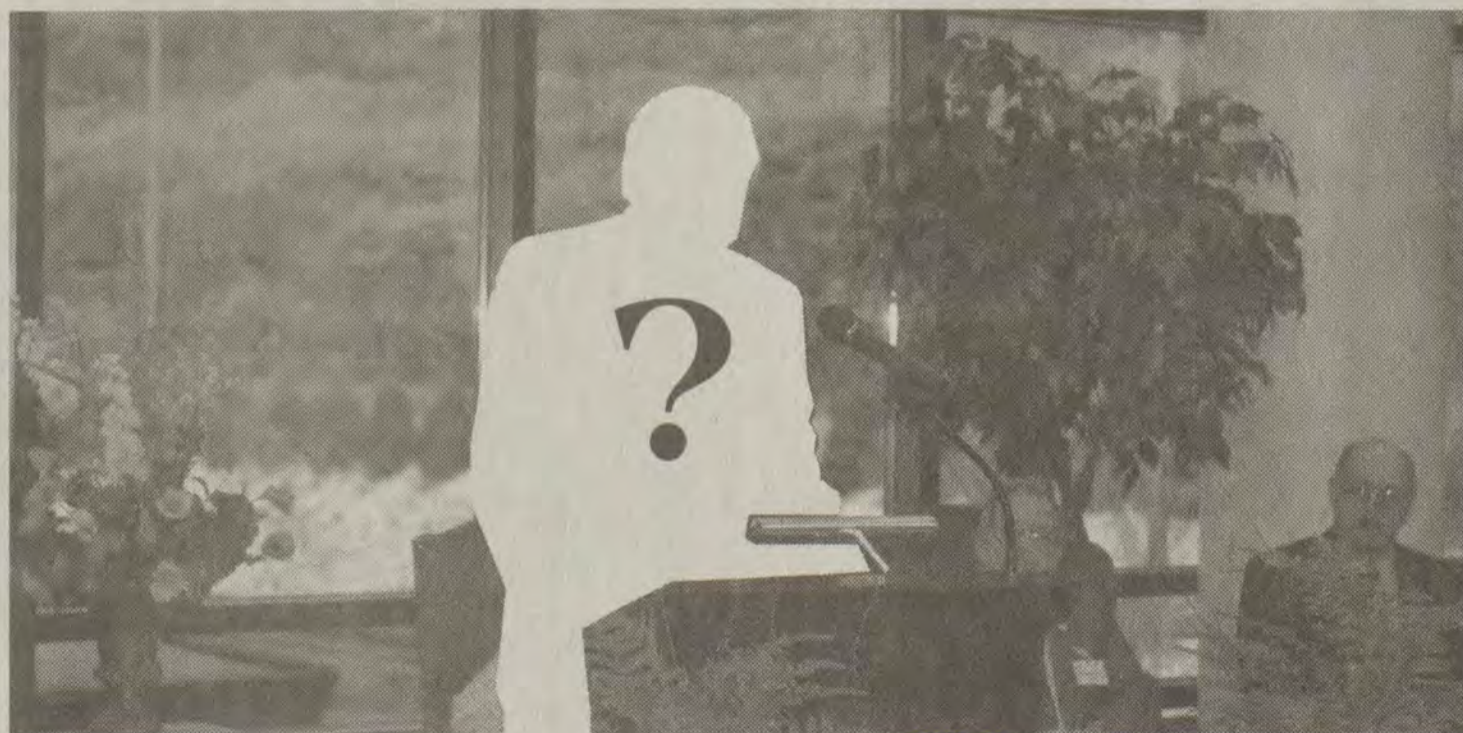
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The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring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

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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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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

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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.

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"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, East-ern KY Regional Office** - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

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

their caregivers.

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

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

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

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

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•**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.

Senate delays votes on taxes, budget

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Lingering disagreements over the size of new debt to finance a binge of projects and a relatively small piece of the tax package delayed action in the Senate on tax and budget bills Friday.

While senators struggled to put the packages together, they also spent ensuring that the current mood of bipartisanship is not torn apart.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher said he wants the cost for new projects kept around \$1.5 billion, rather than the \$2 billion list that emerged from the House last week. Fletcher said he wants to make sure the state keeps a strong rating on the bonds it sells to finance long-term projects and too much debt could jeopardize that.

House members, which were nearly unanimous in supporting the tax and budget bills in large part because of the projects, watched warily as negotiations were made in secret to cut some projects and trim others.

"There's always going to be a tension," Fletcher said.

While some projects appear to be headed for delays, the history in the General Assembly has often been that delay was tantamount to denial.

Sen. Charlie Borders, R-Grayson, the chairman of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said he wants to reassure nervous legislators that promises made will be kept. "Our word has to be our bond," Borders said.

Senate Democrats, whose 15

members have left them virtually powerless politically, find themselves with some clout right now as it takes 23 votes to approve the tax and spending bills and Republicans hold only 21 seats and likely the lone independent.

During meetings with Fletcher Friday, Sen. Joey Pendleton of Hopkinsville, the minority whip, said that influence was not mentioned. "It wasn't really us saying 'You've got to have our vote to get it out of here.' They know that," Pendleton said.

"We have told them we will not vote on tax modernization or a budget until we see something written," Pendleton said.

House Republican leader Dan Kelly of Springfield said the physical task of printing tax and budget bills, the latter of which can take a full day to put together once negotiations are done, is one of the reasons for the delayed vote.

Another delay was continuing indecision about a relatively small piece of the tax package to create a "holiday" from the 6 percent sales tax on school supplies, computers and clothing for an August weekend. While supported in the House, Kelly, Borders and others think the loss of money to the state might be greater than expected.

Kelly told his colleagues to expect a long night Monday as votes on the two bills will be taken. The House last week did not vote on the budget bill until midnight.

The Senate vote is still just another step on the legislative walk. Differences between the

House and Senate versions must be resolved and then final votes taken before the bills can even go to Fletcher for his consideration.

If he vetoes something, the two chambers can vote to override.

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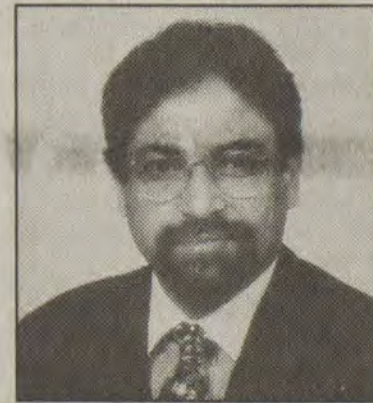
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FLOYD COUNTY

Alton "Buster" Bentley, 66, of Kansas City, Kansas, formerly of Langley, died hursday, February 17, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 24, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Shane Eric Brown, 33, of Langley, died Wednesday, February 23, at the residence of a brother at Langley. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 27, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dustin Tyler Castle, three-months-old son of David Jeremy Caudill of Paintsville, and Heather Castle of McDowell, died Friday, February 18, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gladys Lee Combs, 76, of Wayland, died Friday, February 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 21, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Jay Conley, 90, of Garrett, died Tuesday, February 22, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mary Ruth Conley Hughes, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, Feb. 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Hargus Preston "Press" Hughes. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 14, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Roy Rogers Leedy, 59, of Langley, died Wednesday, February 9, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. He is survived by his wife, Dollie Carroll Leedy. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

I.W. (Mac) McCormick, 82, of Lexington, formerly of Allen, died Wednesday, February 23, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Russell Ray "Pug" Pack, 86, of Prestonsburg, native of Van Lear, died Monday, February 21, at the Riverview Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Neeley Pack. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 24, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Thelma Grace Hughes Robinson, 65, of Martin, died Thursday, February 17, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 21, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

William M. "Tiny" Salyer, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, February 20, in Johnson County. Services were Thursday, February 24, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Scarlette Nalle Wallen, 63, of Tutor Key, formerly of McDowell, died Monday, February 21, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Steve Wallen. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Charles Conley 78, of Mansfield, Ohio, a Paintsville native, died Friday, February 18, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Selvinlene "Sib" Conley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 22, under the direction of the Wappner Funeral Directors of Mansfield.

Ivory Lou Sparks Daniels, 73, of River, died Thursday, February 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 20, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Hazel Nadine Hartline, 80, of Nippa, died Wednesday, February 16, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Luria Fyffe Reed, 73, of Paintsville, died Saturday, February 19, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 22, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

Kevin Earl Rice, 29, of Oil Springs, died Sunday, February 20. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 24, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Florrie Pauline Stapleton, 84, of Ashville, North Carolina, formerly of Flat Gap, died Tuesday, February 16. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 18, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Marie "Lynch" Castor, 72, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, February 15, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, February 18, under the direction of the Community Funeral Home.

Bertha Chapman, 91, of Raccoon, died Saturday, February 19, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 22, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Mary Childers, 91, of Elkhorn City, died Sunday, February 20, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 24, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Alexander Cieraszynski, 88, of Ashland, formerly of Pikeville, died Monday, February 21, at Oakmont Manor Nursing Home. He is survived by his wife, Ella Cieraszynski. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 24, under the direction of Marshall Steen Funeral Home.

Hazel Coleman, 73, of Regina, died Saturday, February 19, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 23, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Carolyn Grace Coleman, infant daughter of Fred Coleman of Johns Creek and Carrie Edmiston Dillon of Sidney, died Thursday, February 17, 2005, at UK Hospital in Lexington. Graveside services were held Sunday, February 20, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Dennis Dotson, 86, of Ransom, died Friday, February 18, at his home. He is survived by his wife Mary "Mag" Dotson. Funeral services were held February 21, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Michael "Crackers" Johnson, 53, of Jenkins, died Sunday, February 20, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Johnson. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 24, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Franklin Keese Jr., 71, of Newport News, Va., a Pikeville native, died Sunday, February 20. He is survived by his wife, Barbara G. Keese. A memorial service was held Wednesday, February 23, under the direction of Peninsula Funeral Home.

Faye Hunt-McCarver, 72, of

Lake Wales, Fla., formerly of Hardy, a Pike County native, died Monday, February 21, at Palm Garden, Winter Haven, Fla. She is survived by her husband, Evan McCarver. Funeral services were held Friday, February 25, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Pinkie Levon Harrison McCoy, 51, of Mouthcard, died Monday, February 21. She is survived by her husband, James McCoy. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 23, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

George New, 91, of Naugatuck, W.Va., a Wolf Creek native, died Monday, February 21, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 24, under the direction of

Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Donald Ray Pennington, 53, of Marrowbone Creek Road, died Monday, February 14, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Donna L. Pennington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 16, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Ida Jo Spradlin, 74, of Borderland, W.Va., a Varney native, died Tuesday, February 22, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday, February 25, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

William Douglas Ward, 48, of Salem, Ind., formerly of Phelps, died Friday, February

18, at the Jewish Hospital In Louisville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 23, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Luola Ray Young, 74, of Sidney, died Sunday, February 20, at Select Specialty Hospital, Charleston, W. Va., Area Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 23, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Akle Adams, 67, of Jackson, Michigan, a Salyersville native, died Wednesday, February 16, at Foote Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Janice Kay Risner Adams. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 19, under the direction of Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home.

