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Negotiator

helps end

by TOM DOTY

STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE -Kentucky State Police

employed the skills of a detective trained in negotiation techniques Sunday to convince a gun-toting suspect to place himself in

Keith Risner, 44, of

Salyersville, had allegedly

estranged wife's direction

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Risner, who had called

them on her cell phone

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was, at that time, allegedly

trying to strike her vehicle

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Office, that he was going

Fearing that he would

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City planning to annex Highlands

Hospital to fight, threatens to move

STAFF WRITER

Regional Medical Center and

Consolidated Health Systems properties

PRESTONSBURG - City council members announced Monday night the city's intentions to annex Highlands

on Route 321.

The hospital reacted Tuesday by threatening to relocate if the annexation goes

During the meeting, council members

were quick to clarify that the proposal of annexation was in the works long before Don Willis, who works at the hospital as manager of financial counseling and collections, took his seat on the council.

'This was in the works before he came on," Mayor Jerry Fannin said, shortly after the first reading of the ordinance was held.

Willis responded to the ordinance by informing the council that the hospital will likely "fight" the proposal.

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Prestonsburg Elementary students joined schools across the United States Thursday morning in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." The event marked the launching of the National Anthem Project, an educational program initiated last week at Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. "You ought to be proud of where you live and what you stand for," Prestonsburg Elementary Principal Gwen Hale-Frazier told

Toy found not guilty of indecency

by TOM DOTY and MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITERS

PRESTONSBURG - It took a Floyd County Jury only 15 minutes to acquit a former Martin policeman of indecent exposure charges after a trial in district court Tuesday.

Stephen Toy was elated at the

fired from the police department one day after an investigation began in the case.

The charge stemmed from an incident which supposedly happened at the Am Vets bar in Martin in August 2003.

Toy's attorney in the matter was former Commonwealth's Attorney

verdict in the case, which saw him Jerry Patton, who noted that the situation is far from over. He said, after the victory, "We intend to file a wrongful termination suit against the city of Martin as soon as we can file the paperwork."

> The decision followed a brief trial in which County Attorney

> > (See NOT GUILTY, page three)

Court security scrutinized after shooting

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The brutal slayings of a judge, court reporter and deputy in Fulton County, Ga., last week led to a meeting on Monday for the staff at the Floyd County Justice Center.

Sheriff John K. Blackburn called

the meeting to give his staff, which provides security at the courthouse, a chance to air any concerns that they may have about procedures.

"You can never be too concerned about safety," Blackburn said.

Blackburn said he spent the weekend watching the story unfold on CNN about Brian Nichols' rampage at the Fulton County

Courthouse that saw him get his hands on a deputy's handgun. As a result, Blackburn has already implemented one change that will be instituted locally. Each bailiff will be receiving a new holster this year that make it more difficult for a second party to access than previous mod-

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Doctor asks city to pay for \$1,000 typo

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -A local doctor is asking the city to pay for a \$1,000 proofreading mistake on Prestonsburg School's Reatherford-Salyers Memorial Plaque.

Dr. Phillip Simpson, former owner of C&S Signs, claims the city didn't properly proofread a rubbing of the plaque before it was printed for dedication last year.

The city paid \$5,400 for the memorial, in half installments, during the design phase and completion of the project.

Simpson wants an additional \$1,019.50, money he personally paid to correct mistakes that he claims were made by city council members who proofread the sign last year.

The mistakes, Simpson

said, were "inherent in the design" given by the city.

Simpson, who was seemingly angry because he "didn't get a lot of cooperation from anyone" regarding the bill, said a letter addressing the problem sat on the mayor's desk for 26 days.

Simpson asked council members to look at the prototype, but he was informed that the city doesn't have it.

Mayor Jerry Fanning shifted the blame to former council member C.E. "Little Shag" Branham, who proofread the protoalong type Prestonsburg High School Coach John Derossett before it was accepted and dedicated last year.

The four foot-by-four foot rubbing still had mistakes on it after it was

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Anti-drug group meets to organize

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -The Floyd County Drug Coalition of UNITE is continuing plans for a drug awareness march that is scheduled for May 1. Those plans are closely centered around the altar.

The coalition adopted its by-laws during a meeting Monday and established subcommittees to develop fund raising, neighborhood watch, court

watch, family support, communications, education and faith-based initia-

Much of the discussion centered around the upcoming Eastern Kentucky Prayer Conference for Substance Abuse. That conference, hosted by Clay County Pastor Doug Abner, will be held at the Mountain Arts Center at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The group agreed to

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Last elk defendant pleads guilty

by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The last of four defendants charged with illegally poaching an elk at Ivy Creek last September pleaded guilty to the crime in district court Monday.

Billy Joe DeRossett pleaded guilty to the charges and will serve 15 days in jail as well as a

30-day sentence of home incarceration for the offense, which saw DeRossett and three friends blinding the animal with the headlights of their vehicle which led to their capture after they were spotted throwing the evidence into Dewey Lake upon hearing that they were being

DeRossett will also have to pay several fines, which include \$1,000 for the poaching charge, a \$1,875 elk restoration fee, before shooting and killing it. \$145 in court costs and an addi-They also used a shotgun to tional \$685.50 for fines stemremove the animal's antlers, ming from a DUI arrest that occurred prior to the elk episode. DeRossett will also

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Billy Joe DeRossett, 20, of Dwale, center, pleaded guilty Monday to charges of illegally poaching an elk at lvy Creek last September.

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Odds & Ends

KANSAS CITY, Mo. can make his hometown sing a different tune.

Hendricks was baffled to Kansas City - Kansas City here I come," was not his city's official song.

writer did what any columnist would do to stir up change - he started slinging ink.

In recent months, his columns on correcting the oversight have caught the city's attention. The effort has even received the blessing of Mike Stoller and Jerry Leiber, the songwriters who penned the song in 1951.

Hendricks learned the city already had an official song: "Kansas City, My Hometown." The City Council adopted that with little fanfare in 1950, Hendricks said.

"But it sounds like it was written in 1850," he said, "No one today would recognize it."

Not even Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes. When Hendricks asked her, she didn't know an official song was on the books.

This month, the newspaper and city planners will start a campaign to make the song the town's definitive golden oldie. The city hopes to collect a million signatures, then dedicate the song during an Oktoberfest celebration this fall.

■ POCATELLO, Idaho — Doctors at Portnuef Medical Center recently found them-

selves treating an additional 770 Mike Hendricks is hoping he patients - all dolls and stuffed

The annual Teddy Bear Clinic drew a record turnout of learn "Kansas City," the 1950s children, who brought their ditty that goes, "I'm goin' to dolls, bears and other stuffed animals in need of medical

Saturday's event was aimed So the Kansas City Star at making a visit to the hospital less frightening for children.

> "It's like they are the parent. They get to experience it from the other side," hospital spokeswoman Crista Madsen Smith said. The event is targeted to kids ages 2-12.

> Children explain their animal's problems to a receptionist while checking the toy into the hospital. Officials reported stories like "My bear broke his leg by jumping on the bed," or "My sister bit him.'

The children also helped doctors decide how to treat the toys.

"X-ray is popular," Smith said. "Casting was probably the most popular this year, but surgery is always fascinating to

If a child opts to put his or her animal under the knife, it is laid out on a table, the youngster gets a surgical mask and then a nurse discusses surgery and anesthesia.

Exhibits also allowed the animals to get immunizations, without needles, or the children were told about the dangers of poisons or given proper hand washing techniques.

■ SINGAPORE — The drinks aren't the only things ice

cold at the Eski Bar, a new nightspot in tropical Singapore. The room temperature is so chilly that staff wear heavy coats and ski caps, and patrons get a 10 percent discount if they show up in winter wear.

The bar contains a decorated, industrial strength freezer, with the mercury ranging from 28 degrees Fahrenheit to just above zero. The goal is to attract thirsty clientele who need a break from the round-the-clock, sweltering, Southeast Asian

So far, the gimmick is working. The directors of Eski Bar, which officially opened this month near Singapore's Chinatown, plan to open another, larger outlet next month.

The decor features ceiling and wall lights shaped like melting ice cubes, as well as a transparent plastic curtain at the entrance to keep out the heat. Beer and white spirits such as vodka are served ice cold, and one cocktail is called Sleeping Polar Bear.

■ STRASBURG, Va. — The police chief of a Virginia town got busted for drunken driving - twice in one day.

Middletown Police Chief Roger Ashley, 41, was ordered held without bail Monday, after spending the weekend in jail.

Officers responded to the first incident Saturday after Ashley's unmarked police car had run into a vehicle. His blood-alcohol level was 0.29, according to the arrest warrant more than three times

drivers license was suspended.

Five hours later, he was arrested a second time, in his personal vehicle, Strasburg Police Chief Marshall Robinson said. Police said he had a 0.25 blood-alcohol level.

Ashley's trial was scheduled for April 11.

officials Middletown expressed sadness over Ashley's

"Roger has done so much for the town over the years," Mayor Gene T. Dicks said of the man who has been with the town's Police Department since 1987. "It's a shame he has to ruin his life and throw everything away over something like this.

■ TRENTON, N.J. — A kindler, gentler New Jersey?

In a state where one former governor once joked that the official bird was "the middle finger," Assemblymen Jon M. Bramnick and Gordon Johnson think a few more random acts of kindness couldn't hurt.

A resolution under consideration in the state Legislature is encouraging residents to join "a campaign toward civility, kindness and respect to all.'

Bramnick, a Republican, says it seems people just aren't as nice to each other as they were in decades past.

"In the halls of Trenton

The Assembly Judiciary

decide whether to send the proposal along for a vote before the

full Assembly.

In the meantime, Bramnick and Johnson, a Democrat, hope New Jerseyans will listen - and lighten — up. It's not the first time state officials have tried to soften up Jersey's image. Last year, then-Gov. James E. McGreevey declared a Random Acts of Kindness Day.

■ DES MOINES, Iowa -He came to sell President Bush's plan to overhaul Social Security. Instead, U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley sold something else his beat-up old car.

Grassley closed the deal at a downtown Des Moines hotel, selling the 1986 Olds Delta 88 for \$356, one dollar below book value, to an Iowa factory work-

The gray Oldsmobile, with 172,511 miles, paint peeling off the body and a Volkswagen hubcap on one wheel, was used in political advertisements last

Virginia's 0.08 legal limit, His committee was expected to year during Grassley's re-election campaign as a prop for his claim of visiting all 99 counting

The deal started last month at a town meeting, where Grassley, who heads the Senate Finance Committee, was explaining Bush's plan to partially privatize Social Security.

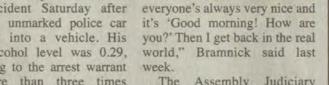
Roy Nelson, 41, was there with his four daughters. One of them stood up and asked him about the car because she was turning 16 within a month.

"Grassley told her that the book value was \$357, 'but today I'd sell it to you for \$356," Nelson said. "I looked at him and said, 'Sold."

Grassley said he thought was a joke. On Saturday, the two met again.

"I'm going to show you everything wrong with it," Grassley said to Nelson as they walked to the car. "The first thing is, you have to unlock it from the passenger side because the other side doesn't work, you

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Today in History The Associated Press Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race In 1978, Italian politician in nine days, 12 hours, 20 min-Aldo Moro was kidnapped by

Today is Wednesday, March 16, the 75th day of 2005. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 16, 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was declared secured by the Allies.

On this date:

■ In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United Conway, Va.

■ In 1802, Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel "The Scarlet Letter" was first published.

In 1915, the Federal Trade Commission was organized.

scrapped the Treaty of Versailles. In 1968, during the

Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre was carried out by U.S. troops under the command of Lt. William L. Calley Jr.

■ In 1969, "1776," a musical about the writing of the Declaration of Independence, opened on Broadway.

left-wing urban guerrillas, who later murdered him.

In 1984, William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, was kidnapped by gunmen; he died in captivity.

■ In 1985, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was abducted in Beirut; he was released in December 1991.

Ten years ago: House States, was born in Port Republicans pushed through \$17 billion in spending cuts, prompting a veto threat by the White House. NASA astronaut Norman Thagard was welcomed aboard the Russian space station Mir as the first American to visit the orbiting

Five years ago: Independent Counsel Robert Ray said he found no credible evidence that Hillary Rodham In 1935, Adolf Hitler Clinton or senior White House officials had sought FBI background files of Republicans. Thomas Wilson Ferebee, the "Enola Gay" bombardier who dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, died Windermere, Fla., at age 81.

> One year ago: China declared victory in its fight against bird flu, saying it had "stamped out" all its known cases. Mitch Seavey won the

utes and 22 seconds

Birthdays: Today's Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 79. Movie director Bernardo Bertolucci is 64. Game show host Chuck Woolery is 64. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 63. Country singer Robin Williams is 58. Actor Erik Estrada is 56. Actor Victor Garber is 56. Actress Kate Nelligan is 54. Country singer Ray Benson (Asleep at the Wheel) is 54. Rock singermusician Nancy Wilson (Heart) is 51. Golfer Hollis Stacy is 51. Actress Isabelle Huppert is 50. Rapper Flavor Flav (Public Enemy) is 46. musician Jimmy DeGrasso is 42. Folk singer Patty Griffin is 41. Actress Lauren Graham is 38.

Thought for Today: "Until we lose ourselves there is no hope of finding ourselves." - Henry Miller, American author (1891-1980).









Hospital

"From what I've been told,

they will fight it," he said. Annexing the hospital properties would increase city taxes by an undetermined amount, Fannin said yesterday, but the hospital's employees don't have to bear the brunt of the change on their pay stubs.

"We've been supporting the hospital with utilities, fire and police protection when they need it," he said. "Essentially, they've got all those city services for years, they just haven't been paying for it. The hospital has saved money on water and sewage. They could take their savings and give their employees an increase in salary to make up for the payroll tax."

Fannin, pointing out that most hospital employees live outside of Prestonsburg, said city residents should be "aggravated" because the hospital is receiving city services for free, as opposed to others in the community, who have been paying.

The council held the first reading of the ordinance to annexation the Monday. After the second reading of the ordinance at a subsequent meeting, they will proceed with the annexation process. Another ordinance, one specifically incorporating the annexation, will then be drafted and read into council minutes twice before the vote hits the council

"I believe George Archer was on the board when they built the hospital," Fannin said. "He was mayor at the time. I don't think they had intentions to not bring it into the city. It just hasn't been

Kentucky, you'll not find many hospitals outside of

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city limits. their properties into the city.

tal's director of communications, hopes they don't get that chance.

the hospital will, indeed, fight the annexation.

lenge the annexation, even to incurred the night that he murthe point of moving the hos- dered his wife Carolyn. pital, if necessary," Rubado said. "We will not be the solution to the mayor's problems, and we urge the community to stand behind us."

Rubado said the hospital was forced to spend \$1.2 million last year for the provider's tax, a tax required of all not-for-profit hospitals threatened the prosecuting attorin Kentucky. Additionally, the hospital spent approximately \$5 million for ser- Hall noted that such measures vices rendered to patients through uncompensated charity claims, she said.

"We are under a landlock right now. The hospital was built in 1971. We have no more room," Rubado said. "It concerns about being lodged in looks like the most costeffective thing to do would be to relocate the hospital so that we'd have more room and be able to provide better service to the community.'

Fannin said that the prospect of annexation has been considered for years. Engineering work, preparing for the annexation proposal, is complete, he said.

had no knowledge of the proposal until this week.

Security

done until now. Throughout els, which have yet to wield a weapon to anyone but the officer holding it.

Last Thursday saw that the Fannin said that residents staff at the Justice Center safety living in the area could also procedures to work when extra voluntarily consent to annex security was provided at the courthouse for a possible appear-Kathy Rubado, the hospi- ance by convicted killer Dwayne Earl Bishop. Kentucky State Police troopers, extra bailiffs and Prestonsburg police officers Rubado said yesterday that were on hand for Bishop's anticipated appearance, which was called off when he decided to We will definitely chal. fight a DUI charge that he

> Bishop would have been called over to the courthouse had he taken a plea on the charges which will net him a maximum of six months in jail. The extra security was requested by Judge Eric Hall, who was well aware of Bishop's murder conviction and the fact that he had previously ney in his murder trial, as well as his own defense counsel. Judge will also be in place when Bishop has his district court trial on April 18.

Suspicion was raised when Bishop requested the trial, as it flew in the face of his previous the Floyd County Detention Center now that he has been

Guilty

County jury. Bishop allegedly nesses while Patton only called asked for his formal sentencing Toy. Bartley's witnesses includto take place as quickly as possi- ed the bartender, who testified ble to get back to his quarters at that he saw Toy expose his geni-East Kentucky Correctional tals in the bar after he emerged Center. That proved impossible from the men's room and joined Smith reported that he was telling a joke. The barkeep testi-

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assignments for the Attorney trate the joke," and proceeded to General's Office. The sentencing pull down his pants. was set for April 8.

that asking for a trial in District the female bartender was shieldlibrary by serial killer Ted expose himself. Bundy. His plan hinged on being later escaped for several days nessed it. until he was spotted trying to leave Aspen in a stolen truck

Sheriff Blackburn was clear Group on court procedures for Bishop's next trial noting, "There'll be tight security for Mr. Bishop's safety, as well as that of the

establish a weekly prayer service at 9 a.m. every Saturday

■ Continued from p1 DeRossett facing a possible 1-to-5-year sentence had they decided

Wallace was pleased that Monday's plea finished the case at a similar march held in Clay and said, "It turned out good."

Not guilty

handed a life sentence by a Floyd Keith Bartley called three witwhen special prosecutor David two female friends who were scheduled through March with fied that Toy had said, "I'll illus-

None of the three women pre-Staff at the Justice Center sent at the bar that night claimed opted for caution in handling to have seen anything. One Bishop, with the understanding apparently turned her head while Court may have been motivated ed by a friend who acted as an by a plan for escape. Such a unofficial bouncer for the estabscheme has been accomplished lishment. All in all, there were by felons in the past, such as the six people in the bar but only one June 7 escape from a courthouse who claimed to have seen Toy

Closing arguments saw allowed to defend himself at trial Bartley pointing out that Toy's in order to gain access to the law account of the evening differed library at the Aspen, Colo., cour- vastly from the other witnesses thouse where his trial was sched- and that all of the witnesses uled. While apparently doing agreed that Toy was ejected from research for his trial, Bundy the bar over the incident, even studied his surroundings and though only one actually wit-

But Patton responded in his closing remarks, pointing ou that the county's main witness admitted to having poor eyesight, so much so that another witness had to write down his statement as he gave it to the Martin Police officers who investigated the matter.

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Patton argued in the end tha the case came down to credibility and that his client was an outstanding citizen who served the state, while his accuser was not.

Toy, was indicted in 2003 for felony theft after Martin police officers accused him of taking a \$5,000 computer from the city That theft charge was dismissed in district court in February because Toy returned the computer. A third-degree unlawfu transaction with a minor charge - one brought against Toy after he allegedly gave an underaged female in the veterans' bar ar alcoholic drink - was also dis-

Toy, a former county deputy sheriff, was dropped from the force after being found guilty of theft charges in February 1997.

Church.

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County last year. Floyd County students are participating in an art contest to until the May 1 march. The design a slogan that will be community is invited to attend worn on t-shirts during the the services, which begin this march. Posters made by stu-Saturday at Allen First Baptist dents will be laminated and carried during the event, Vance The goal of the May I drug awareness march, said

said. The next coalition meeting is slated for April 11 at the Allen First Baptist Church, 6

Standoff

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negotiator, Det. Billy Hall, contact Keith Risner by phone. He was able to convince him to surrender without incident.

Keith Risner has been charged injuries at the scene and released.

with two counts of wanton endangerment and is lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center. Micca Risner was treated for minor lose hunting privileges for three years and has been banned from hunting at Ivy Creek for life. to press the case.

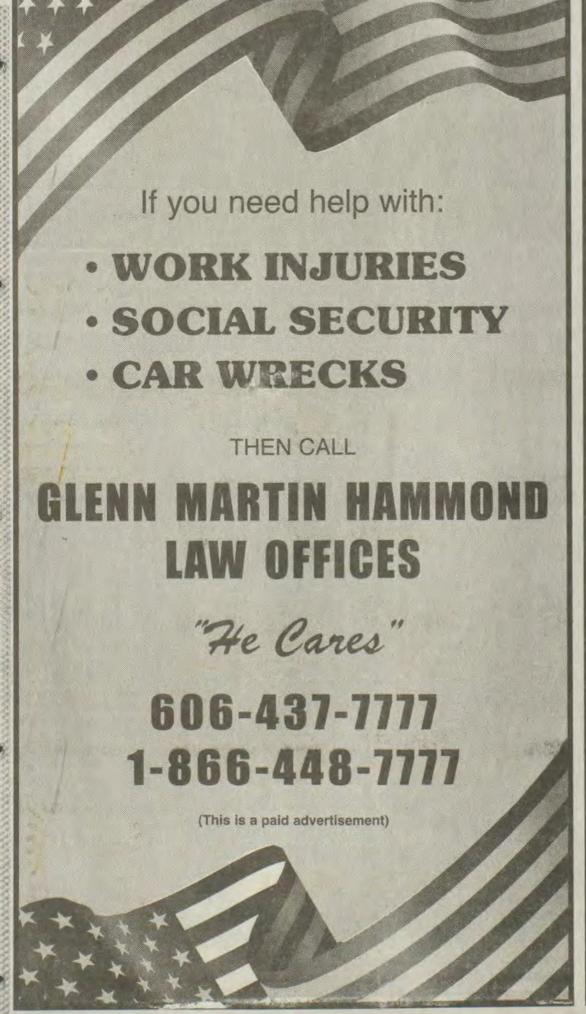
Fish and Wildlife Officer Marc Wallace pursued the case Rubado said the hospital after being alerted to the animal's remains by a caller. He collected the animal's head and was able to match it with the antlers deposited in Dewey Lake and noted that using a shotgun made it easier for him to provide a positive match with remains that were fished from the lake. The interviews that he conducted with the defendants proved helpful at the end as they provided evidence for a future charge of tampering with evidence that would have taken the case to circuit court and saw



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Worth Repeating ...

"If you want to make enemies, try to change something."

-Woodrow Wilson

Guest View

Nutrition bill a good start

It took Kentucky lawmakers four years to finally agree on an anti-junk food school nutrition bill. Tuesday it was no sure thing right up to the final 15 minutes of the 2005 session.

There is logic to Kentucky taking the lead against the nation's epidemic of childhood and adult obesity. A three-year study out last year predicted, if trends continue, Kentucky would lead the nation in fat people by 2010. Lawmakers in conference committee restored to Senate Bill 172 a requirement that public schools include physical activity as part of a broader wellness program for students. It also limits schools to offering commercial fast food no more than once a week. This is exactly the kind of public policy the Enquirer has advocated in its recent Healthy Children/Healthy Future editorial campaign. School districts need to follow through by offering healthier choices in vending machines and cafeterias and in requiring regular exercise.

"This is a bill that puts us as Kentuckians ahead of the curve and we will be a national model," predicted Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr, R-

The school wellness program mandates "moderate to vigorous physical activity." It would allow up to 30 minutes of exercise as part of the instructional day. The bill bans sugary soft drinks from elementary school vending machines during class hours and authorizes the state Board of Education to set nutritional standards for vending machines and a la carte items in elementary and secondary school cafeterias. Lawmakers killed the ban against deep-fried food, but cabinet officers say they can restrict use of cafeteria deep fryers through later regulations.

Nutrition experts indict junk food for the obesity epidemic, and although parents aren't blameless, schools also are at fault. The Commonwealth has created programs such as Get Moving Kentucky to enlist more people into walking groups. In Columbus last Sunday, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger called for a junk food ban in his state's public schools. Rather than add to students' couch-potato ways, schools need to help them pass one of the most important tests of all, their own health exam.

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Capitol Ideas

Legislative pension changes take place under cover of darkness again

by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

ly is when these things happen. The General between the House and Senate, notably tax and budget legislation and an especially contentious matter about increasing the weight limit for some trucks.

Out of the blue — or, more accurately in this case, out of the Senate State and Local Government Committee — came a modified version of House Bill 299, titled An Act Relating to Retirement.

What started out as a proposal relating to university employees and purchasing retirement credit emerged last Tuesday night as a hodgepodge of changes in retirement programs for some judges and all legislators.

Ever since passage of what was immediately dubbed the "Greed bill" in 1982 that first established pensions for legislators, the topic of retirement, pay and other pecuniary benefits for members of the General Assembly has been a regular and delicate topic when legislators convene.

Legislative pay is an unusual collection. They receive what amounts to a daily fee —

\$170.17 this year; higher for committee chairmen and leadership spots. The daily pay is for each day of legislative session, week-FRANKFORT - It was dark, as it usual- ends and holidays included. When not in session, they receive \$1,617.09 per month, plus Assembly was shuttling dozens of bills the daily pay for time spent attending to official business. Thus, pay can vary widely, depending on the numbers of meetings legislators attend.

For 2004, taxable income for legislators ranged from just under \$33,000 to \$52,000, with the overwhelming majority in the range of \$35,000 to \$42,000, according to figures supplied by the Legislative Research

The first pension "assumed" an annual salary of \$27,500, not insignificant in 1982, but more modest each year since then. Depending on when a legislator joined the retirement program, it could take 38 years to qualify for a full pension.

The pension bill this year would base the amount of pension earned by legislators on the amount of pay they received each year. Further, it would make retirement benefits available at 75 percent of pay after 27 years. And the final salary would be determined by an average of the highest three years of salary received any time during legislative service.

Donna Stockton-Early, the longtime administrator of the legislative retirement system, said the changes are fair and provide more stability for the finances of the pro-

Retirement, generally, is based on an actual salary earned and not an assumed one, she noted. And 27-year retirement and "high three" are available to state employees gener-

"Why should you be penalized when you're a legislator?" she said.

She noted the circumstances of the bill rushing through from committee vote to full votes in the House and Senate all within a few hours of the last day for bill passage of the session.

But at least this change is pretty much straightforward. Stockton-Early noted the late-night pension overhaul five years ago that would have meant a near-doubling of the pension benefits before the courts intervened and struck it down. That proposal came from the acknowledged master of pension matters, former Sen. Albert Robinson, a London Republican.

"It's all right here. It isn't quite as in

(See IDEAS, page five)

Letters

Story inaccurate, incorrect

I feel that the story "Shooting suspect gets third lawyer" published on Sunday, March 13, referring to the case of Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Ray Collins, defendant, is totally inaccurate and holds me up to public ridicule.

The staff writer, Tom Doty, is fully uninformed to the point where I question whether he was actually present in court.

The motion for hearing was for the appointment of the public advocate to take over the case and was strictly to secure his services because the Commonwealth of Kentucky has established by law a manner of paying trial expenses necessarily incurred in the defense of any needy person. Whenever a

person files an affidavit of indigency, the court after hearing must appoint the public advocate to defend, according to Kentucky Court of Appeals decision in this state.

It became evident that my client needed at least two expert witnesses who would have to be paid. While in jail, he has no income and could not pay for them and other trial expenses and is fully entitled to representation as is provided by law. This did not involve an attorney

Further, the notice of the motion was timely mailed to the Commonwealth's Attorney on March 7, in total compliance with the three-day notice rule.

The copy which I handed to the prosecutor, Mr. Taylor, was a copy of my motion to withdraw after the court approved the motion to appoint the public advocate and was orally made by

leave of court as I requested.

I question, too, whether a "shell is stuck in a passenger's skull." The doctor's statement given to me stated that a sliver of lead was removed by tweezer and that two butterfly bandages were applied and that she was discharged at 6 a.m. the next morning after the alleged incident, probably from the emergency room. You can readily see why my client needs a physician's expert testimony, for which payment will be required.

One other observation I have made is to question whether your reporter's erroneous adverse publicity will require a change of venue for the defendant from

this county. I request retraction of all your reporter's inaccurate, incorrect state-

Cassie J. Allen Prestonsburg

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Health Extra

. State touts improved prescription drug tracking

Cabinet for Health and Family Services' Office of the Inspector General today unveiled its enhanced webbased state-operated database that is used to identify and prevent controlled substance abuse in Kentucky. This makes Kentucky the first state in the nation to provide a selfservice web-based system for tracking all schedule II-V prescription drugs.

The Enhanced Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting program, known as eKASPER, is a true technological success story for Kentucky. "eKASPER will allow pharmacists, physicians, law enforcement and other qualified users to get KASPER reports 24 hours a day, 7 days a week within 15 minutes or less of making a request, compared to the cur-

that can take from 2 hours to 3 weeks to issue a report," says CHFS' Inspector General Robert J. Benvenuti, III. "eKASPER is the most effective and efficient tool ever implemented to combat prescription drug abuse in Kentucky, its benefit will be immediate and powerful and have an incredibility positive impact on the citizens of the Commonwealth."

Approximately 1,300 pharmacies across the state most of them electronically report all controlled substances they dispense through this system.

During the year 2000, there were 36,174 requests per day information KASPER; in 2004 that number jumped to 122,469 requests. Before KASPER, it took drug control investigators an aver-

FRANKFORT - The rent fax only request system age of 156 days to complete an investigation of an alleged doctor shopper. Under KASPER, the average time dropped to 16 days. With eKASPER it's expected to drop further, plus provide improved accuracy of data reported,

"We commend the 2003 General Assembly for appro-\$1.4M Congressman Hal Rodgers for the \$350,000 grant that allowed us to bring eKASPER to life as a real time data access program. Likewise, we are sincerely grateful to all the individuals who have dedicated their expertise and time in the development and implementation of the eKASPER project." said Dr. James W. Holsinger Jr., secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. "Literally, a physician or pharmacist can review the data base 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and print a report online in just a few minutes while the patient is still waiting for the prescription."

KASPER began operating

in 1999. The system tracks all schedule II-V drugs dispensed by licensed Kentucky pharmacists. It was developed to assist physicians, pharmacists and law enforcement to help fight "doctor shopping" - when patients go from doctor to doctor illegally seeking controlled substances, and the illegal diversion of these substances.

Under the leadership of Dr. Holsinger, the program, administered by the Drug Enforcement and Professional Practices Branch (DEPPB), moved in 2004 from the Department of Public Health to the Office of Inspector General's Division of Fraud, Waste

Abuse/Identification Prevention. Under KASPER, pharmacists must report all controlled substances within 16 days of the day the drug was given to the patient. The information is kept in a secure database and is confidential, just as other medical records. Although over 20 states presently have similar prescription monitoring pro-

such as the one now available in Kentucky.

Authorized health care providers who suspect abuse formerly requested a patient's controlled substance history through KASPER by faxing or mailing a form to the DEPPB seeking the information, with the turnaround no faster than several hours. Now they can access the information on their computer in about 15 minutes, potentially while patients and customers are present in their offices. KASPER provides the dates, amounts, pharmacy locations and prescribing physicians for any controlled substances given to a patient.

"The eKASPER system is a great crime fighting tool that police officers can use to help curtail the illegal use and

grams, no state provides a spread of certain prescription self-service, web based system drugs in Kentucky," said Lieutenant Governor Steve Pence, Secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. "This real time, web-based tool is designed to prevent 'doctor shopping' by drug addicts. Instead of waiting days for a report, officers can have it in a matter of minutes. A quick turnaround time will aid officers in the apprehension of offenders."

State law allows law enforcement agencies to also seek data from KASPER if they are investigating a criminal case.



Ideas

2000," Stockton-Early said.

There may, however, be an exception to the overall transparency of this year's pension changes.

A section that starts on page 28 seems to open the door to a new combination of the legislative retirement program and other public employee retirement programs that would apply to the number of years accumulated in the program and possibly even let non-legislative salaries be used to determine the pension levels.

There are several former legislators now in other state jobs who might be able to benefit from the new provision - Gov. Emie Fletcher; Attorney General Greg Stumbo; Brian Crall, deputy secretary of Fletcher's cabinet; Mark ■ Continued from p4

Treesh, revenue commissioner; Lindy Casebier, now in the Commerce Cabinet; Charles Geveden, now in the attorney general's office; and Richard Murgatroyd, former legislator and Kenton County judge-executive. Rep. Tim Feeley of Oldham County, who will soon be taking a judgeship, might also benefit.

The section of the legislation that might open the door to a new kind of double-dipping will have to be examined more closely, said Stockton-Early.

"There may have been a hidden agenda to help a few," she said.

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



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Obituaries

Donald R. Bentley, Sr.

Donald R. Bentley, Sr., 65, of Marengo, Ohio, died Sunday, March 13, 2005, at Grady Memorial Hospital.

He was born September 3, 1939, in Floyd County, the son of the late Charlie and Dora Brown Bentley.

He was a maintenance supervisor at DMI, a diesel mechanic, and a former truck driver. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served during the Korean War. He was a member of Northgate Community Church in Sunbury, where he served as deacon and greeter, and also received an associate degree in Theology.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca C. King Bentley, whom he married April 9, 1961, in Montgomery, Alabama.

Other survivors include a daughter, Pam (Jeff) Bidwell of Milford Center; three sons: Donald (Lori) Bentley Jr., of Alabama, David Bentley of Indianapolis, and Dan (Donna) Bentley of Johnstown; a sister, Janice (Gary) Salyers of Powell; two brothers: Vernace (Bobbi) Bentley and Tommy (Terri) Bentley, both of Columbus; eight grandchildren: Morgan Bidwell, Jimmy, Tabitha, Tony, Christine, Shierra, Caleb and Joshua Bentley: three sisters-inlaw, Avenell Bentley of McDowell, Beuna Bentley of Marysville, and Beth Bentley of Plain City.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Sam, Virgil, and Ronald Bentley; two sisters, Eugle Martin, and Polly Bentley; and two grandsons: Rusty Bentley, and Jeremy Fish.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 17, at Underwood Funeral Home, Marysville, Ohio, where the family will receive friends, 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday. Pastor Bill Stephens will officiate, and burial will be at Union Township Cemetery, in Milford Center.

Condolences may expressed at www.underwoodfuneralhome.com.

(Paid obituary)



Joann (Kendrick) Burchett

Joann (Kendrick) Burchett, of



Aurora, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, died February 9th,

Joann was born November 25, 1931, the daughter of the late Garland and Rosie Kendrick. She married Flem Burchett on January 2, 1948. He preceded her in death, June 5, 2002.

Joann retired from Hy-Ko Products in 1993, and enjoyed her free time with family, and still enjoyed reading her Floyd County Times.

She is survived by one daughter, Norma Sue (Bart) Adkins; grandchildren: Bart Jr. (Kathy), Amy (Jim) Matthews, and Debbie (Bob) Collins, all of Ohio. There are three greatgrandchildren: Jacob, Damon, and Eric Adkins.

Joann was preceded in death by her brother, Thomas Jefferson (T.J.); and infant son, Donald Ray, in 1949.

Services were held at Kindrich McHugh Funeral Home in Solon, on February 12.

She was laid to rest at Restland Cemetery Bainbridge Twp., Ohio, next to her late husband, Flem.

Emma Lou Clark

Emma Lou Clark, age 68, of Betsy Layne, passed from this life on Saturday evening, March 12, 2005, at her resi-

She was born February 14, 1937, in Honaker, the daughter of Cynthia Kidd Akers of Betsy Layne, and the late Jeff Akers. She was retired from American Standard Corp., and was a member of the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Adis Clark of Betsy Layne.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by one son, Ronnie (Rhonda) Clark of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Barb Lykens, and Vickie Rose, both of Betsy Layne; one brother, Bud Akers of Betsy Layne; three sisters: Hazel Cole of Harold, Lil Coffman of Bowling Green, and Christine Kelly of Betsy Layne; six grandchildren: Brandi Lykens, Jayne Hale, Whitney Lykens, James Rose, Christi Lykens, and Blake Rose; one great-grandchild, Aubree Brown.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by one brother, Ronald Akers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 15, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Tracy Patton officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: David Akers, Jimmy Rose, Greg Lykens, Scotty Lykens, B.J. Newsome, and Andy Jarvis.

(Paid obituary)

Henry Compton

Henry Compton, 95, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 11, 2005, at the Prestonsburg Health Care.

Born February 23, 1910, in Martin County, he was the son of the late Layne and Sally Blackburn Compton. He was a retired auto mechanic.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella Ousley Compton.

Survivors include three sons: Henry Compton Jr., Estil Compton, and Ollie Compton, all of Prestonsburg; three daughters: Lois Ousley Prestonsburg, Sally Kinney of Warsaw, Indiana, and Thelma Joseph of Leesburg, Alabama; two brothers: Bill Comptor and Layne Compton, both of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Maudie Peters of Munith, Michigan, and Becky Tackett of Warsaw, Indiana; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchil-

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by three daughters: Julie Ann Campbell, Ruby Compton, and Helen Compton; three brothers: Ray Compton, Albert Compton, and Millard Compton; two sisters: Mary Prater, and Sadie Hall; one grandchild, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 14, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Reverend Robert Alex Ousley officiating.

Burial was in the Compton Cemetery, at Spurlock, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, (Paid obituary)

Ruby M. Trimble Lewis

Ruby M. Trimble Lewis, 91, of Ivel, died Sunday, March 13, 2005, at her residence.

Born November 30, 1913, in Grundy, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Cuff and Lynn Looney Hobson. She was a homemaker and a member of the Toms Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

She was twice married: first to James Trimble, and later to Mack Lewis; both preceded her in

Survivors include two sons: Jerry R. Trimble of Ivel, and Jimmy Trimble of Prestonsburg; three daughters: Bonnie Holsen of Ivel, June Burchett of Jackson, Michigan, and Dinah Stratton of Glasgow; one brother, Raymond Hobson of California; three sisters: Gaye Turk of Arkansas, Beatrice Woodward of Oregon, and Arlene Lawson of Cambridge, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, and husbands, she was preceded in death by one son, Don Trimble; four brothers: Granville Hobson. Zone Hobson, Carson Hobson, and Dewey Hopson; three sisters: Hermie Van Dyke, Tiny Morris, and one infant.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 16, at p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Chuck Ferguson officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral

Active pallbearers: Joey Holson, Jeff Trimble, Bobbie Trimble, Greg Stratton, Kevin Stratton, Michael Trimble, and J.T. Trimble. (Paid obituary)

Samuel Hicks

Samuel Hicks, age 88, of Sharonville, Ohio, passed away, Monday, March 14, 2005, at Hospice of Cincinnati in Blue

He was born September 17, 1916, in Floyd County, the son of the late Buck Elam and Julia (nee Hale) Hicks. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in WW II and Korea. He survived the sinking of the USS Indianapolis, the ship that delivered the bomb destroying Japan, ultimately ending WW II. He was a Ford Motor Company retiree, a member of the Sharonville Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, and the First Church of God in Highpoint.

On September 8, 1954, he married Yvonne Allen, in Floyd County. She survives after more than 50 years of marriage.

Other survivors include his daughter, Pamela, and her husband, Roy Davidson; two grandchildren: Alexis, and her husband, Eminan Bayrak, and Tara Davidson; and one sister, Maggie Alice Stephenson.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings, Mary Pratt, Martha Prater, Margie J. Smith; and Curtis, Leonard, Benjamin Franklin, Preston, and James Hicks.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, March 17, at the Webster Funeral Home, 3080 Homeward Way, at Rt. 4, Fairfield, with Rev. Ralph Turner officiating.

Visitation will be Wednesday, 5-8 p.m., at the funeral home, where Sharonville Masonic Lodge services will be conducted at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, followed by the Eastern Star service.

Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, with full military hon-(Paid obituary)

Agnes Ann "Tad" Kidd

of Dana, wife of Harold Kidd, Layne; and three grandsons: passed away Tuesday, March 15, Joshua Kidd, Jordan Kidd, and 2005, at her residence.

She was born March 1, 1930, in Bernard Tackett and Lillie Allen Tackett. She was a retired school teacher for the Floyd County School System. She taught at Betsy Layne Elementary, was a member of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association, and was a member of the Sammy Clark Freewill Baptist Church at Dana, for 59 years.

Survivors include her husband, her mother, Toda Akers Tackett of Banner; two sons: Randy Kidd, and Greg Kidd, both of Dana; one

Agnes Ann "Tad" Kidd, age 75, sister, Judith Johnstone of Betsy Nathan Kidd.

> In addition to her parents, she and Jennifer brother, Tody Tackett.

Funeral services for Agnes Ann "Tad" Kidd will be conducted Thursday, March 19, at 11 a.m., at the Sammy Clark Freewill Baptist Church, in Dana, with Clergyman Mike Howard officiating.

Burial will follow in the Akers Cemetery, in Dana, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

Kellie M. Marshall

Kellie M. Marshall, four- William and Carol Marshall Saturday, March 12, 2005, at great-grandparents: Berley Martin, with Chuck Hall Our Lady of the Way Brown of Langley, Jack Hospital emergency room in Prater of Hippo, and Helen Belcher Marshall of Langley. Family

In addition to her parents, Oliver Marshall; and her Home. she is survived by one broth- great-grandmothers: Phyllis er, Larry Blake Marshall of Prater and Orpha Mae funeral home. Langley; her grandparents: Prater.

Funeral services were conday-old daughter of Larry Bentley of Langley; and ducted Tuesday, March 15, Brown Gorman and Camille Prater at noon, at the Nelson-Printer, the daughter of the late was preceded in death by one Marshall of Langley, died Brown of Langley; and her Frazier Funeral Home, in officiating.

Burial was in the Marshall Cemetery, in She was preceded in death Langley, under the direction by her great-grandfather, of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Visitation was at the

(Paid obituary)

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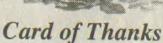
The family of Arthur Kilburn would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, or spoke kind words. We would like to send a special thanks to Clergymen Ellis Stevens and Levi Meade for their comforting words, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF ARTHUR KILBURN

Card of Thanks

The family of Arettia M. Mosley would like to express our appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We thank you for the flowers, food, and all the kindness expressed. A special thanks to Jimmy Hall and Buddy Jones for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All your acts of kindness were a great comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF ARETTIA M. MOSLEY



The family of Delmer Tackett would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all those who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. We appreciate all the food, flowers, prayers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Tommy Spears and Junior Kidd for their comforting words, the Betsy Layne Church of Christ, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Ky., for their kind, professional, and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers were a great comfort to our family.

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proofread, Simpson said, explaining that the mistakes were later corrected with funds from his own pocket.

"The prototype was wrong but you didn't tell me it was wrong," Simpson said.

He told council members he would find the prototype, thought to be in Branham's possession, to "prove" that they made the mistakes.

"It wasn't my intent to prolong this agony," he said. "But I'll go another inch with it."

Simpson said it would have been "nice" if he had been given the information "16 months ago when I tried to get this thing paid for.'

In other news, the council also:

Agreed to work with the Prestonsburg Women's Club to encourage community participation in the May PRIDE Cleanup. Boots Adams and Eileen Burchett approached the city council by illustrating their disgust with the litter problem in Prestonsburg.

"We're approaching the tourist season ... Do we really expect them to come and enjoy our trash, too?" Adams asked.

Members passed a motion

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to work with the Woman's Club to produce and distribute brochures about PRIDE to area residents. Bobby Carpenter, noting that the city currently doesn't have a Code Enforcement Officer, said that the city is planning a joint venture with the county for the cleanup this year. The city has appropriated approximately \$13,000 in grants, Fannin said, for roadside cleanups and other PRIDE projects.

Held and passed the second reading of ordinance 2-2005, amending city council meeting times to 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Held and passed the second reading of ordinance 3-2005, establishing an extra committee for the city council.

Held and passed the second reading of 4-2005, adding another committee member for the finance committee.

■ Held the first reading of ordinance 5-2005, proposing the annexation of Highlands Regional Medical Center and Consolidated Health Systems properties on Route 321

Discussed current issues surrounding area tourist attractions.

Jason Crum, Golf Pro, gave year's tournament overview at Stonecrest. The Kentucky State Amateur Tournament, slated for June 14, 15 and 16, would probably make this year Stonecrest's biggest, he said.

Keith Caudill, director of operations at the Mountain Arts Center, handed in a preliminary schedule for shows at the MAC. The MAC is working on bringing the U.S. 23 Showcase, he said, and also offers a variety of classes and programs for the community. Several high school students gathered at the MAC yesterday for a free video production seminar.

Eddie Campbell discussed ongoing projects with city utilities. He reported that construction on the water intake of the city's sewer is only 65 percent complete because the "river is not cooperating." Another

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phase of the project, changing to a Miox system that replaces the need for chlorine, is at least 75 percent complete, he said. Matching funds are in place, Campbell said, to upgrade water lines from Jerry's Restaurant to Highlands Regional on Route 321 and to place a new water line from Stonecrest to Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. He applauded work done on University Drive. The Transportation Cabinet separated the storm and sanitary drains during construction, which saved the city money, he said.

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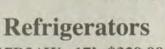
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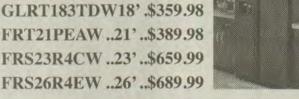
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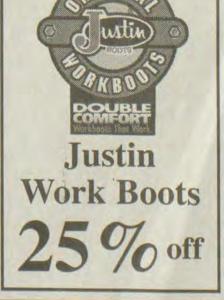
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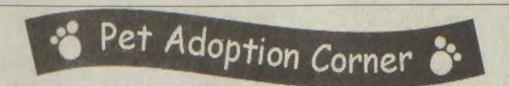
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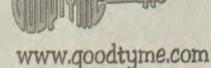
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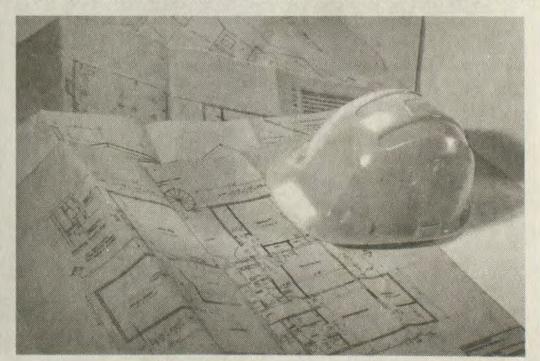
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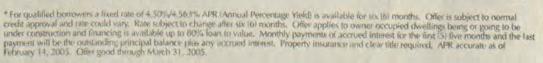
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Food City Favorites will provide customers with an opportunity to try new items, obtain meal suggestions and receive recipes and money-saving coupon offers on select

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Food City Favorites will be available seven days per week, during the hours of 12 a.m. until 6:30 p.m., although the hours may vary slightly by store.

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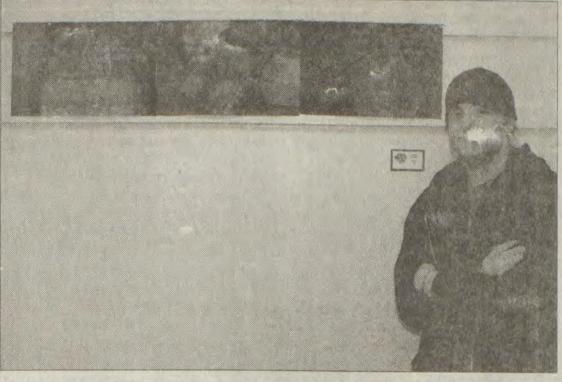
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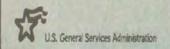
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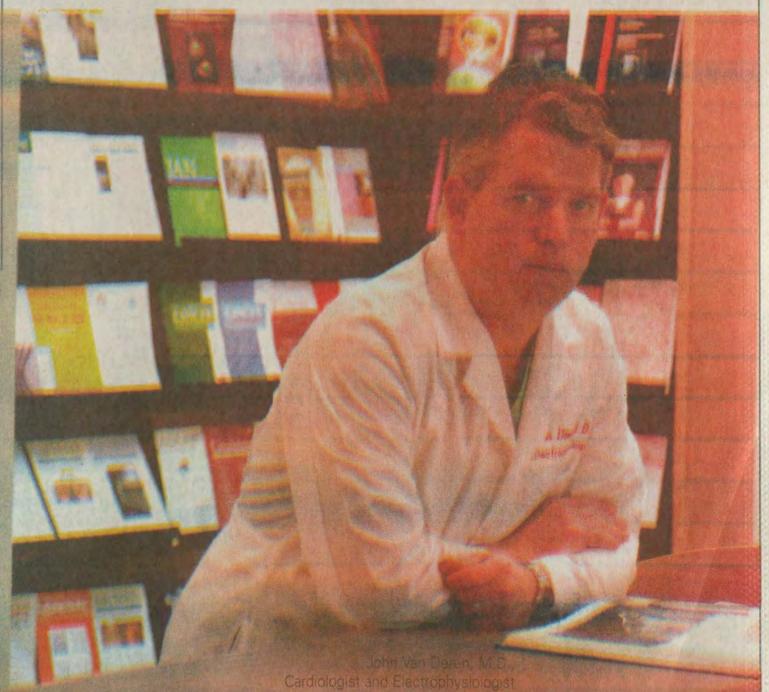
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BACK ON TOP: Wildcats roll into Rupp

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

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ROBINSON CREEK - Shelby Walley reserved the top spot in the 15th Region for the third time in four years Saturday night, beating Pike County rival Belfry 79-71.

Valley won despite the hot shooting hand of Belfry senior

pointers in the fourth quarter and added 20 points and Mitchell lead down to 10 points with just finished with a game-high 40

Shelby Valley (26-5) weathered a couple of Belfry rallies, for the most part handling the Pirates from the opening tip. Valley took a 20-6 lead out of the first quarter and led 38-21 at halftime.

Kelsey Friend led Shelby Valley

Riddle tossed in 18. Kris Bentley, a player who transferred to Shelby Valley from Prestonsburg following a sophomore season as a starter for the Blackcats, added 10 points. Bentley scored five of his 10 points in the final quarter. Tackett also had 10 points in the final period.

Valley led 55-38 at the end of the Doug Howard, who hit four three- with 22 points. Patrick Tackett third quarter. Belfry cut Valley's

over two minutes remaining, but could get no closer.

Shelby Valley's scoring was bal-

John Johnson added four points for the Wildcats while Cade Riddle tossed in three and Nick Potter added two.

(See WILDCATS, page two)



Shelby Valley Coach Jason Booher acknowledged the home crowd Saturday night following the 15th Region title victory over Belfry.



photo by Jamie Howell **Betsy Layne** senior Kim Clark lofted a shot over Belfry's Mary Beth Johnson. Clark finished with 15 points in Betsy Layne's win over Belfry. Kristen Smith led Betsy Layne in scoring with a game-high 24

LADYCATS BACK IN REGION FINALS

Late free throws lift Betsy Layne over Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Betsy Layne won its way back into the Girls' 15th Region Championship Game for the third time in four years Monday night at Johnson Central, turning

back 60th District winner Belfry.

The Ladycats, led by a gamehigh 24 points from senior guard Kristen Smith, defeated Belfry 66-58. Smith went to the free throw line often Monday night. She finished 24-of-30 from the charity stripe and had five rebounds, four steals, two assists and two blocks to go along with her game-high 24 markers. In a game that included 43 fouls and 55 free throws, Betsy Layne connected when it counted.

"Coming into the game, we talked about four keys - taking care of the ball, rebounding, stopping dribble penetration and making free throws, " Betsy Layne Coach Cassandra Akers noted during a post-game interview. "Kristen really stepped up for us."

Smith was 15-of-18 from the free throw line.

Betsy Layne senior forward Breann Akers, who finished with 10 points, shot six-for-six from the stripe.

Betsy Layne seniors Kim Clark and Kristal Daniels also played key roles, finishing with 15 and nine

points, respectively. By winning Monday night, Betsy Layne's four seniors earned the right to take part in a third regional cham-

pionship game. "This is three out of four years in the regional championship game for our seniors," Akers acknowledged. "They wanted to have a chance at

another regional championship." Betsy Layne captured a regional title in 2003, beating Johnson Central inside the same building that plays host to this year's 15th Region Tournament.

Betsy Layne outscored Belfry in every quarter except the opening period.

The Lady Pirates got out to a quick, successful start and ended the

first quarter strong, leading 17-13 at for Betsy Layne. Kaitlin Lawson the conclusion of the initial period.

Each team had their least productive offensive quarter of the game in the second frame, but Betsy Layne was able to make up ground. The Ladycats outscored Belfry 12-7 in the second quarter and after after outscoring the opposing team 20-14 in the third quarter, put the game away in the final quarter - mostly from the free throw stripe.

Betsy Layne had to go to its bench early in the first half. A few different Ladycat starters were hit with early foul trouble. The Ladycats went into halftime with a 25-24 lead.

"At halftime, with a one-point lead and that many players in off of the bench and in the game in the first half, we were happy," Akers added.

Daniels eventually fouled out. Akers and Smith each ended the game with four personal fouls.

Betsy Layne outrebounded Belfry 38-35, getting 19 rebounds on each end of the floor.

Candice Meade added five points Friday's edition.

rounded out the Ladycat scoring with three points on a made threepoint field goal.

Brooke Stanley paced Belfry with 17 points. Shae Deskins and Amanda Moon each had 11 points apiece. Falon Muncy flipped in six points for the Lady Pirates. Mary Beth Johnson and Brittany Chapman each had five points.

Betsy Layne went into last night's 15th Region title game against familiar foe Pike County Central. In 2004, on its way to the 15th Region crown, Pike Central knocked out Betsy Layne during the regional semifinals.

"Everything that could go wrong in that game, did," Akers said Monday night, looking back at last season's regional tournament game between the two schools. "We're happy to be back in the finals."

Results of last night's regional championship game were unavailable at press time and will appear in

Lady Rebels fall prey to Pike Central

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - After beating Shelby Valley in the opening round of the Girls' 15th Region Tournament, Allen Central moved into the semifinals looking to beat another Pike County team. The Lady Rebels entered the regional semifinals on Monday night against Pike County Central. For one half, the first half, Allen Central outscored Pike Central. Allen Central played from behind for some of the opening half, but went into the intermission with a 24-20 lead. In the second half, Pike Central livened up offensively and ended Allen Central's postseason run, beating the Lady Rebels 71-48.

Mishay Weddington, who did most of her damage in the second half, led Pike Central in scoring with 18 points. Weddington hit five-ofeight on three-point attempts. Paige Lowe added 17 points and Haley Ratliff netted 11. Ratliff added a trio of made three-pointers. As a team, Pike Central shot eight-of-18 from behind the three-point line.

Eight different Pike Central players provided scoring in the winning effort.

"Pike Central came out and really hammered the ball inside and challenged us defensively," Allen Central Coach Mark Martin said. "We got down early, yet, our girls kept their composure during the early part of the game. The second quarter we were able to score and take some pressure off of us defensively. We had a good balance of scoring in the second quarter and were able to take a halftime lead into the lockerroom."



ALLEN CENTRAL'S AMANDA MILLS

Hunter named All-State Honorable Mention

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Allen Central High School junior Yumekia Hunter has broken through and joined some elite company. Hunter has been selected to the 2004 KHSVCA (Kentucky High School Volleyball Coaches Association) All-State Volleyball Team. Hunter, who Monday night completed another high school basketball season, in the sport of folleyball recently received an all-state Conorable mention nod. She is one of 87 female student-athletes who earned allstate volleyball recognition. She is the first player to receive the honor from the 30th District and the 15th Region.

During an accomplished junior volleyball season, Hunter posted 131 kills with a .190 attack percentage. She also had 27 assists, landed 53 aces and dug up 701 defensive returns while record-

"It's a well-deserved honor for an outstanding young woman," said Colonel Larry Maynard, Allen Central High School volleyball coach. "We're all proud of Yumekia. It's definitely a great honor."



Blackcats, Golden Eagles fall in region semis

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

CREEK ROBINSON

Prestonsburg and Johnson Central each fell short of a spot in the 15th Region Finals. Both lost Friday night in the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals

Shelby Valley beat Prestonsburg 63-47. The Wildcats turned what was an even game at halftime into a blowout win.

Belfry held on to beat Johnson Central 55-52. Shelby Valley and Belfry advanced on to meet in the 15th Region Finals.

Shelby Valley and Prestonsburg went into halftime deadlocked at 25all. Then, the second half went the way of the home team.

Kelsey Friend paced Shelby Valley with 22 points. Kris Bentley added 17 points for the winning team.

The Blackcats got behind early in the game, but fought back. In the second half, host Shelby Valley prevented a similar Prestonsburg comeback.

Trevor Compton drained three

(See SEMIS, page two)

Fall

Pike Central held Allen Central to just seven points in the third quarter. The Lady Hawks outscored Allen Central 26-7 in the third quarter.

"At the half, we told our kids that they were going to come out and that we had to hang tough during the first part of the second half," Martin added.

"We just lost our composure there in the latter part of the third quarter. Paige Lowe along with Weddington just shot the lights out. Give credit to both of those kids for stepping up at a big time for Pike Central. We missed a couple of defensive assignments and you just cannot do that at this time of the year.

"Overall, once they got the big lead, the game just got away from us. It was a tough loss to end up the season but, overall very happy for this group of kids. They developed into a close and gritty group over the season that created some excitement for all of us.

"We had a tremendous fol-

lowing and want to say thanks to our student body."

Allen Central struggled some against Pike Central's defensive pressure. The Lady Rebels ended the game with 14 turnovers.

After Allen Central scored the first two points of the game, Pike Central went on to provide the most potent play in the first quarter. The Lady Hawks led 14-7 at the end of the first quarter before managing just eight points in the second period.

In the second half, Pike Central took advantage of good looks at the basket and hit the Allen Central defense hard.

Pike Central had 15 assists opposed to just six turnovers. The Lady Hawks shot 11-for-18 from the free throw line. For the game, Pike Central shot 44 percent from both the floor and beyond the arc.

Each team blocked eight shots. Allen Central outrebounded Pike Central 46-43. Pike Central did, however, pull down 30 defensive rebounds.

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Taylor Brown and Kim Coleman finished with six points apiece for Pike Central. Kayla Lowe had five points while Elizabeth Birchfield and Ashley Vanko chipped in four each.

Allen Central senior Becky Thomas finished her career with a respectable double-double performance of 12 points and 17 rebounds. Thomas also blocked six shots.

Junior Alanna Cline led the Lady Rebels in scoring with 16 points. Yumekia Hunter and Amanda Mills both added eight points while Mara Biliter and Amanda Thacker netted two apiece.

Allen Central struggled from the outside. The Lady Rebels hit just two-of-14 from outside of the three-point line. For the game, Allen Central shot just 28.6 percent from the floor.

Last night, defending 15th Region champ Pike Central was taking on Betsy Layne in the 15th Region title game. Results from the championship game were unavailable at press time.



The Allen Central High School girls' varsity cheerleaders took top honors recently in the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament.



The Prestonsburg High School football program held its annual banquet Sunday at the Mountain Arts Center. As part of the banquet, senior football players were honored.

Wildcats

David Jones added 10 points for the Pirates. Jones was the only other Belfry player to reach double figures. Matt Maynard tossed in eight points and Adam Warren added six. Jamie Case and Bruce Young finished with five and two points, respectively.

Shelby Valley is back on top of the 15th Region following a season out of the regional title mix. At the beginning of the 2004 15th Region Tournament, Shelby Valley, again the regional favorite, fell to thentournament host Prestonsburg.

Shelby Valley's most recent ticipating high school boys' regional title comes in Jason Booher's first season at the helm of the Wildcat boys' basketball program. Booher, who came to Shelby Valley from Belfry, served as an assistant coach on another Wildcat staff during an earlier stint at the Pike County high school.

Valley will take on 11th Region champ Henry Clay (30-3) in the opening round of the Boys' Sweet 16 Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Henry Clay brings into the tournament with the best record of any of the par- defending state champion.

basketball teams.

Other opening matchups include Ohio County (26-7) vs. South Laurel (28-4); Elizabethtown (26-4) vs. Perry Co. Central (23-7); Pendleton County (19-4) vs. Pleasure Ridge Park (29-5); Ballard (28-2) vs. Bullitt East (25-7); Rowan County (27-5) vs. University Heights (30-4); Lone Oak (23-9) vs. Corbin (20-10); and Warren Central (27-4) vs. Holmes (24-6).

Warren Central is the

Semis

three-point field goals and did and Jamie Case finished with his part for the Blackcats, finishing with a team-high 13 points. John Mark Stephens followed with 10 points. Sean Leslie scored nine points and Jesse Chaffin added five. Lewis Barnette had four points McCarty added seven. for the Blackcats (18-11).

Prestonsburg High boys' basketball players were a part of three straight 15th Region semifinalist teams.

Belfry 55, Johnson Central 52: Belfry continued its postseason basketball run Friday night, beating Johnson Central 55-52 in the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals.

Johnson Central battled back and nearly pushed its way to a win and a spot in the 15th Region Finals.

But the Pirates held on. Adam Warren led the Pirates with 18 points. Doug Howard ■ Continued from p1

13 points apiece. Matt Maynard added nine points for Belfry.

Josh Stapleton paced Johnson Central with a gamehigh 24 points. Kyle Rice had eight points and Jamie

Belfry's victory set up a This year's senior group of 15th Region championship game Saturday night against Shelby Valley

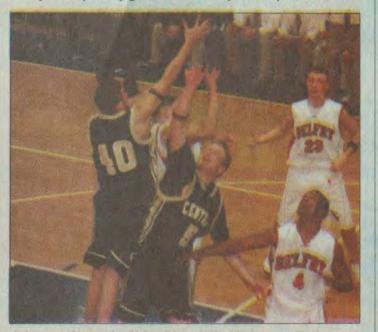
15TH REGION BOYS' BASKETBALL

Record

Shelby Valley	26-5
Johnson Central	19-10
Belfry	18-10
Prestonsburg	18-11
East Ridge	18-11
Betsy Layne	16-10
Pike Co. Cent.	16-11
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Prestonsburg senior Jesse Chaffin eyed a free throw attempt Friday night during the regional semifinal game against Shelby Valley. Shelby Valley guard Kris Bentley is also pictured.



Johnson Central's Kyle Rice (40) tried to pull down a rebound over teammate Josh Stapleton.

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Warren Central returns to Sweet 16, but not to 'defend' title, coach says

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Sure, Warren Central won last year's Boys Sweet 16 high school basketball title, and the Dragons are back in the tournanent field this season.

But Warren Central coach Fim Riley said his team isn't lefending the championship.

"We've got a trophy here at school," Riley said. "We don't rave to defend that trophy. We ion't have to give it back if we ose. It's in a locked case right now. We're not defending it."

The tournament will begin Wednesday in Rupp Arena, with Ohio County playing South Laurel of London in the opening first-round game.

Warren Central will play Covington Holmes on Thursday in the tournament's final first-round game. A chance for Warren Central to repeat last year's win is somewhat improbable. Riley lost four starters off last season's 29-7 team, including three -Lonnell Dewalt, Matt Maresca and Brock Whitney - who either play or plan to play NCAA Division I college basketball or football.

Point guard Troy McFarland is the only returning starter, but the Bowling Green school won its fourth straight 4th Region title. Warren Central is the first team to do that since Owensboro in the mid-1920s.

buck more history if it is to win a second straight state championship. Since Lexington won the first state basketball title in 1918, only five teams have repeated as champions: Lexington (1918-1920), Ashland (1933-1934), Louisville Seneca (1963-1964), Louisville Male (1970-1971) Fairdale (1990-1991).

Last season, Warren Central started 5-6 but closed the season on a 21-game winning streak. This season, the Dragons (27-4) are riding an 18-game winning streak heading into the tournament. Those are the two longest winning streaks in school history.

The similarities between the teams stop there, though, Riley said. Last season, the Dragons' five starters played the vast majority of the minutes, so they tried to slow the tempo. This season, Riley regularly used nine players, so he's reverted to using a more frenetic, pressing style.

Jeremy Anderson is the Dragons' leading scorer, at 18.6 points per game, but three other players - McFarland, Nick Britt and Bryson Hall also have double-figure scoring

Warren Central came into last year's tournament somewhat under the radar, as 2003 champion Mason County and its star guard, Chris Lofton, captured most of the pre-event

"Last year, we got up there

Warren Central will have to and I thought we had the best team, and nobody paid attention to us," Riley said. "We kind of surprised everyone."

Warren Central is one of four teams to return from last year's tournament field, joining Pleasure Ridge Park of Louisville, University Heights of Hopkinsville and Perry County Central.

Two teams, Lone Oak of Paducah and Bullitt East of Mount Washington, are in the tournament for the first time. Covington Holmes hadn't qualified in 15 years, while Pendleton County is in for the first time since 1971.

Warren Central isn't the only former champion in the field. Others include Pleasure Ridge Park, University Heights. Elizabethtown, Louisville Ballard, Lexington Henry Clay, South Laurel and Corbin. Rowan County and Shelby Valley of Pike County round out the field.

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Johnson beats Busch brothers

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LAS VEGAS - Jimmie Johnson spoiled what could have been a banner day for the Busch brothers, beating Kurt and Kyle on their home track.

Johnson was strong for all of the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 - he led a race-high 107 laps and seemed to be coasting

toward the victory Sunday until he had trouble passing a lapped car with under 20 laps to go.

It allowed Kyle Busch, a 19-year-old rookie who was running in a distant second place, to close the gap on the leader while big brother, Kurt, the reigning Nextel Cup champion, also moved within strik-

But lapped traffic soon got in the way of the Busch brothers, preventing them from challenging Johnson for the win. Johnson cruised to victory, beating Kyle to the line by several car lengths. Kurt ended up third for his best career finish in five Nextel Cup starts at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

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Lady Patriots cruise into 14th finals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON - University of Kentucky signee and high school senior Kasi Mullins-Galloway made good on five three-pointers and tossed in a game-high 30 points Monday night in the 14th Region Semifinals to lead the Knott County Central Lady Patriots to an impressive 80-56 win over Perry County Central.

Knott Central (29-5) is back in the 14th Region championship game

"It's good to be back in the championship game," said Knott County Central Coach Rhett Gibson. "We know what our goal is and that is to get out of here."

The Knott County Central Lady Patriots have played toward a berth in the state tournament since the early portion of the 2004-05 season.

Keisha Johnson, another Knott Central senior, flipped in six threepointers and added 20 points.

Perry County Central entered the post-season as the five-time defending 14th Region champion. Britta Maggard led the Lady Commodores (26-5) with 22

Whitesburg 68, Breathitt Co. 61: Senior Whitney Hogg hit five-of-nine attempts from beyond the arc and scored 19 points as the Lady Yellowjackets (25-7) pulled away from host Breathitt County (19-10) in the other semifinal game.

paced Collette Cole Breathitt County with 27 points and 18 rebounds. The 14th Region championship game was played last night.

Pulley is AP's top vote-getter

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE Hopkinsville's Curtis Pulley, who earned Mr. Football honors in December, was named the Associated Press boys' high school basketball player of the year on Tuesday.

Pulley was the top vote-getter on the AP all-state team, earning 29 votes. The 6-foot-2 Pulley beat out Scott County's Jared Carter (25 votes) and Louisville PRP's JaJuan Spillman (24) for the top spot on the first team. Rockcastle County's Aaron Cash and Jeffersontown's Domonic Tilford rounded out the first team, with 23 votes apiece.

The teams were voted on by 12 media members statewide.

Pulley, a quarterback who guided Hopkinsville through an undefeated regular season, averaged 24 points and 16 rebounds per game during basketball season, earning recognition despite his team's 11-16 record. He was a first-team selection on 9 of 12 on another.

The 7-2 Carter shot nearly 62 percent from the field during the regular season for the state's highest scoring team. Scott County won its games by an average of 22 points, but lost to Bullitt East in the Eighth Region championship.

The 5-11 Spillman, headed to Louisville on a football scholarship, has guided PRP to 16 straight wins and a berth in this week's Boys' Sweet 16. PRP was sixth in the final AP poll of the season.

Cash, also a 5-11 guard, averaged 24 points for Rockcastle County, which lost to Corbin in the 13th Region championship.

Tilford, a 6-1 guard, shot 85 percent from the free-throw line, helping Jeffersontown reach the state's No. 2 ranking by season's end.

Louisville Fairdale star Maurice Grinter, also headed to Louisville on a football scholarship, and Cawood guard Blake Hubbs, the state's second-leading scorer, averaging 27.5 points per game, led the second team. Hubbs also made the second team last year.

Pendleton County's Buddy Biggs and Louisville Trinity's Mike Szabo shared the boys' Coach of the Year. Pendleton County went 25-31 across Biggs' first two seasons. improved to 20-11 in 2003-04 and are 29-4 heading into this week's Sweet 16. Trinity was the top-ranked team in the state until a one-point loss to Ballard ended its season in last week's Seventh Region final.

The girls' all-state team will be announced next Tuesday.

Archery in the Schools National Tournament coming to Kentucky

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - The third annual National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) national tournament gets underway this morning at Louisville's Convention International

Over 1,800 students from more than 100 schools from Alabama, Georgia, Ohio and Kentucky will make this year's tournament the largest student archery event in U.S. history. The tournament has grown more than three-fold since its inaugural event.

"The tremendous growth and popularity of this program is astounding," said Roy Grimes, an aide to Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife (KDFWR)

commissioner Tom Bennett and national coordinator for NASP. "It has exceeded all expectations.

"The number of student archers competing in this event has grown about 50 percent over last year's 1,291 and has overwhelmed our facility this year,"

he said. "It's hard to believe that we have outgrown Louisville's Convention Center in just three years."

The Olympic style archery program was a Kentucky spearheaded effort to promote academic success among Kentucky students and inspire greater interest in outdoor skills development. It began as the Kentucky Archery in the Schools Program. But that name soon changed when its almost overnight popularity quickly expanded nation-

wide. The first event, held in Lexington three years ago, attracted 600 student archers.

"NASP is a cooperative venture of the KDFWR, the Kentucky Department of Education and several archery and conservation organizations," Grimes.

"The big three backers of the program have been Mathews Archery, the Archery Trade Association, and the National Wild Turkey Federation."

Shooting begins at 9:45 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. Awards will be given from 5 to 6 p.m. Team awards for individual states will be given for the top three teams in the Elementary (K-6), Middle (7-8) and High School (9-12) divisions.

These team scores will be compiled from the sum of the top 15 scores for each team in each division. Individual awards will be presented to the top five boys and girls in each division for each state. Some states may not conduct a state championship, but will still be eligible for national awards.

National Championship awards will be bestowed up the three highest scoring teams in each division. The five highest scoring boys and girls from each

division will receive first through fifth place individual National Championship Awards.