Stockbridge, Michigan.

Mildred Patrick Arnett, 85, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, February 16, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 19, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Stella M. Wheeler Cooper, 99, of Salyersville, died Saturday, February 12, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted February 14, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Emma Jean Cole Fletcher, 84, of Salyersville, died Friday, February 18, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted

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TIMES Email: sports@floydcountytimes.com

Cumberland gets revenge on Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG — The Cumberland Lady Patriots scored the game's first 14 points and never looked back, handing Pikeville a 69-43 loss in the regular season finale.

Pikeville (17-13, 3-7 in the Mid-South Conference) awaited the results of Saturday afternoon's MSC games to see who they'd be playing in this year's league tournament in the Frankfort Civic Center. The Lady Bears will open play in the tournament on Thursday.

Cumberland (17-9, 5-4) will wrap up the

regular season Saturday afternoon when it visits Lindsey Wilson College.

The win avenged Cumberland's 61-52 loss at Pikeville on Feb. 3.

Pikeville struggled out of the gate, hitting only 33.3 percent from the field in the first half. Cumberland shot slightly better (42.9 percent), but hit 6-of-9 from the three-point stripe and built a 35-20 lead at intermission.

The second half saw it only get worse for Pikeville, hitting only 29.2 percent and missing all nine tries from the arc. Cumberland built a 31-point lead (68-37) late before set-

ting for the 26-point decision.

Sophomore Ashley Wireman led Pikeville with 12 points. Freshman Kellie Jo Moore tossed in 11.

Cumberland was paced by Tiffany Stewart and Tenille Cann with 16 markers each. Stewart hit 3-of-4 from the arc and grabbed eight rebounds.

The Lady Pats also dominated the glass, pulling down 44 boards to Pikeville's 33. Kirsten Roberson led the way with 10; Selena Williams and Carrie Hamilton paced the Lady Bears with six.



photo by Tim Branstutter
Pikeville's Heather Dillon tried to get a hand in on defense during Thursday night's Mid-South Conference game against Cumberland.

Cumberland holds off Bears



TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG — Thursday was a game both teams desperately needed to win, but for 38 minutes, neither seemed to want to.

It wasn't until the two-minute mark of the second half, when Pikeville had drawn within two for the first time since 4-2, that Cumberland woke up, scoring nine straight and pulled off a 50-43 win.

Cumberland (21-6, 5-4 in the Mid-South Conference), ranked 19th nationally, likely wrapped up a bid to the NAIA Div. I tournament with the win. The Patriots were to close out the season on Saturday as they were scheduled to visit second-ranked Lindsey Wilson College.

The loss is something of a setback for the 22-8 Bears, who end league play with a 4-6 worksheet. Pikeville, receiving votes but not ranked in the Top 25, will be back in action next Thursday night in the Mid-South Conference tournament in Frankfort.

Both teams struggled all night long, with neither approaching 40 percent shooting from the floor. For Pikeville, the shooting was the story — they hit

only 30.5 for the game and a stunning 1-of-19 from the arc. The lone trey, hit by Laneare Anderson, came with only six seconds left after the game was in hand for Cumberland.

The Pats faired only a little better rallying down the stretch to finish at 38.5 percent overall and 23.5 from downtown. Free throw shooters fared no better; Pikeville was 6-of-10 while Cumberland made only half of its 20.

Pikeville trailed by as many as 15 (29-14) in the second half, but rallied in the latter moments. The Bears trailed 38-32 before getting consecutive baskets by junior Martin Gerlero to pull within two.

But from there, the Pats scored nine unanswered points to push the lead back to double digits and held on down the stretch.

Senior Walter Harris scored 10 for Pikeville, the only Bear in double digits. Senior Daniel Price followed with seven.

Cumberland was paced by Terico Smothers with 16, while Patrick Cureton added 13.

Pikeville edged the Pats on the glass 38-35, getting six each from Chris Carroll, Jarell Jones and Price. Patrick Deveney had nine for Cumberland.



photos by Tim Branstutter

Far left: Pikeville senior Chris Carroll tried to prevent a shot as Cumberland junior guard Patrick Cureton elevated for a shot. Left: Pikeville's Martin Gerlero defended against Cumberland senior guard Harlon Winston.



Martin Gerlero defended a shot attempt from Cumberland's Patrick Cureton.

Lady Raiders level Letcher

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — The South Floyd Lady Raiders won their second straight game Thursday night, beating visiting Letcher 53-23. From the get-go, host South Floyd left little doubt as to who was in control. The Lady Raiders broke free and raced out to a 15-3 lead. After leading by 12 points at the end of the first quarter, South Floyd went into the half leading 35-9.

South Floyd senior Tab Trammell kept up her usual pace, recording a double-double of 13 points and 18 rebounds. Guard Miranda Gregory led South Floyd with 15 points. Heather Dean added eight points for the Lady Raiders, while Danielle Tackett scored six and Courtney Blocker tossed in four.

With the two victories, South Floyd has picked up momentum at just the right time. The 58th District Tournament is scheduled to get underway on Monday with the South Floyd girls team, the number four seed, taking on Piariest, the tournament's number five seed. Tip-off for the 58th District Tournament opener is set for 7 p.m.

"We were happy to get the win in our last home game before heading into the district tournament," said South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac. "Winning the last two regular-season games was definitely something we were hoping we could do before the district tournament."

(See LADY RAIDERS, page five)

New fishing regulations set to take effect

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Kentucky anglers purchasing a new fishing license for the 2005-2006 license year need to keep in mind some regulation changes regarding fishing in the coming year.

The redear sunfish, commonly referred to as a shellcracker, is now considered a sport fish species in Kentucky. Redear sunfish are popular fish with anglers all over Kentucky. Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley both possess fantastic populations of redear sunfish. Redear sunfish in the past could have been legally harvested by gigging, bowfishing, spear fishing and commercial fishing because they were not classified as a sport fish. Anglers expressed displeasure at these methods of harvest for redear sunfish, however, which lead to the sport fish designation this year.

Starting on Tuesday, Greenbo Lake will have a 15 fish daily creel limit on bluegill and

(See FISHING, page five)

Kentucky Chautauqua Presents:
Adolph Rupp, The Coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — During the 42 years he coached the University of Kentucky basketball team, Adolph Rupp raised the game to near-religious status in the Commonwealth. Basketball took its place next to horses, coal, and bourbon as Kentucky cultural icons. Rupp's teams won 880 games, four national championships, and one Olympic gold medal. There was a flip side to all this success—the team was suspended for the 1952-53 season after a point-shaving scandal, and Rupp was heavily criticized for taking too long to integrate the Kentucky basketball program.

Adolph Rupp grew up in Kansas, the son of immigrant farmers. He played three years of varsity basketball



Smith as Rupp

at the University of Kansas, but never scored a point. He began his coaching career in Kansas, but soon moved on to high schools in Iowa and Illinois. The University of Kentucky hired him in 1930. Rupp's genius for public relations and his team's winning ways combined to make Kentucky basketball a statewide phenomenon, a point of pride around which Kentuckians of all stripes still rally.

Ed Smith teaches theater and performance courses in the Communication Arts Department at Georgetown College. He is a graduate of Georgetown College and earned a doctorate at the University of Texas. Smith developed and directs Kentucky On Stage: The Performing Kentucky Authors Project, an annual event that

brings Kentucky literature to the stage.

On Saturday, Smith will portray the legendary Rupp in a performance at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge. The performance has a start time of 7 p.m.

The living interpreter goes from being himself to being Rupp.

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Saturday's event will be co-hosted by the Kentucky Humanities Council and the Kentucky Department of Parks. To reserve a free ticket, call 1-800-325-0142.



Alice Lloyd College, located in Pippa Passes in Knott County, recently said goodbye to six seniors.

No. 10 Michigan St. 77, No. 20 Wisconsin 64

by LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Paul Davis heaved the basketball toward the scoreboard hanging over the court, his teammates hugged and the fans cheered wildly.

Yes, it was a big victory for Michigan State.

Alan Anderson didn't miss a shot and scored a career-high 28 points to lead the 10th-ranked Spartans to a 77-64 win over No. 20 Wisconsin on Thursday night, snapping a 12-game losing streak against ranked opponents and a six-game skid against the Badgers.

"A lot of weight just came off our shoulders," said Davis, who had 13 points and 11 rebounds. "I guess we proved some critics wrong."

The Spartans (20-4, 11-2 Big Ten) have won 10 of 11 since losing to the Badgers on Jan. 16, winning their last nine by double digits.

Those lopsided victories didn't quiet many skeptics because of the streak against ranked

opponents dating to the regional finals of the 2003 NCAA tournament.

"It's no secret, we needed to get over one hurdle," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "There's a bunch more hurdles to go, but you have to get over the first."

"We had to get over this one to give this team a chance to get the weight of the world off their shoulders and to move on."

In other games involving ranked teams, it was: No. 9 Arizona 57, Washington State 56 in overtime; No. 12 Gonzaga 84, Portland 68; No. 14 Washington 90, Arizona State 82; and No. 24 Cincinnati 80, Marquette 68.

Anderson made sure the Spartans didn't have to talk about why they failed to win another marquee game.

He was 10-of-10 from the field and 7-of-7 from the line, becoming the fourth Michigan State player to take at least 10 shots without missing. The senior forward surpassed his previous career high of 18 points early in the second half.

"He did a great job of penetrating and taking care of business around the basket," Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said. "You name it, he did it."

Anderson matched a field-goal percentage mark at Michigan State. Ron Charles made all 12 of his shots in a game in 1980, while Carlton Valentine (1986) and Bob Chapman (1977) both went 11-for-11.

"I don't think I missed a shot in warmups," Anderson said. "I said, 'Man, this feels good.'"

Alando Tucker scored 18 points and Mike Wilkinson had 16 for the Badgers (17-7, 8-5), who have lost three of five, allowing Indiana to pull into a third-place tie in the Big Ten standings.

"We don't like to say it happens at Wisconsin, but they outworked us," Tucker said.

The Spartans beat Wisconsin for the first time since Feb. 27, 2001 — thanks to Anderson.

He scored 11 straight points for Michigan State early in the first half, giving the Spartans an 11-point lead, which they main-

tained easily.

"The way they're playing, it was hard to get it to single digits, let alone five or four points and that's what we needed to have a chance," Ryan said.

Michigan State led by as much as 14 before halftime and didn't let the Badgers get closer than eight after Anderson's scoring barrage. Anderson scored 15 points in the first half to help Michigan State take a 33-25 lead.

It didn't take long for the Spartans to earn a comfortable lead again. Offensive rebounds led to seven of their first eight points in the second half, giving them a 41-27 lead with 17:55 left.