Also, at the conclusion of the competition and before the awards ceremony, the top four scoring boys and girls in all

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Corbin 67, Rockcastle County 57 Region 14 Perry Co. Central 52, Leslie County 49 Region 15 Shelby Valley 79, Belfry 71 Region 16

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Region 13

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2005 Kentucky High School All-State Team

The 2005 Kentucky High School boys' All-State basketball team, as selected by 12 members of The Associated Press (with school, height, class, position and number of combined points. First-team votes worth three points, second-team votes worth two points and third-team votes worth one point):

Players of the Year (with votes in parentheses) Curtis Pulley, Hopkinsville - 4 Domonic Tilford, Jeffersontown - 4 Blake Hubbs, Cawood - 2

Aaron Branham, East Ridge - 1 Maurice Grinter, Loo Fairdale - 1 Curtis Pulley, Hopkinsville 6-2, F - (29) Jared Carter, Scott County, 7-2, C - (25) JaJuan Spillman, Lou. PRP, 5-11, G - (24)

Aaron Cash, Rockcastle Co., 5-11, G - (23) Domonic Tilford, Jeffersontown, 6-1, G - (23) Maurice Grinter, Lou. Fairdale, 6-3, G/F - (22) Blake Hubbs, Cawood, 6-3, G - (17) Will Reeves, Louisville Balland, 6-5, F-(14) Brennan Votel, Cov. Catholic, 6-7, F - (14) Aaron Dunaway, Henry Clay, 6-2, G - (12) Ra'von Lee, Louisville Ballard, 6-4, F - (12)

THIRD TEAM Keaton Belcher, Pendleton Co., 6-8, F-(10) Kyle Saxton, Louisville Trinity, 6-3; G-(10) Zach Berry, Louisville Trinity, 6-1, G-(9) Landon Slone, Paintsville, 6-0, G - (8) Aaron Branham, East Ridge, 5-10, G-(7)

HONORABLE MENTION

(with votes, unless only one received): Joshua Mack, University Heights (6) Tory Robertson, Frankfort (6). Eric Fields, South Laurel (5), Zach Gillum, Greenup County (5); Rodney Mitchell, Clay County (5); Steven Sexton, Wayne County (5); Daniel Alcorn, Bullitt East (4); Drew McDavid, Ashland (4), Stuart Miller, Middlesboro (4); Kevin Smith, Bishop Brossart (4); Bryan Turnage, Lex. Henry Clay (4); Kiefer Clarke, George Rogers Clark (3), Daniel Combs Perry Co. Central (3); Patrick Tackett, Shelby Valley (3); Chris Williams, Woodford Co. (3) Derek Adams, Muhlenberg North (2); Jackson Capel, Heritage Academy (2); D.J. Corbett, Dixie Heights (2); Bryantt Purman, Rowan County (2); Olajide Hay, Henderson County (2); Mark Krebs, Newport Central Catholic, (2); Burnett Little, South Floyd (2); Troy McFarland, Warren Central (2); Zack Mefford, Williamstown (2), Jazz Neal, Lou. PRP (2): Justin Royles, Lou. Manual (2); Bret Saxton, Lou. Trinity (2); Trey Tindall Calloway County (2); Joey Verax, Pendleton County (2); Will Current, Frankfort; Andrew Hancock, Union County; Larry Helton, Bell County, Brett Kelley, Montgomery County, Brad Lowe, Pike County Central, Evan McDole, Bishop Brossart, Jordan Noble, Corbin; Eric Slone, East Ridge.

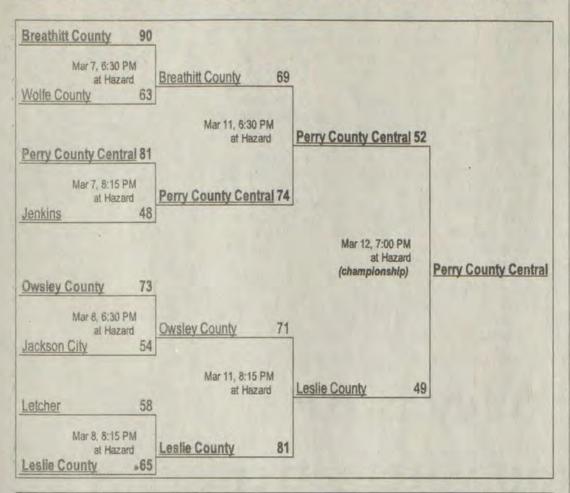
COACH OF THE YEAR Buddy Biggs, Pendleton County - 4 Mike Szabo, Lou. Trinity -4 Bill Price, Union County Champ Ligon, Lex. Bryan Station - 1 Tom Crews, Lou. DeSales - 1 Clay Campbell, Phelps - 1

divisions will be invited to participate in the Shooting for the Future Competition. Each of the eight shooters invited to the Shooting for the Future Competition will receive scholarships for post-secondary edu-

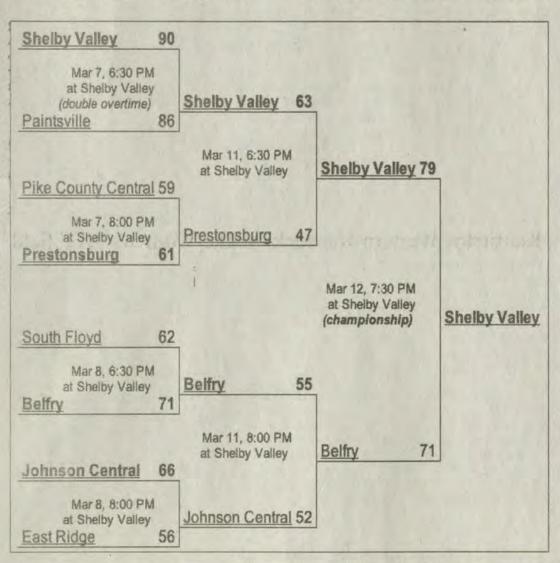
Kentucky now has more than 322 schools enrolled in the Archery in the Schools Program, a 33 percent increase over last year. Twenty-four other states have launched Resources by calling 1-800-858-1549.

Archery in the Schools Programs in the last year, an increase of 300 percent. Fifteen other states are highly interested in adopting the Archery in the Schools program. For more information about the National Archery in the Schools Program, contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife

14th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament



15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament



Kentucky's Moss a rarity - a walkon who plays and contributes

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - When Ravi Moss joined Kentucky's basketball team in 2002, there was little hype involved, which isn't surprising for a walk-on.

"To tell the truth, when I first saw him walk in as a freshman, I didn't know who he was," said highly recruited Kelenna Azubuike, who like Moss now is a junior with the Wildcats.

Before long, Moss had won over Azubuike and other teammates with his humor, hustle and humility. Gradually, the Kentucky coaching staff realized that Moss was a majorcollege sports rarity - a walkon talented enough to see significant minutes for a marquee program.

Moss now is averaging 11.2 minutes a game and sometimes is the first player off the bench for second-seeded Kentucky (25-5), which will play Eastern Kentucky (22-8) in a firstround NCAA tournament game Thursday in Indianapolis.

Moss is one of only a handful of walk-ons playing key roles on a tournament team.

"Whenever I think of great walk-ons, I think of him and (Christian) Moody from Kansas," Azubuike said. "He's really big for us. He's a bigger part of this team than most people would imagine."

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said there's one reason Moss plays so much: he's earned it.

"I'm sure Ravi is living out one of his dreams," Smith said. "This is where he wanted to go to school and get an education, whether he played basketball or not. I'm sure he's thrilled, and it's a thrill for us that he is contributing as much as he has."

Moss is averaging 3.8 points per game and has scored in double figures three times in nine games since Feb. 15. But teammates say that a stat sheet doesn't adequately measure Moss' contributions to the team.

"He's a spark plug coming off the bench," said senior forward Chuck Hayes, one of Moss' closest friends. "His energy level is so high, our opponents have to try to keep up with him."

Moss said his secret is simple: staying prepared. After all, he said, he never knows when Smith might choose to put him in a game.

"You have to be ready at all times," Moss said. "When he calls your number, you have to go in and produce. Staying in the game and staying focused is a big part of what we do."

It doesn't hurt when you show a knack for making

clutch shots. This season, with Kentucky

trailing Louisville by four points, Moss hit a 3-pointer with 2:08 left, a key moment as the Wildcats pulled out a 60-58 win. He hit another 3-pointer to keep Kentucky close in the late stages of a loss to Kansas.

"It's just a lot of hard work and listening, putting in the extra time shooting or watching film or doing things that I need to do to improve myself personally," Moss said. "It's staying within the system and staying within yourself, having the confidence in yourself and working hard."

Moss was the star at tiny University Heights Academy in Hopkinsville, but didn't receive any scholarship offers from NCAA Division schools. Kentucky showed interest in him as a walk-on, and that was enough to lure Moss. It didn't hurt that Moss received an academic scholarship, one that requires him to maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average.

Moss said he has tried to emulate Hayes, whose most impressive stat is the Wildcats' 90-17 record with him in the starting lineup. Moss also credits his parents with instilling in him a strong work ethic.

"He's a kid that knows who he is and appreciates what he does and knows that we appreciate what he does," Smith said.

Shelby Valley quartet leads 15th Region all-tourney squad

SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK When the dust settled following the 15th Region Tournament title game, four players from regional champion Shelby Valley found themselves on the all-tournament team. Kelsey Friend, who had three of the best games of his storied high school career during this year's regional tournament, led the way for the Wildcats. Shelby Valley's Kris Bentley, Patrick Tackett and Mitchell Riddle all joined Friend on the all-tournament team.

Regional runner-up Belfry placed three players on the all-tournament squad as Doug Howard, game-high 40 points in Belfry's championship game setback.

Regional tournament semifinalist Prestonsburg also placed three players on the all-tournament team. Blackcat seniors Jesse Chaffin, John Mark Stephens and Trevor Compton were also named to the regional team.

The 15th Region All-Tournament Team was voted on by members of the media. In all, 16 players were named to the team. Paintsville, Pike County Central, South Floyd and East Ridge all had one player named to the team. Johnson Central, the tournament's other semifi-

Adam Warren and Matt Maynard nalist, was represented by two were all honored. Howard fired in a players. A rundown of the alltournament team follows.

15th Region **All-Tournament Team** Landon Slone, Paintsville Brad Lowe, Pike Central Steven Stanley, South Floyd Eric Slone, East Ridge Trevor Compton, Prestonsburg John Mark Stephens, Prestonsburg Jesse Chaffin, Prestonsburg Jamie McCarty, Johnson Central Josh Stapleton, Johnson Central Adam Warren, Belfry Matt Maynard, Belfry Doug Howard, Belfry Patrick Tackett, Shelby Valley

Kelsey Friend, Shelby Valley

Mitchell Riddle, Shelby Valley

Kris Bentley, Shelby Valley



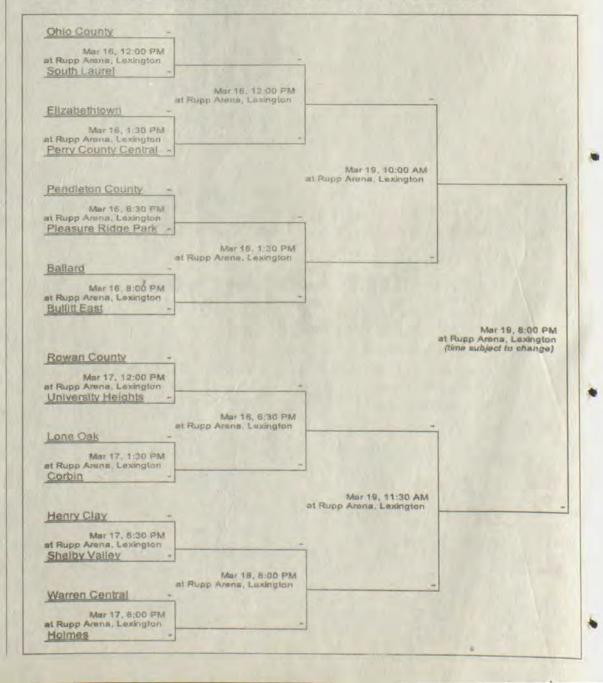
The 15th Region Alf-Tournament team included four Shelby Valley players. Prestonsburg and Belfry each had three players named to the squad.



photo by Jamie Howell

Kaitlin Lawson came in off of the Betsy Layne bench and helped the Ladycats to a win over 60th District champ Belfry.

2005 National City/KHSAA Boys Sweet Sixteen Basketball Tournament



Picking apart the brackets

by JIM O'CONNELL ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sixty-four games in 21 days to go from 65 teams to one. How the brackets break down for the NCAA tournament:

CHICAGO REGIONAL

Illinois was rewarded like no other No. 1 seed with short bus rides to Indianapolis and Chicago - setting up one more to St. Louis for the Final Four.

The Illini show up with the gaudiest record and one nagging question: Is the frontcourt good enough for a championship run? Forward James Augustine was the MVP of the Big Ten tournament, but the Illini still rely on the three-guard rotation of Deron Williams (12.2 points per game), Luther Head (15.8) and Dee Brown (13.4).

Oklahoma State, with four senior starters back from last year's Final Four team, has played a more uptempo style 6-foot-3 freshman JamesOn Curry was inserted into the starting lineup alongside playmaker John Lucas III. The trademark defense is still there, too, as opponents shot just 34.6 percent.

Arizona has been its best when Salim Stoudamire gets going from 3-point range, where he hit 53 percent (107-for-204) during the regular season.

Boston College was undefeated after 20 games but finished 4-4 to lose its chance at a No. 1 seeding. The Eagles need Craig Smith and Jared Dudley to return to all-Big East form.

First-round winners: Illinois, Texas, Alabama, Boston College. LSU, Arizona, Southern Illinois, Oklahoma

Second-round upset: LSU's only loss in its last eight games was in overtime to Kentucky, and Brandon Bass and the Tigers keep the late-season success going with a win over

Arizona.

Third round: Illinois wins a shootout with Alabama. Oklahoma State slows down

Regional champ: The matchup of the Illinois guards with Curry and Lucas will draw the headlines, but the key is the Illini frontcourt handling Joey

ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL

Washington was the surprise of the No. 1 seeds but the Huskies had enough to earn it following a win over Arizona in the Pac-10 tournament championship game.

The Huskies have proven they are capable of the type of run necessary against NCAAcaliber opponents, having beaten Utah, Oklahoma and Alabama on consecutive days to win the Great Alaska Shootout. Nate Robinson, the 5-9 guard, leads the team in scoring at 16.7 points and in spectacular dunks. Tre Simmons lives up to his first name with 72 3-pointers.

Wake Forest lost its No. 1 seed with a quarterfinal loss in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, a game the Demon Deacons played without preseason national player of the year Chris Paul, who was suspended for throwing a punch. One of three teams to be ranked No. 1 this season, Wake Forest has to tighten its defense after allowing 73.4 points per game.

Gonzaga had some impressive wins early - Washington, Georgia Tech and Oklahoma State - and plenty late. The Bulldogs are on a 12-game winning streak, riding the duo of 6-8 sophomore Adam Morrison (18.5) and 6-10 senior Ronny Turiaf (14.5 points, 9.5 rebounds).

Louisville, winner of nine straight, was the one team with a legitimate complaint about its seeding as the double champion hottest teams in the country, but of Conference USA finished fourth in the final poll. The Cardinals get little help from the bench and rely on forward Francisco Garcia and guard Taquan Dean.

First-round winners: Washington, Pittsburgh, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Texas Tech, Gonzaga, West Virginia, Wake Forest.

Second-round upset: Pittsburgh doesn't do anything great except play a very physical style. The Panthers outrebound their opponents 38-29 and senior forward Chevon Troutman (15.1 points, 8.0 rebounds) is one of the most underrated players in the country.

Third round: Louisville and its nearly 10 3-pointers per game beat Pittsburgh. Gonzaga, with Morrison approaching rock star status, beats Wake Forest in a high-scoring shootout.

Regional champion: The shot clock operator can take the night off as Gonzaga shakes the midmajor label with an up-anddown win over Louisville.

SYRACUSE REGIONAL

North Carolina may never have reached No. 1 this season, but many considered the Tar Heels the best team in the country. One of the deepest teams in the field, the Tar Heels have five players averaging between 16.5 and 11.2 points per game.

Center Sean May averages a double-double with 16.5 points and 10.7 rebounds, and point guard Raymond Felton is averaging 6.9 assists. Rashad McCants (15.8) provides the outside threat after missing four games with an intestinal problem. The loss to Georgia Tech in the ACC semifinals ended an eight-game winning streak that included wins over Connecticut and Duke.

Connecticut entered the Big East tournament as one of the the Huskies looked their worst in a win over Georgetown and a loss to Syracuse in the semifinals. Marcus Williams is among the nation's leaders at 8.0 assists per game, and the frontline of Josh Boone, Charlie Villanueva and Rudy Gay may be the most talented in the country.

Kansas, the preseason No. 1, comes in having lost five of eight games. Wayne Simien (20.2 points, 11.1 rebounds) is one of the best players in the country _ the best, according to some. The Jayhawks' biggest concerns are the sprained ankle Keith Langford (14.7) suffered in the regular-season finale and their 69 percent free throw shooting.

Florida has won seven straight games, the last four over ranked or NCAA teams: two over Kentucky within eight days, one over Alabama and the other over Mississippi State. The offense comes from Anthony Roberson (18.2), Matt Walsh (14.5) and David Lee (13.4).

First-round winners: North Carolina, Iowa State, New Mexico, Florida, Wisconsin, Kansas, North Carolina State, Connecticut.

Second-round upset: A 12thseeded team has advanced to the Sweet Sixteen for four straight years and New Mexico makes it five. The Lobos are a much better team since the return of forward Danny Granger (19.0 points, 8.8 rebounds) from injury. Just ask Utah, which lost to them twice in the last two

Third round: North Carolina ends New Mexico's run and Connecticut beats Kansas, sparing Carolina coach Roy Williams a matchup against the team he took to three Final Fours before leaving for Chapel Hill two years ago.

Regional champ: Connecticut avenges a 77-70 loss to North Carolina last month and earns a trip to St. Louis to defend its national championship.

AUSTIN REGIONAL

If only starters played in the NCAA tournament, Duke would be a big favorite, but the Blue Devils have been playing with a short rotation. Three players -J.J. Redick (22.8), Shelden Williams (15.6) and Daniel Ewing (15.1) - have logged over 1,000 minutes. The Blue Devils won the ACC tournament for the sixth time in seven years and hope to get injured guard Sean Dockery back to add depth.

Redick is one of the best shooters in the country from the free throw line (93.5 percent) and beyond the 3-point line (41.7 percent). His shooting opens the inside for Williams, a 58.9 shooter from the field.

Kentucky won the SEC regular season title and reached the tournament title game with defense, allowing opponents 61.9 points per game on 40.4 percent shooting. But the Wildcats are suspect inside. They have struggled on the boards all season and were outrebounded 48-31 in their SEC championship game loss to Florida. Their perimeter game is streaky at best. They shot only 45.9 percent for the season, including a dismal 2 of 19 beyond the 3-point line against Florida, and they hit only 66.4 percent of their free throws.

Oklahoma has a balanced attack with seven players averaging between 14.5 and 7.2 points. The Sooners' rebounding depends on Taj Gray (7.8) and Kevin Bookout (6.6).

Syracuse won the Big East tournament for the first time since 1992, and it was because of Hakim Warrick (21.4 points, 8.5 rebounds), one of the best dunkers in the game, and the Orange's 2-3 zone defense that forces teams into uncomfortable

First-round winners: Duke, Mississippi State, Michigan Syracuse, Utah,

Oklahoma, Iowa, Kentucky. Second-round upset: Utah's 7-foot Andrew Bogut (20.7 points, 12.3 rebounds) has become a national figure with his inside-outside game - it's inside where he causes problems for Oklahoma.

Third round: Syracuse's zone stops everybody on Duke except Redick, and the Orange prevail by causing foul problems for the Blue Devils. Kentucky comes up with the defensive effort to handle Bogut in a low-scoring

Regional champ: Syracuse's zone really gives Kentucky's shooters a headache and the Orange get back to the Final Four after winning it all in 2003.

FINAL FOUR

Connecticut and Syracuse make it seven straight years that one conference has had two teams in the national semifinals. Since they're on the same side of the bracket, only Connecticut moves on, beating the Orange for the third time in four meetings as the frontline comes out a lot tougher than it did in the Big East tournament.

Gonzaga's Turiaf Morrison are able to score on Illinois, and the Bulldogs prevail in a high-scoring game.

The championship game will be bicoastal battle between a team from a conference used to having only one team in the tournament against one from a league usually a lock for six

Score one for the little guys. Gonzaga finds a way and keeps Connecticut from becoming the first repeat champion since Duke in 1992.

Two easy No. 1 seeds and two tough ones for women

by CHUCK SCHOFFNER ASSOCIATED PRESS

LSU and Tennessee tried to make it easy on the selection committee for NCAA women's basketball tournament.

If only the other top teams had been as cooperative.

By winning so often against top-caliber competition, LSU and Tennessee were obvious choices as No. 1 seeds in the tournament bracket that went up Sunday. It took careful examination and considerable debate to come up with the two others: Michigan State and North Carolina.

Uh, notice anybody missing

That would be Stanford, the No. 1 team in The Associated Press poll. For the first time since it happened to Texas in 1984, the nation's top-ranked team is not a No. 1 seed in the NCAAs.

The disappointed Cardinal, 29-2 with 20 straight victories, did their best to be diplomatic. Still, it wasn't what they had expected after sweeping the regular-season and tournament championships in the Pac-10, a league that ended up with as many NCAA teams (5) as the more highly regarded Southeastern Conference.

"Honestly, a long time ago I stopped trying to figure out the committee and seeds," said Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer, whose team reached the regional finals last year as a No. 6 seed. "What's much more important to me is the team being healthy. There's no sense in overanalyzing the thing.'

Stanford wasn't healthy the last time it was seeded No. 1, in 1998, and was stunned by 16thseeded Harvard in the first

LSU was the overall No. 1 seed and was followed by Tennessee, Michigan State and North Carolina, Baylor also got consideration for a No. 1 before ending up as the highest-ranked No. 2 seed. Stanford came next.

'We spent more time on the No. 1s than any year I've been on the committee," said Lynn Parkes, who chairs the group. "When we got down to those last two, there wasn't much to separate them."

Stanford's seeding wasn't the only thing that raised questions.

Rutgers to the first- and second- Carolina heads the bracket for round site at Connecticut, where the two teams had a flare-up after the Big East championship game last week.

Rutgers guard Cappie Pondexter pointed at UConn coach Geno Auriemma after hearing something she felt was objectionable late in the game. Auriemma insisted he was talking to an official.

UConn and Rutgers won't play each other because they're in different regionals, but hard feelings might linger.

"I don't know, it doesn't take a lot of imagination to see their thinking," Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer said. "After all, we just came back from there. There was a lot of controversy there, so why not send them there again? Who knows what they are thinking?"

Making LSU and Tennessee the two top seeds was something the committee didn't have

LSU, which spent more time at No. 1 in the poll than anyone else this season, went 14-0 in the Southeastern Conference, then lost to Tennessee by two in the finals of the conference tournament. Tennessee lost only to LSU in the conference season and played the nation's toughest schedule.

Two teams from the same conference have been No. 1 seeds 10 times previously, most recently in 2003. Tennessee and LSU also were the two that year.

"It's great for the program," said LSU coach Pokey Chatman, who got the Lady Tigers to the Final Four last season while subbing for the ailing Sue Gunter. "I can remember wondering if you were going to get in or wondering if you were going to be a 1, 2, 3 or 4 seed.

"It was nice knowing that for a small amount of time, you were concerned about being the (top) No. 1 seed."

Interestingly, LSU and Tennessee both will start the tournament on the Lady Vols' court in Knoxville, which could make that site a hot ticket. LSU is the top seed in the Chattanooga Regional, while Tennessee was placed in the Philadelphia Regional,

Michigan State is No. 1 in

The committee decided to send the Kansas City Regional, North the Tempe Regional.

The women's tournament scrapped the East, Mideast, Midwest and West designations for regionals this year and replaced them with the name of the city hosting the regional

semifinals and finals. Of course, there could be a North Pole Regional and Michigan State would be excited. This is the first No. 1 seed for the Spartans, who shared the Big Ten title with Ohio State and won the conference tournament. They haven't played in a week

and are eager to get started. "These kids are grumpy and tired of sitting around," Michigan State coach Joanne P. McCallie said. "They're ready to play. It doesn't matter who

else is in the bracket." The bracket actually is downright tough. Stanford is the No. 2 seed, Connecticut is seeded third and Kansas State is the No. 4 seed. Connecticut, winner of the last three national championships, won the Big East tournament this year. Kansas State was the runner-up in the Big 12 tournament.

Michigan State is the only No. 1 seed that plays on Saturday, facing Alcorn State in Minneapolis. The three others play on Sunday - Tennessee meeting Western Carolina, LSU taking on Stetson and North Carolina hosting Coppin State.

Before this year, Michigan State's highest seed had been No. 4 and that was back in 1991.

"I really wondered how they'd weigh what we've done this year against the tradition that we don't have in this program, compared to some other schools," McCallie said. "If you look at what we did this year, it's a hands-down case. If you look at it in terms of tradition, it gets a little murky.'

In the end, however, it cleared right up.

"There are times that's there's just not very much that separates teams," said Parkes, the associate athletic director a Memphis. "But we have to come to a decision and our decision was that North Carolina and Michigan State were the (final) No. 1 seeds."

Kentucky, Western Kentucky make Women's NIT field

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Kentucky and Western Kentucky will host games as part of the 32team Women's National

Invitation Tournament. Kentucky (15-15) will host Eastern Michigan (23-7) on Friday. Eastern Michigan finished fourth in the Mid-American Conference. It will be the first meeting ever between the Wildcats and Eagles, who played

in last year's NCAA tournament. It will be the first postseason appearance by the Wildcats since 1999, when they made the NCAA tournament, and eighth overall. Kentucky's last WNIT appearance was in 1990, when the Wildcats won the event.

dance record this season, averaging 5,301 fans for 15 home games. Kentucky is 18th in the nation in women's basketball attendance.

Western Kentucky (20-9) will host Xavier (20-9) on Wednesday, the same day as Western Kentucky's men host a NIT game against Kent State.

Western Kentucky is 2-0

son. The Hilltoppers have won 16 of their last 19 games and were the Sun Belt Conference East Division champions, but Kentucky set a school atten- lost in the semifinals of the conference tournament. The Hilltoppers have made

against Xavier, with the last meeting during the 1997-98 sea-

21 postseason appearances in the past 22 years. This will be their sixth WNIT appearance and their fourth in the past five years.

Xavier tied for the Atlantic 10 Conference West Division title and lost in the conference tournament semifinals to Temple.



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Memphis 74

by TERESA M. WALKER ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMPHIS, Tenn. Memphis freshman Darius Washington missed two of three free throws with no time left on the clock, allowing No. 6 Louisville to escape with a 75-74 victory and the Conference USA championship on Saturday.

Louisville's Brad Gianiny hit one of two free throws with 6.7 seconds to give Louisville a two-point lead. Washington was fouled by Francisco Garcia while shooting a 3-pointer at the buzzer. He hit the first, prompting his teammates to dance on the court, but then bounced the next two off the rim.

Washington dropped to the floor at the free throw line, covering his head with his hands.

Louisville (29-4) won its

second C-USA tournament title in three years. The Cardinals will go into the NCAA tournament on their longest winning streak of the season, with victories in their last nine games and is of their last 19.

Garcia finished with 19 points, Taquan Dean and Juan Palacios each had 14 and Palacios had 11 rebounds. Larry O'Bannon finished with 13 for Louisville, including 3of-3 from 3-point range.

Memphis (19-15) had been the only team to beat the Cardinals in the 19-game stretch, and the Tigers' best hope of playing in the NCAA tournament was winning the conference's automatic bid by winning the tourney.

They nearly pulled it off after winning three games to reach their first C-USA tournament final.

Memphis' Jeremy Hunt tied the game at 71 by hitting a free throw, but missed the second. Louisville got the rebound, but Duane Erwin tipped the ball away from Dean to Washington, who scored on a layup for a 73-71 lead with 42.7 seconds left.

O'Bannon answered with a 3-pointer from the top of the key and was fouled, but missed the free throw for a 74-73 lead with 27 seconds to go.

Hunt was called for a charge with 7.7 seconds remaining. Gianiny was fouled and hit his first free throw.

Washington had 23 points and six assists. Anthony Rice added 20 points for Memphis.

The Cardinals became only the second C-USA team to win both the regular season and tournament titles in the same

EKU women to play Arizona State in opening round of NCAA Tournament

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND - Coach Larry Joe Inman's Eastern Kentucky University Lady Colonels, champions of the Ohio Valley Conference and riding a 15-game winning streak, will play the 24th State Arizona University Sun Devils, runnersup in the Pac-10 Conference Tournament, Saturday (Mar. 19) in Fresno, CA, in the opening round of the 2005 NCAA Division I Tournament.

EKU, 23-7, comes into the NCAA tourney after winning the OVC Tournament, defeating Murray State, Jacksonville State and Southeast Missouri to make it to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in school history. ASU stands 22-9 on the season.

"We're very excited," said Inman, the OVC Coach of the Year. "This is wonderful and quite an accomplishment for a great group of kids. I wish we were a little closer to home so more of our fans would be able to see us play.

"Our young ladies worked hard all season and played team basketball all the way through. I am so proud of our team and know that they will give a good account of themselves Saturday."

Eastern Kentucky received a No. 12 seed, while Arizona State was seeded fifth.

Game time for the Eastern Kentucky-Arizona State game has been set for 2 p.m. EST. women's NCAA Tournament games will be televised on either ESPN or

The winner of the EKU-ASU game will play the winner of the contest between the No. 4 seed Notre Dame and the No. 13 seed UC-Santa Barbara on Monday, March 21 in Fresno's Save Mart Center.

Louisa native Hutchinson named Director of Athletics at Morehead State University

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews announced here Friday that Brian A. Hutchinson, MSU's interim appointed to the position on a permanent basis.

Hutchinson, 30, becomes one of the youngest athletic directors in NCAA Division I and the ninth person to hold the position at MSU since organized athletics began in 1924.

Dr. Andrews described Hutchinson as "someone with the talent, training, passion and energy to lead Eagle athletics into a new era of excellence."

ing as interim director since served on the Board of Regents. Chip Smith resigned last fall to His professional memberships take the AD's post at Western Carolina. He previously served as associate director for director of athletics, has been three years, supervising football, golf, baseball, volleyball, athletic training, daily operations, budgets and tickets.

A two-time MSU graduate with degrees in business and sports administration, Hutchinson earlier was the department's chief fund raiser and marketer. He also worked in the University's fund raising office prior to moving to

While a student, the Louisa

native was president of the Student The new AD had been serv- Government Association and include the National Association Collegiate Directors of Athletics, National Association of Athletic Development Directors, and Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Hutchinson helped develop MSU's current strategic plan for athletics and has been involved in numerous Ohio Valley Conference and NCAA activities and events.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, an elementary teacher, have two sons, Benjamin and Riley. They reside in Morehead.

BRIEFS: Gillen out at UVA

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - Pete Gillen stepped down as Virginia's basketball coach, ending a seven-year tenure marked by just one trip to the NCAA tournament. The Cavaliers were 118-93

under Gillen and made four trips to the NIT, never getting past the second round.

UMass lets go of Lappas AMHERST, Mass. - Steve

Lappas was dismissed as the basketball coach Massachusetts following four seasons in which the Minutemen had a 50-65 record. The Minutemen improved to 16-12 this year after three straight losing seasons but were eliminated in overtime by LaSalle during the first round

NIT bid. Spartan assistant headed to

of the Atlantic 10 tournament

last week and failed to get an

TULSA, Okla. - Michigan State assistant Doug Wojcik was hired as the basketball coach at Tulsa, which is trying to return to national prominence after consecutive 9-20 seasons. The Golden Hurricane fin-

ished ninth in the Western Athletic Conference this year, nowhere near its level under such previous coaches as Tubby Smith, Bill Self and Buzz Peterson.

P'burg grad Clark wins in doubles, singles play

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MONTGOMERY, Ala. - -The University of Louisville men's tennis team, with a local player from Floyd County helping to lead the charge, overcame a 3-0 deficit to edge Colorado 4-3 in the Blue-Gray National Invitational Saturday.

Colorado began the match by taking the doubles point as the team of Marko Bundalo and Peter Bjork beat Slavko Radman and Octavian Nicodim 8-2 at No. 2 and Marek Vgorak and Jan Gelegny topped Tony Teufel and Damar Johnson 8-6 at No. 3. Louisville's No. 33 doubles team of Jeremy Clark and Jakob Gustafsson defeated

CU's Marcos Digliodo and Chad Tsuda 8-3 at the top seed. In singles, Vgorak downed Nicodim 6-3, 6-1 at No. 4 to give the Buffaloes a 2-0 lead. Tsuda's 6-0, 6-2 win over Jhonny Berrido at the six-spot increased CU's lead to 3-0. The Cardinals' Johnson, No. 87 in the ITA singles rankings, defeated Bundalo 7-5, 6-4 at the top seed. Clark, a Prestonsburg High School graduate, followed with a 6-4, 6-4 decision over Digliodo at

lasted Gelegny 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 at to. 2 to clinen the 4-3 win. "This is the first time in memory that a Louisville team

the No. 5 spot. Gustafsson beat

Bjork 6-3, 6-2 at No. 3 to tie

the match. Slavko Radman out-

has come back from such a deep deficit to win," said U of L head coach Rex Ecarma . "The players kept their composufe and stayed positive, even though it did not look good. Jeremy Clark had a muchneeded win. Jakob Gustafsson continued playing great tennis. Damar Johnson, after three straight wins at No. 1 proved he is one of the country's top players. The hero of the match was Slavko Radman, who came back from being down 1-3 to win 6-4 in the third set. It was great to see different players win in crucial and pressurefilled moments." Louisville (13-7) will be

back in action on Friday at Vanderbilt.

No. 6 Louisville 75, Illinois a unanimous No. 1 in final poll

by JIM O'CONNELL ASSOCIATED PRESS

Illinois won the poll. Now it's matter of winning the tournament.

The Illini were No. 1 for the 15th straight week Monday and unanimous, too - in the final Associated Press college basketball poll of the season.

But could such unquestioned supremacy be a bad thing?

Kansas was the last to do it, in 1996-97, and the Jayhawks didn't even make the Final Four. Kansas also reigned for the last 15 weeks of the season and was the last unanimous No. 1 in the final poll but lost to eventual champion Arizona in the third round of the NCAA tournament.

And last year's final No. 1, Stanford, lost to Alabama in the second round of the NCAAs.

The last No. 1 to win the national championship was Duke in 2001.

Illinois (32-1) had been a unanimous No. 1 for five straight weeks until its first loss of the season. The Illini lost 22 first-place votes from the national media panel after losing to Ohio State, but they got them back this week after winning the Big Ten tournament.

The other teams to be ranked No. 1 this season were Kansas and Wake Forest, and both lasted only two weeks.

The Illini, whose previous best ranking in a final poll was No. 2 in 1951-52, are the first Big Ten team to finish No. 1 since Indiana in 1992-93.

This year's final poll also validated two of the other three top seeds for the tournament, ranking North Carolina No. 2 and Duke No. 3. The other top seed, Washington, finished eighth, the lowest for a No. 1 seed since the field expanded to 64 in 1985.

This was the fourth straight week at No. 2 for North Carolina (27-4), while Duke (25-5) moved up two spots after winning the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament for the sixth time in seven years.

Louisville (29-4), a No. 4 seed in the NCAA tournament, the poll after winning the Conference USA tournament.

Wake Forest, Oklahoma State, Kentucky, Washington, Arizona and Gonzaga closed out the Top 10.

Syracuse jumped from 16th to No. 11 after winning the Big East tournament for the first time since 1992, and the Orange were followed by Kansas, Connecticut, Boston College, Michigan State, Florida, Oklahoma, Utah, Villanova and Wisconsin.

The last five ranked teams Alabama, Pacific, Cincinnati, Texas Tech and Georgia Tech.

Florida (23-7), which beat Kentucky to win its first Southeastern Conference tournament, jumped into the poll at No. 16 after being out of the rankings for the last 14 weeks.

Texas Tech (20-10) moved in at No. 24 following its run to the championship game of the Big 12 tournament. The Red Raiders had been ranked for one week this season

Georgia Tech (19-11) rode its run to the championship game of the ACC tournament back into the rankings. The Yellow Jackets were No. 3 in the preseason poll coming off last season's appearance in the national championship game, but they steadily fell until dropping out four weeks ago.

The three teams that fell out of the rankings from last week all lost in the quarterfinals of their conference tournaments: No. 22 Pittsburgh (20-8) lost to Villanova in the Big East; No. 24 Nevada (24-6) lost to Boise State the Western Athletic Conference; and No. 25 Charlotte (21-7) lost to Memphis.

There were 39 teams ranked during the season and 15 were ranked from the preseason through the final poll. Four -Wake Forest, Illinois, Oklahoma State and Kentucky - were ranked in the Top 10 from start to finish.

The ACC and Big East each had seven teams ranked, while the Big 12 and Conference USA each had five.

Duke saw its streak of being

moved up two spots to fourth in ranked No. 1 at some point in the each of the last seven seasons come to an end, but the Blue Devils extended their run of consecutive weeks in the top 25 to 166, tying Marquette (1969-79) for the fourthlongest. The Blue Devils haven't been out of the rankings since the end of the 1995-96 season. UCLA has the record of 221 consecutive polls from the preseason poll of 1966-67 to Jan. 8, 1980.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL AP TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' final men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 13, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

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1. Illinois (72)	32-1	1,800	
2. North Carolin	a 27-4	1,676	
3. Duke	25-5	1,671	5
4. Louisville	29-4	1,495	6
5. Wake Forest	26-5	1,437	3
6. Oklahoma St.	24-6	1393	10
7. Kentucky	25-5	1,342	4
8. Washington	27-5	1,318	14
9. Arizona	27-6	1.133	8
10. Gonzaga	25-4	1,122	11
11. Syracuse	27-6	1.072	16
12. Kansas	23-6	1,049	9
13. Connecticut	22-7	949	12
14. Baston Colle	ege 24-4	878	7
15. Michigan St	. 22-6	690	13
16. Florida	23-7	651	
17. Oklahoma	24-7	605	17
18. Utsh	27-5	599	15
19. Villanova	22-7	494	19
20. Wisconsin	22-8	384	23
21. Alabama	24-7	376	20
22. Pacific	26-3	349	18
23. Cincinnati	24-7	163	21
24. Texas Tech	20-10	143	-
25. Georgia Tec	h 19-11	132	-

Others receiving votes: Pittsburgh 124, LSU 79, West Virginia 51, Nevada 48, Charlotte 44, S. Illinois 28, New Mexico 22, Wis.-Milwaukee 16, Old Dominion 8, Creighton 7, Vermont 6, Stanford 4, Texas 3, UTEP 3, Utah St. 3, Bucknell 2, Ohio 2, Winthrop 2, George Washington 1, Iowa 1, Minnesota 1, N.C. State 1, Penn 1, Saint Mary's, Calif. 1, UCLA 1.

Tennessee fires Peterson after four seasons

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peterson was fired as Tennessee's basketball coach after Volunteers failed to make the NCAA tournament during his four years at the school.

The Vols finished 14-17 overall and 6-10 in the Southeastern Conference this

season after losing to Kentucky in the second round of the league tournament. It was Peterson's second losing season in Knoxville, leaving him with a 61-59 record in his four years.

Buzz Peterson

"Buzz has many of the characteristics we have looked for in a coach, but we were found lacking in the area of wins and losses in a business that measures its success according to such parameters," athletic director Mike Hamilton said at a news conference Monday.

Hamilton informed Peterson of his decision Sunday evening. Peterson seemed somewhat surprised but handled the news in a 'first-class" manner, Hamilton said. Assistant coach Chuck Benson was asked to manage basketball operations in the absence of a head coach.

Peterson did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

With the return of every starter from last year, Tennessee hoped to reach the NCAAs for the first time under Peterson this season.

Peterson, whose contract is worth \$769,500 a year and runs through the 2008-09 season, was KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Buzz the fourth coach at Tennessee since

Don DeVoe was fired

Peterson, 41, was hired in April 2001 to replace Jerry Green, who was ousted after taking the Vols to the NCAA tournament four straight seasons. The Peterson buyout will

Tennessee \$1.4 million, and the university still owes Green a final payment of his buyout next January.

Initially, there was excitement around the prospect of "Buzzball" taking off under a

Peterson met with Hamilton and university president John Petersen on Feb. 28, and Hamilton said then he would announce a decision on the coach after the season.

coach embraced by the fans.

In the following weeks, Hamilton was contacted by Peterson supporters, including former star Tennessee athletes Peyton Manning and Todd Helton, Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt, North Carolina coach Roy Williams and Peterson's college coach, Dean Smith.

Football coach Phillip Fulmer said he spoke with Peterson on Monday.

"Everybody in this profession knows how volatile it can be and Buzz certainly understood that," Fulmer said.

timetable for making a hire, saying the search will take as long as needed to find the right coach.

Peterson came to Tennessee after one season at Tulsa, where he went 26-11 and won the NIT. He spent four seasons at Appalachian State before Tulsa and took the Mountaineers to the NCAA tournament in 2000 and was twice honored as the Southern Conference coach of the year twice.

A native of nearby Asheville, N.C., Peterson played on North Carolina's 1982 national championship team with Michael Jordan. Peterson's father, Bob, is a graduate of Tennessee and often took his son to Knoxville to watch games.

Peterson, a well-liked personality off the court, has said he enjoyed coaching at Tennessee and believed the Vols can win championships. But the Vols did not even receive a bid to the NIT this season after ending the past two years with losses in the first round of the NIT.

"It's disappointing," Peterson said after the 76-62 loss to Kentucky at the SEC tournament. "It doesn't meet my standards at ail. I've been in winning programs, where we competed for championships."

Tennessee loses two senior starters from this year's team _ guard Scooter McFadgon and center Brandon Crump. Next season the Vols will return point guard C.J. Watson for his final year and guard Chris Lofton, who set the SEC mark this season for the most 3-pointers Hamilton declined to specify a scored by a freshman.





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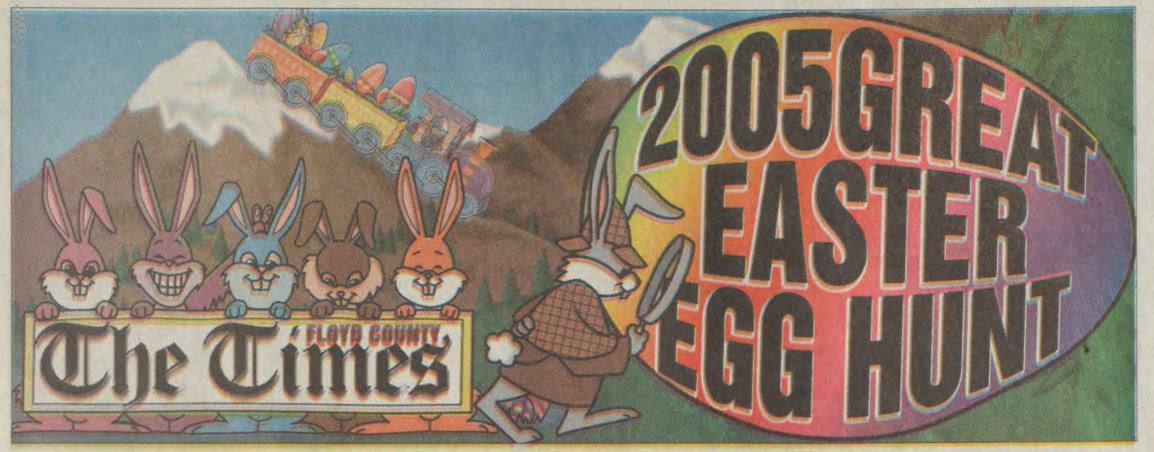
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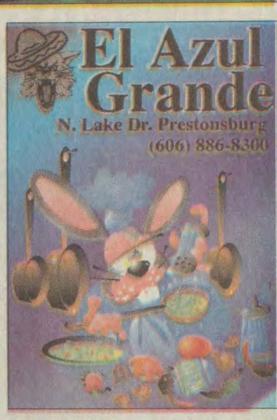
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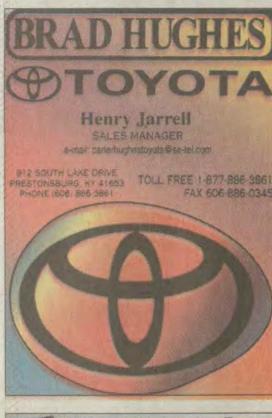


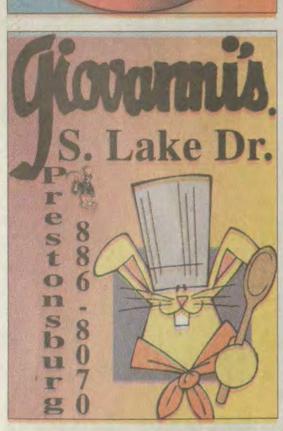














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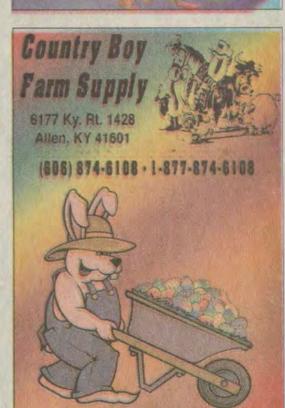
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POISON OAK

Coal trucks, then and now

There's been a great deal in the news lately about overweight vehicles, especially coal trucks. Although the problem with coal trucks on public roads has become a serious concern to a lot of peo-



Clyde Pack

ple, I can recall when coal trucks not were something to worry about, but simply something to count on. "That's

twelve," I'd say as a loaded truck lumbered by the front

porch of the Northeast Coal Company's store, followed by a cloud of black dust.

The driver would get in line behind the three or four trucks waiting at the bottom of the little slope where a narrow road had been scraped from the yellow hillside that led to the hopper. He'd dump his load so it could be processed and loaded into the C&O coal gons that had been parked beneath the massive tin structure.

Within a minute or two, an empty truck would whiz by in the opposite direction, again stirring the black dust into a frenzy as it sped to wherever it was it picked up its load.

On those long summer afternoons as I'd sit on the company store steps and eat a chilly imp and count trucks, I had no interest in where the coal came from. All I knew was that some of the empty trucks would turn left onto Route 581 and head in the direction of Tutor Key,

(See OAK, page four)

KIM'S KORNER

Walking tall

This past Sunday I attended the funeral of the father of one of my dearest friends, Rev. Morris (Tootsie) Hall, held at the Pine Grove Baptist Church, in Hi Hat.

The service was beautiful, and lis-



Kim Frasure

tening to the impact Tootsie has left on so many lives was definitely a blessing to witness.

As I sat and looked around at the pictures displayed of this larger than life man (and he was - especially to us

growing up) I remembered one particular incident from our childhood when Tootsie became a giant teddy bear, instead of someone to fear.

His stature and frame so tall, and with a voice so deep, to a seventh grader could certainly be termed intimidating, at best. Cathy, whom we affectionately refer to as "Berthie" still to this day, had our entire gang over for a pajama party one night.

The typical giggling, loud and obnoxious 12-13 year old girls had

(See KORNER, page five)

Women in History

Miss Billie Jean Osborne



Miss Billie takes great pride in all the youngsters who enroll in MAC programs in hopes of embarking upon an entertainment career. Here she is shown with two of her Jr. Pro members, Brittany Hamilton, left, and Alison

Showcasing our region's talent

by Kathy J. Prater FEATURES EDITOR

Today's featured "Woman in History" is one who has forged herself a place in the hearts of Floyd Countians near and far, as well as gaining the respect of those regions away. The pages of history are already indelibly marked by the hand of Billie Jean Osborne, the founder of one of the county's brightest stars, The Mountain Arts Center.

"Miss Billie," as she is affection-

attended school as a youngster and later returned to teach music and to serve as Betsy Layne High School's award-winning band director. Under her direction, the "Marching Bobcat Band" was lead to state recognition year after year.

Miss Billie, however, began her teaching career at the tender age of 17, in another part of Floyd County, that of the Wheelwright area. At 17, she began teaching school at W.D.

reared in Betsy Layne, where she young, the principal had to sign to be are what made me what I am, any responsible for me, she said.

Miss Billie saw much success with her students at Osborne and soon became the elemental force behind the formulation of an impressive school band. Throughout the county, her talents quickly became known and her attentions sought after.

"Everything I have ever been, and everything I am, I owe to my wonderful Christian mother," she said. "God gave me the talent and mother gave me

ately known by many, was born and Osborne Elementary. "I was so the discipline. So God and my mother glory belongs to God and to having a good Christian mother who was strong enough to instill that discipline."

Osborne said that throughout her years teaching the youth of Floyd County, she "always dreamed of having a place where students from all across this region could work, study music, and perform to an audience in a quality theater atmosphere, set right

(See MISS BILLIE, page five)

CRITTER CORNER

The hazards of Easter

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Reader Lisa Gray stopped by the other day and requested an article on Easter and the potential hazards the holiday poses for pets. Thanks, Lisa; it's a good idea to remind folks that Christmas is not the only season that exposes pets to particular dangers.

Like all celebrations, Easter is associated with certain foods. Chocolate is everywhere. Unlike Christmas, the candy is more accessible to pets because children tend to set their treat-filled baskets on low tables or on the floor.

Chocolate contains a chemical called theobromine, which is very similar to caffeine. It causes the body to release adrenaline, speeding up the heart and causing it to beat erratically. About 50mg per pound of body weight of theobromine can be fatal to a dog. The size of the animal and the type of chocolate makes a difference in how easily poisoning occurs. Darker

chocolate contains higher concentrations of theobromine; unsweetened baking chocolate is the worst of all, containing 6-9 times more than milk chocolate. One ounce of baking chocolate can kill a small breed dog or a cat.

Not only the candy itself, but also the wrappers can also pose the threat of intestinal obstruction. Few dogs will take the time to unwrap the goodies! The Easter grass that fills the basket is tempting for both cats and dogs to chew and play with. It could also cause GI blockages, as could chewed-off pieces of the basket itself. Small toys contained in plastic eggs can pose choking hazards to both pets and children, so beware.

Remember that some hidden eggs may be overlooked on Easter morning. Real eggs can absorb bacteria and lawn chemicals through their shells and make Rover

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"Mrs. Peepers." Mrs. Peepers is a rescued Zebra Finch who, according to owner, Sherry Prater, "likes to spend her time laying eggs." She's gorgeous, Sherry!

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■ March 15-22 - "Magic Me" will meet, weather permitting.

■ March 16 - Youth Services Center Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.

March 21 - Nutrition program, 6th grade.

■ March 21-25 - Scholastic Book Fair. Volunteers needed.

■ March 23 - "Career Exploration Day," 8th grade.

■ March 24 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for all Floyd County parents/guardians. To be held at the MAC. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Fun workshops, door prizes and free lunch.

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

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

Allen Central Middle School ■ March 21 - SBDM meet-

ing, 5 p.m.

March 23 - Career Expo. March 24 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Mt. Arts Center.

March 31 - Last day to turn in Food City receipts!!

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

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

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

Duff Elementary

Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and wellchild physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call '358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

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

May Valley Elementary Parent Lending Library is less of income.

available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, wellchild physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and **Family Resource Center**

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

Mountain Christian Academy

Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and **Family Resource Center**

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

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

Walking track open to pub-

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

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

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center.

■ March 17 - "Tobacco Prevention," Our Lady of the Way Hospital, 1 p.m., for 5th grade.

■ March 24 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," for all Floyd County parents, grandparents and guardians, at Mountain Arts

■ March 24 - "Let's Talk

About Drugs," Our Lady of the Way Hospital, 1 p.m., for K-3.

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

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

Character Words for the Month: Tolerance and Kind-

■ March 14-16 - "Good Touch, Bad Touch," for grades K-3, by Lisa Hamilton, in individual classrooms.

March 18 - Heart Health/CPR demonstration, 5th grade, 1:45 p.m., in gym. Presented by Kim Sanders, OLWH.

■ March 24 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," at Mountain Arts Center, registration at 8:30 a.m. For parents, grandparents, guardians of Floyd County students. Learn to relax while you relax and enjoy guest speakers, door prizes, and a free lunch.

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MESHERIDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

March 15 and 17, 1995

Prestonsburg City Council said, Monday, they needed more nformation and time to make a decision about a proposal to turn an abandoned mine into a tourist attraction...Almost a month before the current labor contract expired, members of the United Steel Workers Union ratified a three-year contract with the Appalachian Regional Health Care Corporation...The Kentucky Tourism Cabinet is developing a master plan for tourism, and Floyd County could be included in its blueprint. Tourism officials will conduct a regional forum at Wilkinson/Stumbo Conference Center on March 22, at 1 p.m. to solicit citizen input from eastern Kentuckians for the statewide master plan...A special meeting of the Prestonsburg Housing Authority will be held Wednesday, March 15, at the Green Acres office in Prestonsburg. Items on the agenda are the proposd operating budget for 1995-1996; revised operating budget for 1994-95; disposition of vacated tenants accounts, admissions and continued occupany policies and procedures; and disposition of junked equipment...Floyd County's Democratic Party has a new executive committee chairman and a candidate to run in November for magistrate, in district three. Floyd Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson was elected at committe chairman, and Elmer Ray Johnson of Buckingham was the party's choice for the magistrate's post...At Monday's Allen City Commission meeting, board members voted to purchase two additional sets of Christmas street lights for just under \$2,000...A 32-year-old Floyd County woman was killed and her daughter was injured, Monday morning, in a traffic accident at an intersection near Garrett. Malissa G. Slone, of Garrett, died when the vehicle she was operating apparently pulled into the path of a tractor trailer driven by Adam Wireman of Hueysville on KY 80...Former Floyd County Times society editor Docia Baldridge Woods died Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She was 83. Woods filled the society pages of the Times with her snippers of news for approximately 16 years. She laid aside her journalism pen in 1993, after she broke a bone in her hand...Floyd County school officials are investigting how two Prestonsburg High School students managed to take home

state assessment tests to complete. The

incident happened last month during the Cabell Huntington Hospital; Mary F. Baifinal stages of the state KIRIS testing in the school system, Geoff Belcher, communications director for the district, said Tuesday. Floyd School Board attorney Phil Damron said, Thursday, that he had been designated by school officials to take over the investigation into the incident, and that no student would be reprimanded...Former United States Congressman Chris Perkins, 40, was sentenced to 21 months in a federal prison, Monday, after pleading guilty in December to charges of fraud...Hallard Hall, 47, of Prater Creek, is charged with the attempted murder of a police officer, and his wife and daughter are facing assault charges after an altercation with police, Wednesday, afternoon at Prater Creek...The case of Wesley Martin, 19, of Wayland, accused of pointing a gun at a Wayland woman was referred to a grand jury, Wednesday, by Floyd District Judge James Allen...It appears that Floyd Countians are satisfied with the tax rates announced by the Floyd Board of Education, because no one appeared at a hearing, Tuesday, to comment on the issue...The threat of closure of Melvin Elementary's lunchroom by the Floyd County Health Department ended this week after a reexamination of the facility revealed that the school has corrected critical health violations...When Governor Brereton Jones' bus rolled into Prestonsburg Wednesday, two Floyd County projects became a little richer. Jones brought \$230,000 in state and federal monies to fund an education and a historical projet in the county. These included the David School and the May House project...A \$100,000 bond was set, Thursday, for Bill Powers, 64, of Auxier, who was indictecd last week by a Floyd County Grand Jury on charges of sexually abusing six minors between 1989 and 1993...Sam Chaffins, of David, was arrested by a bailiff, Wednesday morning, when he arrived at Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill's office to explain why he was late for court...There died: Docia Baldridge Woods, 83, of Prestonsburg, Monday, March 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Alex Hamilton, 86, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, March 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Eddie Dean Tackett, 39, of Beaver, Monday, March 13; Elizabeth Ann Johnson Hall Norvell, 54, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, March 14, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Maudie Mae Collins,

74, of Prichard, West Virginia, formerly

of Wheelwright, Sunday, March 12, at

ley, 58, of St. Clemenes, Michigan, formerly of Prestonsburg, February 21; Jessie James Woods, 68, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, March 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Alverta Samons, 46, of Drift, Friday, March 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dixie Lewis, 62, of Banner, Wednesday, March 8, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Flonnie Marshall, 82, of Prestonsburg, Regional Hospital, Sunday...Watt Hale, Sunday, March 12, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Brandy LeAnn Mullins, seven-month-old daughter of Rodney Mullins and Regina Hall, both of Melvin, Friday, March 10, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Homer Hall, 68, of Galveston, Friday, March 10, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Brigham Young Roberts, 78, of Ashland, Saturday, March 11, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Josephine Spradlin, 89, of Ada, Ohio, Friday, March 10, at Lima Memorial Hospital, Lima, Ohio; Malissa Gail Slone, 32, of Garrett, Monday, March 13, at Garrett, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Claude Allen Shumate, 47, of Sesser, Illinois, Friday, March 10, at Marshall Browning Hospital in DeQuoin, Illinois; Anne Newsome Read, 62, of Stone Mountain, Georgia, formerly of Ligon, Tuesday, March 14, at Dekalb Medical Center in Decatur, Georgia; Kathryn Henkel Blackburn, 79, of Betsy Layne, Wednesday, March 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Herbert Lewis, 69, of Sydney, formerly of Banner, Thursday, March 16, at Paul B.Hall Medical Center; Alverta Samons, 46, of Drift, Friday, March 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; George Johnson, 73, of Speight, March 11, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville.

Twenty Years Ago

March 13, 1985

Prestonsburg or its utilities system will have to pay five local gas producers around \$50,000 for gas the city never used as a result of a recent decision by the Supreme Court of Kentucky...Floyd County school officials sparred last week with a state appointed watchdog, Don Fightmaster, whose report had earlier prompted the State Board of Education to hand Floyd County school officials a set of curt directives...There died: Former Prestonsburg policeman Ray Click, 73, of

Manton, at Highlands Regional Medical Center...Stephen Dean Gibson, son of Daryl and Nancy Lee Stumbo Gibson of McDowell, stillborn, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital...Joe Helton, 90, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center...Michael Gregory Keen, five-week-old son of Joey and Bertha Meade Keen of West Prestonsburg, was dead on arrival at the Highlands 88, former Prestonsburg police judge and city councilman, Monday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home...James Lee Ousley, 54, died Monday, at his home on Middle Creek.

Thirty Years Ago

March 12, 1975

The Floyd Fiscal Court, last Wednesday, awarded contracts for the collection and disposal of solid waste to Floyd County Sanitation, Inc., and Okie Lawson, of Harold...Brandishing a bayonet, a 17-year-old Chicago youth robbed Roberts' Market of \$800, and wounded store owner Lee Roberts, Sunday night, at the Goble-Roberts Addition...The weight of Monday's wet snowfall caused a section of metal dock to tilt and partially sink at Jenny Wiley State Park boat dock...Paintsville votes, last Friday, defeated the move to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages there...There died: Myrtle Ousley, 73, of Topmost, last Wednesday, at the McDowell Hospital; Glenn Allen Hale, 60, at his home at Harold, Monday; H. Scalf, 73, of Endicott, Saturday, at his home; Martin Hall, 66, of Hi Hat, Feb. 26, at the McDowell Hospital; Allen Chaffins, 83, of Garrett, last Saturday, at a Hospital, here; Oliver Branham, 91, Monday, at Grethel; W. E. Parker, 85, of Wayland, last Wednesday, at a nursing home, here.

Forty Years Ago

March 11, 1965

President Johnson signed, Tuesday, the \$1.1 billion Appalachian Development Act which, with the so-called antipoverty funds made avilable through the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, is designed to set in motion large-scale measures to bring the Appalachian states out

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Yesterdays

of the economic doldrums...Preliminary plans for a six-room addition to the Prestonsburg grade school building were approved by the Floyd County Board of Education...At the second meeting of the Saddle Club, the organization was named the East Kentucky Saddle Club...Martin defeated the Wayland Wasps in the finals of the 58th district basketball tournament here, 60 to 47...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Daniels, a daughter, Kimberly Norene, March 6, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams, a daughter, Barbara Downes, March 5, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Ralph Steel (Risner) Lafferty, 86, of Dwale, Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Mont Ousley, 84, of Risner, Sunday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; William Dean Howell, 13, Sunday, at his home on Abbott Creek; Mrs. Beulah R. Wells, 69, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Walter A. Gardner, 53, February 24, at his home, at Tram; Charles Hubert Sherman, 46, formerly of this county, last Thursday, at Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Martha Carver, 98, Monday, at her home at Drift.

Fifty Years Ago March 10, 1955

For the second time within a week, Floyd County streams were at flood stage over the week-end, and the Big Sandy rose again within inches of street level at the Court Street and Lake Drive intersections...Senator Earle C. Clements wired The Times, Saturday, that he has called on the White House and the Civil Defense Administration for assistance to Floyd County and other flood-stricken

State Park, scheduled for the coming year, are a permanent boat dock, with lunchroom and restrooms; a new bathhouse as a permanent improvement at Stratton Branch recreation area; opening of a parking lot, and construction of a caretaker's home...Contract was awarded last week by Edward C. Music and Thomas Hereford, Jr., on construction of a 20-unit motel on U.S. 23 in the Richmond Addition, here...Dewey reservoir afforded the Big Sandy river basin an estimated \$310,000 in benefits during the recent floods, according to data released Wednesday afternoon by the Corps of Engineers...Wayland's high-scoring Wasps overcame a five-point third-quarter deficit last Saturday night to dethrone Garrett, 64-53, as the 58th district basketball champion...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Gervin Waddle, of Abbott Road, a daughter, Melody Ann, Wednesday, March 9; to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Elkins, of Prestonsburg, a son, Rickie, March 7, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Linville Isaac, 84, of Bevinsville, and Lawrence Isaac, 62, of Hunter, father and son, Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, of last week; Hardy Kilburn, 72, of Martin, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Tom Mullins, 59, of Weeksbury, Sunday, at the Virgie Community Hospital; Mrs. Della W. Hall, 69, last Thursday, at her home at Topmost; John Hamilton, 78, of Teaberry, Saturday; Nelve Hamilton, last Thursday, at his home at Teaberry

Sixty Years Ago

March 8, 1945

The casualty list of nine Floyd County

areas...Improvements to Dewey Lake soldiers reported this week: Killed in action-Pvt. Curtis Conn, of Dana, wounded (the first four men listed here had been previously wounded and returned to action)-Pvt. Clarence Adkins, of Risner; S-Sgt. Elmer Nemet, of Wheelwright; S-Sgt. Richard McGuire, of Water Gap; Roy Mullett, of Bonanza; Pfc. Teddy Stumbo, of McDowell; S-Sgt. Harrison Stephens, of Risner; Pfc. Lewis J. Kidd; Pvt. John W. Burke, of Cliff...Wounded Saturday morning, by a bullet from a .22 caliber rifle which was accidentally discharged as her children played with the weapon, Fanny Francis Derossett, 47, died a few hours later at the Prestonsburg General Hospital. The bullet first hit Mrs. Reynold Derossett, daughter-in-law of the victim, inflicting a flesh wound, then struck the elder woman...Purchase for \$40,000 of gas holdings in Floyd, Pike and Magoffin counties, and in West Virginia, which include approximately 20 producing wells was made Monday by Ex-Magistrate W. A. Wills, Commonwealth's Attorney John Allen, Circuit Judge Henry Stephens, Otis Cooley and Ken Sparks, all of Prestonsburg...Garrett High School's Black Devil basketball team won the Floyd County district championship in last week's tournament at Maytown...Two Floyd county fathers were serving 10-day jail term, here, this week following conviction as second offenders in failing to send their children to school, county attendance officers said...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Collins, of Minnie, a son, Clinton Ray, February 28; to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGuire, a son, Frank, Jr., January 22, at St. Armes Hospital; Columbus, Ohio; to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Callihan Jr., a daughter, Mary Jo, January 31, at Ft. Thomas, Kentucky; to Mr. and

■ Continued from p2 Mrs. Merle J. Keirn, of Columbus City, Indiana, a daughter, Sharon Kay, January 13. at Wolf Lake, Indiana...There died: Alex Crider, 92 years old, at home on Copperas Creek, Monday; Mrs. Mary Ann Branham, 81, at the home of a daughter, Tuesday; Mrs. Louraney Shepherd, 73, at home at Lancer, Sunday; James E. Amburgy, three years old, of Maytown, Wednesday, at the Martin General Hospital.

Seventy Years Ago

March 8, 1935

Alex H. Spradlin has been named police judge, here, to succeed E.P. Arnold, who resigned...Quarantined in his home when his young son, Billy, became ill of scarlet fever, the Rev. Harry F. King, pastor of the Methodist Church, preached to his congregation, Sunday, via public address system installed by R. H. Koch local radio repairman. His sermon topic -"Church Attendance"...Ora Lee Brown, 17, formerly of Prestonsburg, was shot and killed, Sunday, at Neon...Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg high schools will represent Floyd County in the regional tournament which begins here, Thursday night...Construction by relief employees will start Friday, on the Abner Fork and Left Beaver roads, the latter job to extend from Hunter to McDowell...Sixteen pairs of jackrabbits, caught in a Kansas drive, were shipped here, and released, last week, by L.C. Keeling...Milford Hicks was shot through his leg, Monday, at "Greentown," near Garrett...There died: the Rev. M. T. Murphy, 78, February 14, at Hager Hill; the eight-month-old baby of John R. Shepherd, February 24, at Dock.

Thinking about

home

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School

For more info., call 452-4553. March 28-April 1:

SPRING BREAK!! "Lost & Found" is located in the FRC. If your child has lost any clothing or other personal items, please remind them to check in the FRC. Items not

claimed within 2 weeks,

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

Wesley Christian School

Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30

p.m., Monday thru Friday. For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

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

■ Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. and materials free of charge.

Fuchs - 886-0709 tion Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Con-

Contact Vanessa Tackett - 358-

Wheelwright: Mon., Wed.

tact: Penny Fell - 452-4324. McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to

3:00 p.m.

Continued from p2 to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille

Martin Extended Educatact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-

Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

U.S. GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2005 AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY HOUSE AND LOT LOCATED AT 1688 HWY 1428 - PRESTONSBURG



This is a three bedroom wood siding home on public water and private sewer. It is well located in a quiet neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, and a laundry room. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development, Rural Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property will be \$10,050.00.

Payment of current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 31, 2005, at 1:00 pm., at the property site, at 1688 Hwy 1428, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$36,199.23 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$33,689.07 plus interest in the amount of \$5,903.26 as of July 15, 2004, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$9.4215 per day from July 15, 2004, until the date of Judgement, plus interest on the Judgement amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 2.14% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 04-65 DCR on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on October 1, 2004, in the case of United States of America vs. Carmel Kidd, the Unknown Spouse of Carmel Kidd, Draxle Kidd and the Unknown Spouse of Draxle Kidd, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and Lot located at 1688 Hwy 1428 Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated April 26, 1989, and recorded in Deed Book 327 Page 58 in the Floyd County Clerk's

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 1.83% per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court. This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all

persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office

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Critter

sick when he conducts his own egg hunt a week later.

The traditional Easter dinner often includes a ham or other meat dish. Fatty meats are often the cause of digestive disorders in pets, ranging from a mild upset stomach to a painful and potentially fatal case of pancreatitis. As always, bones are very hazardous in any size and in any quantity. They should never be fed to pets, and they should be disposed of carefully and safely.

Lisa also brought in an article about the dangers of Easter Lilies in cats. Only a very small amount of the plant has to be ingestedtwo or three leaves can be fatal.

Cats who chew on a Lily plant (most species of Lily are toxic to cats to varying degrees) generally start to show signs of nausea (drooling, vomiting), loss of appetite, and increased urination within a very short time-early indications of kidney damage. The condition progresses to complete kidney failure with severe nausea, seizures and no urine production very rapidly. Death

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generally follows in 3-4 days. Apparently cats are the only

species affected this severely by Lilies; dogs generally develop an upset stomach without any long-term effects. Obviously, if you even think your cat has nibbled on a Lily plant, you should call your vet immediately.

Once again, a reminder to avoid purchasing live chicks, ducklings or bunnies as Easter gifts for children. Unless you have plans to provide a home to an adult chicken, duck or rabbit long term, don't get an animal as a novelty. It is inhumane to the animal and unfair to the child. I feel sorry for the baby animals being exploited this way, too, but the best thing to do is not even go look at them when you see them being sold. If we don't provide a market, people will stop thinking of Easter pets as a way to make a quick buck.

If we keep these tips in mind for a safe and happy Easter, our most vivid holiday memory should be how ridiculous Spike looked wearing those fake bunny ears.

Oak

and head toward town.

I'm not sure that at the time I was even aware that there were three sets of railroad tracks that ran beneath the tipple. One was for gons to be loaded with large lumps of coal, another was for medium lumps and the third was for fine coal. After it was dumped, the coal was carried by a belt to noisy screens which sifted the various sizes and when one gon was full, they'd push it out of the way and drop another one in its place. Every afternoon the C&O shifter would come and collect the loaded gons and pull them off to a train yard in town. I never gave a thought to where

they went from there. Sometimes I'd stop what I was doing in the late afternoon to watch the empty gons being pushed up a fourth set of started again.

Continued from p1 while others would turn right tracks where 15 or 20 would sit waiting for the time they'd be needed. The trackful of empties sat on a pretty good grade, with gravity being the primary power that moved them to beneath the tipple.

Anyway, back to the truck counting part of my tale, on days I had nothing else to do that is to say if no one was particularly interested in going swimming or something - and depending upon who joined me in the cool shade of the store's front porch, sometimes I'd sit long enough to count as many as 20 loaded trucks.

But, I guess it's pretty obvious that we're a lifetime away from the days when the primary purpose of coal trucks was to give a kid something to count other than the number of days remaining before school

Weddings



Music-Gambill

Mr. and Mrs. M. Jack Music, of Auxier, along with Mr. and Mrs. Faron Gambill, of Hazard, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Honchel, of Lexington, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Jessica Elizabeth Music and Faron Gregory Gambill. Jessica and Greg are both graduates of Alice Lloyd College and Union College, with master's degrees in educational administration. Jessica teaches language arts at Adams Middle School; Greg teaches social studies at Paintsville High School. The couple plan to reside in Auxier, following a destination wedding on St. Lucia Island. A post-wedding reception will be held in the couple's honor on July 29, 2005, at the First Presbyterian Church, in Prestonsburg.



Adams-Young

Connie Adams, of Langley, and Jonathan Young, of Pike County, are happy to announce their forthcoming marriage. Connie is the daughter of Polly Hall, of Prestonsburg. Jonathan is the son of Margaret Young and John Young, both also of Pike County. The couple will marry on June 25, 2005.

Town Branch Church to hold Easter clothing give-away on March 19

Shown above are some local girls who attended a recent voluntary seminar and informational meeting, held especially for young girls, at the Town Branch Hope Center, Town Branch Christian Victory Fellowship Church. The meeting included a question-andanswer session by which the young ladies were given the opportunity to ask questions regarding personal care and other health issues, as well as any other topic that they may

have had an interest in. The session was conducted under the ministry of the Town Branch Church, located on Town Branch Road, in Prestonsburg.

Pastor Tom Nelson and church teachers and leaders strive to make themselves available to those in need, whether the need may be for food, clothing, or other physical needs or for spiritual needs.

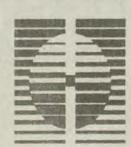
This coming Saturday, March 19, the church will hold its annual Easter clothing giveaway. Children of all ages, both boys and girls, are welcome to come and receive new Easter outfits, underwear, socks and shoes and goody bags containing personal care items.

The give-away will get underway at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day until all

have been served. All are welcome to participate and more information may be received by calling the church office at 889-9286.