Wisconsin didn't pull within single digits again until there was just over a minute left.

No. 9 Arizona 57, Washington State 56, OT: At Pullman, Wash., Ivan Radenovic made a pair of free throws with 9 seconds left to help Arizona avoid being swept by Washington State.

Radenovic rebounded for the Wildcats (24-4, 14-2), who beat the Cougars for the 17th straight time at Pullman.

Channing Frye scored 26 points for Arizona, which has won seven in a row.

The win gave Arizona coach Lute Olson 304 wins in the Pac-10, tied with legendary UCLA coach John Wooden for most wins in the league.

Thomas Kelati led the Cougars with 16 points.

No. 12 Gonzaga 84, Portland 68: At Portland, Ore., Ronny Turiaf had 14 points and 11 rebounds and Gonzaga clinched the West Coast Conference title for the fifth straight season.

Adam Morrison added 22 points for Gonzaga (22-4, 13-2), which has won nine straight. It is the ninth time since 1994 that the Bulldogs have won the regular season conference championship.

Darren Cooper had 20 points for the Pilots (15-14, 4-10).

No. 14 Washington 90, Arizona State 82: At Seattle, Tre Simmons tied a career high with 29 points, including 12 during a

four-minute span in the second half, and Washington held off pesky Arizona State.

Washington (22-4, 12-3 Pac-10) kept pace with Arizona in the Pac-10. The Huskies are 1 1/2 games behind the Wildcats and host Arizona on Saturday.

Ike Diogu, leading the Pac-10 in scoring and rebounding, had a game-high 31 points and 15 rebounds for Arizona State (18-10, 7-9).

No. 24 Cincinnati 80, Marquette 68: At Cincinnati, Eric Hicks scored 17 points and the Bearcats beat Marquette, which was playing its first game without leading scorer Travis Diener.

Nick Williams added 16 points, and Jason Maxiell had 14 points for Cincinnati (21-6, 9-4 Conference USA).

Marquette (18-9, 6-8) had trouble finding shots without Diener, who broke his hand Tuesday during practice. He had surgery and will miss the rest of his senior season.

Steve Novak led Marquette with 25 points.

COLLEGE BASEBALL MSU beats Alice Lloyd, 10-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — A trio of Morehead State University pitchers combined on a four-hit shutout Wednesday afternoon and the Eagles defeated Alice Lloyd 10-0 at Allen Field. The game was moved up from Thursday due to a forecasted snow storm in the area Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

The win was MSU's first of

the season against three losses. Alice Lloyd dropped to 4-2.

MSU got all the runs it was going to need in the home half of the first inning. With one out, Lance Seasor singled and Paul Rhodes hit a two-run home run over the 395-foot mark in left centerfield. It was Rhodes' fourth home run of the season. MSU added five more runs in the second inning. Bo Stohler and Rhodes had RBI singles and Donald Cheney hit

a three-run home run. The Eagles also scored single runs in the fifth, sixth and eighth innings.

Starter Adrian Duran pitched five innings, allowing three hits, and picked up a win in his first decision of the season. Reid Kittleson allowed one hit in three innings of work, and Freshman Matt Clark pitched a perfect ninth inning in his first collegiate appearance.

Eagle golfers finish 15th in Charleston, S.C.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Morehead State University golf team shot a final round 306 for a three-round total of 322-299-306 927 and finished 15th among 17 teams in the Charleston Southern University Kick-Off Tournament at Coosaw Creek Country Club in Charleston, S.C., Feb. 21-22.

Host Charleston Southern won the tournament by 23 shots.

MSU individual scores were: Casey Wade (tie 38th among 90 golfers) - 84-73-73-230; Matt Gann (54th) - 74-81-78-233; Ryan Martin (tie 58th) - 84-70-81-235; Lee Chaney (tie 69th) - 85-76-76-237; Kyle Litter (tie 72nd) - 80-80-79-239.

Martin, a Prestonsburg High

School graduate finished the fall season with a tournament victory.

The Eagle golfers will have nearly a month to prepare for their next tournament, March 21-22, at the Grubb Mart Intercollegiate hosted by Jacksonville State at Silver Lakes Golf Course (Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail) in Anniston, Ala.

Marshall, Conference USA announce 2005 football schedule

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Six home dates, including Big 12 power Kansas State and new Conference USA rivals Southern Methodist (SMU), Alabama-Birmingham (UAB), Southern Miss, and East Carolina highlight the 2005 Thundering Herd football schedule.

"This is the best schedule in the history of our football program," Marshall University Director of Athletics Bob Marcum said. "There are many exciting games to be played this season and in the future. I am confident our season ticket holders and our future season ticket holders will be pleased."

Marshall will open the season by hosting William & Mary on Thursday, Sept. 1, before playing host to traditional Big 12 Conference power Kansas State on Saturday, Sept. 10. Following

the clash with the Wildcats, Marshall will travel to Orlando, Fla., to face off with fellow Conference USA newcomer UCF on Sept. 24.

The Thundering Herd will return home to host SMU in the Herd's first home Conference USA game on Saturday, Oct. 1, before traveling to defending Atlantic Coast Conference Champion Virginia Tech on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Marshall will return to C-USA action at home on Saturday, Oct. 15 when it hosts the University of Alabama Birmingham. The Herd will then travel to UTEP and Tulane on Oct. 22 and Oct. 29, respectively, before returning home to host perennial C-USA title contender Southern Miss on either Tuesday, Nov. 8, Wednesday, Nov. 9. The Thundering Herd will close out the home portion of the 2005 regular season by hosting East Carolina on

Saturday, November 19th.

Marshall's final regular season contest will be a Saturday, Nov. 26 contest at Memphis.

The Thundering Herd's 2005 schedule includes five teams that went to bowls in 2004. Ninth-ranked Virginia Tech (10-3) won the ACC and earned a berth in the Sugar Bowl, Memphis (8-3) appeared in the GMAC Bowl, Southern Mississippi (7-5) won the New Orleans Bowl, UAB (7-5) appeared in the Hawaii Bowl, and UTEP (8-4) appeared in the Houston Bowl.

All conference times and television information will be announced at a later date.

The 2005 Marshall Football Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 1	William & Mary
Saturday, Sept. 10	Kansas State
Saturday, Sept. 24	at UCF
Saturday, Oct. 1	S. Methodist
Saturday, Oct. 8	at Virginia Tech
Saturday, Oct. 15	UAB
Saturday, Oct. 22	at UTEP
Saturday, Oct. 29	at Tulane
Tues. or Wed., Nov. 8/9	Southern Miss
Saturday, Nov. 19	East Carolina
Saturday, Nov. 26	at Memphis



Lady Tigers edge Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Host Paintsville defended its home-floor in style Thursday night. The Lady Tigers turned away visiting rival Pikeville, beating the Lady Panthers 59-55. Sophomore Kendra Carroll scored 16 points and handed out five assists to help lead Paintsville to the win. Chelsea Jarrell had 14 points and 14 rebounds for the host Lady Tigers.

Paintsville, which evened its record to 11-11, trailed at halftime. Paintsville led 11-10 at the end of the first quarter. Pikeville then outscored the Lady Tigers 18-13 in the second quarter. The Lady Tigers were active in the second half, outscoring Pikeville in each of the last two quarters.

Jessikah Russell added 11 points for the Lady Tigers.

Samantha Howard led Pikeville (17-9) with 21 points. Shawna Howard had 16 points and Megan Harris added 12.

PAINTSVILLE 59, PIKEVILLE 55
PIKEVILLE (17-9) — Harris 12, Sa. Howard 21, Sh. Howard 16, Shockey 6.

PAINTSVILLE (11-11) — Hall 8, K. Carroll 16, Jarrell 14, Russell 11, L. Carroll 8, Blair 2.

Pikeville.....10 18 13 14-55
Paintsville.....11 13 16 19-59

BOYS' BASKETBALL: Breathitt County 78, Letcher 63: Floyd County native Brian Hall coached Breathitt County to its 21st win of the season Thursday night. The Bobcats, playing at home, fought off a talented Letcher team.

Senior Andrew Sewell led the way for the Bobcats. Sewell scored a game-high 24 points and dished out four assists. Eli Warren netted 18 for the Bobcats and Jacob Hundley 14.

Phelps 64, Sheldon Clark 61: The host Hornets proved to be too much for visiting Sheldon Clark.

Chris Hardin hit a pair of free throws with 4.8 seconds remaining and lifted the Hornets.

Charlie Hunt led Phelps in scoring with 24 points. Hardin finished with 12.

Jeremy Preece had 16 points for Sheldon Clark. Brandon May followed with 15.

H.S. SCOREBOARD

BOYS' BASKETBALL

(Thursday's Games)
Bourbon Co. 53, Fleming Co. 45
Breathitt Co. 78, Letcher 63
Cawood 60, Clay Co. 52
East Carter 53, Bath Co. 43
East Ridge 78, Fleming-Neon 36
Hazard 74, Allen Central 48
Leslie Co. 69, Jackson City 57
Lex. Bryan Station 78, Powell Co. 49
Middleboro 78, Jackson Co. 72 OT
Nicholas Co. 59, Burgin 32
Paris 84, Menifee Co. 80
Phelps 64, Sheldon Clark 61
South Laurel 80, Bell Co. 38

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

(Thursday's Games)
Augusta 66, Elliott Co. 54
Breathitt Co. 74, Harlan 47
East Carter 48, Paul Blazer 28
East Ridge 54, Fleming-Neon 43
Fairview 42, Lewis Co. 40
Hazard 53, Wolfe Co. 48 OT
Lawrence Co. 62, Sheldon Clark 30
Oneida Baptist 50, June Buchanan 43
Paintsville 59, Pikeville 55
Rowan Co. 67, Raceland 53
Russell 65, Rose Hill Christian 57
Shelby Valley 88, Allen Central 87
South Floyd 53, Letcher 23
West Carter 61, Boyd Co. 52



Right: Former Knott County Central Lady Patriot Tonya Amburgey, pictured from behind, defended Cumberland senior Tiffany Stewart.



Left: Cumberland junior guard Tenille Cann went in for a lay-up over Pikeville's Beth Patterson (33).

58TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT BOYS' BASKETBALL

Prestonsburg

Mar 1, 8:25 PM
at Betsy Layne

Allen Central

South Floyd

Mar 2, 8:25 PM
at Betsy Layne

Betsy Layne

Mar 4, 7:00 PM
at Betsy Layne

2004 Tournament

South Floyd 53

Mar 2, 8:15 PM
at Allen Central

Prestonsburg 56

Prestonsburg 58

Mar 5, 7:00 PM
at Allen Central

Prestonsburg

Allen Central 66

Mar 3, 8:15 PM
at Allen Central
(overtime)

Betsy Layne 65

Allen Central 54

Betsy Layne hosting district tournament

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - It's time once again for the storied Dome at Betsy Layne to play host to the 58th District Tournament. The tournament will get underway Monday night with a girls' basketball game pitting Piarist against South Floyd.