These girls enjoyed an evening of information, refreshments and door prizes recently at the Town Branch Church. The church will hold its annual Easter clothing give-away on Saturday, March 19,



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invaded Tootsie's territory.

Food, clothes, and shoes were strewn all about and as the music was blaring, we were convinced we could cut a rug as good as anyone on American Bandstand.

Chatty, Cathy's mom, could too, and had even joined in on our dance fest.

The front door opened, and in walked Tootsie. He always reminded me of "Buford Pusser" in the movie "Walking Tall" larger than life itself.

My first thought was, "Uhoh, we've had it.'

"His living room's a mess, the music's loud, and he's

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of McDowell, graduated from the late Maynard Hoober, and the

Marine Corp boot camp, at Parris

Island, South Carolina, on Janu-

going to have our heads on a platter," I thought.

No more than the thought had crossed my mind, Tootsie grabbed Chatty and they showed that room full of giggling girls just exactly how to cut a rug!

And boy, could they dance! When he laughed, I remember instantly thinking "He's not scary, he's just a big ol' teddy

And that seemed to be the same conclusion arrived at by so many as they reflected on their memories of this large loveable man.

Tootsie loved to share Jesus

and His Word and his Light shined through to the many souls he came in contact with.

Yes, my heart ached that Berthie would no longer hear his voice on the other end of a phone, or feel his hugs and have her father here in the flesh with her any longer.

Yet, I felt joy that Tootsie would be reunited with Chatty in Heaven and what rejoicing was taking place. A real roller coaster of emotions.

Sunday was the first time I had been back to the Pine Grove Baptist Church since Spouse and I had said our vows there twenty-five years ago!

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To think that it had been thirty- two years since that pajama party and Tootsie becoming a bigger than life teddy bear really blew my mind

My prayers for Berthie, her sister Jeff and brothers Gilford and Morris Joe, are for strength, wisdom, and most of all, peace of mind knowing they have not one, but two of God's most precious guardian angels now watching over them!

'Til Next Week, I love you Berthie God's Blessings....

Miss Billie

here in Eastern Kentucky."

In 1990, she brought together a group of talented musicians and performers gleaned from the very hills of her native region. She dubbed this group "The Kentucky Opry," from which the "KY Opry Junior Pros" soon followed.

For several years, Osborne and her musicians performed from the backs of pickup trucks in local parking lots and in various school auditoriums, as well as from the stage of the Jenny Wiley Theatre. "We just made do however, and wherever we could," she said. The group soon gained acclaim through both word of mouth and rave reviews, mustering ever more courage and determination along the way.

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Finally, in the autumn of 1996, Miss Billie's dream came true when the doors of the Mountain Arts Center were opened to the public. Miss Billie's "kids" finally had a place they could call their own.

Stellar performances by both regional talent as well as Continued from p1

nationally known musicians have graced the halls of the arts center and Miss Billie is more than proud of her KY Opry and Jr. Pro performers. But, she speaks with a special pride of her performing arts summer program, held annually for children of elementary and middle school age. "It's just a wonderful program, wonderful," she said. "I go out to nine different counties. I'm out in these counties just all the time, looking for talented children. The schools love to see me come and they always just welcome me right in. I tell the children all about our program and I invite them to sing for me and then those that are interested will show up in the summer to learn about putting on a show. It takes a lot of hard work, but we feed them each day, and bus them in, and in one month's time, these kids put together a show that just blows your mind," she continued.

"Why Hal Rogers (US Congressman) says he's never seen anything like it," she said.

Rogers has been noted as saying that "Billie Jean Osborne was the driving force behind the creation of this spectacular performing arts showplace we call the Mountain Arts Center.'

Miss Billie, who has received numerous honors, recently received a special honor of which she is most proud when her alma mater, Eastern Kentucky University, recognized her as one of Kentucky's most successful people. "I like the house said, "but really, God ands the

bringing glory to Floyd County and its young people. We

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Happy 1st Birthday, Emily!

Emily Grace Evans will celebrate her first birthday on March 18, 2005, with a "Dora the Explorer" theme party and lots of family members and friends. Emily is the daughter of Bradley and Susan Evans, of Grethel, who wish their "Little Princess" a very happy day!



Christopher Elwood Scott Hughes was born on February 14, Joanna Reid, of Banner, and the grandchild of Arlene and Ron-



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Bobby and Bulah Gayheart, of Leburn, are proud to announce the birth of their precious grandchildren, Daniel Patrick and Reagan Caroline Wombles, born January 31, 2005. The twins are the children of Mark and Teresa Wombles, of Lexington. They are the paternal grandchildren of Russell and Linda Wombles, of London.



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900-Legals

INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO** APPLICATION NO. 836-0294, AMENDMENT 1

(1) In accordance

with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, Inc., 25 Clydean Drive. Leburn, Kentucky 41831, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining operation, located 1 mile southeast of Weeksbury, in Floyd and Pike counties. The amendment will add 31.22 acres, and will delete 2.15 of surface disturbance,

boundary.

(2) The proposed approximately 1 mile southeast from Route County Kentucky Road, and is located auction, on Thursday, real estate taxes on Pine Fork of down! For County, and Abel hour of 9:00 a.m., the Fork, in Pike County. The latitude is 37 degrees, 19 minutes, Melvin, Floyd County, REPOS, \$0 TO LOW 41 minutes, 01 sec- as follows:

> (3) The proposed ed Wheelwright USGS 7 1/2 minute quadranment is owned by lowing Collins and Mayo Collieries Company, Joyce N. Johnson, Clinton & Eva Little, and Joe & Mary Tackett. The operaface area method of

filed Department for Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Drive, Prestonsburg, 41653. Kentucky Written comments,

objections, or conference must be 40601

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC SALE The following item will be offered at public sale on March 31, 2005, at First Guaranty Bank, 36 Main Street, Martin,

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COMMONWEALT H OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT

COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-01212 U.S. BANK, NA (SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIRSTAR BANK, NA)

PLAINTIFF

VS. Tackett, Lester Audrey Citifinancial Services, Inc., Commonwealth Kentucky and Floyd Kentucky

Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSION-ER'S

Court, entered on the County

together with interest, of. costs and fees, I shall

the new Floyd the 31st day of be paid from the sale

the Floyd Fork of Left Beaver area to be disturbed of First Party's inter- the property and

Darcus from Newsome and Monroe Newsome, her husband, bearing tion will use the sur- date of March 30, 1964, and recorded in Deed Book 184, (4) The amendment Page 554, in the application has been office of the Floyd for public County Court Clerk, inspection at the and more particularly described as follows.

to wit:

Beginning on a stone marked near Office, the center of the 3140 South Lake creek, thence a straight line across bottom with the Epison Newsome line to a stone at the requests for a permit county road, thence up the road 50 feet, on up the thence State Highway to Willie Harris line thence across the bottom with Willie Harris Line and wire fence to center of Abner Fork or Creek, thence down the center of the creek to the beginning so as to include all land in said boundary and

Subject to all ease-Chevrolet ments, covenants, G25 Van Vin # conditions, reserva-1GBEG25H2F71104 tions, leases and restrictions of record, All items are sold all legal highways, all rights of way, all zon-Items are to be paid tions, all rights of tenfollowing the sale, or ants in possession, and all real estate ments are made with taxes and assess-

both lots.

Audrey Tackett by deed recorded in Volume 249, Page 85, of the Floyd County, Kentucky, records.

*Consists of housing unit and lot.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good sure-Tackett, ty thereon for the purchase unpaid price of said property, if any, bearing intertwelve from the date of sale

Judgment. BY VIRTUE OF shall be sold subject imately Summary Judgment to any easements and Order of Sale of and restrictions of \$55,345.68, record owners there- the beginning.

Furnished making a total of proceed to offer for shall be required to property conveyed to McDowell Trailer For Rent Just 639.97 acres within sale at the Old Floyd assume and pay all Richard Ellis and Wheelwright the Health Services edge of north street, County, Vickie D. Ellis by U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 Cabinet, Department being a common cordoor, South Central Kentucky, real prop- deed dated May 14, minute quadrangle of Vital Statistics. The A v e n u e , erty taxes for the 1996 from, David map. The surface relocation is planned amendment area is Prestonsburg, year 2005, and all Ellis and Susan Ellis, area is owned by to take place on or thence leaving Lot 26 Kentucky, (behind subsequent years, his wife, recorded in Alma Land Company, after March 21, 2005. which are not yet due Deed Book 395. Justice and payable. Any and Page 215, Floyd 466's junction with Center), to the high- all delinquent Floyd County HOMES!No Rent! Caleb Fork County est bidder, at public County, Kentucky, Office.

(d) In the event the sale, the successful Listings, 1-800-501- Tackett Fork of Long following described Plaintiff is the pur-bidder, if the other real estate, located at chaser of the above than the Plaintiff, 23235 KY Route 122, described property, shall either pay cash Regional for an amount equal or 10% of purchase NO CREDIT OK! 09 seconds. The lon- Kentucky, and more to, or less than, its price, with the bal- Drive, Prestonsburg, GOV'T & BANK gitude is 82 degrees, particularly described first lien, it shall take ance on credit for KY 41653. a credit against said thirty (30) days, and lien for the amount of required to execute a A certain tract or the bid, and no bond bond with good sureamendment is locat- parcel of land lying in shall be required of ty thereon for the conference must be County, the Plaintiff, and it unpaid Kentucky, on Abner shall only be obligat- price of said property, ed to pay court costs, if any, bearing intergle map. The surface Creek and being all the fees and costs of est at the rate of Master twelve under the amend- est in and to the fol- Commissioner, and (12%)) per annum described any real estate taxes from the date of sale assessed against the until paid, having the obtained by deed real estate.

Any ments made on date of sale take prece- shall be sold subject dence over printed to any easements matter herein.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Septtimous Taylor 4830 Towne Square Court Owensboro, KY 42301

William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALT H OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-01277 ALEGIS GROUP, L.P.

PLAINTIFF VS. RICHARD ELLIS. VICKIE D. ELLIS **DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE OF COMMISSION-ER'S

BY VIRTUE OF In

Rem Judgment and

Court, entered on the 14th day of February, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum ments not yet due of \$6,970.83, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall pro-Being the same ceed to offer for sale property conveyed to at the Old Floyd Lester Tackett and County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 497 Derossett Street, Prestonsburg; Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and described as follows: Beginning at the creek 25 feet north-County, est at the rate of east-southeast cor- 41501, has applied percent ner of Richard Ellis for a renewal of a (12%)) per annum and Vickie D. Ellis permit for a coal proproperty; going until paid, having the southwest approxiforce and effect of a mately 95 feet to tree located 0.10 mile (b) The property degrees right approx-160 feet northwest to tree ty is approximately marked X, turning 90 0.5 mile south from the Floyd Circuit record in the Floyd degrees right approx- State Route 979 Clerk's imately 95 feet north- junction with Clear 14th day of January, Office, and such right east back to creek, Creek Road, and 2005, in the Floyd of redemption as may turning 90 degrees located 0.75 mile Circuit Court, in the exist in favor of the right running up south of Ligon post above-styled action, United States of creek approximately office. The latitude is in the principal sum America, and/or the 160 feet southeast to 37°22'09". The longi-

described as follows:

(c) The purchaser Being the same ty is located on the

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of purchase force and effect of a announce- Judgment.

(b) The property contained and restrictions of record in the Floyd Clerk's County Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

> (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years, which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, . Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of Master Foreclosure Decree Commissioner, and any real estate taxes

assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter

contained herein. Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Philip M. Kleinsmith Kleinsmith & Associates, P.C. 6035 Erin Park Drive, Suite 203 Colorado Springs, CO 80918

William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO** APPLICATION NUMBER 836-8027 RENEWAL

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain west from the north- Road, Pikeville, KY cessing facility, affecting 34.25 acres, marked X, turning 90 east of Ligon, in Floyd County.

> The proposed facilitude is 82° 40' 28"

The proposed facili-

Gordon Meade, The Elk Horn Coal Clerk's Corporation, Will Slone Heirs.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Office. 3140 South Lake

Written comments. objections, requests for a permit filed with the Director. Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 percent South, Frankfort, KY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO RELOCATE GRAVES

Motts Branch and the General Branch) of Salt Lick pal contains two (2) iden- A v e n u e unmarked graves. It is his intention to County property.

The Shepherd Wanda Permission to relo- County, cate the grave of and more particularly has been granted by her next of kin. The grave is that of contact Wanda Hicks' Floyd location.

1. The cemetery Subdivision, has no known official being name. It is located on described as follows: Sage Allen Branch, approximately one

of their next of kin.

2765. Kentucky (606) 874-9003.

next of kin cannot be bearing of N 58 located.

The graves with a chord length of requiring Fiscal Court 30.10' to a rebar/cap, approval to be relo- thence N 74 degrees cated will be relocat- 51'57" E a distance ed at a perpetual of 110.02' to a care cemetery in rebar/cap(set), being Floyd County, and a common corner of will be marked by Lot 26 and the subappropriate head- ject property; thence stone and footstone. leaving the street The relocation will be right of way and supervised by a downhill with Lot 26, licensed funeral S 03 degrees 32'11" director who will have E a distance of obtained the appro- 143.86'

and priate permits from rebar/cap on the

COMMONWEALT H OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT **DIVISION NO. 1** CASE NO. 03-CI-01322 WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA PLAINTIFF

VS. Gregory Smith, unknown spouse, if any, of Gregory Smith, Transfinancial Bank, National Association Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSION-ER'S

SALE BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order Jerry Banks is the of Sale of the Floyd owner of certain Circuit Court, entered property located at on the 1st day of Sage Allen Branch June, 2004, in the (formerly known as Floyd Circuit Court, in above-styled Allen action, in the princisum on Right Beaver \$90,038.63, together Creek in Floyd with interest, costs County (Deed Book and fees, I shall pro-289, Page 434). He ceed to offer for sale had discovered an at the Old Floyd abandoned cemetery County courthouse on his property which door, South Central tifiable graves and Prestonsburg possibly four (4) Kentucky, (behind Floyd the new Justice relocate these graves Center), to the highwith the assistance of est bidder, at public Knott Floyd Land auction, on Thursday, Company due to min- the 17th day of ing operations on his March, 2005, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the identifiable following described graves are: Bobbie real estate, located at and Lot 25 Eagle Trace, Hicks. Harold, Floyd Kentucky,

Bobbie Shepherd described as follows: Herein described only other identifiable property is a tract of property lying and Wanda Hicks, born being near the head 1926 and died 1927. of Penhook Branch of All reasonable efforts the Levisa Fork off have been made to U.S. 23, at Harold, in County, next of kin and to Kentucky, and being determine if there are known as Lot 25 of other graves in this section Two of the Eagle Trace and further

Beginning at a mile up Sage Allen rebar/cap(set), on the Branch on the left edge of north street, hand side of the being a common corbranch near the resiner of Lot 27 and the dence of Jerry subject property; Banks, and has been thence leaving the abandoned for many street right of way with Lot 27, N 70 2. This notice is to degrees 40'22" W a request assistance distance of 149.69' to from anyone having a rebar/cap(set), knowledge of per- being a common corsons buried in this ner of Lots 27, 24 location or the names and the subject property; thence leaving 3. If you have any Lot 27 and with Lot information about 24, N 30 degrees 57' persons buried in this 30" E a distance of location, please con- 43.93' to a rebar/cap; tact George Adkins at thence N 30 degrees Knott Floyd Land 57'30" E a distance Company, P.O. Box of 25.41' to a Pikeville, rebar/cap being a 41502, common corner of Lot 24, West Street 4. This notice will and the subject proprun each Wednesday erty; thence leaving in the Floyd County Lot 24 and with the Times for a period of street right of way, 30 60 days from January degrees 57'30" E a 12, 2005. At the expi- distance of 24.16' to ration of 60 days a rebar/cap; thence notice, Jerry Banks with a curve turning will petition the Floyd to the right with an Fiscal Court to grant arc length of 30.24', authority to relocate with a radius of the graves whose 88.94' with a chord

degrees 29'01" E,

ner of Lot 26 and the subject property: and along the street right of way with a curve turning to the left with an arc length 22nd a chord being of S 57 with a chord length of area of 20,697

property conveyed to Gregory Smith by deed dated May 9, 2003, of record in the new Deed Book 486, Page 278, in the Office.

TERMS OF SALE

acres.

(a) At the time of sale, the successful than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a located on Abner bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd Clerk's County

shall be required to assume and pay all County, Floyd erty taxes for the bidder, if the other vear 2003, and all than the Plaintiff County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will proceeds.

the bid, and no bond Judgment. any real estate taxes real estate.

Any announceof sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Philip Q. Ratliff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis 525 Vine Street, Suite 800 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY

41653 COMMONWEALT H OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-00963 CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK PLAINTIFF VS. Jason Hall, et al

Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSION-SALE

BY VIRTUE OF

Amended Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the day of 73-86', with a November, 2004, in radius of 30.00', with the Floyd Circuit Court, in the abovedegrees 15'15" W, styled action, in the principal sum of 56.57' to the point of \$33,536.89, together beginning, having an with interest, costs and fees, I shall prosquare feet, 0.48 ceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County courthouse Being the same door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg Kentucky, (behind County Justice Center), to the high-Floyd County Clerk's est bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 17th day of March, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described bidder, if the other real estate, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly

> A tract of land, Fork, Floyd County, Kentucky, to-wit:

described as follows:

Center of creek, price of said property, across road at Cline Johnson boundary line and across bottom and up hill to the (12%)) per annum top of point. Center of from the date of sale creek, across road to until paid, having the marker across the bottom and up by poplar tree on hill to top of point.

Being a portion of the same property conveyed to Jason Hall and Amy Hall his wife. from Office, and such right Ocelene Cole and of redemption as may Carl Cole, her husexist in favor of the band, by deed dated United States of July 19, 1996, and America, and/or the recorded in Deed record owners there- Book 397, Page 91, of the Floyd County (c) The purchaser Court Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of Kentucky, real prop- sale, the successful subsequent years, shall either pay cash which are not yet due or 10% of purchase and payable. Any and price, with the balall delinquent Floyd, ance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a be paid from the sale bond with good surety thereon for the (d) In the event the unpaid purchase Plaintiff is the pur- price of said property, chaser of the above if any, bearing interdescribed property, est at the rate of for an amount equal twelve percent (12%) to, or less than, its per annum, from the first lien, it shall take date of sale until a credit against said paid, having the force lien for the amount of and effect of a

shall be required of (b) The property the Plaintiff, and it shall be sold subject shall only be obligat- to any easements ed to pay court costs, and restrictions of the fees and costs of record in the Floyd Master County Clerk's Commissioner, and Office, and such right of redemption as may assessed against the exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the ments made on date record owners there-

of.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2004, and all subsequent years, which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale

proceeds. (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the

real estate. Any announce-

ments made on date

of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Plaintiff's Attorney:

Hon. Frank Heaberlin 119 East Court Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653

William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

A public auction will be held at Worldwide Equipment Inc., 1977 RT 1428 Prestonsburg, KY, 41653, at 10:30 a.m., March 24, 2005, to sell a 1987 Mack the Floyd Circuit RD886SX and 1993 Great Dane trailer.

COMMONWEALT OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-00620 COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, INC., SUCCES-SOR IN INTER-EST TO COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF VS.

Tony Butler and Betsy Butler; Ford Motor Credit Company and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF COMMISSION-ER'S

SALE BY VIRTUE OF Judgment In Rem and Order of Sale of Court, entered on the 14th day of January 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum \$12,700.09, of together with interest,

costs and fees. I shall

sale at the Old Floyd the beginning. County Courthouse (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at Deed public auction, on Page Thursday, the 24th County day of March, 2005, located and lying in County,

particularly described as follows: A tract of land in 307, South Martin, Floyd office. County, Kentucky, on May Waddles line John with said line to thence turning and Osborne's 410, and running 80 feet to J.W. Halbert's line, thence turning and

Being the same door, South Central property conveyed to 41649. Prestons- Dennis Martin and Kentucky, Gladys Martin by Ryan, dated July 14, 1962. Office. For further at the hour of 9:15 source of title, refer- sixty (60) days, and County, a.m., the following ence is made to the required to execute a real estate taxes will described real estate, Will of Dennis Martin, bond with good sure- be paid from the sale recorded in Will Book ty thereon for the proceeds. E, Page 590, and the unpaid Kentucky, and more Will of Gladys Martin, price of said property,

Lawrence and and running 80 feet Maddox and Billie Judgment. Sue Maddox, his Street, wife, to Tony Butler, divorced and unre- to any easements shall only be obligatrunning with Second married, Betsy Butler, and restrictions of Street 50 feet to widow, by Deed Book record in the Floyd the fees, and costs of Page 440, line, thence turning recorded in Floyd Office, and such right Commissioner, and County

running 50 feet with its address is com- America and/or the

proceed to offer for J.W. Halbert's line to monly known as 37 record owners there- ments made on date Chestnut Street, of Martin, Kentucky

> (a) At the time of Floyd deed from Lottie sale, the successful Kentucky, real propbidder, if the other erty taxes for the recorded in than the Plaintiff, 180, shall either pay cash subsequent years Floyd or 10% of purchase which are not yet due Clerk's price, with the bal- and payable, Any and ance on credit for all delinquent Floyd purchase

1996, recorded in if any, bearing inter- chaser of the above Will Book O, Page est at the rate of said clerk's twelve percent (12%) for an amount equal per annum, from the This was conveyed date of sale until beginning at a stake August 13, 1997, by paid, having the force a credit against said (b) The property shall be required of

shall be sold subject County Clerk's the Clerk's of redemption as may any real estate taxes exist in favor of the assessed against the The real property or United States of real estate.

of sale take prece-(c) The purchaser dence over printed shall be required to matter containeed

assume and pay all

year 2004, and all

(d) In the event the

Plaintiff is the pur-

lien for the amount of

the bid and no bond

the Plaintiff, and it

Master

County,

herein. Plaintiff's Attorney:

Hon. Virginia K. Baird Baird & Baird, PSC P.O. Box 351 Pikeville, KY 41502

William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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Notice to Customers of Kentucky Power Company Proposed changes to the Environmental Surcharge Tariff

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 7, 2005, Kentucky Power Company (KPCo) will file with the Kentucky Public Service Commission) in Case No. 2005-00068 an Application pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statutes 278.183 for authorization to make changes to the environmental surcharge for customer bills rendered on and after April 29, 2005 in accordance with proposed changes to Tariff E.S. This tariff contains the environmental surcharge ratemaking formula and other terms and conditions. The proposed changes, if approved, will allow KPCo to apply a surcharge to all customer bills rendered on and after April 29, 2005 to recover additional cost of complying with the Federal Clean Air Act and other federal and state or local environmental requirements which apply to coal combustion wastes and by-products from facilities utilized for the production of energy from coal in accordance with KPCo's environmental compliance plan. The full terms and conditions and ratemaking formula of Tariff E.S. are set forth below:

APPLICABLE To Tariffs R.S., R.S.-L.M.-T.O.D., Experimental R.S.-T.O.D., S.G.S., M.G.S., Experimental M.G.S.-T.O.D., L.G.S., Q.P., C.I.P.-T.O.D., C.S.-I.R.P., M.W., O.L., and S.L.

1. The environmental surcharge shall provide for periodic adjustments based on a percent of revenues equal to the difference between the environmental commpliance costs in the base period and in the current period according to the following formula: Monthly Environmental Surcharge Factor = Net KY Retail E(m)

Net KY Retail E(m) =

Monthly E(m) allocated to Kentucky Retail Customers, net of Over/(Under) Recovery Adjustment; Allocation based on Percentage of Kentucky Retail Revenues to Total Company Revenues in the Expense Month (For purposes of this formula, Total Company Revenues do not include Non-Physical Revenues.) Kentucky Retail Revenues for the Expense Month

2. Monthly Environmental Surcharge Gross Revenue Requirement, E(m) CRR-BRR

E(m) Where: Current Period Revenue Requirement for the Expense Month CRR

Base Period Revenue Requirement 3. Base Period Revenue Requirement, BRR

BRR=((RB_{KP(B)}) (ROR_{KP(B)}/12)+OE_{KP(B)}+ [((RB_{IM(B)})/12) + OE_{IM(B)}](.15) Where:

> RB. Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Big Sandy

RORKP(B) Annual Rate of Return on Big Sandy Rate Base; Annual Rate divided by 12 to restate to a Monthly Rate of Return

OE_{KP(B)} Monthly Pollution Control Operating Expenses for Big Sandy RB_{IM(B)} Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Rockport

Annual Rate of Return on Rockport Rate Base; Annual Rate divided by 12 to restate to a Monthly Rate of Return Monthly Pollution Control Operating Expenses for Rockport

"KP(B)" identifies components from the Big Sandy Units - Base Period, and "IM(B)" identifies components from the Indiana Michigan Power Company's Rockport Units - Base Period. The Rate Base for both Kentucky Power and Rockport should reflect the account balance as of December 31,1990. The Operating Expense amounts should reflect the December 1990 expense. The amounts reflect retirements or replacements resulting from the 1997 Plan,

the 2003 Plan and the 2005 Plan. The Rate of Return for Kentucky Power is a weighted average cost of capital calculation, reflecting the cost of debt as of December 31, 1990 and the rate of return on common equity authorized in Case No. 1996-00489. The Kentucky Power component in the Base Period

Revenue Requirement is a result of the adoption of the settlement in Case No. 1999-00149. As Kentucky Power's last general rate case had been settled. Kentucky Power proposed and the Commission accepted the use of the rate of return on common equity established

The Rate of Return for Rockport should reflect the requirements of the Rockport Unit Power Agreement.

The Base Period Revenue Requirement will remain fixed until either a) a 2-year review case results in the roll-in of the surcharge into existing base rates, or b) further retirements or replacements of pollution control utility plant occur due to the installation of new pollution control utility plant associated with the approved compliance plan.

4. Current Period Revenue Requirement, CRR $CRR = ((RB_{KP(C)})(ROR_{KP(C)})/12) + OE_{KP(C)} + [((RB_{M(C)})(ROR_{M(C)})/12) + OE_{M(C)}] (.15) - AS$

Where:

RB_{KP(C)} Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Big Sandy

Annual Rate of Return on Big Sandy Rate Base Annual Rate divided by 12 to restate a Monthly Rate of Return OE_{KF(C)} Monthly Pollution Control Operating Expenses for Big Sandy.

RB_{IM(C)} ROR_{IM(C)} Environmental Compliance Rate Base for Rockport. Annual Rate of Return on Rockport Base; Annual Rate divided by 12 to restate to a Monthly Rate of Return.

Monthly Pollution Control Operating Expenses for Rockport.

Net proceeds from the sale of SO₂ emission allowances, ERCs, and NO₂ emission allowances reflected in the month of receipt. The SO₂ allowance sales can be from either EPA Auctions or the AEP Interim Allowance Agreement Allocations.

"KP(C)" identifies components from the Big Sandy Units-Current Period, and "IM(C)" identifies components from the Indiana Michigan Power Company's Rockport Units-Current Period. The Rate Base for both Kentucky Power and Rockport should reflect the current costs associated with the 1997 Plan, the 2003 Plan and the 2005 Plan. The Rate Base for Kentucky Power should also include a cash working capital allowance based on the 1/8 formula approach, due to the inclusion of Kentucky Power's accounts receivable financing in the capital structure and weighted average cost of capital. The Operating Expenses for both Kentucky Power and Rockport should reflect the current operating expenses associated with

the 1997 Plan, the 2003 Plan, and the 2005 Plan. The Rate of Return for Kentucky Power is the weighted average cost of capital as authorized by the Commission in Case No. 2002-00169.

The Rate of Return for Rockport should reflect the requirements of the Rockport Unit Power Agreement.

Net proceeds from the sale of emission allowances and ERCs that reflect net gains will be a reduction to the Current Perior Revenue Requirement, while net losses will be an increase.

The Current Period Revenue Requirement will reflect the balances and expenses as of the Expense Month of the filling. 5. Environmental costs "E" shall be the Company's costs of compliance with the Clean Air Act and those environmental requirements shall apply to coal combustion wastes and by-products, as follows:

cost associated with Continuous Emission Monitors (CEMS) cost associated with the terms of the Rockport Unit Power Agreement

the Company's share of the pool capacity costs associated with Gavin scrubber(s) (c) (d) return on SO, allowance inventory

costs associated with air emission fees

over/under recovery balances between the actual costs incurred less the amount collected through the environmental surcharge. (f)

(g) costs associated with any Commission's consultant approved by the Commission costs associated with Low Nitrogen Oxide (NO.,) burners at the Big Sandy Generating Plant

(h) costs associated with the consumption of SO, allowances

(i) costs associated with the SCR at the Big Sandy Generating Plant (j)

(k) costs associated with the upgrade of the precipitator at the Big Sandy Generating Plant

costs associated with the over-fire air with water injection at the Big Sandy Generating Plant (1) costs associated with the consumption of NO_x allowances (m)

(n) return on NO, allowance inventory (0) 25% of the costs associated with the Reverse Osmosis Water System (the amount is subject to adjustment at subsequent 6 month surcharge reviews based on the documented utilization of the RO Water System by the SCR)

costs associated with operating approved pollution control equipment (p) costs associated with maintaining approved pollution control equipment including material and contract labor (excluding plant labor) (q)

the Company's share of the pool capacity costs associated with the following: (1)

Amos Unit No 3 CEMS, Low NO, Burners and SCR

Cardinal Unit No 1 CEMS, Low NO_x Burners, SCR and associated SO₃ Mitigation System

Gavin Plant SCR, SCR Catalyst Replacement and SO, Mitigation System

Gavin Unit Nos. 1 and 2 Low NO., Burners Kammer Unit Nos 1, 2 and 3 CEMS, Over Fire Air and Duct Modification

Mitchell Unit Nos 1 and 2 Low NO, Burners and Low NO, Burner Modification, Unit No. 1 Water Injection

Mitchell Plant Common CEMS, Replace Burner Barrier Valves

Muskingum River Unit No 1 Low NO, Ductwork, Over Fire Air, Over Fire Air Modification, Water Injection and Water Injection Modification

Muskingum River Unit No 2 Low NO Ductwork, Over Fire Air, Over Fire Air Modification and Water Injection

Muskingum River Unit No 3 Over Fire Air, Over Fire Air Modification with NO, Instrumentation

Muskingum River Unit No 4 Over Fire Air with Modification

Muskingum River Unit No 5 Low NO_x Burner with Modification and Weld Overlays and an SCR Muskingum River Common CEMS

Phillip Sporn Unit No 2 Low NO, Burners with Modifications Phillip Sporn Unit Nos 4 and 5 Low NO, Burners and Modulating Injection Air System with Modifications

Phillip Sporn Common CEMS and SO₃ injection system Rockport Unit Nos 1 and 2 Low NO, Burners

Tanners Creek Unit No 1 Low NO, Burners, with Modifications and Low NO, Burners Leg Replacement

Tanners Creek Unit Nos 2 and 3 Low NO, Burners with Modifications

Tanners Creek Unit No 4 Over Fire Air, Low NO Burners and ESP Controls Upgrade

Tanners Creek Common CEMS

6. The monthly environmental surcharge shall be filed with the Commission ten (10) days before it is scheduled to go into effect, along with all necessary supporting data to justify the amount of the adjustments which shall include data and information as may be required

environmental surcharge amounts in this notice. Any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion within thirty (30) days after publication or mailing of notice of the proposed changes to the environmental surcharge tariff, request leave to intervene in Case No. 2005-00068. That motion shall be submitted

inspection at KPCo's district service buildings located in Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville.

The changes to Tariff E.S. contained in this notice are proposed by KPCo. The estimated effect of the proposed changes to the environmental surcharge tariff for a residential customer using an average of 1,000 kWh per month would increase a customer's bill \$0.34 per month, or approximately 0.6 percent. However, the Public Service Commission may order changes to Tariff E.S. to be different from the proposed changes. Such action may result in a change in the environmental surcharge amount for customers to be different than the

to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0614, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Intervenors may obtain copies of the Application and testimony by contacting Kentucky Power Company at 101A Enterprise Drive, P.O. Box 5190 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-5190, attention Errol K. Wagner. A copy of the Application and testimony is available for public

OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 04-CI-00977 JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR EQUITY ONE ABS. INC.. MORTGAGE

PASS THROUGH CERTIFIED **SERIES #2003-1** C/O EQUITY ONE,

INC. PLAINTIFF VS.

Kenneth Johnson, Georgine Johnson, unknown defendant, spouse of Georgine Johnson Defendants

NOTICE OF

COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of January, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in above-styled action, in the princisum of \$45,950.01, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale

at the Old Floyd County Courthouse door, South Central Avenue, Prestons-Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Cen-ter) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 24th day of March, 2005, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 145 Elm Street, Wheelwright, Floyd Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Otter Creek of Left Beaver Creek in the town of Wheelwright and being Lot No. 108 belonging located on said lot or parcel of party's map of plat in the

Clerk's office.

Being the and Kolleen Howard. husband and wife, by Deed dated June 30. 1995, and recorded in Deed Book 387. Page 529, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) of Sale of the Floyd per annum, from the date of sale until

> Judgment. The property shall be sold subject to any easements applied and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exixt in favor of the United States of America and/or the Kentucky. record owners there-

(c) The purchaser of shall be required to acreage, making the assume and pay all total area 930.41 Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which amendment area is are not yet due and payable. Any and all Floyd delinquent County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale Creek.

chaser of the above U.S.G.S. shhall be required of the Plaintiff, and it Maryland the shall only be obligat- George & Master &

COMMONWEALTH File No. 348 records any real estate taxes Endicott. of the Floyd County assessed against the Jervis, Bill & Pat real estate.

> Any announceproperty conveyed to ments made on date Georgine Johnson, of sale take precefrom Robert Howard dence over printed matter

> > Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Kerri L Nunley Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 William S. Kendrick

Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **PURSUANT TO** APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5416, **AMENDMENT**

NO. 2

In accordance with paid, having the force KRS 350.070, notice and effect of a is hereby given that DS Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville, KY 41502. has for an Amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.9 mile west of Woods, in Floyd County, The amendment proposes to add 75.00 acres underground

> boundary. proposed approximately 0.25 mile east from KY 194's junction with Ky. 1428, and located adjacent to Cow

within the

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proposed (d) In the event the amendment is locat-Plaintiff is the pur- ed on the Lancer described property, minute quadrangle for an amount equal map. The amendto, or less than, its ment will underlie first lien, it shall take land owned by Roy & including the dwelling a credit against said Patsy Conn, Delmer house and appurte- lien for the amount of & Irene Jervis, Burnis nance thereunto the bid, and no bond & Markiutta Jervis. Wheelwright subdivi- ed to pay court costs, Vanover, Glen & sion as shown by first the fees and costs of Mary Burchett, Greg Pam Conn, Commissioner, and Thurston & Delcie

Lester Jarrell, Brad & Sally Goble, Ornes & Earl Spears, and Reed Heirs.

amendment The contained application has been filed for public inspection at Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Office, Regional 3140 South Lake Drive. Suite 6. Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. Written comments. objections. and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

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

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids on the construction of 100-stall barns. Bids must be turned in by noon on Monday, March 21. For more information and specifications. contact Mayor Jerry Fannin at Prestonsburg City Hall, 886-2335.

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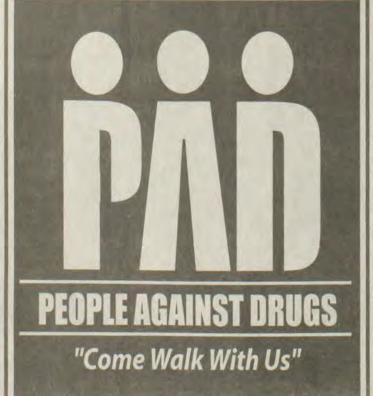
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East Kentucky Utilities has a budget payment plan available for its residential customers, whereby a customer may elect to pay a fixed monthly amount in lieu of monthly billing for actual usage.