Here's some information on the teams playing in this year's tournament and what lies ahead in the next couple of weeks.

■ The Betsy Layne Ladycats went through the 2004-05 season without a single 58th District setback. The Betsy Layne girls and the Prestonsburg boys each enter this year's tournament with number one seeds.

■ The last time Betsy Layne hosted a district tournament was in 2001. That year, South Floyd's boys won and went on to win the regional tournament. The South Floyd Lady Raiders also won their first and so far only district title that same season.

■ The South Floyd Raiders have won the 58th District title four of the past five seasons.

■ Prestonsburg is the defending 58th District boys' basketball champion.

■ Betsy Layne is the defending 58th District girls' basketball champion.

■ Allen Central High School hosted last year's district tournament action. Both ACHS teams finished runner-up one year ago.

■ Tickets for the 18th Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame banquet are currently on sale. The Class

of 2005 will be inducted at the banquet scheduled for Tuesday, March 15 at the Lexington Convention Center's Bluegrass Ballroom (next to Rupp Arena). Tickets are \$40 each or a table of 10 may be purchased for \$375.

Following is a listing of this year's class of inductees: Gordon Bocock, John "Hop" Brown, Jack Fitzpatrick, Kym Hampton, L.V. McGinty, Jr., Ray Mills, Don Morris, Philip Reverman, Sr., Phil Rollins, Joyce Seymour, Sherrill Sipes, Stan Steidel, Paul Stevens, Robert Washington, Paul Woodall and Reba Woodall.

To purchase tickets, contact Butch Cope or Marilyn Mitchell.

BASKETBALL TICKETS REMAIN ON SALE

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Tournaments remain on sale through the KHSAA by

calling 859/299-5472 or by ordering online at www.khsaa.org.

At this time, only full tournament books (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are on sale. Beginning March 1 tickets will be available through the Rupp Arena Box Office and ticketmaster.com for the boys' event and through the Diddle Arena Box Office for the girls' event.

Tickets purchased at the arena for either tournament will incur an additional walk-up charge per ticket.

HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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

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

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

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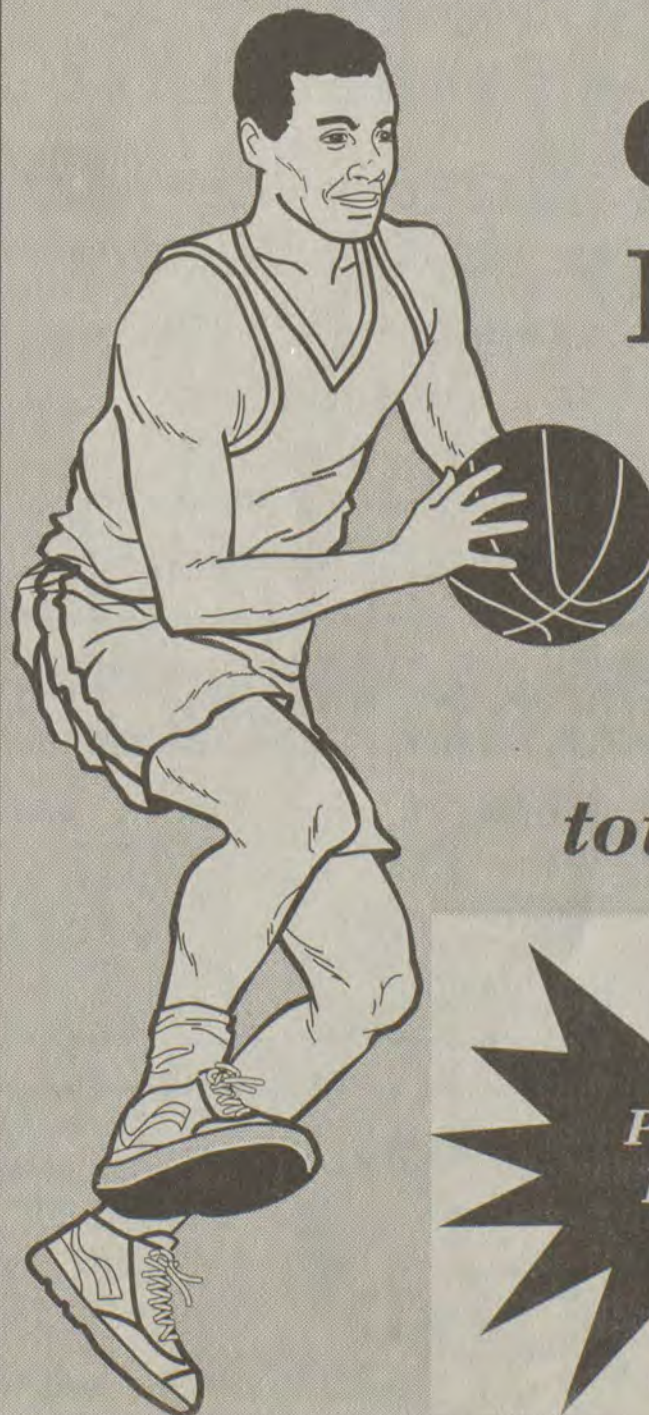


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58TH DISTRICT GIRLS' BASKETBALL GIRLS' TOURNAMENT 2004 TOURNAMENT

Allen Central

Mar 2, 6:30 PM
at Betsy Layne
Prestonsburg

Mar 3, 7:00 PM
at Betsy Layne

Piarist School

Feb 28, 7:00 PM
at Betsy Layne
South Floyd

Mar 1, 6:30 PM
at Betsy Layne
Betsy Layne

Allen Central 64

Mar 3, 6:30 PM
at Allen Central
Prestonsburg 56

Allen Central 50

Mar 4, 7:00 PM
at Allen Central

Betsy Layne

Piarist School 26

Mar 1, 7:00 PM
at Allen Central
South Floyd 65

South Floyd 52

Mar 2, 6:30 PM
at Allen Central
Betsy Layne 78

Betsy Layne 64

FINAL 58TH DISTRICT REGULAR-SEASON STANDINGS

Girls' Basketball	
Team	Record
Betsy Layne	8-0
Allen Central	6-2
Prestonsburg	4-4
South Floyd	2-6
Piarist	0-8

Boys' Basketball	
Team	Record
Prestonsburg	5-1
South Floyd	4-2
Betsy Layne	3-3
Allen Central	0-6

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STATE TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16

Wednesday, March 16
Region 3 vs. Region 12
Region 5 vs. Region 14
Region 10 vs. Region 6
Region 7 vs. Region 8


Thursday, March 17
Region 16 vs. Region 2
Region 1 vs. Region 13
Region 11 vs. Region 15
Region 4 vs. Region 9

Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16

Wednesday, March 23
Region 13 vs. Region 11
Region 2 vs. Region 8
Region 12 vs. Region 3
Region 16 vs. Region 10

Thursday, March 24
Region 9 vs. Region 1
Region 5 vs. Region 15
Region 4 vs. Region 7
Region 14 vs. Region 6

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Fishing

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The KDFWR also stocked grass carp in Greenbo to control the aquatic vegetation. The grass carp in Greenbo Lake will soon die of old age and will not be stocked again. Vegetation will hopefully return providing additional habitat for bluegill and other sunfish.

The KDFWR stocks rain-

bow trout in the Paintsville Lake tailwater from April through November annually. Some of these fish move downstream into a 3.6-mile section of Paint Creek from KY 40 bridge downstream to the first U.S. 460 bridge crossing. Brown trout were also stocked into this section until 2001. Anglers have caught both rainbow and brown trout longer than 18 inches in this section of Paint Creek in recent years.

To protect this fishery, a 16-inch minimum size limit and one fish daily creel limit on both rainbow and brown trout begins on March 1, 2005 on the section of Paint Creek from KY 40 downstream to the first U.S. 460 bridge crossing. This regulation provides a unique and high quality angling experience in Eastern Kentucky.

If you are unsure what kind of fish you just caught, consult the Angler's Fish Identification

Guide on pages 20 and 21 of the 2005 Kentucky Sport Fishing and Boating Guide. Color illustrations of the 16 most sought after fish by anglers are contained in the Angler's Fish Identification Guide. These color illustrations help anglers eliminate confusion about what fish they caught, and assist with understanding the size and creel limits on various species of fish.

For more information about current fishing regulations and a copy of the Angler's Fish Identification Guide, consult the 2005 Kentucky Sport Fishing and Boating Guide available free of charge wherever licenses are sold. Regulation information, maps of where to fish, fishing forecasts, boating and fishing access spots and loads of other fishing-related information are also available on the KDFWR website at fw.ky.gov.

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Lady Raiders

South Floyd played a 1-3-1 defense and trapped out of it, limiting Letcher's offense. Letcher never scored over 11

points in an individual quarter. Individually, no Letcher player scored over eight points. South Floyd led Letcher 42-

12 at the end of the third quarter. The Lady Raiders finished the game with 16 field goals and six three-point field goals.

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Racing authority adopts stricter medication rules

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A change that would reduce both the number and type of medications that could be given to horses before a race won unanimous approval of the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority on Tuesday.

The regulation would place Kentucky under a "model rule" proposed by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium, a group trying to establish a national uniform medication policy.

If the regulation is given emergency status, it could take effect in as soon as two months, said Jim Gallagher, the racing authority's executive director. That would be in time for the May 7 running of the Kentucky Derby.

Gallagher said he expects the regulation will be given emergency status, as did Connie Whitfield, the vice chairwoman of the racing authority and the chairwoman of the Kentucky Equine Drug Research Council, an advisory group that recommended the authority adopt the new policy.

Under the new regulation, only one anti-bleeding drug —

Salix, formerly called Lasix — could be given to a horse within 24 hours of a race.

Rules adopted in 2002 by the now-defunct Kentucky Racing Commission, which the racing authority replaced, allowed multiple anti-inflammation drugs to be used on race day. Kentucky has had the loosest horse-drug policy of any state.

The meeting room at the U.S. Pony Club headquarters overflowed Tuesday with horsemen who didn't want to see any change in the rule. The Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association campaigned against the changes and issued a letter to racing authority members.

The letter said that the medication issue "is not as clear cut as you have been led to believe" and that "until documented, peer-reviewed research is available, dramatic change in the present medication policy of Kentucky should not be contemplated."

Bob DeSensi, a trainer director for the Kentucky HBPA, said a more serious problem that should be dealt with is the removal of "exotic drugs" from the industry.

John Ward, a member of the

state equine drug council, said that the industry "needs to become unified" and one way of doing so was to adopt uniform medication regulations across the nation.

Whitfield said that 17 states either have adopted or are in the process of adopting the proposed national "model rule" for medication.

The racing authority also voted to make no changes to the state's standardbred drug policy and to allow for testing all racehorses for a practice commonly known as "milkshaking."