The monthly budget payment will be calculated by each customer's estimated annual usage.

This budget year will start with April billing and run through March of 2006.

Any residential customers who are interested in budget plan should call 606-886-2431 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, for additional information.



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How many of each style of marble can you find on this page?

Babe was born on June 26, 1911. When she was young, most little girls did not participate in sports. Babe loved sports. In her lifetime she was

an Olympic gold medalist in track and field, an All-American basketball player, a champion golfer, and an extraordinary baseball player, swimmer, bowler, diver, tennis player and even the marble champion of second grade!



PERSEVERANCE Baseball Babe

In the summer of 1934, Babe played 200 baseball games as she traveled the country with an all-male team called, the House of David. Babe was their star pitcher.

Use the clues to find the names of four cities where Babe played baseball with the House of David team. Standards Link: Social Science: Use map skills to locate information.



Babe was a woman of commitment, discipline, perseverance and determination. Find examples of people with those same character traits in today's newspaper. Standards Link: Language Arts/Research Use the newspaper to locate information

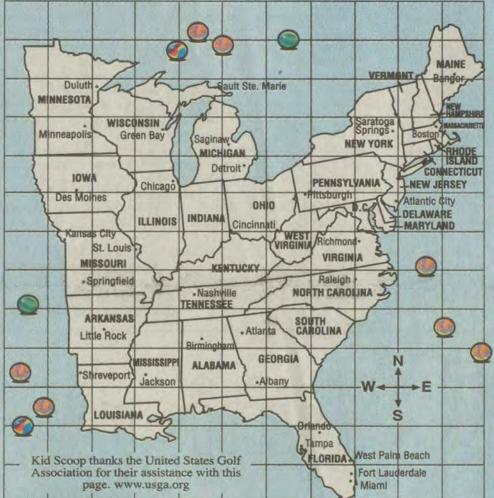
COMMITMENT **Hedge Hurdles**

When the news of the 1928 Olympic Games filled the papers, Babe decided to begin training right away. Babe practiced hurdles and high jumps by soaring over seven hedges alongside her street. When one of the hedges was a bit too high, she asked the people who lived there to cut it down to the right size - and they did!



How many differences can you find between these two pictures?

USGA Offers FREE Booklet about Babe: Would you like to know more about Babe? Email DNormoyle@USGA.org and ask for a free copy of the U.S. Golf Association's booklet for kids "Character of a Champion."



Where does

each word

belong?

GOLFER

LADIES

OLYMPIC

WIN

CLUE 1: Find Fort Lauderdale, FL on the map. Move 1 square west. Next, move 9 squares north. Then move 2 squares to the east. What city is located in that square?

CLUE 2: Start in the square where the city you found in Clue 1 is located. Move 3 squares west. Next move 1 square south. Which city is located in that square?

CLUE 3: From the final square in Clue 2, move 2 squares south. Next move 2 squares west. Then move 2 squares north. Which city is located in that square?

CLUE 4: From the final square in Clue 3, move 2 squares west. Next move 1 square north. Which city is located in that square?

DETERMINATION Babe the Golfer

Babe played her first game of golf when she was in Los Angeles for the 1932 Games. She took to the game at once.

AMATEUR However, Babe's entry into a Texas state golf championship was rejected at first.

_ in the Texas Women's Golf Association complained about Babe's lack of social standing.

But Babe was determined to be a ____ . For several years she played exhibition games until she was finally permitted to play in _ _ tournaments. The first year, 1946-47, she won 13 tournaments in a row. Babe would go on to _ __ 113 golf tournaments.

Standards Link: Social Science: Understand the importance of individual action and character Kid Scoop: The Book! Now your kids can enjoy even more Kid Scoop in our new, 64-page book from Scholastic. Great for teachers!



Babe's athletic talent and quick wit often headlines from today's newspaper and

Standards Link: Writing Strategies: Use descriptive words

Double

BABE ZAHARIAS HURDLES **OLYMPIC** SOCIAL CHARACTER GOLFER EXCEL MARBLES HIGH TRACK **GAMES** SEVEN MALE

PLAYER

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

LSSZGOLFER BEOENEVESE SMCELAMOAT EAIXADLBIC LGAEEYRCRA BHLBMAMUAR PAPSHGIHA ABITRACKAH MCPLAYERZC

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Famous Fun

made headlines in the newspaper. Select rewrite them so they convey the opposite



ANSWER: In case he got a hole in one.

Weekly Writing Corner

Woman I Admire

I admire Rosa Parks because she was an extraordinary person. She stood up against racism and stood up for herself. It must have been very hard to do.

> Christina 2nd grade

I admire Sacagawea because she helped Lewis and Clark on their journey. If it weren't for her, they probably wouldn't have made it.

> Jesse 5th grade

The woman I admire is my mother. I admire her because she never gives up on anything, no matter what it is.

> Taylor 6th grade

A woman I admire is Selena. She was a good singer. Selena died in 1995 when I was one vear old. I admire her because she sings my favorite song and I appreciate her music.

Rosa 6th grade

A girl who I deeply respect and look up to is my best friend, Erica. She always has something fun for us to do. Also, she's always kind, understanding and inviting. She is fair to everyone. Lastly, you never have to feel embarrassed about being weird or funny in front of her because she's always got an even funnier joke and never worries if she looks hilarious. I'm probably not the only friend of hers who looks to her as a role model.

> Rachel 6th grade

The woman I admire the most is my mom. She listens to what people say and she cares about people.

Ashley 6th grade

I admire Oprah because she has made reading popular all around the world. She has also taught Americans to eat right and exercise more and to express their feelings. Oprah Winfrey is also amazing because she started out very poor and now she is one of the richest people on earth. Oprah doesn't just use the money on what she wants, but she uses her money for poor people.

> Emily 4th grade

Write On! 🍕

Woman **I** Admire

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CHAPTER 10 (Final Chapter)

The story so far: Faced with losing their school, a team of students played a cross-country scavenger hunt, trying to win a rap star's mansion. But there's one clue left to solve.

Last week's clue:

The lesson doesn't end at the door to the classroom. Keep weaving threads of the story on life's loom.

You're always learnin', Brain always churnin'.

You traveled many miles and saw our great country. Now share with others what you know and you did see. In your new school,

Y'all be cool!

"I don't know what to do first when I get home," Nathan said to Amber as the plane left New Orleans and soared over the Mississippi River.

Amber smiled. "I do. I'm going to the Limestone Corner Grocery to get a cheeseburger," she said. "They're the best."

A few rows back, Myron and Latisha talked about their last clue. "It's really an assignment," Myron said. "Haven't we already won the scavenger hunt? Don't we get the mansion?"

Latisha took a drink of airline orange juice. "FreeZee said we need to come up with a plan before he gives up his mansion."

"This is the hardest one yet," Myron said before eating a pretzel.

Six months after the students returned to Limestone, the town was crowded with newspaper reporters, TV satellite trucks, and hundreds of visitors.

At the dedication of the new Goldenrod Elementary School, Principal Sanchez cut the ribbon held by the rest of the Goldenrod staff. The visitors and reporters rushed into the school. They wanted to see how the mansion built for a wealthy rapper had been transformed into a school. They weren't disappointed.

The grand hall was now the main office, featuring everything from security monitors to educational video games. The bedrooms and dining room had been made into classrooms, with personal computers at each desk, comfy furniture for reading, and a huge plasma screen to show everything from educational videos to Internet hook-

The ballroom (or "jam hall," as FreeZee had called it) was now the school cafeteria, and the kitchen was

equipped with pizza ovens and smoothie makers. The cooks couldn't stop grinning.

The gym didn't need many changes. It already had a full-size basketball court, gymnastic equipment, and a climbing wall. Extra space was added to the locker room, though, so that up to 60 students could change and shower after swimming in the Olympic-size pool.

Another addition was needed for the recording studio, so several classes could record and review their rehearsals. Outside, a fresh bed of wood chips was under the

biggest collection of playground equipment in the state: swings, slides, an obstacle course, a racecourse for pedal-powered racecars, and more.

Mr. Sanchez

showed the visitors all the fancy features of the new school. But then he said, "I've saved the best for last. Let's check out the school library."

When the visitors entered the room, most of them stared for several minutes before taking notes or pictures. "Freezee had already built an amazing library," Mr. Sanchez said. "We added tables and chairs, a main desk, and extra equipment and computers."

"I think you'll really like this, though," the principal said as he led the adults around a corner. "We took a courtyard and created learning centers designed by students."

In a wide hallway with glass walls, the visitors could see rooms filled with hi-tech equipment.

"Let me give you an overview of these centers before you talk to the members of the scavenger hunt team who designed them," Mr. Sanchez said. "This first center is all about personal safety at home, at school, on the Internet—and in airports. It was designed by Myron Stepp."

As Myron gave a small wave, the principal continued. "Next up is Amber Tally, who worked with our librarians to develop a readers' and writers' room," he said. "Students can use special software to search for books by author, topic, type, and time period. Amber will host discussions about writers who took chances."

Mr. Sanchez propped open a glass door. "In this room, the focus is on American heroes. Students can read books,

view videos, and download information about the people who made our country great — from presidents and generals to preachers and teachers."

"Latisha Deel will be here soon," Mr. Sanchez continued. "She's on a conference call with Lance Armstrong and Jimmy Carter, arranging a visit."

"Here we have Nathan Page's research room." Nathan looked up from a computer screen and waved. "Nathan pulled together a team of computer experts to give students

all the information they could ever want about any topic," Mr. Sanchez said. "No brain freezes in this school, right Nathan?"

At the end of the hallway, the visitors saw Ms. Roosevelt in a brightly lit room. "Finally, this is our First Amendment center. This room was a gift to Ms. Roosevelt from FreeZee and the team," the principal said. "At each station, students learn about a different part of the First Amendment in a virtual reality booth. It's quite amazing."

The next day was the start of school. Myron, Latisha, Nathan, and Amber joined the other fifthgraders in a sparkling classroom near the escalator. No one was surprised to see FreeZee at the front of the classroom with

Ms. James, the teacher. But they were totally surprised when Ms. James introduced FreeZee as Mr. Jerome Frost, student teacher.

After comments of "No way!" and "Student teacher?" faded, Mr. Frost addressed the class.

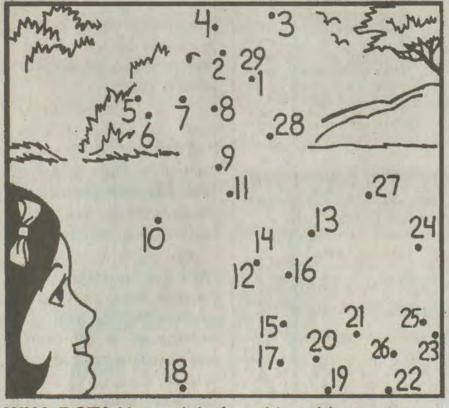
"You seem surprised that I'd go from rapper to teacher," he said, smiling. "Well, I've made all the money I need. Now I need to make a difference."

Mr. Frost continued. "Load your history CDs, please, and we'll get started..."

Bob Rouse and Frank Yates both work for the Lexington Herald-Leader. For classroom activities to use with this story, go to www.kypress.com.

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WHA DOT? Hop to it before this subject gets away ... add lines to complete the picture. What can you draw?



SPRING AHEAD! In the words of G.K. Chesterton, "Spring never is spring unless it — — ." Add the three missing words.

"uoos oot seuroo",

DICE-Y TRICK! Display two dice. Place one atop the other, say a few magic words, lift the top die, and alakazam, the dice cling together as one. Here's how it's done:

Before producing the dice, wet your finger with your tongue. Apply moisture secretly to the bottom of the upper die.

When the dice are pressed together, moisture will cause them to adhere sufficiently to allow both to be raised at the same time.

Separate dice and put challenge to friends. By the way, keep dice away from young children, who may swallow them.



TO ITCH HIS OWN WORD SQUARE

FIVE five-letter words form a word square at left, with four letters (ITCH) of the first word in place.

You are asked to insert missing words in accord with definitions below:

- 1. Advertiser's come-on.
- 2. Toughen up to pain.
- 3. Another word for "potato."
- 4. Set of beliefs.
- Long-billed, long-necked, long-legged wader.

Keep in mind that word square words read alike both across and down.

Remember, only one letter is missing from first word.

5. Heron.

1. Pitch. 2. Inure. 3. Tuber. 4. Credo.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

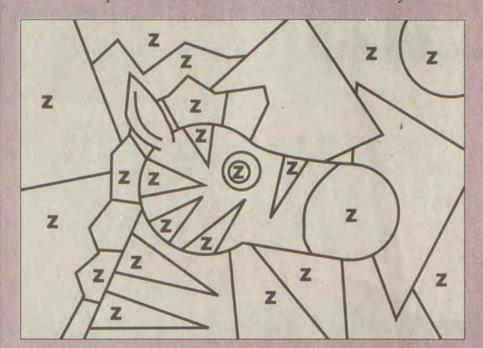


My name:

Learning Buddies: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger,

What is hiding here?

Color the spaces with the letter Z black. What do you see?



My Rhyme Time

Z is for the Zebra That kept Zoe busy. She counted his stripes Til she felt she was dizzy.

My Letters Z is for Zipper z is for zipper

Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter Z. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the Z sound like the word zipper?

My Numbers

How many

How many

How many



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.



Learning Buddles: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.





Sunday

Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter Z in zipper.

Monday

Math Play

Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Fasteners

Look at the clothes people are wearing in pictures in the newspaper. Talk with your child about how those clothes might be fastened. Do they use zippers, buttons, hooks, belts? Something else?

Wednesday

Handwriting Stripes

Lay one sheet of newspaper on the table so that it is horizontal. Use the columns of type as lines to practice writing. Have your child trace the lines of type to make zebra stripes.

Thursday

Who's in the Zoo?

With your child, look through the newspaper for pictures of animals. Ask which animals could be found in a zoo. Where else could you find each of the

animals?

Friday

Three Z

Practice rhyming, listening and large motor skills. Wad a sheet of newspaper into a ball. Tape the ball so that you can toss it back and forth. Each time you or your child tosses the ball, say a word. The person who catches the ball needs to say a rhyming word.

Saturday

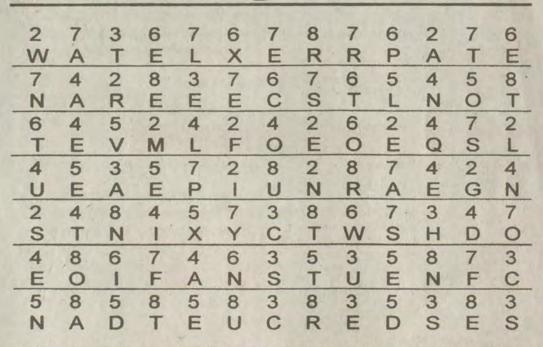
Zebra Visit

Pretend you and your child are going to have a visit from a zebra. Look through the newspaper for things you would need to have on hand to care for the zebra.



My Kld Scoop comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill. Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

Wishing



HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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by Linda Thistle Rational Numbers

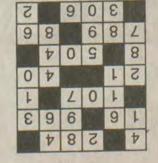
Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS

- 2. Three less than 10-Down
- Five less than 10-Across The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- 10-Across plus 15-Across Twenty less than 1-Down 11. One less than 1-Down
- 12. 12-Down minus 15-Across Consecutive digits in
- ascending order 15. 11-Across plus 4-Down 17. Four less than 8-Down

- 1. The first digit is four times the last digit
- Digits of 13-Across rearranged 16-Down minus 5-Across
- 9-Across plus 12-Across
- Five times 16-Down 10. Seven times 1-Down
- 11. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- 12. 2-Across plus 17-Across 14. 10-Across plus 16-Down
- 16. The first digit is three times the last digit
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Rational Numbers answers





World of Wonder

"Kishpin bontoyeg kidatsokanan, kiga onikemin kajibikinamagoyeg..." "If we cease sharing our stories, our knowledge becomes lost."

The Algonquins

For more than 6,000 years, the Algonquin (or Algonkin) people lived in what is now Western Quebec and Northeastern Ontario. It is not known what the Algonquin population was before contact with Europeans and war with the Iroquois decimated their numbers. Today there are 10 Algonquin tribes, or nations, with a population of about 8,000.

What's in a name?

The Algonquin people usually call themselves the Anishnabe or Anishinabe (plural: Anishnabek or Anishnabeg), which means "the people" or "the original people." Sometimes, to distinguish themselves from other native people in their area, they will refer to themselves as Algonquins.

It is important to distinguish between Algonquin (pronounced Al-GON-kin) and Algonquian, because while a tribe may speak an Algonquian dialect, they do not necessarily belong to the Algonquin family of peoples.

Algonquin refers to a particular tribal community, while Algonquian is a very large linguistic group. Many tribes throughout North America speak a form of Algonquian, but Algonquins live in the Ottawa Valley of Canada.

Learn the language

Today, some Algonquin tribes, or bands, speak French. Others speak English. About half of the population also speaks their native language. If you ever have an opportunity to meet an Algonquin, you might say "kwey" (which ryhmes with "day") as a friendly greeting. Below are some other easy Algonquin words.

English Algonquin heart odey hand onindji river zibi lake sagahigan madamin corn apple wabimin strawberry odeimin nabobi soup

Pronounced oh-day oh-knee-dgee see-bee saga-ye-gan ma-da-min wabi-min o-day-ye-min

na-bow-be

A brief history: Battle for trade and space

Wooden top

Juliett Gauthier bear were traditional de la Vérendrye hunting staples of the wrote a Algonquin people, manuscript of Algonquin customs and legends By 1885, moose had become very scarce, and the people began to go hungry more frequently The dandelion is a natural sedative used by the Algonquin. Basket To build a birch-bark canoe, the bark must be with plant moist and pliable. To premotif.

vent leaking, spruce gum is used to seal the seams along the hull. Designs are THE RESERVE THE PARTY OF THE PA often carved into the bark.

Natural tobacco would have been smoked from this soapstone pipe. Pipe smoking is a tradi-

1974 The

Kipawa

obtained

their reserve

tion during storytelling.

The Algonquin peoples have lived in the region of the Ottawa River watershed for more than 6,000 years. The timeline begins in the 17th century, when contact with Europeans began to change their world.

1763 Britain's King

George III promised to

of 24 nations, including

those of the Algonquin.

respect the territories

1609 French traders established a trade agreement with the Algonquin.

1615 The French made a trade alliance with the Hurons, while the Iroquois allied themselves with the Dutch traders.

c. 1620-1680 Firearms and furs played a dead-

Wars. Many Eastern tribes become embroiled in

ly role in what is sometimes called the Beaver

battles for control of land and trade, like the

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Algonquin and the Iroquois.

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Birch-bark horn

1754-1763 The 1775-1783 The French and Indian American Revolu-War. During this tion. During the late time the Algonquin 1700s, Algonquin the French. with timber-men,

land conflicts, the Algonquins fought were vital allies for lands were overrun with the British trappers, settlers of 1812. and British loyalists.

Cradle boards were used to carry infants.

cradle boards for dolls.

1812-1814

Despite continuing

Children had small

during the War

The Cabonga hydro dam was built, damaging Algonquin lands.

Cup-and-pin game

1929

1870s The

purchased

Algonquin of

Golden Lake

reserve lands.

Antique

doll

Algonquin

carved on rock.

1991 The historical Trilateral Agreement gave the Algonquins a voice on how sensitive forest lands could be used and protected.

winni purchased

their reserve at

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crews arrived,

disrupting the

natural wildlife.

Where are they today? Today there are 10 recognized Algonquin

nations with a population of about 8,000 people. Nine of these communities are in Quebec and one is in Ontario.



Barriere Lake (Rapid Lake)

Dominion Abitibi (Abitibiwinni, Pikogan)

Eagle Village (Kebaowek, Kipawa) Kitcisakik (Grand Lake Victoria)

Kitigan Zibi (Maniwaki, River Desert)

Lac-Simon

Timiscamique (Timiskaming Notre dame du Nord, Ville Marie)

8 Winneway (Long Point) Wolf Lake (Hunter's Point)

10 Golden Lake (Pikwakanagan)

The First Nations

The Algonquin community is divided into tribes or bands (also called First Nations). Most of the tribes live on a reserve or reservation: the Wolf Lake Nation, the Kitcisakik (Grand Lake) and the Winneway (Long Point) are still fighting for the rights to reservation land.

Each Algonquin band has its own government, laws, police and services (much like a small country), but the Canadian government considers the Algonquin people citizens and does control some decisions.

Each First Nation has a political leader called the ogima or ogema. Historically the ogima was a man chosen by tribal council members. Today the ogima can be a man or a woman and is elected by the Algonquins.

Getting around

The early explorers and traders greatly envied the Algonquins' beautifully crafted birch-bark canoes and the clever snowshoes that made winter travel so much easier. Today the Algonquin people get around just like most people in North America — by motor vehicle. But some Algonquins remember the skills of their forefathers and continue to make canoes and snowshoes in the traditional way.

Birch-bark canoe

Traditional Algonquin canoes are made with a hand-carved cedar wood frame. The gunwales are bound or lashed with spruce root. If the right tree can be located, a skilled builder can create a canoe using one large piece of birch bark. If such a tree cannot be found, several smaller sheets of bark may

Snowshoes

made with bent wood (often white ash). The webbing is made with rawhide strips. The pattern of the webbing depends on the kind of snow the shoe is made for. A well-made snowshoe can easily last a lifetime.

Snowshoes are

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2005 NCAA TOURNAMENT SPECIAL SECTION

ILLINOISFIGHTINGILLINI

Location: Champaign, III, Website: fightingillini.cc Sagarin Rank: 2 RPI Schedule Rank: 58 Conference: Big Ten Record: 32-1 (15-1) RPI Rank: 2 Sagarin Rank: 2 RPI Schedule Rank: 58
Skinny: The trio of Dee Brown, Deron Williams and Luther Head is the elite backcourt in the country and has proven nearly invinoble Forward Roger Powell is a bit undersized and center James Augustine isn't the best big man in the Big Ten, but they fit nicely into the Illinois fast break offense. Illinois is also unselfish and moves the ball well, making their half court attack tough to stop. As strong as Bruce Weber's starting five is, his bench leaves a lot to be desired. An injury or foul trouble could eventually spell defeat.

Best wins: Gonzaga (89-72); Wake Forest (91-73); at Michigan State (81-68)
Worst Losses: at Ohio State (64-65)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr .	ppg	rpg
5	Dee Brown	G	6-0	185	Jn	14.2	4.6"
20	Deron Williams	G.	6-3	210	Jr	12.4	6.6*
13	Luther Head	G	6-3	185	Sr.	16.1	3,8*
3	Roger Powell, Jr.	F	6-6	235	Sr.	12.1	5.2
40	James Augustine	C	6-10	230	Jr.	10.0	7.0
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr.	ppg	rpg
-1	Jack Ingram	F/C	6-10	245	Sr.	3.9	2.7
12	Nick Smith	(7-2	250	Sr.	3.8	2.3
00	Richard McBride	G	6-3	-215	So.	3	1.5

#1 ILLINOIS (32-1) VS. #16 FAIRLEIGH-DICKINSON (20-12)

FAIRLEIGH-DICKINSONKNIGHTS

Coach: form Green
Record: 20-12 (13-5)
RPI Rank: 165
Sagarin Rank: 202
RPI Schedule Rank: 279
Skinny: The little school from Hackensack is returning to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1998 after dispatching of Wagner in the conference tournament finals. The Knights also have players that hail from Israel and Italy on the roster and have played some big boys in Arizona State, California, Rutgers and Pepperdine.

Best wins: Monmouth (62-58); Army (69-53); New Orleans (71-58) Worst Losses: at Rutgers (57-88); St. Peter's (91-94); St. Francis PA (75-76)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppq	rpg
22	Tamien Trent	G	6-0	190	Sr.	15.8	5.5*
21	Mensah Peterson	G	6-1	191	- Sr.	7.6	3.3
1	Chad Timberlake	G	6-4	190	Jr.	13.4	3.9
50	Gordon Klaiber	F	6-9	205	Jr.	15.8	7.9
35	Andrea Crosariol	C	7-0	260	So.	7.8	5.1
						* Assists per gam	
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
00	Andre Harris	F	6-7	228	So.	7.1	3.9
30	Michael Peoples	F	5-6	205	So.	3.2	2.4
54	Gadi Buch	E	6-6	204	Sr.	3.1	1.4

TEXASLONGHORNS

Location: Austin, Texas Website: texassports.com Record: 20-10 (9-7)

RPI Rank: 49

Sagarin Rank: 25

RPI Schedule Rank: 64

Skinny: Texas is a team that has been under the microscope in the latter part of this season, yet locked up a bid with a big victory late at Oklahoma State. Now that they're in, though, how far will they go? That depends on the inside play of Brad Buckman and the perimeter play of freshman Daniel Gibson. Gibson's only a freshman, but he's one of the country's best. Don't overlook

the Longhorns as a sleeper.

Best wins: Oklahoma State (75-61); Texas Tech (80-73); at Oklahoma State (74-73)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1	Daniel Gibson	G	6-2	190	Fr.	14.5	4.0*
10	Kenny Taylor	G	6-2	190	Sr.	10.5	3.9
12	Kenton Paulino	G	6-0	180	Jr.	6.8	1.9*
22	Brad Buckman	F	6-8	235	Jr.	12.7	8.3
21	Jason Klotz	F	6-9	245	St	10.8	5.6
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13	Sydmill Harris	G	6-4	200	Sr.	6.7	1.8
40	Mike Williams	F	6-7	220	Fr.	3.3	3.8

#8 Texas (20-10) vs. #9 Nevada (24-6)

NEVADAWOLFPACK

Coach: Mark Fox Reno; Nev. Sagarin Rank: 41 RPI Schedule Rank: 123
Skinny: The Wolf Pack hasn't skipped a beat since the departure of head coach Trent Johnson (to Stanford) and Kirk Synder (to the NBA) after last season. This year's team looks poised to have another tourney run, as they are led by the dynamic frontcourt of Nick Fazekas and Kevinn Pinkney, who combine for 35 points a game. Did suffer a 33-point loss at Kansas in November, though, so there are questions about their ability to play with the nation's best.

Best wins: at UTEP (62-60); vs. UNLV (84-78); vs. Vermont (74-64)
Worst Losses: at Toledo (75-83); vs. UTEP (80-83); vs. Fresho State (63-66)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
4	Kyle Shiloh	G	6-3	190	So.	5.1	2.8*	
11	Ramon Sessions	G	6-3	190	Fr.	9.2	5.3*	
30	Jermain Washington	F	6-5	205	Sr.	6.7	5.3	
21	Kevinn Pinkney	F	6-10	245	Sr.	12.4	7.6	
22	Nick Fazekas	F	6-11	225	So.	21.5	9.4	
						* Assists	per game	
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	we	yr	ppg	rpg	
2	Mo Charlo	F	6-7	210	Fr.	9.0	3.4	
10	Seth Taylor	G	6-3	190	So.	2.8	1.1	
33	Chad Bell	C	7-0	270	Jr.	2.9	2.9	

ALABAMACRIMSONTIDE

Record: 24-7 (12-4)

RPI Rank: 16

Sagarin Rank: 16

RPI Schedule Rank: 24

Skinny: Alabama surprised everyone in the college basketball world a year ago with a run to the Elite Eight, but the Tide won't catch anyone looking the other way this time around. The starting five for 'Bama is as good as you'll find because of its balanced attack, but if you get into the Crimson Tide's bench, you can exploit a serious flaw. If you are looking for a player who can dominate a tournament, Kennedy Winston might be your man.

Best wins: at Charlotte (102-101 20T); LSU 73-58; Mississippi State (98-49)

Worst Losses: at Vanderbilt (56-70), at Florida (54-85)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
22 Ronald Steele	PG.	6-2	185	Fr.	7.8	4.9*
5 Earnest Shelton	SG	6-3	200	Sr.	16.4	3.5
3 Kennedy Winston	SF	6-6	205	Jr.	18.1	5.4
1 Chuck Davis	PF	6-7	230	Jr.	14.2	6.8
33 Jermareo Davidson	C	6-10	210	So.	7.8	7.8
					* Assists	per game
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
23 Jean Felix	F	6-7	213	Jr.	5.2	2.3
21 Evan Brock	F	6-8	200	Jr.	2.5	2.4

#5 ALABAMA (24-7) VS. #12 WISC.-MILWAUKEE (24-5)

WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEEPANTHERS

Coach: Bruce Pearl Conference: Horizon League Location: Milwaukee, Wisc Website: uwmpanthers.com Sagarin Rank: 36
Skinny: The last time Wisconsin-Milwaukee made the NCAA Tournament, they came within a point of upsetting Notre Dame. This season, they look to close the book on the school's first ever NCAA Tournament victory. Ed McCants and Joah Tucker are the two main offensive options, and the Panthers go 9 players deep, which could be a huge difference come tourney time.

Best wins: at Manhattan (88-78), at Detroit (61-48); at Purdue (73-58). Worst Losses: at Valparaiso (71-72); at Wisc-Green Bay (72-76):



rting Five	pos		ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
Chris Hill	G		5-10	160	ir	7.8	3.1*
Ed McCants	6		6-3	200	Sr.	17.4	2.8
Ronald "Boo" Davis	G		6-3	190	Jr.	10:4	3.3
Joah Tucker	F		6-5	220	Jr.	15.2	5.9
Adrian Tigert	F		6-7	240	30.	9.2	6.7
						* Assists	per game
Reserves	pos		ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
James Wright	F		6-6	220	Sr.	4.1	4.1
Derrick Ford	C		6-10	240	11	3.2	1.8
Jason McCoy	F		5-9	190	It	3.0	2.1
	Chris Hill Ed McCants Ronald "Boo" Davis loah Tucker Adrian Tigert Reserves James Wright Derrick Ford	Chris Hill G Ed McCants G Ronald "Boo" Davis G Joah Tucker Adrian Tigert F Reserves James Wright Derrick Ford	Chris Hill G Ed McCants Ronald "Boo" Davis Joah Tucker Adrian Tigert Reserves James Wright Derrick Ford C	Chris Hill G 5-10 Ed McCants G 6-3 Ronald "Boo" Davis G 6-3 loah Tucker F 6-5 Adrian Tigert F 6-7 Reserves pos ht James Wright F 6-6 Derrick Ford C 6-10	Chris Hill G 5-10 160 Ed McCants G 6-3 200 Ronald "Boo" Davis G 6-3 190 loah Tucker F 6-5 220 Adrian Tigert F 6-7 240 Reserves pos ht wt James Wright F 6-6 220 Derrick Ford C 6-10 240	Chris Hill G 5-10 160 Jr Ed McCants G 6-3 200 Sr. Ronald "Boo" Davis G 6-3 190 Jr Joah Tucker F 6-5 220 Jr. Adrian Tigert F 6-7 240 Jr. Reserves pos ht wt yr James Wright F 6-6 220 Sr. Derrick Ford C 6-10 240 Jr.	Chris Hill G 5-10 160 Jr 7.8 Ed McCants G 6-3 200 Sr 17.4 Ronald "Boo" Davis G 6-3 190 Jr 10.4 Ioah Tucker F 6-5 220 Jr, 15.2 Adrian Tigert F 6-7 240 Jr, 9.2 Reserves pos ht wt yr ppg James Wright F 6-6 220 Sr 4.1 Derrick Ford C 6-10 240 Jr 3.2

BOSTONCOLLEGEEAGLES

Coach: Al Skinner Conference: Big East Sagarin Rank: 18
Skinny: The Eagles spent the better part of the 2004-05 season undefeated, winning their first 20 games, but have also suffered four losses in the home stretch of the Big East season. Still, they have been battle-tested in conference play thanks to all the other NCAA-bound teams in the league. The frontcourt of Smith and Dudley will be tough for opponents to stop as the Eagles look to make a big tourney run in their last season before joining the ACC.

Best wins: at Connecticut (75-70); vs. UCLA (74-64), Syracuse (65-60)
Worst Losses: Pittsburgh (50-72); at Notre Dame (65-68); vs. West Virginia (72-78)



Star	rting rive	pos	nt	WI	yr	ppg	rpg	
-1	Craig Smith	F	6-7	250	Jr.	18.0	8.4	
3	Jared Dudley	F	6-7	220	So.	16.0	7.5	
13	Nate Doomekamp	- 0	7-0	. 260	Sr.	5.1	4.9	
1.1	Louis Hinnant	G	6-4	190	Ir.	5,2	4.9*	
23	Sean Marshall	G	6-6	212	So.	10.8	2.6	
						* Assists	per game	Ė
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
4	Jermaine Watson	G	6-3	205	Sr.	10.0	3.4	
12	Steve Hailey	G	6-0	170	So,	3.8	2.1	
51	Sean Williams	F	6-10	230	Er.	4.0	3.5	

#4 BOSTON COLLEGE (24-4) VS. #13 PENNSYLVANIA (20-8)

PENNOUAKERS

Coach: Fran Dunphy
Conference: Ivy League
Record: 20-8 (10-1)
RPI Rank: 43
Skinny: The Quakers were the first team officially invited to the NCAA Tournament by way of clinching the Ivy League title on Feb. 26. One of the youngest starting lineups in the tournament, Penn is a bit undersized, but can bring 6-foot-10 and 6-foot-9 off the bench. The Quakers played both Temple and Villanova tough and upset \$1. Joseph's, so they won't be a pushover, especially if they can slow the game down and make some outside jump shots.

Best wins: at \$1. Joseph's (67-59); Bucknell (65-52)
Worst Losses: at Providence (52-89), at Yale (60-78); Rider (68-74)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13	David Whitehurst	G	6-3	195	Fr.	1.2	1.2
2	Ibrahim Jaabar	G	6-2	170	50.	11.8	4.7
31	Tim Begley	G	6-6	230	Sr	14.1	5.6
24	Mark Zoller	F	6-7	220	So.	8.9	6.1
3	Steve Danley	F	6-8	225	So.	9.4	5.0
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	Уr	ppg	rpg
14	Eric Osmundson	G	6-5	200	Sr.	8.7	2.0*
1.1	Jan Fikiel	F	6-10	215	Sr.	6.5	2.5
34	Ryan Pettinella	F	6-9	230	So.	4.5	3.1



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LSUTIGERS

Coadh: John Brady Conference: Southeastern Location: Baton Rouge, La, Website: Isusports, net Record: 20-9 (12-4)

Skinny: When you look for NCAA dark horse teams, you typically try to find a squad that came on late in the season and really started putting the pieces together. No one did that as well as LSU, which won seven of its last eight regular season games, including upsets of Alabama, Florida and Mississippi State. There isn't a larger frontcourt duo than Brandon Bass and Glen Davis, who will give opponents who haven't seen them in person fits because of their physicality.

Best wins: at Mississippi State (80-72); Florida (77-73); Alabama (61-59)

Worst Losses: vs. Southern Miss (84-88 OT); at Houston (72-81), at Tennessee (55-77)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppq	rpg
3	Tack Minor	PG	5-11	200	So.	10.8	4.8*
2	Darrel Mitchell	SG	5-11	176	Jr.	13.5	3.0*
42	Antonio Hudson	G	6-6	214	Sr	12.7	3.3
30	Brandon Bass	F	6-8	252	So	17.5	8.8
34	Glen Davis	F	6-9	310	Fr	13.1	87
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	WE	yr	ppq	rpg
41	Ross Neltner	F.	6-9	235	So.	2.7	3.0
22	Xavier Whipple	G	6-2	172	Sr	2.1	2.2*

#6 LSU (20-9) vs. #11 UAB (21-10)

UABBLAZERS

Coach: Mike Anderson
Record: 21-10 (10-6)
RPI Rank: 59
Skinny: Everyone will remember UAB's shocking upset of top-seeded Kentucky in last year's second round, but this program is starting to resilly rise under former Arkanssa assistant Mike Anderson. It's extremely difficult to prepare for the Blazers' style, especially on one day's preparation, so there is always a chance that UAB can steal a victory or two just by being quirky and in bet-

ter shape than its opponent.

Best wins: Nebraska (80-66), at Marquette (86-63), DePaul (81-80 QT)

Worst Losses: at Richmond (81-96); at TCU (65-76); East Carolina (64-67)



	ig Five	pos	Int	3VV	yr	ppg	rpg
0 Ca	ridell Johnson	G	5-10	180	Jr.	4.7	4.9*
1 Do	nell Taylor	G	6-6	180	51.	15.9	4.3
5 Ma	ervett McDonald	G	6-2	170	Ur.	10.7	2.3
3 Ma	irques Lewis	F	6-8	280	50.	8.6	4.8
23 De	mario Eddins	F	6-7	190	Jr.	12.6	5.0
						* Assists	per game.
Key Re	serves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2 Roi	nell Taylor	G	6-5	180	Sr.	12.3	3.7
31 Ric	hard Jones	G	6-5	210	Jr.	4.2	1.5
42 De	mick Broom	G	6-5	200	Jr.	3.6	1.1

ARIZONAWILDCATS

Coach: Lute Olson Conference: Pac-10 Location: Tucson, Ariz.

Record: 27-6 (15-3) RPI Rank: 9 Sagarin Rank: 12 RPI Schedule Rank: 11

Skinny: There might not be a more talented team in the tournament than Arizona, which always has great players that go largely unnoticed because they don't play on the East Coast. The backcourt can match up with anyone's in the country, but front-court depth could be an issue. If Arizona gets a team to play up-tempo basketball, they could run all the way to the Final Four, so the key to stopping the Wildcats is forcing them to play halfcourt basketball.

Best wins: Mississippi State (68-64); Utah (67-62); Washington (91-82); at UCLA (83-73)

Worst Losses: at Virginia (60-78): Washington State (63-70)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
21 Hassan Adams	G	6-4	212	Jr.	12.5	5.9	
15 Mustafa Shakur	G	6-3	183	50;	8.4	4.6*	
20 Salim Stoudamine	G	5-1	179	5r.	18.2	2.3	
55 Ivan Radenovic	F	6-10	221	50.	8.6	5.8	
45 Channing Frye	0	6-11	248	Sr.	15.6	75	
					* Assists	per game	
Key Reserves	pos	ht	WE	yr	ppg	rpg	
13 Chris Rodgers	G	6-4	210	Jr.	5.9	2.3*	
5 Jawann McClellan	G	6-4	214	Fr.	5.0	2.7	
2 Isaiah Fox	F	6-9	263	Je	2.2	2.4	

#3 ARIZONA (27-6) vs. #14 UTAH STATE (24-7)

UTAHSTATEAGGIES

Coach: Stew Morrill Conference: Big West Location: Logan, Utah Website: utahstateaggies.com Record: 24-7 (14-1) RPI Rank: 50 Skinny: Utah State is no stranger to the NCAA Tournament and has had some success there in fact. The Aggies upset Pacific to ensure they would dance again this season and could be a scary opponent because they are athletic enough to cause problems. The Aggies will use their bench, but it's the trio of Jaycee Carroll, Spencer Nelson and Nate Harris that will have to carry them.

Best wins: Northwestern (64-57), vs. Pacific (65-52); BYU (71-57) Worst Losses: at IUPU-Fort Wayne (59-64); at Cal State Northridge (67-70); at Idaho (62-69)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
20	Jaycee Carroll	G	6-2	175	Fr.	14.6	4.3
2	David Pak	G	6-2	200	36.	6.2	3.0*
32	Spencer Nelson	F	6-8	225	50	16.4	8.1
25	John Neil	F	6-6	210	Sr.	3.9	27
4	Nate Harris	F	6-7	225	Jr.	13.0	6.1
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	WE	yr	ppq	rpg
3	Cass Matheus	C	6-10	235	14	6.2	2.8
30	Jason Williams	F	6-7	198	Sn	5.3	3.5
23	Chris Huber	G	6-1	190	Jr.	3.9	2.4*

SOUTHERNILLINOISSALUKIS

Coach: Chris Lowery Conference: Missouri Valley Location: Carbondale, Ill. Website: siusalukis com Record: 26-7 (15-3) RPI Rank: 16 Skinny: The Salukis were the most dominant team in the MVC this season, but is an early exit in the conference tournament a sign of things to come? Signs point to no, as SIU is led by superstars Darren Brooks and Jamal Tatum, both of whom have a wealth of tournament experience. The Salukis held teams to 60 points a game this season, and that stifling defense will keep them in the game against any squad.

Best wins: s. V. Vanderbilt (67-53); at Creighton (69-63); Wichita State (65-55)

Worst Losses: at SW Missouri State (77-92); at Hawaii (64-66)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1	Darren Brooks	G	6-3	205	Sr.	15.0	43*
3	Jamal Tatum	G	6-2	175	50.	12.1	2.4
25	Stetson Hairston	G	6-3	220	Sr.	9.4	3.6
5	Lamar Owen	F	6-5	185	Sr	6.7	4.1
21	Josh Warren	F	6-8	255	Sr.	3.9	3.7
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
15	Tony Young	G	6-0	190	So.	5.3 -	1.6
32	Matt Shaw	F	6-7	- 225	Fr.	6.1	3.5
14	Randal Falker	F	6-7	225	Fr	4.0	3.9

#7 Southern Illinois (26-7) vs. #10 St. Mary's (25-8)

ST.MARY'SGAELS

Coach: Randy Bennett Conference: West Coast Location: Moraga, Calif Website: smcgaels com Record: 25-8 (11-3) RPI Rank: 28 Sagarin Rank: 55 RPI Schedule Rank: 110 Skinny: Most of the country knows very little about the Gaels, however that all might change after this year's tournament. St. Mary's is a team no one will want to see in the first round, as they have the potential to bomb away from three-point land all game long, a great complement to their solid defense. They're led by Paul Marigney and Daniel Kickert, both of whom are sharp-shootes. St. Mary's could be wearing the glass slipper this year.

Best wins: Gonzaga (89-81); at California (61-52); at UNIV (64-54)

Worst Losses: at Rutgers (58-66); at Hawaii (77-84); Santa Clara (42-65)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2	E.J. Rowland	G	6-2	190	Sr	11.0	4.0*
11	Paul Marigney	G	6-3	195	Sr.	17.0	4.8
32	Jonathan Sanders	G	6-7	215	St	7.7	4.4
50	Frederic Andjiwanou	F	6-8	230	St	8.3	6.7
14	Daniel Kickert	F	6-10	240	Ir.	16.6	6.6
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
21	Jason Walberg	G	6-4	190	dr	4.3	2.2
23	Brett Collins	F	6-5	225	So.	6.2	2.8
33	Blake Sholberg	C	7-1	260	So.	3.4	3.1

OKLAHOMASTATECOWBOYS

Coach: Eddie Sutton
Record: 24-6 (11-5)
RPI Rank: 4
RPI Rank: 4
Segarin Rank: 7
RPI Schedule Rank: 2
Skinny: Veteran-laden team that plays in-your face defense. Sutton starts four NCAA-tested seniors who are looking to make one tast run at the national championship. Forward loey Graham was a first-team Big 12 selection, and point guard John Lucas leads the Cowboy attack and is their best threat from 3-point land. Certainly a trendy pick to make a deep run in this year's

Best wins: vs. Syracuse (74-60); Texas Tech (85-56); Oklahoma (79-67) Worst Losses: vs. Gonzaga (75-78), at Nebraska (67-74), Texas (73-74)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr.	ppq	rpg
15	John Lucas	G	5-11	165	St	18.3	4.5*
24	James On Curry	G	6-3	190	Fr:	8.6	2.2
14	Joey Graham	W	6-7	225	Sr.	17.7	6.4
42	Terrence Crawford	F	6-6	230	Sti	4.6	3.9
23	Ivan McFarlin	F	6-8	240	Sr.	11.6	7.4
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	WE	yr	ppg	rpg
20	Daniel Bobik	G	6-5	210	Sr.	6.6	3.3*
21	Stephen Graham	G	6-6	215	Sr.	7.1	3.4
4	Frans Stevn	C	7-2	289	Sr.	3.1	1.4

#2 OKLAHOMA STATE (24-6) vs. #15 SE LOUISIANA (24-8)

SOUTHEASTERNLOUISIANALIONS

Coach: Mike McConathy Conference: Southland Location: Hammond, La. Website: www.lionsports.net Record: 24-8 (14-3) RPI Rank: 117

Skinny: The Lions make their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament after winning a school record 24 games. Southeastern Louisiana earned the berth by defeating Northwestern State in the Southland finals. Small forward Ricky Woods and center Nate Lofton are a tough frontcourt duo for opponents to deal with. The backcourt relies on Jonathan Patton and solid depth to balance the frontline's firepower. The Lions' weakness is depth on the interior. If Lofton gets in foul trouble, the Lions are in trouble.

Best wins: at Boise 5t. (56-48); at Sam Houston St. (58-55); vs. Northwestern St. (49-42)

Worst Losses: at Houston (68-61), at Mississippi (64-48); McNeese St. (71-69)



Star	ting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
10	Terry Bryant	G	6-1	170	So	9.0	2.2"
24	Jonathan Patton	G	6-2	200	Sc	11.8	3.2
1	Ricky Woods	E	6-5	200	Jr.	17.2	6.9
42	Jonathan Walker	F	5-8	225	Jr.	5.7	3.4
25	Nate Lofton	C	6-10	250	Sr.	11.5	7.2
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13	Neill Berry	6	6-3	170	Sr.	2.6	2.2
22	Chris Lee	G	6-3	185	36	2.9	1.5

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WASHINGTONHUSKIES

Coach: Lorenzo Romar Record: 27-5 (14-4)

RPI Rank: 3

Sagarin Rank: 5

Skinny: Due to Washington's location on the West Coast, the Huskies probably haven't garnered the attention or credit they deserve. UW boasts one of the country's quickest teams and has the ability to score in bunches. The Huskies also play pressure man-to-man defense as staunchly as anyone. UW is led by electric guards Nate Robinson and Tre Simmons, whose first name appropriately describes his delf outside touch. If the Huskies are vulnerable anywhere, it's their lack of an inside presence.

Best wins: vs. Alabama (79-76), vs. Oklahoma (96-91); Arizona (93-85); vs. Utah (78-71); NC State (68-64)

Worst Losses: at UCLA (86-95); at Oregon St. (73-90)



Star	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2	Nate Robinson	G	5-9	180	Jr	16.3	4.9*
5	Will Conroy	G	6-2	195	Sr.	9.4	5.5*
1	Tre Simmons	G	6-5	200	Sr.	16.7	4.9
15	Bobby Jones	F	6-6	215	Jr.	11.7	5.4
42	Mike Jensen	F	6-8	240	Jr.	6.4	4.3
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3	Brandon Roy	G	6-6	215	Jr.	13.2	5.6
24	Jamaal Williams	F	6-5	225	Jr.	9.6	3.8
0	Joel Smith	G/F	6-4	205	Fr.	4.7	1.7

#1 WASHINGTON (27-5) vs. #16 MONTANA (18-12)

MONTANAGRIZZLIES

Coach: Larry Krystkowiak Conference: Big Sky Record: 18-12 (9-5) RPI Rank: 157

Skinny: If their schedule Rank: 254

Skinny: If their schedule NCAA Tournament. And they didn't exactly tear up the Big Sky before earning the automatic bid. Coach Larry Krystkowiak – a nine-year NBA veteran – might have gotten Montana here, but unless he suits up, they're not getting out of the first round.

Best Wins: Cal-Northridge (90-80); Portland State (79-65)

Worst Losses: at UC-Santa Barbara (46-55); Montana State (60-62)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
40 Matt Dlouhy	F	6-6	190	So.	9.2	4.5	
50 Kamarr Davis	F	6-7	235	Sr.	14.6	5.9	
33 John Seyfert	C	6-10	240	Jr.	5.3	4.0	
12 Kevin Criswell	G	6-2	185	Jr.	12.4	4.3	
22 Matt Martin	G	6-0	170	Fr.	9.2	2.3	
					* Assists	per game	š
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
10 Virgil Matthews	G	6-3	195	Jr.	3.1	2.0	
34 Andrew Strait	F	6-8	215	Fr.	8.7	4.6	
52 Corey Easley	F	6-8	220	Jr.	4.7	2.8	

PACIFICTIGERS

Coach: Bob Thomason
Record: 26-3 (18-0)
RPI Rank: 19
Sagarin Rank: 27
RPI Schedule Rank: 120
Skinny: Pacific might just be the most experienced team in the entire NCAA Tournament with five senior starters, plus three top reserves that are at least juniors. This program provided an upset in last season's first round and nearly got past Kansas in the second round. Look out for Guillaume Yango, one of the best unknown players you will see in the Big Dance. Yango and Christian Maraker can help Pacific match up with almost anyone in the frontcourt.

Best wins: at Nevada (72-69); UTEP (73-66); at Utah State (64-63)

Worst Losses: San Francisco (64-67)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
20	David Doubley	G	6-1	170	St.	12.6	4.1*	
1	Marko Mihailovic	G	6-5	200	Sr.	6.1	2.2	
10	Jasko Korajkic	F	6-7	215	Sr.	8.3	4.7	
13	Christian Maraker	F	6-9	225	St.	13.3	6.4	
33	Guillaume Yango	F/C	6-8	240	Sr.	13.3	7.4	
	The state of the s					* Assists	per gam	ė
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
41	Tyler Newton	F/C	6-10	220	Sr.	7.3	4.6	
3	Mike Webb	G	6-1	160	Jr.	4.7	1.2	
2	Johnny Gray	G	6-1	180	Jr.	3.7	1.1	
	The state of the s							

#8 PACIFIC (26-3) vs. #9 PITTSBURGH (20-8)

PITTSBURGHPANTHERS

Coach: Jamie Dixon

Conference: Big East

Location: Pittsburgh, Penn. Website: pittsburghpanthers.com

Record: 20-8 (10-6)

Skinny: Boy, are the Panthers a hard team to figure out. Playing in the Big East isn't easy, but Pitt has had things all topsy-turry at
times this season. They're good enough to sweep Syracuse and get big wins against UConn and Boston College, but bad enough
to lose to the likes of St. John's. Still, this team has size and experience in abundance, and a solid freshman reserve in Ronald
Ramon. One big loss was booting Yuri Demetris from the team after his arrest, but Pitt seems to have done just fine without him.

Best Wins: at Connecticut (76-66); Syracuse (76-69); at Syracuse (68-64); at Boston College (72-50)

Worst Losses: Bucknell (66-69); Georgetown (64-67); at St. John's (62-65).



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	we	yr	ppg	rpg	
2	Chevon Troutman	F	6-7	240	Sr.	15.3	8.0	
21	Mark McCarroll	F	6-10	220	Sr.	2.4	1.8	
23	Chris Taft	F	6-10	260	So.	13.4	7.4	
11	Carl Krauser	G	6-2	200	Jr.	15.5	6.0*	
22	Antonio Graves	G	6-3	190	So.	7.7	2.2	
						* Assists	per game	ė
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
4	Ronald Ramon	G	6-1	180	Fr.	7.1	1.9*	
14	Levon Kendall	F	6-9	220	So.	3.8	2.7	
33	Aaron Gray	C	7-0	275	So.	4.7	3.0	

GEORGIATECHYELLOWJACKETS

Record: 19-11 (8-8) RPI Rank: 30 Sagarin Rank: 20 RPI Schedule Rank: 19
Skinny: There were plenty of times when it was hard to believe that the Yellow Jackets were last season's national runners-up. While Tech lost B.J. Elder to injury for a stretch of the season, it doesn't fully explain the let down from last year. But they've got a 7-footer, a great point guard and can score big at times. There aren't any high seeds that want to find the Jackets in their bracket, especially after their run to the ACC Tournament finals.

Best wins: Wake Forest (102-101 OT)

Worst Losses: Virginia Tech (69-70)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1	B.J. Elder	G	6-4	218	Sr.	12.7	2.1
2	Isma'il Muhammad	G	6-6	228	Sr.	9.3	5.5
55	Anthony McHenry	F	6-7	222	Sr.	4.4	3.5
12	Luke Schenscher	C	7-1	250	Sr.	10.0	7.1
3	Jarrett Jack	G	6-3	202	Jr.	15.5	4.5*
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt.	yr	ppg	rpg
23	Anthony Morrow	G	6-5	205	Jr.	5.5	2.1
11	Will Bynum	G	6-0	185	Sr.	11.8	2.4
4	Ra'Sean Dickey	F	6-9	255	Fr.	5.5	3.2

#5 GEORGIA TECH (19-11) vs. #12 GEORGE WASH. (22-7)

GEORGEWASHINGTONCOLONIALS

Coach: Karl Hobbs Conference: Atlantic-10 Location: Washington, D.C. Website: gwsports.com
Record: 22-7 (11-5) RPI Rank: 58 Sagarin Rank: 40 RPI Schedule Rank: 179
Skinny: The Colonials won their first-ever A-10 Tournament title, defeating Saint Joseph's 76-67 to secure an NCAA Tournament bid. George Washington impressed earlier in the year by winning the BB&T Classic in December. George Washington knocked off Michigan State and Maryland to win the event. The Colonials compiled an 11-5 record in the A-10, good enough to finish in first place in the western division.

Best wins: Michigan State (96-83); Maryland (101-92)
Worst Lossey: at Richmond (59-70)

Worst Losses: at Richmond (59-70)

Sta	arting Five	pos	ht	WE	Yr.	ppg	rpg	
1	Omar Williams	F	6-9	190	Jr.	9.6	4.5	
3	Mike Hall	P	6-8	230	Jr.	10.3	8.3	
21	Pops Mensah-Bonsu	E	6-9	240	Jr.	12.4	6.6	
5	T.J. Thompson	G	5-10	180	St	13.7	2.1	
25	Carl Elliott	G	5-4	220	Sr.	8.3	4.6*	
						* Assists	per game	
Ke	y Reserves	pos	ht	WE	yr	ppg	rpg	
2	J.R. Pinnock	G	6-5	207	So.	13.5	5.1	
11	Ricky Lucas	G	5-4	213	So.	4.5	1.8	
13	Alex Kireev	F	6-11	251	Jr.	23	1.5	

LOUISVILLECARDINALS

Coach: Rick Pitino Conference: Conference USA Location: Louisville, Ky. Website: uofisports.com
Record: 29-4 (14-2) RPI Rank: 12 Sagarin Rank: 8 RPI Schedule Rank: 50
Skinny: The past two seasons, Louisville has come into the NCAA Tournament limping a little bit after February swoons that crippled the Cardinals' chances. Not so this time around, as Louisville won 15 of its final 16 regular season games and took the Conference USA championship. This is a dangerous team, especially given how well Larny O'Bannon has played in March and solid play off the bench. The Cards' four seed was one of the bigger shockers as some experts thought they could be a No. 1.

Best wins: at Florida (74-70); at Cincinnati (69-66); Charlotte (94-82)

Worst Losses: at Houston (67-70): Memphis (68-85)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5	Taguan Dean	G	6-3	185	Jr.	14.2	3.6*
34	Larry O'Bannon	SG	6-4	200	Sr.	15.1	3.5
32	Francisco Garcia	SF.	6-7	190	Jr.	15.3	4.0"
3	Juan Palacios	PF	6-8	245	Fr.	9.8	6.2
2	Ellis Myles	F	6-7	245	Sr.	10.4	9.3
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	грд
11	Brandon Jenkins	PG	6-3	180	So.	5.4	1.5*
52	Otis George	F/C	6-8	225	Sr.	5.7	5.5
1	Lorrenzo Wade	G	6-6	200	Fr.	4.5	2.0

#4 Louisville (29-4) vs. #13 La. Lafayette (20-10)

LA.-LAFAYETTERAGIN'CAJUNS

Coach: Robert Lee

Conference: Sun Belt

Record: 20-10 (11-4)

Skinny: The Ragin' Cajuns are sure to have one of the best nicknames in the Big Dance, but they are no stranger to the tournaments, having advanced several times before. Lafayette earned its ticket by knocking off Denver in the Sun Belt title game after losing to them twice in the regular season. The Ragin' Cajuns also have a quality win over Southern Illinois, a team that some pundits think could be a Cinderella this season.

Best wins: Southern Illinois (63-61), Western Kentucky (91-76)

Worst Losses: at Georgia St. (78-85), at Arkansas State (80-86)



Starting Five	pos	he	wt	yr.	ppg	rpg
1 Tiras Wade	G	6-6	209	Jr.	20.4	6.0
5 Orien Green	G	6-4	208	Sr.	11.7	4.7
23 Dwayne Mitchell	G	6-5	215	Jo	10.6	5.9
45 Brian Hamilton	F	6-6	193	Sr	13.5	7.5
11 Chris Cameron	C	6-11	270	Sr.	8.1	3.4
					* Assists	per game
Key Reserves	pos	ht	3W	Vr.	ppg	rpg
3 Spencer Ford	F	6-5	204	Jr.	4.5	3.2
22 Ross Mouton	G/F	6-6	197	So:	3.8	1.0
34 Adam James	F/C	6-9	265	Fr.	1.0	1.5



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GONZAGABULLDOGS

Coach: Mark Few Conference: West Coast Location: Spokane, Wash. Website: gozags.com Record: 25-4 (12-2) RPI Rank: 8 Sagarin Rank: 21 RPI Schedule Rank: 30 Skinny: Another year, another bid for Gonzaga, who has become the mid-major powerhouse of the nation. Mark Few's squad is led by Ronny Turiaf and Adam Morrison, both of whom can light it up on the offensive end. Gonzaga will once again be a popular pick to advance deep into the tournament, and since most of their players have a beyy of NCAA experience, the fact that they're a mid-major should be thrown out the window. Best wins: Washington (99-87); vs. Georgia Tech (85-73); vs. Oklahoma State (78-75) Worst Losses: at Missouri (61-63); at San Francisco (70-73); at St. Mary's (81-89)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	vvt	yr	ppg	rpg
5	Derek Raivio	G	6-3	168	50.	13.4	5.0*
22	Erroll Knight	G	6-7	211	ls:	6.8	4.7
3	Adam Morrison	F	6-8	205	So.	18.1	5.4
1	Ronny Tunaf	F	6-10	249	Sr.	16.0	9.1
13	J.P. Batista	F	6-9	269	Jr.	12.7	6.1
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	SW	yr	ppg	rpg
32	Sean Mallon	F	6-9	218	50.	8.1	4.4
25	David Pendergraft	G	6-6	215	FC	3.0	2.7
4	Altidor-Cespedes, P.	erreG	6-0	181	Fr.	2.2	1.2

#3 GONZAGA (25-4) VS. #14 WINTHROP (27-5)

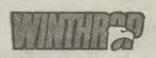
WINTHROPEAGLES

Coach: Gregg Marshall Conference: Big South Record: 27-5 (16-1) RPI Rank: 70

Location: Rock Hill, S.C. Website: www.winthrope Sagarin Rank: 106 RPI Schedule Rank: 303

Skinny: The Eagles head into the NCAA Tournament as a low seed, but a very, very hot low seed. They have won 18 games in a row, the third-longest streak in the country. Still, their strength of schedule shows you that they haven't played anyone of note all season, so they're all but a lock to fulfill their low-seed duty and get waxed by Gonzaga in round one.

Worst Losses: at Coastal Carolina (68-76); at Portland (64-70)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr.	ppq	rpg
00 James Schuler	F	6-6	210	JE	12.1	4.3
5 Craig Bradshaw	C	6-10	230	So.	7.8	3.4
33 Phillip Williams	F	6-8	215	50.	7.0	4.4
10 Chris Gaynor	G	5-10	156	Fr	6.5	4.5*
12 Torrell Martin	6	6-5	185	50.	12.8	4.4
					* Assists	per game
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr.	ppg	rpg
22 Otis Daniels	F	6-5	220	Jr.	8.3	3.2
30 Billy Houston	C	6-8	230	15.	4.2	3.6
11 Michael Jenkins	G	6-3	180	Fr.	3.2	1.4

TEXASTECHREDRAIDERS

Conference: Big 12 RPI Rank: 29

Location: Lubbock, Texas Website: texastech.com Sagarin Rank: 22 RPI Schedule Rank: 40

Record: 20-10 (10-6) RPI Rank: 29
Skinny: This is one of Bob Knight's most interesting teams, as they didn't surprise anyone in non-conference action, but caught many teams off guard with their progress in Big 12 play. Ten wins in the Big 12 is quite a feat for this young squad, who are led by guards Donald Ross and Janus Jackson. Knight hasn't led a team to the Sweet 16 since 1994, but this year's Raider team will be a pick that many choose to advance because of their explosive potential.

Best wins: Karsas (80-79 20T), at Oklahorna (88-81), Texas (69-65)
Worst Losses: Ohio State (71-77); at Texas Christian (68-83); at Texas A&M (63-85)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
22	Jarius Jackson	G	6-1	185	So.	14.6	3.7*
24	Donald Ross	G	6-2	185	Sr	16.6	5.1
3	Martin Zeno	G	6-5	190	Fr.	13.5	4.3
21	Devonne Giles	F	6-8	225	Sr.	11.6	6.2
44	Darryl Dora	E	6-9	235	So.	6.2	4.0
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
32	Curtis Marshall	F	6-5	190	Sr.	7.4	27
5	Drew Coffman	G	6-1	175	50.	3.3	1.9*
41	Damir Suljagic	F	6-8	235	Fr.	3.3	2.0

#6 TEXAS TECH (20-10) vs. #11 UCLA (18-10)

Record: 18-10 (11-7)

Skinny: One of the youngest teams in the Big Dance, UCLA has a ton of talent on its roster but is still learning how to win under Coach Ben Howland. The trio of freshmen guards has turned the Bruins into a team to keep an eye on down the stretch, and there is plenty of bulk in the paint, plus the scoring of Dijon Thompson to make life difficult for a higher seed thinking it can best wins: Washington (95-86); at Notre Dame (75-65)

Worst Losses: California (51-64); at Oregon St. (80-85)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11	Jordan Farmar	G	6-2	170	Fr.	13.5	5.3*
4	Arron Afflalo	G	6-5	206	Fr.	11.0	3.3
12	Josh Shipp	G/F	6-5	200	Fr.	9.0	4.9
1	Dijon Thompson	F	6-7	209	Sr.	18.2	8.1
45	Michael Fey	C	7-0	270	Jr.	8.8	5.0
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr.	ppg	rpg
3	Brian Morrison	G	5-2	192	Sr.	7.7	2.1
15	Ryan Hollins	C	7-0	225	Jr.	4.2	3.3
14	Lorenzo Mata	C	6-8	231	Fr.	2.2	3.0

WESTVIRGINIAMOUNTAINEERS

Coach: Jim Beilein Conference: Big East Location: Morgantown, W.V. Website: manager to make 38 Skinny: Here was a team on the bubble that managed to play its way in by reaching the finals of the Big East Tournament. That kind of desperation can play well in the NCAA Tournament, especially as a middle seed. But they spent the season beating most of the teams they should beat and losing to the ones they should have lost to, resulting in a five-game losing streak. They'll have to rise above that standard to pull an upset.

Best wins: at LSU (84-69); Pittsburgh (83-78 OT); at Pittsburgh (70-66); N.C. State (82-69); vs. Boston College (78-72)

Worst Losses: vs. Marshall (55-59), at Georgetown (60-67); at Seton Hall (63-66)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	Wt	yr.	ppg	rpg	
4	Tyrone Sally	F	6-7	210	St	12.7	4.0	
20	Mike Gansey	G	6-4	205	Jr.	10.8	5.3	
1	J.D. Collins	G	5-10	180	Jr.	2.8	1.1	
40	D'or Fischer	C	6-11	255	Sr.	8.8	4.4	
5	Johannes Herber	G	6-6	215	Jr.	8.6	4.2	
						* Assists	per game	
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	vvt	yr	ppg	rpg	
34	Kevin Pittsnogle	C	6-11	250	Jr.	10.6	3.4	
3	Patrick Beilein	G	6-4	205	Jr.	8.7	1.9	
14	Darris Nichols	G	6-2	180	Fr.	3.4	1.4	

#7 WEST VIRGINIA (21-10) VS. #10 CREIGHTON (23-10)

CREIGHTONBLUEJAYS

Coach: Dana Altman
Record: 23-10 (11-7)
RPI Rank: 46
Sagarin Rank: 47
RPI Schedule Rank: 77
Sklanny: By virtue of a hot finish and winning the MVC tournament, Creighton makes its sixth appearance in seven years in the Big Dance
Leading the way for the Blue Jays are outside threats Nate Funk and Johnny Mathies. Creighton averaged 72 points per game this season, and is capable of putting up big numbers on anyone. They'll certainly be a dangerous first round match-up for any school.

Best wins: vs. Missouri (78-54); at Xavier (73-72); at Wichita State (82-68)

Worst Losses: at Evansville (61-63); at Indiana State (72-74); Illinois State (77-82 OT)



	Starting rive	pos	111	995	yı	ppg	1329	
	24 Tyler McKinney	G	6-1	185	Sr	6.5	5.4"	
	11 Johnny Mathies	G	6-0	165	Jr	11.6	2.8	
	10 Nate Funk	G	6-3	195	Jr	17.6	5.0	
	50 Dane Watts	F	6-8	225	Fr	7.0	3.0	
	44 Anthony Tolliver	F	6-8	240	So	4.2	4.4	
						* Assists	per game	9
	Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
	15 Kellen Milliner	G	6-2	175	Sr	9.5	2.4	
	30 Jimmy Motz	F	6-2	218	Jr	5.9	2.3	
	1 Jeffrey Day	VC VE	6-9	230	Jr	5.8	3.8	
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WAKEFORESTDEMONDEACONS

Coach: Skip Prosser
Record: 26-5 (13-3)

Conference: Atlantic Coast

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Sagarin Rank: 4

Skinny: Everyone picked this team to win the ACC, and with good reason, even if they didn't pull in off. After North Carolina, this is the most talented team in the conference. The backcourt is the main strength, with Chip Paul and Justin Gray, but you can't overlook big man Eric Williams. If they play well come tournament time, there's no reason why the Demon Deacons can't

very well find themselves in the Final Four.

Best wins: vs. Arizona (63-60), North Carolina (95-82); Texas (89-88); Duke (92-89)

Worst Losses: at Florida State (83-91 OT)



Starting Five	pos	ht	vvt	yr	ppg	rpg
10 Jamaal Levy	F	6.9	1.86	St	7.5	5.8
1 Justin Gray	G	6-2	186	Jr.	16.4	2.9
3 Chris Paul	G	6-0	175	50.	15.0	5.6*
31 Eric Williams	C	6-9	291	Jr.	16.0	7.6
13 Vytas Danelius	F	6-9	237	Sr.	7.0	4.2
					* Assists	per game
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
4 Taron Downey	G	6-2	190	Jr.	9.5	2.5
O Chris Ellis	F	6-9	261	Jr.	4.1	2.9
33 Trent Strickland	F	6-5	212	So.	6.4	3.9

#2 WAKE FOREST (26-5) VS. #15 CHATTANOOGA (20-10)

CHATTANOOGA**MOCS**

Coach: John Shulman Conference: Southern RPI Rank: 124

Skinny: No one expected Chattanooga to survive the Southern Conference Tournament with the way Davidson dominated the league's regular season before falling in the tournament. The Most' upset win at Tennessee should give them confidence that they belong on a larger level, but playing in front of a NCAA Tournament crowd might be a bit intimidating. The Most do have some tradition, making the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 in 1997.

Best wins: at Tennessee (69-68); UNC-Greensboro (82-68); vs. UNC-Greensboro (66-62)

Worst Losses: at Georgia Southern (84-107); at Creighton (68-100); Furman (65-73), Elon (59-62)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	vvt	yr	ppg	rpg
22	Casey Long	G	6-2	190	Sr;	9.6	4.0
2	Steve Cherry	G	6-4	190	Jr.	6.5	3.6
44	Chris Brown	F	6-7	195	Se	11.5	6.5
15	Mindaugas Katelyr	nas F	5-9	225	Sr.	12.0	9.1
50	Charles Anderson	F	6-8	240	de	6.3	3.8
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppq	rpg
3	Alphonso Pugh	F	6-6	240	Jr.	11.2	3.5
1	Jerice Crouch	G	6-0	185	Jr.	3.4	1.6
34	Matt Malone	C	6-10	255	Fr.	4.4	2.9



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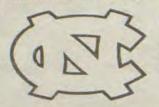
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NORTHCAROLINATARHEELS

Coach: Roy Williams Conference: Atlantic Coast Location: Chapel Hill, N.C. Website: tarheelblue.com
Record: 27-4 (14-2) RPI Rank: 7

Skinny: The Tar Heels are arguably the most talented team in the country. What they can do with that talent come NCAA
Tournament time remains to be seen. But considering the only bad loss they had came in the season opener, without Raymond
Felton, it's hard to imagine they will play a team better than them in the tourney. All they have to do now is play consistently.

Best wins: Kentucky (91-78); Georgia Tech (91-69); at Connecticut (77-70); Duke (75-73) Worst Losses: at Santa Clara (66-77)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2 Raymond Felton	G	5-1	198	Jr.	11.9	7.2"
5 Jackie Manuel	G	6-4	189	Sr	5.8	3.0
32 Rashad McCants	G	6-4	207	Jr.	15.8	3.1
42 Sean May	C	6-9	266	Jr.	15.7	10.4
21 Jawad Willams	P	6-9	218	St	14.9	4.1
					* Assists	per game
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpq
1 Melvin Scott	G	6-2	190	Sr.	5.5	1.3
34 David Noel	G	6-6	224	Jr.	4.6	2.6
24 Marvin Williams	F	5-9	230	Fr.	11.2	6.5

#1 North Carolina (27-4) vs. #16 Oakland/Alabama A&M

OAKLANDGOLDENGRIZZLIES

Coach: Greg Karn, e Conference: Mid-Continent Location: Rochester, Mich. Website: www.ougrizzlies.com
Record: 12-18 (7-9) RPI Rank: 196 Sagarin Rank: 185 RPI Schedule Rank: 129
Skinny: In order for Oakland's Cindertella story to continue, which seems very unlikely, they'll have to have enormous contributions from their two leading scores, Rawle Marshall and Cortney Scott, both of whom average more than 17 points per game.
They'll also need to keep up their stellar defensive play, which held opponents to an average of 58 points per game in their con-

Best wins: vs. Oral Roberts (61-60), Bowling Green (77-53) Worst Losses: at Chicago State (62-73), Western Illinois (74-75)

ALABAMAA&MBULLDOGS

Coach: Van Pettaway
Record: 18-13 (11-7)
RPI Rank: 230
Sagarin Rank: 290
RPI Schedule Rank: 323
RPI Rank: 240
RPI Schedule Rank: 323
RPI Rank: 250
RPI Schedule Rank: 323
RPI Schedule biggest productive player just 6-foot-8 and 220 pounds

Best wins: Southern (86-59) Worst Losses: Fairfield (47-62); UAB (68-100); Texas Southern (75-82)

MINNESOTAGOPHERS

Coach: Dan Monson
Record: 21-10 (10-6)
RPI Rank: 45
Sagarin Rank: 37
RPI Schedule Rank: 56
Skinny: Dan Monson deserves a lot or credit for leading a group expected to be a Big Ten doormat to the NCAA Tournament.
JUCO transfer Vincent Grier is the star and carries the Gophers at times but has a solid supporting cast. Center Jeff Hagan is enjoying a career year anchoring the frontline and guard Aaron Robinson shoots 40 percent from three-point range. Throw in a pilfering defense (9.4 spg) and willing role players and the Gophers earned a bid.