A "milkshake" is made of baking soda, sugar and some electrolytes. It is believed to increase the concentration of carbon dioxide in a horse's bloodstream and lessen lactic acid buildup, thereby warding off fatigue.

Kentucky has long had a regulation prohibiting milkshaking, Whitfield said, but it has never been enforced.

Keeneland Race Course in Lexington already had announced plans to begin testing for milkshakes at its April meet. Churchill Downs in Louisville, which also operates Ellis Park in Henderson, has said it intended to do the same.

Graves says improved Reds bullpen will help him

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Cincinnati closer Danny Graves feels rejuvenated by the offseason deals that have strengthened his supporting cast in the Reds' bullpen.

The right-hander expects to benefit from an improved group of setup men with the additions of David Weathers, Ben Weber and Kent Mercker.

"Any closer's going to say their setup guys are the ones that make them good," Graves said. "If they're not good, you're not good."

"You kind of feed off the other guys in front of you, and I've always done that. It makes you that much better."

Graves is the Reds' all-time saves leader with 172. He is in the final guaranteed year of his contract, which has an option

for 2006.

Graves concentrated on conditioning and trimming his weight during the offseason after going on the disabled list last year for the first time in his career. He was disabled by lower back spasms from Aug. 19 to Sept. 2.

"I actually did concentrate on getting in better shape, and I think I did do that. The looks might not be there, but I lost some fat and gained some muscle," he said in an interview at the Reds' training camp.

Graves also is enthusiastic by the deals that brought starting pitchers Eric Milton and Ramon Ortiz to Cincinnati, along with starting third baseman Joe Randa.

"Everybody goes in optimistic. You want to stay healthy, you want to give yourself a chance," Graves said.

"But this is the first year I've come to spring training in the last two or three years and been excited to get here. The reasons are self-explanatory."

"We've got a lot of good players. We have to win."

Ortiz, the last Reds player to be eligible for salary arbitration this year, avoided an arbitration hearing on Friday by agreeing to a one-year, \$3.55 million contract for this season. The Reds retain a 2006 option for \$4.55 million, which they can choose to buy out for up to \$250,000, depending on how Ortiz does this year.

Graves said he is taking nothing for granted, knowing that there is competition for every roster job, including his own.

"There's always somebody behind you ready to take over. That's the way I look at it every time I go out and pitch," he said.



photos by Jamie Howell

Left: Ryan Hammonds dribbled near the mid-court circle during the first half of Thursday night's game against Hazard. Below: Justin Jacobs worked the ball against the Hazard defense. Allen Central wrapped up the regular-season portion of its schedule Thursday night with a game on the road at Hazard. The host Bulldogs won, 74-48.



Top running backs take back seat to Clarett as NFL combine opens

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Some of college football's top running backs were overshadowed at the NFL combine by someone who had just nine college starts and hasn't played in a few years.

Now it's up to Maurice Clarett to live up to the hype.

"I made some mistakes that are obvious to everybody in this room," Clarett said. "And I paid for them."

Clarett was the main topic of conversation Thursday even in this year's deep crop of powerful, fast, multidimensional and tested backs.

"I've not seen him play in a couple of years," said Cedric Benson, who ran for more than 5,000 yards and helped Texas win the Rose Bowl. "Regardless of what he's been through, someone is going to love him and someone is going to pick him up."

Benson just blended in the crowd with Auburn's Ronnie Brown and Cornell "Cadillac" Williams — the best running back tandem in the nation last year — and Frank Gore, who re-established himself as the strong runner who once beat out Willis McGahee for Miami's starting job.

From general managers to coaches, other running backs to a kicker, everyone got questioned about Clarett.

When he arrived in the interview room, all but a handful of reporters huddled around a podium. Gore, sitting near the back of the room, was almost ignored. Asked whether the lack of interest bothered him, Gore responded: "No, no, not at all. I'd be all right if no people were in front of me."

But Clarett must do more than confront his poor public image.

While Benson, Brown, Williams and Gore were prov-

ing themselves on the field the last two seasons, Clarett was watching games on television hoping for an opportunity to play in the NFL.

Now he must deal with the consequences of sitting out his sophomore season because of a suspension, losing a court battle to enter the draft early and accusing Ohio State of NCAA violations.

Clarett weighed in at 234 pounds, 3 pounds lighter than last year when he was criticized for being out of shape.

When Clarett was asked about his past, he appeared more humble. The scouts want to see how much he has learned.

A year ago, in his first combine appearance, Clarett didn't work out. This year, in a rare second appearance, Clarett announced he would work out this weekend.

But his colleagues have their own battles this week.

While Benson rushed for 1,867 yards, 19 touchdowns and pushed his way into elite status by averaging 5.6 yards per carry, he has been dogged by an October comment in which he said he'd rather win the Heisman Trophy than beat rival Oklahoma.

That has raised questions about his willingness to be a team player.

"It was my childhood dream and I spoke from the heart," he said. "If I could have changed the answer, I would. But it would be a lie."

Benson also said he patterned his game after Ricky Williams, Texas' last Heisman winner who suddenly retired last summer.

So perhaps it wasn't an accident that he cut the Williams-like dreadlocks and showed up with short, neatly trimmed hair.

He also responded to questions about his relationship with

Williams by distancing himself in some ways.

"I don't know Ricky's personality that well, who does know it that well?" he said. "In many ways, we're different. I remember he was real shy and kind of standoffish coming out. I'm not that shy."

Gore may have an easier case — he just has to prove he's healthy and that's he regained his form after season-ending injuries in 2002 and 2003.

As Clinton Portis' backup in 2001, Gore averaged 9.1 yards per carry. Then, he missed all of 2002 after hurting his right knee and the second half of the 2003 season after injuring his right knee. Last year, he rushed for 945 yards rushing and eight touchdowns even though he said he played at a heavier weight than normal.

Gore measured in at 5-9 1/2, 217 pounds and insisted he's ready to follow the lead of Edgerrin James, Portis and McGahee as Miami's next big NFL back.

"Every team brought in five or six doctors," Gore said. "But it's good, the knee is real strong."

Brown, too, may have to answer a question after missing his scheduled interview because he was sent to an Indianapolis hospital for additional X-rays.

It may be nothing. But nobody takes chances at the combine — and nobody is going to take a chance on Clarett unless they're convinced he can stay healthy and produce at the NFL level.

"I don't wish any kid ill will, but I think when you're on display, you should do everything you can to put your best foot forward, and I don't think he did that last year," said Buffalo general manager Tom Donahoe, one of Clarett's harshest critics last year. "Hopefully, he will this year."

Bengals add another year to Lewis' contract

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Bengals added another year to coach Marvin Lewis' contract last week, extending his deal through the 2008 season.

The Bengals also announced that the rest of the coaching staff would return for next season. Chuck Bresnahan replaced Leslie Frazier as defensive coordinator last month, the only change following another 8-8 season.

Lewis has guided the Bengals to 8-8 in each of his first two seasons trying to revive the NFL's most forlorn franchise. The Bengals haven't had a winning record since 1990, the

longest ongoing streak of futility in the league and one of the longest in NFL history.

Lewis signed a four-year deal to come to Cincinnati, where he got more authority than his predecessors. After he led the team to an 8-8 finish in his first season, the club gave him a new four-year deal that pays him more than \$2 million per season.

"Marvin has done an excellent job," owner Mike Brown said Monday. "He has established himself with the Bengals and the community. We feel good about the future of our team being in his hands."

The Bengals' coaching staff next season will consist of

Bresnahan, offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski, offensive line/assistant head coach Paul Alexander, running backs coach Jim Anderson, defensive backs coach Kevin Coyle, assistant defensive backs coach Louie Cioffi, defensive line coach Jay Hayes, tight ends coach Jonathan Hayes, linebackers coach Ricky Hunley, offensive line coach Hue Jackson, special teams coach Darrin Simmons, quarterback coach Ken Zampese, assistant offensive line coach Bob Surace, strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton and his assistant, Ray Oliver.

All have signed contracts through the 2006 season, the club said.

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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.

The friendliness of candidates is traditional, but I've never seen one yet that can approach a muddy dog for getting next to you.

FISHING REPORT

Well, the fishing season is officially under way. I have had my first catch with a big one. I hear that Gordon Moore waited around for a long while, Wednesday, to let me in on what I'm missing. It was a seven-pound, 11 1/2-ounce, 23 1/2-inch bass (exact measurement and weight, after shrinkage, which was considerable, Moore will tell you). Caught the big one at Dewey Lake with a flyrod, with an eel on the business end... Wanted—Some eels, and a chance to use 'em.



Norman Allen

LOSERS

Speaking of weight, the newspapers indicate that Mamie Eisenhower is right pleased with the loss of a few pounds. I'm not so cheerful. Those I lost are sterling.

ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL

It may be the approach of spring, or force of habit, or just the impetuosity of flaming youth—anyway, 96-year-old Booker Wright, of Virgie, Pike County, took his seventh bride, Mrs. Effie Pickle, 68, last Friday. It was her fourth trip to the altar. Immediately thereafter, bride and groom took off via bus for a month-long honeymoon at Miami, Beach.

FIVE IN A ROW

They tell us not to end a sentence with a proposition, which may or may not be good advice. It all depends on how pedantic you want to be. If, however, you decide to throw the copy-book out the window, be a free soul, and say it as you please, why not be like the little boy and do a good job of it, ending the thing with five prepositions in a row?

He called downstairs to his father to come, read to him, and was very specific about the book he wanted read. His father brought another book, whereupon Junior

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Ralph Hall, shown here as a young boy, spent many youthful days enjoying life in the coal camps where he shopped at company stores and watched baseball games on summer afternoons.

Why Daddy Sold Old Betsy

by Ralph Hall

~ Chapter 13 ~ The Coal Camps

They were burning coal for heat in England in the year 1602. In the early 1900's, hundreds of companies came to the hills of eastern Kentucky to buy coal. The land owners didn't know the value of the coal, so they sold their rights to the coal and other minerals on their lands for as little as fifty cents an acre. In 1907, my grandfather Elder Hiram Hall owned the Hall Coal and Land Company in the village of Melvin. On September 6, 1907, he tried to lease some of his coal to the Northern Coal and Coke Company, in Ashland. But, the deal didn't go through at that time.

In the 1930's, coal was becoming very important to our nation and many companies came to our area to mine coal. Steel mills in northern cities needed coal to process the steel. In eastern Kentucky, coal was being mined on a very small scale before the large companies came in. The small mines used ponies to haul the coal out of the mines. The coal they mined was used to heat people's houses. My daddy used to work for one of these small mines. These mines were more like "village type" operations that were run as small businesses. Now, I don't intend to try to write a history on coal or mining. I am only telling a story as I remember hearing it told.

Anyway, in the 1930's, companies bought the coal in Jenkins, Wayland, Betsy Layne, Wheelwright,

Weeksbury, Fed, Ligon, and other local villages. The coal camp I am going to talk about is the one that was at Weeksbury. It was bought out by Koppers Coal Company. Koppers moved in and made a very nice community in Weeksbury. They built nice company houses for the miners and their families to live in. They put in stores, a bank, a movie house, and a club house for folks to rent when they came to town to visit. A club house was like a hotel. "Club house" is just what people called them back then, instead of "hotel."

Much of my young days were spent in the coal camp. I spent four years of my life going to school in the camp. My daddy worked there on the gin gang. When a person worked for the coal camp, they could buy anything at any of the stores and it would be taken out of the miners' payday. They all gave out company money which they called "script." Script could be used in the camp in place of money. The coal camp was a world where you could live and have everything you needed by working for the mining company.

My favorite place to go was the soda fountain. At the soda fountain you could buy ice cream, a soda, or a hot dog. Me, I always went for the ice cream. It would always be the milk shakes or the malts for me. I could never get my fill. One summer, I drank so many milk shakes my mother had to take me to see the company doctor. He had me pee in a cup and told Mother to bring me back next week. I thought to myself, "What kind of doctor is he, anyway? Didn't give me any castor oil. Just wanted me to go in that old cup." Anytime before that I had gotten sick, Daddy just gave me two table spoons full of castor oil and said, "Ralph, you'll be okay tomorrow." Most times, Daddy was very wrong about that.

Seems like the next day I would be so weak I couldn't get out of bed. Not many of us kids in the village ever got sick very often. The cure was worse than the sickness for us. I get sick all over again today if I even look at a bottle of castor oil. If we ever run across a kid going on and moaning in the outhouse, saying "Oh, God, help me!" we knew what the problem was - two table spoons of castor oil the night before! So, the village had very few sick children, if you know what I mean.

Well, the next week, Mother took me back to the doctor's office. He called us in and told me, "Ralph, you have 4-plus sugar in your urine." I asked, "What's that mean, Doctor?"

"It means you have to stay away from sugar for awhile." I said, "Is that all?" and he said, "That's all."

I was so happy that I had something that castor wouldn't cure, but I will admit, it was awful hard to give up those good old milkshakes.

They had lots of things going on in the coal camps. Every camp had a baseball team that would go away to training camp. They would go off to Tennessee or Virginia, almost any place to find a good baseball player to hire to work in the coal camp and play on the camp baseball team. One of these families brought in were the Skyles. The Skyles were great ball players. I loved to go to the games on Friday nights or on Sunday afternoons. They had this one big man, I can remember, they called "Big Jess." Big Jess would put on a show almost every game. I have never seen a person hit a ball as far as Big Jess could. He could hit it right out of the park and into the trees on the hillside!

My daddy was the manager of the team at Melvin. He had this old flat-bottom truck that he hauled his team

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Bobbie Jo and the Outlaw'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

One year before "Star Wars" came along and began a new trend of higher budgeted genre films that killed the drive-in circuit and killed the practice of double features for walk-in cinemas, this exploitation film squeaked out on a few double bills in drive-ins across the country before being sentenced to video oblivion. It has yet to yield a DVD release but can still be found on the racks at mom-and-pop video stores and deserves a look.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

New Mexico is the setting for this offbeat road trip movie that focuses on a small town girl, who dreams of being the next Linda Ronstadt, that hooks up with a pistol champion who idolizes Billy the Kid. The two hit the road together, in a stolen car, and before you can say "Bonnie and Clyde" they are wanted for robbery and pursued by a dogged sheriff. Along the way they pick up an assorted bunch of losers and have several 1970s-type experiences, like noshing on hallucinogenic mushrooms and wearing all manner of ugly clothes.

Their adventures start out small with the Outlaw (Lye Wheeler) impressing Bobbie by cheating his way to \$40 at pinball against a gang of hoods. Before you know it they have teamed up with Bobbie's go-go dancer sister and her sullen boyfriend for a roaring rampage through the highways and byways of New Mexico.

Meanwhile the incompetent sheriff follows their trail but Elmer Fudds it most of the way until a surprise shootout stops this movie dead in its tracks. One of the best things you can say about 1970s drive-in flicks is that they never ended happily, though this one stops so short one gets the impression they ran out of money and just called it quits.

What makes this film work, as a curio, is the bizarre casting. Marjoe Gortner stars as Lyle and is an odd choice for a leading man. He sort of looks like a rooster, and his nasal voice is a bit annoying, but he has an undeniable screen presence and makes Lyle unpredictable and even a tad likable. When Bobbie's girlfriend gets killed, by bullets that were meant for him, he actually seems moved

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Octopus's garden

by EVE ESCHNER HOGAN

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE OCEAN LOVER'S SOUL"

When I moved to Maui to marry the Captain of my heart, one of the marriage requirements was that I learn to scuba dive — as that was his first love. If I were to fit in, this ocean of his and I were just going to have to get along! Luckily for me — and us — I already had an ongoing love affair with the sea, both for its beauty and its creatures, so I embraced this opportunity to dive and explore the world below the surface.

There were a few differences between the way my fiancé and I approached the sea, however. Having been a fisherman for many years, he didn't think twice about taking the ocean's bounty home for dinner. In fact, he had told me how the

Hawaiians had taught him to kill an octopus by biting it right between the eyes, then taking it home to eat. Useful information, I'm sure, but all it did for me was offer proof that the worst gift one could have was to be born delicious.

I, on the other hand, had been a vegetarian for more than 20 years. I wasn't the kind of vegetarian who concerned herself with what other people ate, but I preferred, when given the option, not to participate in or witness the death of any creature.

One day, when we were exploring the waters off the coast of Maui, we happened across an octopus's garden. Romantically, The Beatles' song of the same name started playing in my head. The Captain had different tunes playing in his head, and they must have sounded like dinner bells, because after catching the octopus and showing

me its spectacular array of arms and suction cups, he paused. I could see on his face that this was a very difficult moment.

As he held the octopus, visions of the Captain biting the head of this multiarmed creature flashed through my mind. I imagined the arms — now so full of life and movement — falling limp at the hands of my beloved. My emotions must have shown in my eyes, the only part of my face visible behind my mask, regulator and a steady stream of bubbles.

Still holding the giant octopus in his hands as it reached out in every direction to get away, the Captain looked at me, then looked at the octo-

pus. He was obviously in the grip of one of the major decisions of his life: Did he want to take the octopus home for dinner or take the girl home for life? He must have realized that this could be the deal-breaker, and ever so reluctantly, he

opened his hand and let the octopus go. As they parted each other's company, it was clear that the octopus and the Captain both celebrated their new lease on life.

Evidently, the Captain never forgot the moment, either. On our 10-year wedding anniversary, he graced me with a beautiful silver necklace of an eight-armed beauty of the sea in honor of the octopus saved our relationship.



Jim Davidson

Our obsession with celebrities

The United States of America is known as the Land of Opportunity. Anything or anyone who takes away or diminishes the opportunities we as Americans enjoy, should be of concern to all of us.

While you may not view it in the same light, there is a modern day phenomenon that is robbing millions of Americans of their opportunity to achieve outstanding success or to make a real difference during their brief stay here on earth. I'm referring to something that has come to be known as "Celebrity Sickness."

The reason it is so devastating for the person who is obsessed with a celebrity, is that they lose too much precious

thinking and planning time for their own career. This is truly a shame because they are forfeiting their opportunity for great success in some field of endeavor.



On a recent airplane flight into Dallas, I had this confirmed in a way that caused me to do some serious thinking. At this point you might be saying, "This is a free country and it's none of your business if someone wants to be obsessed with a rock star, athlete, movie star, singer or other well known person." Granted, I will give you that, but it's one thing to be merely obsessed, and it's an entirely different matter if that

obsession leads a person to harm themselves or others in the name of their idol.

The most famous obsession case of all took place in March 1981, when John Hinckley shot President Ronald Reagan and three others outside a Washington hotel. Hinckley later said he shot the president to impress actress Jodie Foster. There have been countless other cases where some person was stalking a celebrity and had to be restrained. Here is the reason I wanted to share this with you and at least give you something to think about. You may have children, grandchildren or friends who fall into this category and you may be able to help them. Of course, there is a possibility this person could be you.

According to research at DeVry University and the Southern Illinois School of Medicine, 10 percent of the

American public is developing an unhealthy obsession with celebrities that can lead to depression, anxiety and psychosis. Now I'm not that great at math, but with 290 million people in our country, if we divide that number in half to discount for the very young and the very old, we still have 145 million people. When you take 10 percent of that number, you have over 14 million people who fall into this most unfortunate lifestyle.

This research also discovered that 1 percent of the American public has such an unhealthy obsession with celebrities that they are prepared to harm themselves or others in the name of their idol. Obviously John Hinckley was one of these. In the past few days I have done quite a bit of thinking about why this has become a real problem. One of the basic reasons is because of increased technology we now have more time and money and most people do not have to work from sunup till sundown just to make a living.

When people are dead tired, they go to bed a lot earlier.

Another reason is the proliferation of the media. First, the silver screen gave us access on a regular basis to beautiful people, and it was easy to fall in love with them. This also gave those with less beauty and physical strength a way to fantasize and to see themselves actually playing the parts or roles of the various actors. Then the clincher came along in the form of television. Television not only brought us beautiful and talented people, it also brought the games, right into our living rooms. This allowed us to see with our own eyes the World Series, the Masters, the Super Bowl, March Madness, the Stanley Cup and various other sporting events.

We now have so many choices of those who can be our idols and our heroes. When they come to our town or city and even if we have to travel long distances, we can go see them in person. If we are lucky, we may even get to meet them up close and personal

with a handshake or a hug. We can buy their CD's, tapes, books, videos, and hang their pictures on our walls. That's the choice and the right we have as free Americans.

What I'm saying here may not make any difference to you at all, but I just wanted to make you aware that many people are in danger of an unhealthy obsession with some celebrity and the pitfalls that may result. Personally, I admire many people and respect many others, but I am not obsessed and do not worship any of them. Here is the real question. Is this celebrity a good role model for young people? If they are not, I will not support them or their career. Young people are the future of our country and they need good role models and celebrities they can look up to.

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Betsy

around in. All the players would load up and pull me upon the truck with them. Then, off Daddy would go - driving us to Wayland, Betsy Layne, Boldman or one of the other camps for a game. My life was filled with fun hills to climb, a water hole to swim and catch fish in, movies to see, a skate rink to skate in, and Daddy's ball team. It was a great time for a kid. Off we would go in that old truck for an afternoon of baseball. I had no time to be sad when I was a kid because my world was filled with adventure. What a life! We had very little money, but we had a world full of fun. I have memories that will last me a lifetime. Daddy and Mother saw to it that my world was full of both work and fun - the only things that make a child's life complete.

Not only was that old truck used for ballgames, but other times Daddy would say, "Let's go on a picnic!" and us kids would cry out, "Oh, boy! We're ready! We're ready!" Now when old Daddy went on a picnic, he would gather up all of my aunts and uncles to join us. All of us would get in the back of that old flatbed truck and head out. Someone would bring along a guitar and we would ride down that road in the back of that old truck on a hot July day singing "I Traced Her Little Foot Prints in the Snow" or some other hit song of the day.

Sometimes those trips would take us to the breaks of the mountains, other times down on the creek bank at the Old Mill Dam. There, will never be another person like my Daddy. No one was like Daddy - he just loved kids and they loved him right back. There was never a kid anywhere that Daddy wouldn't rub his head or hand him a pocket knife and a piece of wood and say, "Let's whittle for awhile." Boy, those sure were the days!

Well, mining coal soon became a way of life for those in Melvin and Weeksbury. Those who once made a living off a hillside farm now went to work in or around the coal mines. They mined lots of coal and it was a busy camp - something going on all the time. The houses were all lined up neat in a row, all painted white. It was a nice place to live.

Koppers Coal Company had changed the lives of all the people who had lived up in the hollers all their lives. They helped the coal

camp to become melting pots in our hills for they moved people in from all over the world who wanted to make a living mining coal. For a few years of my young life, Weeksbury was just the place to be.

The unions came eventually to the coalfields and changed coal mining forever by making the mines safer and cleaner and giving people shorter work hours and better pay. Sometimes when workers would go on a strike, life would become hard. I have heard stories of families going hungry, of some people having only potatoes to eat and of daddies and mommies eating the peeling off the potatoes so their kids could have the insides.

Well, it never got that bad at our house because we always raised a garden and Mother canned food for the winter months. But I can remember when we only had "taters," meal gravy and cornbread to eat. Some people may have called this "hard times," but I loved those days when we had cornbread and meal gravy. It wouldn't be long, though, until the strike would get settled and the people would go back to work. The old coal train would be moving up and down the tracks as coal was shipped to places far away. Things would get back to normal and the miners would all be buying things from the stores and shops again and getting gas at the company station. Daddy could fill up his old car with the rumble seat and the old flat-bottomed truck, too.

The movie house would fill up with people and I could take the script that Mother gave me every morning in the summertime and walk up to the soda fountain and sit down on a stool and say, "A chocolate milk shake, please." I got to where I could have my fill again and they never seemed to bother anymore and I never had to go back to the doctor and pee in a cup for the rest of my childhood.

Well, one day, just as quickly as they all had come, they all up and left out. They had only come for a reason, after all, and once they got all the coal they wanted, they sold the buildings and moved their companies back to West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois or wherever they had first come from. Some of the towns left behind were able to continue on and survive, but others became only rundown old coal

Weeksbury is still around, but the only building still standing in the main area of town is the old office building which once served as the Beaver Valley Bank.

The coal company moved out, but many of the people who came to work are still here. The poet James Still said, "I shall never leave these hills" and the writer, Tim Salisbury, said, "It's not money that keeps me from going to New York City, it is my heart." So it is for some of us - we only remember the good times and the coal camps gave us many good days. When I think back on those days, I think of all the friends I made as a child when I went to school in a coal camp in a place called Weeksbury. Thank you, you wonderful old place, you made my life rich. For I, too, had the good fortune to share with you your days of glory when you outshone even the sun to me.

What Will the Poor Miners Do?

by Ralph Hall

*As I sit here looking at the hillside,
The trees are as bare as they can be,
The hillsides so rocky,
The soil so poor,
No one can make a living here anymore.*

*At the foot of the hill,
A railroad goes by,
Buy the train doesn't run anymore,
There was once a coal mine,
Just up the road,
They used the train to haul coal,
But it's been many years,
Since the train has gone by,
And it looks as if the town has died.*

*Over six hundred men worked at the mine,
They loaded many tons of coal,
Now the mine is gone,
And there's no work to do,
If it wasn't for the food stamps,
And the black lung checks,
What would the poor miners do?*

Lagoon

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when he says, "She was really okay. I'm gonna miss her."

The real coup though is Lynda Carter (who got her big break on TV as "Wonder Woman" the same year) as Bobbie Jo. Here Carter is saddled with dialogue that is utterly lousy ("They told me at school that I was deep.") and songs that are equally awful, but she paints on a smile and acts as if this is her big break. Had CBS seen this film they probably wouldn't have chosen her for wielding the golden lasso, since this character is no role model and behaves more like a sailor on leave than an aspiring country-western singer. Carter even manages to look like she's having fun when she blasts a bank guard into the stone age during her first robbery.

Director Mark L. Lester ("Class of 1984") seems most

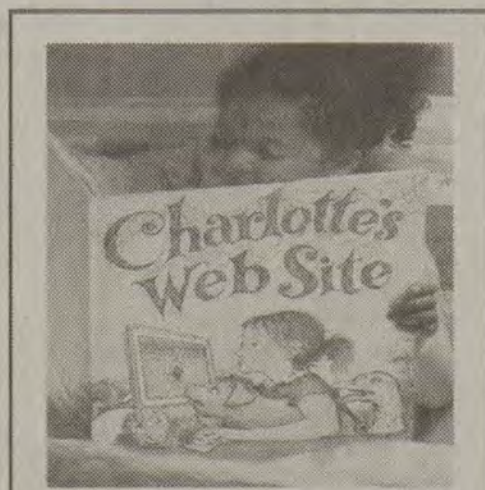
at home while he's staging the action sequences. The dramatic moments tend to grind the film to a halt but they don't last long and Lester never forgets to blow something up every seven minutes. If you liked "Dirty Mary and Crazy Larry," then you might enjoy this one which should also appeal to middle aged guys who can still hum the "Wonder Woman" theme.

Best line: "I want you to shoot them right where their onions grow."
1976, rated R.

This Town

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yelled:
"Aw, whaddya bring that thing I don't wanna be read to out of up for?"



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Top tips for tedious turmoils

by RICHARD ROE and SHANE MAYNARD
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Did you know that you can save pictures you see on web pages? Let's say you browsed to a famous actor's web site, saw his/her photo, and you would like to keep it on your computer. It's easy!

- Just right click with your mouse on the picture.
- Click "save picture as", give the file a name
- Put it in a location on your computer where it will be easy for you to find and then click save.

Keep in mind that pictures on web sites are copyrighted and are the property of the owner of the web site. Using the picture for commercial purposes without consent of the owner is illegal.

You can create shortcuts to appear beside your start menu to allow for quick navigation to frequently used programs. In Windows XP right click on the start menu bar, often called the taskbar (not the start button), then click properties. Put a check mark in "show Quick Launch", and then click ok.

Did you know that you can make your Windows XP start menu look like the "old Windows 95/98/2000 start menu? Right click on the start button, choose properties, click "classic start menu", and then click ok. Check out your start menu now!

Did you know that you can make Internet Explorer display web pages in full screen? When you're on a web page that you would like to view full screen, simply hit F11 on the top of your keyboard. To exit full screen simply hit F11 again.

Did you know that you can set your clock (on your Windows computer) to the most accurate clock in the world? Simply double click on your clock located on the bottom right of your screen, click the Internet time tab then click update now. This process requires an Internet connection.

Did you know you can create shortcuts in Internet Explorer to help jump to frequently viewed web pages quicker? Simply open Internet Explorer, right click in a blank area above the address bar, and make sure there is a check mark beside "links". Browse to a web page you would like to save as a short cut; let's say www.floydcountytimes.com. Once there, drag the address located in the address bar to the Links bar. There you go, instant shortcut. Now you only need to click the icon to instantly be transported there. To delete unwanted links, simply right click on the link and click delete in the shortcut menu.

Did you know you can make files and folders hidden? Just right click on the

file and choose properties, then check the "hidden" box. Then click ok. Beware: your file will appear to be missing. In reverse, you can use these key strokes to view your hidden file:

- Choose Tools
- Click on the folder option
- Choose view
- Finally click on show hidden files and folders

Did you know that you can find specific names in search engines a lot easier? Let's say you browsed to Google, and you were looking up Chicken Recipes. You could type that into Google, but you would come up with thousands of sites that list things like "Chicken has some good recipes, but we have none"; stuff you don't want. If you would put quotations around your search like "Chicken Recipes", Google would only find item with that exact phrase, such as "Here are some good Chicken Recipes".

If you want to update the desktop, for example, after you've installed several programs and made some updates then Right-Click anywhere on the desktop and Press F5.

If you want to add control panel icons to your desktop so that you have easy access to them, then simply open up the Control Panel. Right Click and Drag the icon you want to your desktop or folder. This will create a shortcut for that icon. It could come in handy if there are certain items you need to get to quickly.

To minimize all windows:

- Press Ctrl-ESC ESC to bring up the Task Bar
- Right Mouse Click on an open area of the Task Bar
- Select Minimize all Windows

This makes it a lot easier to minimize windows when all your open applications are full screen. With the Microsoft Keyboard, you can accomplish the same

thing by pressing the Window-M key.

One of the greatest tips that I have kept handy was how to reinstall Internet Explorer. So many people love using the Internet, but on occasion your Internet Explorer browser just doesn't work. I have kept the following tip tucked away in my wallet, so it's close when I need it.

The ability to Repair Internet Explorer does not exist in the version that is shipped with Windows XP. This feature only becomes available after you upgrade to a newer version. It has been this way since Windows 98 and IE4 were marketed. Before you begin you will need to have your XP CD available.

However, you can reinstall IE in Windows XP by clicking Start, Run, and entering the following command:
rundll32.exe setupapi.InstallHinfSection DefaultInstall 132 %windir%\Inf\ie.inf

We hope that you enjoy these tips and helpful hints. We have enjoyed sharing them with you!



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: Kathryn Miller kmiller0045@stu.kctcs.edu (606)886-3863 Ext. 81259 We look forward to hearing from you! Have a great week!

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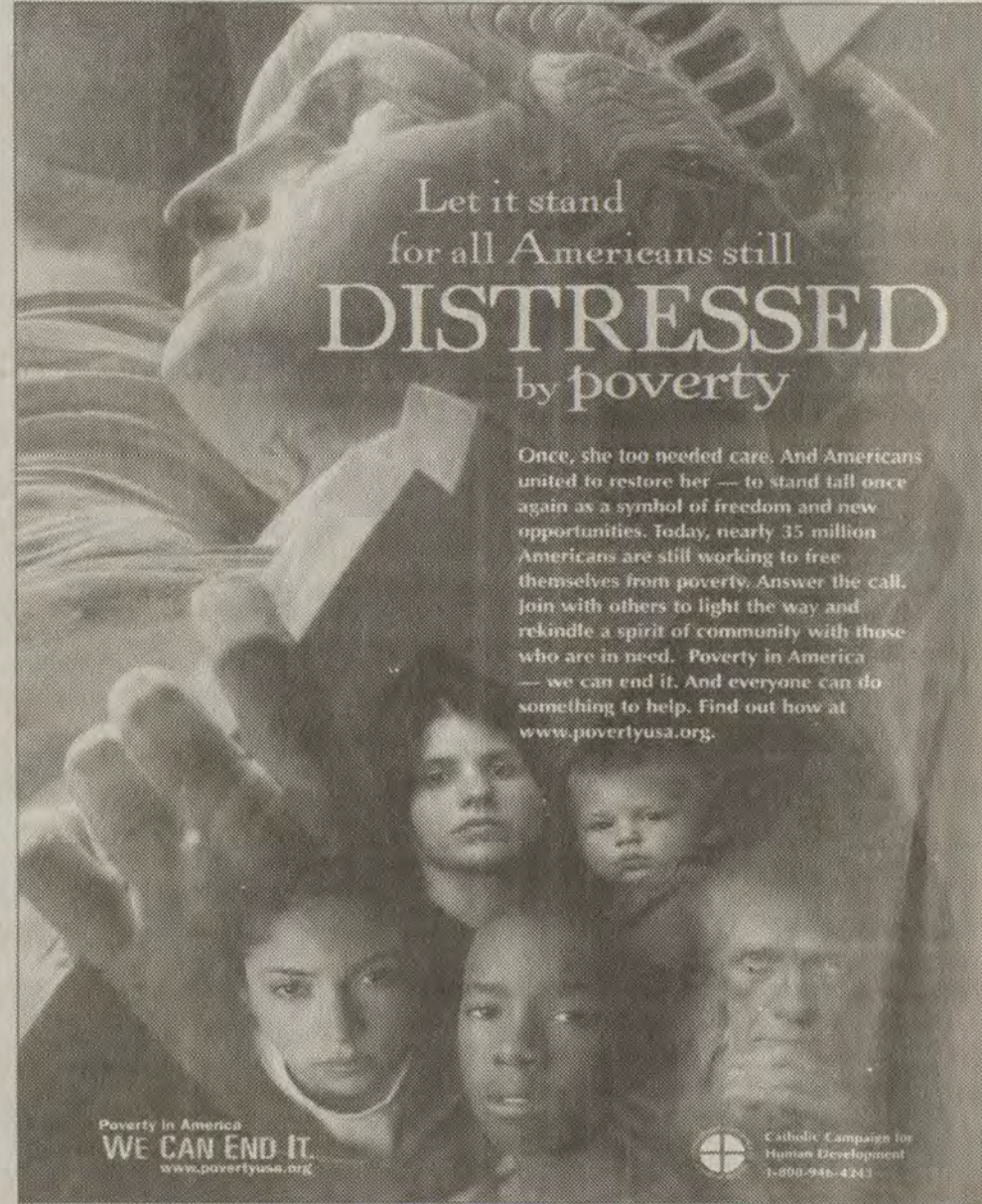
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New NASCAR rules debut at California

by MIKE HARRIS
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FONTANA, Calif. — New rules are going to make for some big changes for NASCAR Nextel Cup drivers this weekend at California Speedway.

Shorter rear spoilers, softer tires and a new qualifying schedule greeted the Nextel Cup drivers when they hit the 2-mile oval for two scheduled practice sessions Friday.

"There really is a lot to take in," said Chad Knaus, crew chief for Jimmie Johnson. "This weekend should answer a lot of questions for everyone after all the speculation we've been going through all winter."

The season opened last

Sunday with the Daytona 500. But the results of that race were probably a bit misleading because the teams were forced to use horsepower-sapping carburetor restrictor plates and had rear spoilers 6 3/4 inches high for stability on the 2 1/2-mile Daytona International Speedway.

In Sunday's Auto Club 500, the unrestricted engines will produce considerably more power, but the spoilers will be cut to 4 1/2 inches and there also will be a new generation tire to contend with. Both changes, to be implemented everywhere except Daytona and Talladega, are intended to slow the cars in the turns by giving them less downforce, thereby

making passing easier and improving competition.

Nearly everyone tested the new aerodynamics package here and at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in January, alleviating many of the concerns. But there wasn't any racing.

"Until we get around other cars in race conditions, we're really not going to know how much of an effect the reduced spoiler height and the new tire compound will have," said Tony Stewart, who led a race-high 107 laps last Sunday before slipping back to seventh at the end.

"It didn't seem like it was a huge change for us," he said. "Things are going to change constantly, and no matter what changes, you've got to learn to

deal with it and learn to make the best of it."

Some drivers have looked forward to the changes because they expect them to make the cars harder to drive, perhaps an edge for the more experienced such as Stewart.

"I've lain in bed at night wondering if it will," he said. "We really won't know until we get a little deeper into the season. I'm hoping so."

"Two years ago, we were in situations where track position was everything and you could run 150 laps on a set of tires and be just as fast as a guy with 30 laps on his tires."

Stewart would love to see the competition revert to what it was when he set a slew of rook-

ie records in 1999.

"Back then, you had to really pay attention to your tire wear and not overdrive the car too early," he explained.

The weekend schedule could also play into the hands of the more experienced drivers.

Beginning this week, and at about two-thirds of the remaining tracks, qualifying has been switched from Friday to Saturday. The cars will be impounded by NASCAR immediately after time tests and race the next day with the same tires, chassis setup and fuel load on which they qualified.

"With the new deal you have to think primarily about the race," Kyle Petty said. "So you have to be right where you want

to be with the car when it comes time to qualify.

"It's going to be interesting to see how things shake out in the race. You're going to have to make some pretty big decisions by Saturday morning off what you did in a couple of hours of practice Friday afternoon."

Daytona 500 winner Jeff Gordon said Sunday's race is going to tell everyone a lot more about the season than the 500.

"I think you're going to see more lead changes," he said. "I don't know if you're going to see as much side-by-side racing with the new rules. But what you saw at Daytona is not what exists anywhere else other than Talladega."

Gordon's winning car goes on display

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — For the third time, Jeff Gordon's Daytona 500-winning car will spend a year inside Daytona USA.

The No. 24 Chevrolet will rest inside Gatorade Victory Lane for the next 364 days and will be returned to the team before the start of the 48th Daytona 500 on Feb. 19, 2006.

Gordon and his crew chief Robbie Loomis participated in a fan forum as enthusiastic race fans huddled together in the motorsports attraction. Gordon and Loomis also received their winning Daytona 500 leather jackets from Speedway President Robin Braig and Gatorade presented the 2005 Daytona 500 champ with a framed photo from the Victory Lane celebration.

Another Daytona 500 tradition continued with the signing of the car by Gordon and his crew. But the Hendrick Motorsports crew added a new twist. Last week, Hendrick Motorsports mechanics who worked on the No. 24 car back at the shop in North Carolina signed a white paneled sticker just in case the car won the Daytona 500. That sticker now rests on bumper of the car.

"They made up a panel and had everybody sign it," Gordon said. "You can call it cocky, confidence of whatever you want to call it. They wanted that car to be in Daytona USA and for people to look at it the next 364 days. We go into this event hoping we're going to lose that car."

Following his induction ceremonies, Gordon will handle media obligations that come with a Daytona 500 victory in both New York and in California. Included in the many appearances he's expected to make are "Live with Regis and Kelly" and the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno".

"I'm really excited about enjoying the moment," Gordon said. "To me what makes it so worth while is being able to spend the time with the guys while the moment is still there. Last night once we got through inspection and everything, we were certainly able to enjoy that moment and just reminisce about what a great victory it was."

"Now I get a chance to talk about that a lot more the rest of the week and continue to reminisce about it. It's going to be a hectic week."

Bristol Dragway schedules Open House

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — As the season-opening doubleheader for the Sunoco Bracket Series draws closer, Bristol Dragway will host an open house on Saturday from noon-5 p.m.

The open house provides racers the opportunity to meet the Dragway staff and officials, have cars inspected, and purchase pit parking spaces and Bristol Dragway Bracket Club memberships.

Non-renewed pit parking spaces, which measure 16' x 80', will be sold for \$125 on the day of open house. Bracket Club memberships will be sold to each class for \$40. As part of a membership, racers will

receive a goody bag that includes a Dragway t-shirt, NHRA rulebook, Bristol Dragway rules and policies, a Bracket Club membership card and a Bracket Club membership sticker. Being a member of the Bracket Club qualifies racers to special award purses throughout the 16-race season.

Following open house, Bristol Dragway will host two test and tune sessions for all classes on Saturday, March 12 from noon-5 p.m. and on Friday, March 18 from 5-10 p.m. Cost for each session is \$20.

For more information on the open house and other Dragway events, call the Dragline at 423/764-DRAG.

Beaver Creek Little League to hold registration

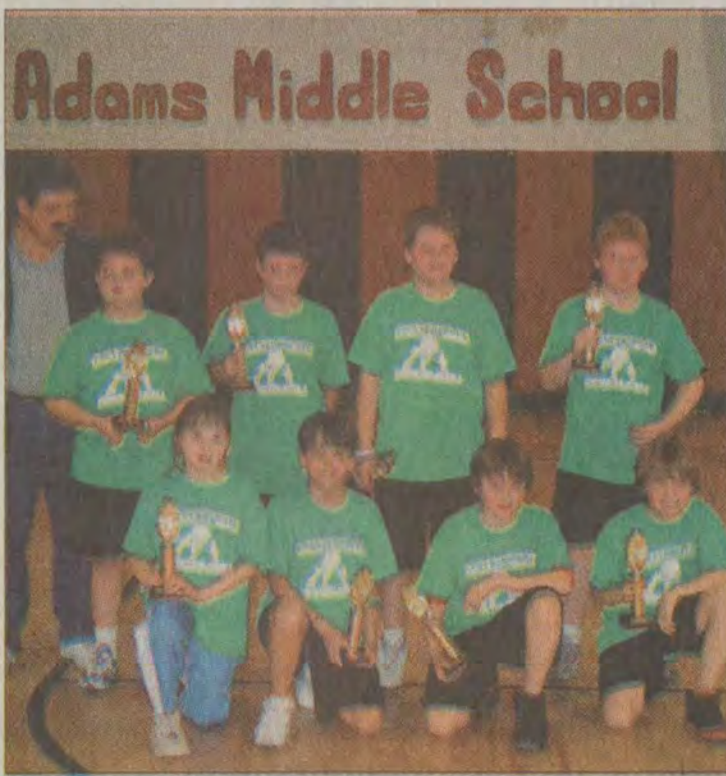
MARTIN — Beaver Creek Little League will hold registration for the 2005 season on Monday, March 7 at 6 p.m. at the Martin Community Center and Thursday, March 10 at 6 p.m. at the McDowell Elementary School Gym. Children ages nine to 16 who live within the Beaver Creek boundaries are eligible to enroll to play baseball and/or girls' softball. Registration is required even if the child played previously.

At least one parent or legal guardian must be present, with

three proofs of residence and an original or state-certified copy of participating child's birth certificate. The documents will be inspected and returned during the registration process.

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