Best wins: Indiana (70-65); Wisconsin (60-50), at Ohio State (60-56-0T)
Worst Losses: Florida State (69-70); Northwestern (53-55)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	we	yr	ppg	rpg
3	Aaron Robinson	6	5-10	170	51	8.0	2.8*
15	Vincent Grier	G/F	6-5	207	Jr.	17.9	5.3
34	Brent Lawson	G	6-4	211	Se	6.8	3.8
13	Dan Coleman	F	6-9	220	Fr.	8.6	3.8
42	Jeff Hagen	C	7-0	270	SE	11.5	6.1
						* Assists	per garrie
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	vvt	yr	ppg	rpg
24	Rico Tucker	G	6-0	190	Ft.	6.3	2.0*
21	Jason Stamper	F	6-6	233	Jr.	5.3	4.8
50	Spencer Tollacson	C	6-9	275	Ft.	3.3	2.2
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#8 Minnesota (21-10) vs. #9 Iowa State (18-11)

IOWASTATECYCLONES

Record: 18-11 (9-7) RPI Rank: 78 Sagarin Rank: 49 RPI Schedule Rank: 108 Skinny: After a horrid 0-5 start in Big 12 play, the Cyclones are playing great ball of late, something the committee rewarded them for Headed by Curtis Stinson, lowa State has knocked off five ranked teams this season, and is a team more than capable of upsetting a high seed in the 2nd round. Also contributing in big ways for lowa State are post man lared Homan and point guard Will Blalock, who is a threat from the outside.

Best wins: Oklahoma (74-66); at Texas (92-80 OT); at Kansas (63-61 OT)
Worst Losses: Colorado (52-54 OT); at Kansas State (51-63); Nebraska (69-76)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	SVV	yr	ppg	rpg
11	Will Blalock	G	5-0	190	So.	12.9	4.8*
1	Curtis Stinson	G	6-3	215	So.	17.3	5.5
13	Rashon Clark	F	6-6	190	FIL	6.6	4.1
22	Damion Staple	F	5-7	240	St.	5.6	4.3
51	Jared Homan	- 0	6-10	250	SE	13.2	8.0
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	YE	ppg	rpg
10	Tasheed Carr	G	6-4	205	Fr.	5.9	24
3	John Neal	6	6-4	195	Jir.	2.0	1.3

VILLANOVAWILDCATS

Coach: Jay Wright Conference: Big East Location: Philadelphia, Penn: Website: villanova.com Record: 22-7 (11-5) RPI Rank: 15 Sagarin Rank: 17 RPI Schedule Rank: 8
Skinny: It's easy to get overlooked in the Big East when your league-mates include the defending national champion and a team that spent the first 20 games unbeaten. But this Villanova squad only lost to those two teams (Connecticut and Boston College) by a combined six points – on the road. Then they handed the Eagles just their second loss of the season. Add that to an early-season toppling of Kansas and it's obvious just how dangerous this Villanova team can be.

Best wins: Kansas (83-62), Boston College (76-70); West Virginia (84-46)
Worst Losses: vs. Temple (52-53), Georgetown (64-66)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
34	Curtis Sumpter	F	6-7	223	Ir.	16.2	7.4
50	Will Sheridan	C	6-8	238	So.	5.2	5.8
2	Randy Foye	G	6-3	205	dr	14.5	5.0
12	Mike Nardi	G	6-1	165	So.	8.7	3.8*
14	Allan Ray	G	6-2	200	JE.	17.3	3.0
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13	Kyle Lowry	G	6-0	185	Fr.	6.7	2.7
20	Jason Fraser	F	6-10	227	Jr.	6.3	6.7
44	Marcus Austin	F	6-9	238	Sr.	1.9	1.8

#5 VILLANOVA (22-7) vs. #12 New Mexico (26-6)

NEWMEXICOLOBOS

Coach: Ritchie McKay
Record: 26-6 (10-4)
RPI Rank: 71
Sagarin Rank: 39
RPI Schedule Rank: 299
Skinny: Weak schedule or not, the Lobos are looking to make some noise in March after a 23-win regular season. Danny Granger and Troy DeViries are the biggest impact players for New Mexico, who can kill you from behind the three-point line. As a team, the Lobos shoot just shy of 40 percent from beyond the arc. If they get hot in the fournament, a couple of wins isn't

Best wins: Utah (65-54), Santa Clara (93-59); at UNIV (77-66) Worst Losses: at BYU (53-68); at Wyoming (71-81); at Air Force (62-64)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5 Mark Walters	G	6-2	225	Jr.	10.6	3.6
2 Troy DeVries	G	6-4	195	Sr.	11.6	2.6*
21 Alfred Neale	F	6-6	200	Sr.	10.0	4.3
33 Danny Granger	F	6-8	225	Sr.	18.3	8.5
13 David Chiotti	C	6-9	245	Jr.	10.6	5.2
					* Assists	per game
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	грд
3 Kris Collins	G	6-2	190	Jr.	8.0	2.2
32 Tony Dannidge	G	6-5	205	Fr	3.1	1.0
35 Sean Phaler	F	6-9	195	Fr.	2.7	1.0
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FLORIDAGATORS

Coach: Billy Donovan
Record: 23-7 (12-4)
RPI Rank: 23
RPI Rank: 23
Skinny: Florida has been a NCAA Tournament flop each year since it stormed the championship game in 2000, failing to get to the Sweet 16 in four tournaments since. This Gators' team can score with anyone, but the difference has been their ability to guard people, something that has been lacking in a major way in the past. If Anthony Roberson and Matt Walsh are making shots, Florida becomes a very dangerous out, but they must get past the mental hundle of another early flame out.

Best wins: Alabama (85-54); Kentucky (53-52), at Vanderbilt (82-65); vs. Kentucky (70-53)
Worst Losses: Miami (65-72); at Florida State (69-82), at Tennessee (76-83 OT)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	we	VY	ppq	rpg
1	Anthony Roberson	PG	5-1	180	Tr.	18.6	2.4*
44	Matt Walsh	SG	6-6	205	Jr.	13.9	3.5
2	Corey Brewer	SF	6-8	183	Fr	6.9	3.2
24	David Lee	PF	6-9	249	St.	13.3	8.8
42	Al Horford	0	6-8	225	Fr:	6.1	6.6
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	WE	yr	ppg	rpg
12	Lee Humphrey	G	6-2	180	So.	5.1	1.1*
1.1	Taurean Green	G	6-0	170	Fr.	3.8	2.3*
32	Chris Richard	F	6-8	245	So.	3.3	2.3

#4 FLORIDA (23-7) vs. #13 OHIO (21-10)

OHIOBOBCATS

Coach: Tim O'Shea
Record: 21-10 (12-7)
RPI Rank: 33
Skinny: The Bobcats made the field of 65 for the first time in 11 years affer knocking off Buffalo in overtime on a last second putback. A young, but talented team with a very balanced attack, freshman center Leon Williams is a legitimate post presence and guards Mychal Green and Jeremy Fears provide perimeter balance. Tim O'Shea's team is capable of upsetting a team who can't shoot well from the outside, but Ohio's zone defense will lose as soon as they run into a couple of hot hands.

Best wins: at Buffalo (92-90); Miami (OH) (61-57): vs. Miami (OH) (63-56)
Worst Losses: at American (64-55); at Florida International (74-73 OT); at Ball St. (81-80)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr.	ppq	rpg	
3	Jeremy Fears	G	6-3	185	Fr.	10.7	3.7*	
00	Mychal Green	G	6-4	200	dr.	14.9	3.7	
1	Sonny Troutman	F	6-5	210	So.	12.6	3.2*	
4	Terren Harbut	F	6.6	230	Sr.	8.6	3.9	
5	Leon Williams	F	6-7	235	FE	11.5	8.3	
						* Assists	per gami	ė
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppq	rpq	
23	Jeff Halbert	F	6-6	230	Sr.	7.1	3.1	
10	Whitney Davis	G	6-3	188	50.	2.5	1.1	
44	Cliff McGowen	F	6-9	230	Jir.	1.9	2.3	



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WISCONSINBADGERS

Coach: Bo Ryan
Record: 22-8 (11-5)
RPI Rank: 13
Sagarin Rank: 19
RPI Schedule Rank: 25
Skinny: Wisconsin isn't big on style points and usually wins ugly, but the Badgers won't be an easy out. They feature the Big Ten's stinglest defense (60.7 ppg) and rank 15th nationally. Mike Wilkinson is Bo Ryan's go-to-guy and he sets the tone for a veteran team with plenty of tournament experience. Versatile and athletic, Alando Tucker is the Badgers' second option, providing a one-two punch up front. If Wilkinson and Tucker get any help from their sporadic guards, Wisconsin could make a run.

Best wins: Maryland (69-64); Alabama (76-62); Michigan State (62-59)
Worst Losses: at Pepperdine (75-61); at Marquette (63-54); at Minnesota (60-50)



Star	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
1	Sharif Chambliss	G	6-1	185	Sc	7.7	2.9*
13	Clayton Hanson	G	6-5	195	St.	6.6	2.6
23	Kammron Taylor	G	6-2	175	So.	8.5	2.4
42	Alando Tucker	F	6-5	205	So	15.0	6.7
54	Mike Wilkinson	F	6-8	240	Sr.	14.8	7.3
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr.	ppg	rpg
44	Zach Morley	F	6-8	220	Sr	6.7	4.3
32	Brian Butch	F/C	6-11	240	Fr.	4.7	3.2
4	Ray Nixon	F	6-8	215	Jr.	2.9	1.3

#6 Wisconsin (22-8) vs. #11 Northern Iowa (21-10)

NORTHERNIOWAPANTHERS

Coach: Greg McDermott Conference: Missouri Valley Sagarin Rank: 42 RPI Schedule Rank: 60
Skinny: Fresh off last season's near upset of eventual runner-up Georgia Tech in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, Northern lowa will be taken very seriously whoever they face this season. Ben Jacobson and Erik Crawford combine for 30 points out of the backcourt, and are an extremely troublesome match-up for just about anyone. Four starters average double digits in points, making them a troubling match-up.

Best wins: lowa State (99-82); Southern Illinois (67-61); at Wichita State (67-66)
Worst Losses: at Evansville (73-92), at Bradley (65-71); at Drake (72-81)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
21	Chris Foster	G	5-10	195	Sr	5.8	2.9*
12	Ben Jacobson	G	6-3	195	Jr	17.8	3.8
5	Erik Crawford	G	6-3	218	It	13.3	4.8
2	Eric Coleman	F	6-6	230	Fr	10.8	6.3
32	Grant Stout	F	6-8	210	56	11.4	7.7
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	Wt	yr.	ppg	rpg
- 11	John Little	G	6-0	195	Jr	4.6	1.5
23	Brooks McOwen	G	6-2	195	50	3.5	2.0
33	Jon Godfread	C	6-10	260	Si	1.8	1.6

KANSASJAYHAWKS

Coach: Bill Self Conference: Big 12 Location: Lawrence, Kan. Website: kualthletics.com Record: 23-6 (12-4) RPI Rank: 1 Sagarin Rank: 9 RPI Schedule Rank: 1 Skinny: There's no doubting the Jayhawks' enormous potential and star power. What is in question is their ability to finish off a great start to this season, as key losses late raised questions about their ability to go deep in the tourney. Kansas is led by Big 12 Player of the Year Wayne Simien, whose power game complements the outside threats of Keith Langford and Aaron Miles.

Rest wins: Georgia Tech (70-68 OT); at Kentucky (65-59); Oklahoma State (81-79). Worst Losses: at Villanova (62-83), Iowa State (61-63 OT); at Missouri (68-72)

Star	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11	Aaron Miles	G	6-1	175	Sri	9.4	7.3*
5	Keith Langford	G	6-4	215	Sr.	14.7	4.1
15	J.R. Giddens	G	6-5	200	So.	10.2	3.9
34	Christian Moody	F	6-8	220	Jr.	6.0	4.7
23	Wayne Simien	F	6-9	255	Sc	19.4	11.1
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr.	ppq	гра
2	Alex Galindo	F	6-7	205	- FC	4.3	1.8
25	Michael Lee	G	6-3	215	Sr.	3.9	1.4
3	Russell Robinson	G	6-1	185	- Fr.	3.9	1.1*

#3 KANSAS (23-6) VS. #14 BUCKNELL (22-9)

BUCKNELLBISON

Coach: Pat Flannery Conference: Patriot Location: Lewisburg, Penn. Website: bucknellbison com Record: 22-9 (10-4) RPI Rank: 52 Sagarin Rank: 112 RPI Schedule Rank: 127 Skinny: Bucknell made headlines earlier this season when they stormed Pittsburgh and knocked off the ranked Panthers, then went to Philadelphia and upset St. Joseph's. The Bison have a bit more size than most schools in the lower conferences, and their giant killer reputation should have them confident they can compete in the tournament.

Best wins: at Pittsburgh (69-66); at St. Joseph's (69-62); at Holy Cross (61-57) Worst Losses: St. Francis-PA (65-70); at American (59-68), at Lehigh (54-57)



Sta	ing Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5	be Badmus	G	5-11	175	50.	3.1	3.2*
12	Kevin Bettencourt	G	5-2	190	Jr.	12.7	3.0
3	Charles Lee	G/F	6-3	210	It.	12.5	6.3
1	Darren Mastropaolo	F	6-8	250	Fr.	3.1	2.1
32	Chris McNaughton	C	6-11	235	50	12.2	4.7
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
11	John Griffin	G	6-0	175	Fr	7.1	1.9
31	Chris Niesz	F	6-8	205	Sr.	3,3	2.0
4	Donald Brown	F	6-5	215	50	3.2	29

CHARLOTTE49ERS

Coach: Bobby Lutz

Conference: Conference USA

Location: Charlotte, N.C.

Website: charlotte49ers.com

RPI Rank: 36

Skinny: On the first day of March, Charlotte looked the part of a high seed with the potential to do some damage as a team no one knew about. But that was before getting shelled by Louisville, then laying a clunker at South Florida. This team can score a ton of points behind the shooting of Brendan Plavich and the dynamic duo of Eddie Basden and Curtis Withers. The 49ers are athletic and have good size, but they are going to have to prove they are tough enough to advance when their shots aren't falling.

Best Wins: at Indiana (74-73); at Marquette (76-66); Cincinnati (91-90)

Worst Losses: Rutgers (71-73); at East Carolina (51-54); at South Florida (73-85)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
5	Brendan Plavich	G	6-2	207	Sr.	14.1	2.8
20	Mitchell Baldwin	G	6-2	190	Jr.	7.7	3.8*
13	Eddie Basden	· G/F	6-5	205	Sr.	15.3	8.4
3	Curtis Withers	F	6-8	230	36.	17.5	8.3
2	Martin Iti	(7-0	240	So.	5.4	4.1
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	грд
1	E.J. Drayton	F	6-8	215	Jr.	8.8	4.5
12	Leemire Goldwire	G	5-1	180	Fr.	6.3	2:0
00	Chris Nance	C/F	6-8	250	Jr	4.3	3.5

#7 CHARLOTTE (21-7) vs. #10 N.C. STATE (19-13)

N.C.STATEWOLFPACK

Coach: Herb Sendek Conference: Atlantic Coast Location: Raleigh, N.C. Website: gopack.com
Record: 19-13 (7-9) RPI Rank: 72 Sagarin Rank: 28 RPI Schedule Rank: 59
Skinny: The Wolfpack came into the ACC Tournament with virtually no hope of making the NCAAs and left with a bid thanks to victories against Florida State and Wake Forest. Herb Sendek tends to have teams that overachieve in March, and the Pack's: Princeton-style offense can be tricky for opponents to defend. But N.C. State's success in the NCAAs might depend on the health of point guard Tony Bethel, which is a bit shaky.

Best wins: Georgia Tech (76-68); at Maryland (85-69); at Georgia Tech (53-51); Wake Forest (81-65)
Worst Losses: at St. John's (45-63); at Virginia Tech (71-72); Florida State (64-70)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	vvt	yr	ppg	rpg
14	Engin Atsur	G	5-3	200	50	9.4	2.7
3	Ilian Evtimov	P	6-7	232	JR	9.5	3.6
13	Cameron Bennerman	6	6-4	198	JR	8.9	2.3
24	Julius Hodge	G	6-7	205	SR	17:0	6.7
32	Jordan Collins	C	6-10	242	SR	6.9	2.6
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
40	Andrew Brackman	F	6-10	205	FR	6.8	3.6
22	Tony Bethel	G	6-2	178	JR	8.3	4.0
21	Levi Watkins	F	6-8	235	SR -	4.2	1.6

CONNECTICUTHUSKIES

Coach: Jim Calhoun Conference: Big East Location: Storrs, Conn Website: uconnhuskies.com Record: 21-7 (13-3) RPI Rank: 17 Sagarin Rank: 13 RPI Schedule Rank: 6 Skinny: Remember now, the Huskies are the defending national champs. Sure, they lost Erieka Okafor and Ben Gordon after last year's title run, but the rest of the UConn lineup is a year more experienced but still remembers what it took to get the ring a year ago. Josh Boone and Charlie Villanueva are tough up front and Rashad Anderson can score. They might not be a lock for St. Louis, but the Huskies could be poised to make a run.

Best wins: Villanova (81-76); at Pittsburgh (73-64); at Syracuse (74-66); Syracuse (88-70)

Worst Losses: at UMass (59-61); at Notre Dame (74-78)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	WE	yr.	ppg	rpg
31	Rashad Anderson	6	6-5	215	Ji.	13.8	3.9
3	Charlie Villanueva	F	6-11	240	Sr.	13.3	7.9
21	Josh Boone	F	6-10	237	Sr	13.0	8.7
22	Rudy Gay	F	6-9	220	Fri	11.6	5.9
5	Marcus Williams	G	6-3	205	St	8.8	8.0*
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr.	ppg	rpg
33	Denham Brown	F	6-6	220	Jr.	10.7	4.0
1.7	Hilton Armstrong	F	5-11	235	Jr.	4.0	3.8
20	Antonio Kellogg	G	6-3	190	Fr.	3.3	2.2

#2 CONNECTICUT (21-7) VS. #15 CENTRAL FLORIDA (24-8)

CENTRALFLORIDAGOLDENKNIGHTS

Conference: Atlantic Sun Location: Orlando, Fla
Sagarin Rank: 169
Website: ucfathletics.com
RPI Schedule Rank: 199

Record; 24-8 (13-7)

RPI Rank: 85

Sagarin Rank: 169

RPI Schedule Rank: 199

Skinny: In getting a hold of their second A-Sun conference title in a row, the Golden Knights did it with tremendous balance. Add to that a strong defensive showing to hold off Gardner-Webb in the title game, and the fact that Central Florida has won 12 of its last 13 games heading into the Big Dance, and this team appears to have several of the ingredients that can make it a pesky opponent for a higher seed.

Best wins: vs. Utah State (55-52); Georgia State (70-65); at Missouri-Kansas City (57-56)

Worst Losses: Gardner-Webb (55-67); at Mercer (71-80); at Belmont (52-67); at Lipscomb (63-64)



Star	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	Vr.	ppg	rpg
30	Joshua Peppers	P	6-6	200	So.	13.5	3.4
33	Anthony Williams	E	6-8	220	Jr.	11.2	5.6
35	William Bakanowsky	C	6.9	240	Jr.	6.0	4.2
5	Gary Johnson	5	6-2	180	St	13.2	3.7*
10	Kingsley Edwards	G	6-1	185	Sr.	7.5	4.1*
						* Assists	per gan
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
20	Troy Lindbeck	G	6-3	185	Jr.	3.1	0.9
21	Justin Rose	G	6-3	190	Jr.	6.5	4.3
22	Marcus Johnson	F	6-7	225	Jr.	5.5	3.8

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DUKEBLUEDEVILS

Coach: Mike Krzyzewski Conference: Atlantic Coast

Record: 25-5 (11-5) RPI Rank: 5 Sagarin Rank: 3 RPI Schedule Rank: 4
Skinny: Depth could be an issue for the Blue Devils in the NCAAs. In losses, that has been a factor, most notably at Maryland. Plus, now they've lost guard Sean Dockery to a torn MCL. But on the flip side, this team is classic Duke in that it can shoot the lights out. Think there's any team in America that wants to line up against J.J. Redick in March? Both he and Daniel Ewing can single-handledly win games, and that's to say nothing about Shelden Williams' presence in the post.

Best wins: Michigan State (81-74), vs. Oklahoma (78-67); North Carolina (71-70); Wake Forest (102-92)

Worst Losses: Maryland (66-75), at Virginia Tech (65-67)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
21 DeMarcus Nelson	G	6-3	195	Fr	6.6	4.4
4 J.J. Redick	G	5-4	190	So.	22.5	3.3
5 Daniel Ewing	G	6-3	185	Jr.	15.3	3.1
13 Lee Melchionni	F	6-6	205	Jr.	7.6	3.0
23 Shelden Williams	F	6-9	250	50.	15.6	11.4
					* Assists	per game
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
42 Shavlik Randolph	F	6-10	240	Jr.	4.8	4.1
30 Reggie Love	F	6-4	225	Sr.	2.3	2.8
41 Patrick Davidson	G	6-0	190	So.	0.3	0.3

#1 Duke (25-5) vs. #16 Delaware State (19-13)

DELAWARE**STATE**HORNETS

Conference: Mid-Eastern

Location: Dover, Del. Sagarin Rank: 210

Website: www.desu.edu/athletics RPI Schedule Rank: 166

Skinny: The Hornets needed a buzzer-beater to win their conference tournament, marking the first time Delaware State has been to the Big Dance. They have a pair of seniors in the lineup which helps experience-wise, but none of these guys has experience like an NCAA Tournament game. At least they avoided the dreaded play-in game, where it would have been tough to

even get into the actual first round of play.

Best wins: Hampton (66-64 OT); Florida A&M (72-50); at Hampton (64-54); vs. Hampton (55-53)

Worst Losses: at North Carolina A&T (66-70); at Morgan State (74-75



HORNETS

Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
33	Jahsha Bluntt	G	6-1	220	So.	13.7	3.9
5	Terrance Hunter	F	6-7	225	Sr.	11.5	4.8
2	Aaron Williams	G	6-2	175	Sr.	11.3	3.9
0	Darrin Shine	G	6-0	170	Jr.	6.1	3.4
42	Troy Roundtree	F	6-5	225	50.	5.6	3.6
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
23	Tracey Worley	G	6-4	190	Fr.	5.5	1.3
11	Bruce Davis	G	5-11	175	Sr.	4.2	1.3
13	Caheem Broadus	G	6-1	190	Jr.	2.6	0.9

STANFORD**CARDINAL**

Record: 18-12 (11-7) RPI Rank: 39 Sagarin Rank: 50 RPI Schedule Rank: 22
Skinny: A year ago Stanford was cruising along undefeated and on top of the world before being upset in the Pac-10
Tournament and then in the second round by Alabama. This year, the Cardinal has had to battle two major injuries - one to leading scorer Dan Grunfeld – yet still have been able to play well enough to hang in for a tournament bid. There is absolutely no depth because of the injuries, but any team good enough to beat both Arizona and Washington is dangerous.

Best wins: Arizona (87-76); at UCLA (75-64); Washington (77-67)

Worst Losses: vs. Tennessee (57-69); at Santa Clara (76-86); Washington State (48-59)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
11	Chris Hernandez	G	6-2	190	Jr.	15.1	3.9*	
44	Fred Washington	G	6-5	205	50.	4.1	1.9	
21	Nick Robinson	F	6-6	205	Sr.	8.2	4.6	
52	Matt Haryasz	F	6-11	230	Jr.	12.3	9.0	
.42	Rob Little	C	6-10	260	Sr.	8.9	6.1	
						* Assists	per game	
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
32	Jason Haas	G	6-2	190	Jr.	3.1	1.9	

#8 STANFORD (18-12) vs. #9 MISSISSIPPI STATE (22-10)

MISSISSIPPISTATEBULLDOGS

Coach: Rick Stansbury Record: 22-10 (9-7)

Conference: Southeastern

Location: Starkville, Miss. Sagarin Rank: 33

Website: mstateathletics.com

RPI Schedule Rank: 67

Skinny: It has been a trying season for State, which played well early in the season in the midst of huge expectations. But injuries have hurt the chemistry of Rick Stansbury's club, especially the midseason loss of Winsome Frazier, a blow that seemed to really knock the Bulldogs off rhythm. Any team that has Lawrence Roberts has a chance in the Big Dance, especially if Frazier and Shane Power are able to make jump shots and free up the lane for Roberts. **Best wins:** vs. Virginia Tech (71-65); Florida (71-57); at Arkansas (57-55)

Worst Losses: at Alabama (49-98); at Auburn (76-90); at Tennessee (63-64)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	3W	yr	ppg	rpg	
11	Gary Ervin	PG	5-11	170	So.	7.8	4.9*	
23	Winsome Frazier	SG	6-4	180	Sr.	12.4	3.5	
21	Shane Power	SF	6-5	210	Sr.	11.4	4.0	
4	Lawrence Roberts	PF	6-9	240	Sr.	17.3	11.1	
50	Marcus Campbell	C	7-0	270	Sr.	6.4	5.5*	
						* Assists	per game	į
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
31	Ontario Harper	G/F	6-5	215	Sr.	8.2	5.0	
5	Jamall Edmondson	PG	5-9	185	Jr.	4.7	1.2*	
22	Dietric Slater	G/F	6-3	195	So.	3.1	2.2	

MICHIGANSTATESPARTANS

Coach: Tom Izzo

Conference: Big Ten

Sagarin Rank: 11

Location: East Lansing, Mich. Website: msuspartans.com RPI Schedule Rank: 80

Skinny: With six players averaging over nine points, the Spartans possess the offensive diversity and depth that could carry them deep into the tournament. The only player who is irreplaceable in the offense is center Paul Davis. Michigan State's half court ise revolves around Davis as his presence inside draws double teams and creates openings for his teammates. Tom Izzo's team plays solid defense (63.0 ppg), excels in transition and shoots 49.9 percent from the field. Best wins: Stanford (78-53); UCLA (76-64); Wisconsin (77-64)

Worst Losses: at George Washington (88-96); at Indiana (74-78); vs. lowa (69-71)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
12	Drew Neitzel	G	6-0	170	Fr.	3.3	2.9*	
13	Maurice Ager	G	6-5	195	Jr.	13.6	3.7	
3	Shannon Brown	G	6-4	200	So.	10.3	3.2	
15	Alan Anderson	G/F	6-6	220	Sr.	13.4	5.5	
40	Paul Davis	C	6-11	255	Jr.	11.7	7.3	
						* Assists	per game	į
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
5	Chris Hill	G	6-3	190	Sr.	9.9	4.5*	
20	Matt Trannon	F	6-6	217	Jr.	2.1	3.7	
23	Kelvin Torbert	G	6-4	215	Sr.	9.5	2.9	

#5 Michigan State (22-6) vs. #12 Old Dominion (28-5)

OLDDOMINIONMONARCHS

Conference: Colonial RPI Rank: 27

Location: Norfolk, Va. Sagarin Rank: 53

RPI Schedule Rank: 188

Skinny: The Monarchs were a rarity - a small conference school that might not have needed to win its tournament to get in. But they did it anyway, thanks to their best player's refusal to give up. That would be 6-foot-9 Alex Loughton, the CAA's Player of the Year, who forced overtime and helped the Monarchs to the league title. Don't be surprised when ODU tries to do the same to an unsuspecting higher seed in the NCAAs.

Best wins: Kent State (64-59); St. Joseph's (66-62); at Hofstra (67-66); vs. Hofstra (72-58)

Worst Losses: at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (67-71); at George Mason (58-74)



Sta	arting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
31	Arnaud Dahi	F	6-7	220	So.	10.3	5.5
40	Alex Laughton	C	6-9	235	Jr.	13.9	8.1
1	Isaiah Hunter	6	6-2	160	Jr.	13.4	3.2
10	Drew Williamson	G	6-0	180	So.	6.2	4.6*
24	Kiah Thomas	G	6-4	190	Sc	8.3	3.4
						* Assists	per game
Ke	y Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
42	Valdas Vasylius	F	6-7	210	So.	9.2	4.0
4	Brandon Johnson	G	6-1	175	Fr.	3.1	2.4
20	Brian Henderson	G	6-4	185	Fr.	2.8	1.3

SYRACUSEORANGEMEN

Coach: Jim Boeheim

Conference: Big East

Location: Syracuse, N.Y.

Website: suathletics.com

Sagarin Rank: 14 RPI Schedule Rank: 79 Skinny: Sure, Syracuse plays in a tough conference, and they have a relatively sterling record to show for it. But closer examination reveals that the Orange hasn't really beaten a whole lot of good teams to get where they are. That said, Hakim Warrick is a heck of a player, and a guy like Gerry McNamara, who can bury pure jump shots from anywhere, was built for the NCAA

Tournament. If the 'Cuse wants some more quality wins, that'll be the time to get them Best wins: at Villanova (90-75); vs. Mississippi State (71-58); vs. Connecticut (67-63)

Worst Losses: Pittsburgh (64-68); at Pittsburgh (69-76)



Sta	arting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
1	Hakim Warrick	F	6-8	219	Sr.	21.1	8.3	
3	Gerry McNamara	G	6-2	182	Jr.	15.8	5.2*	
5	Josh Pace	F	6-6	203	Sr.	10.8	4.9	
42	Louie McCroskey	G	6-5	208	So.	2.9	6.0	
51	Craig Forth	C	7-0	256	Sr.	5.0	5.4	
						* Assists	per game	
Key	y Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
33	Terrence Roberts	- F	6-9	228	So.	7.2	3.7	
13	Darryl Watkins	C	6-11	258	So.	4.1	3.0	
14	Billy Edelin	G	6-4	195	lr.	4.0	1.3	

#4 SYRACUSE (27-6) VS. #13 VERMONT (24-6)

VERMONTCATAMOUNTS

Coach: Tom Brennan

Conference: America East

Location: Burlington, Vt.

Record: 24-6 (16-2) RPI Rank: 20 Sagarin Rank: 43 RPI Schedule Rank: 94
Skinny: Well, Vermont certainly took on some tough out-of-conference foes early in the season, hanging tight with Kansas early in the season and also losing to North Carolina. Even if the competition wasn't as stiff after that, the Catamounts have one of the nation's best big men in Taylor Coppenrath and a solid veteran guard in T.J. Sorrentine. This senior-laden group is hoping to end their careers – and coach Tom Brennan's – with a bang.

Best wins: at Northeastern (75-60); Northeastern (80-57); Boston University (69-58)

Worst Losses: at American (64-67); at Maine (66-87)



Sta	rting Five	pos.	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
22	Taylor Coppenrath	F	6-9	250	Sr.	25.3	8.9	
32	Germain Mopa Njila	F	6-4	200	Sr.	5.4	6.9	
20	Martin Klimes	C	6-8	225	50.	4.1	3.6	
11	T.J. Sorrentine	G	5-11	185	Sr.	18.8	4.4*	
24	David Hehn	G	6-5	200	Sr.	4.7	4.0	
						* Assists	per game	
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
35	Alex Jensen	G	6-2	175	Sr	3.1	1.5	
44	Ryan Schneider	F	6-7	200	Fr	4.6	2.7	
50	Josh Duell	F	6-8	230	Fr.	5.8	3.1	

UTAHUTES

Record: 27-5 (13-1) RPI Rank: 22 Sagarin Rank: 24 RPI Schedule Rank: 111
Skinny: No one wants to face the Utes this year, as very few teams have been able to slow down, let alone stop big man Andrev

Bogut averages a double-double, and on the outside, Utah is led by senior guard Marc Jackson, who shoots nearly 50 percent from beyond the arc. They're a real threat to make a run to the Elite 8 or even further.

Best wins: LSU (69-55); New Mexico (69-58); Colorado (80-48) Worst Losses: at Utah State (45-71); at New Mexico (54-65)



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Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
2	Marc Jackson	G	6-1	175	Sr.	10.7	3.8*
11	Tim Drisdom	G	6-3	210	Jr.	4.9	3.2*
5	Justin Hawkins	F	6-5	220	So.	8.6	3.9
20	Bryant Markson	F	6-6	190	Jr.	10.1	3.9
4	Andrew Bogut	C	7-0	240	50.	20.6	12.0
						* Assists	per gam
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13	Richard Chaney	G	6-4	195	Jr	9.2	2.4
51	Jonas Langvad	F	6-9	230	-So.	4.1	1.7
30	Chris Jackson	C	6-11	245	Jr.	2.1	1.5

#6 UTAH (27-5) VS. #11 UTEP (27-7)

UTEPMINERS

Conference: Western Athletic Location: El Paso, Texas Record: 27-7 (14-4) RPI Rank: 34 Sagarin Rank: 52

RPI Schedule Rank: 130 Skinny: As senior Omar Thomas goes, so do the Miners. Thomas, who averages more than 20 points a game, is the focal point for Doc Sadler's UTEP team, and is the type of impact player that could become an NCAA darling. Along with Thomas, Filiberto Rivera will play a large role in the Miners' fate. The biggest key for UTEP will be their shoring up their sometimes inconsistent defense in order to have the most success

Best wins: vs. Arizona State (66-65); at Nevada (83-80); at Rice (73-71)

Worst Losses: at Louisana Tech (65-80); at Fresno State (63-66); at Tulsa (54-65)



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21	Filiberto Rivera	G	6-2	175	Sr.	12.9	7.2*	
4	Giovanni St. Amant	G	6-3	190	Jr.	7.0	1.8	
33	Omar Thomas	G	6-5	205	Sr.	20.2	6.7	
1	Jason Williams	F	6-6	205	Jr.	11.8	5.7	
40	John Tofi	F	6-8	245	Jr.	6.3	6.4	
						* Assists	per game	e
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
10	Miguel Ayala	G	6-6	190	Jr.	7.9	2.2	
52	Will Kimble	C	6-10	230	Sr.	4.9	3.2	
11	Thomas Gehrke	F	6-8	215	Sr.	2.3	2.5	

OKLAHOMASOONERS

Coach: Kelvin Sampson Conference: Big 12 Record: 24-7 (12-4) RPI Rank: 18 Sagarin Rank: 10 RPI Schedule Rank: 31

Skinny: This youthful Sooner squad has played their best basketball late in the season, sweeping the state of Texas (Texas, Texas Tech) in the last two regular season contests. As their ranking continues to rise, so does their stock in the tournament. Speedster Drew Lavender runs the point, and if frontliners Taj Gray and Kevin Bookout perform in the post when it comes to tournament time, look for this team to be around for awhile.

Best wins: Oklahoma State (67-57); Kansas (71-63), at Texas (74-58)

Worst Losses: Texas Tech (81-88); at Iowa State (66-74); at Missouri (65-68 OT)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
3	Drew Lavender	G	5-7	153	So.	9.6	3,3*
2	Jaison Williams	G	6-3	181	Sr.	7.2	2.6
20	Terrell Everett	G	6-4	185	Jr.	12.3	5.1*
34	Kevin Bookout	P	6-8	259	Jr.	11.8	6.4
21	Tai Grav	F	6-9	235	Jr.	14.7	7.8
	, , ,					* Assists	per gam
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	- yr	ppg	rpg
1	Lawrence McKenzie	G	6-2	175	50.	9.4	1.6
4	David Godbold	G	6-5	212	Fr.	4.8	2.6
32	Johnnie Gilbert	F	6-8	258	Jr.	3.4	3.6
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#3 OKLAHOMA (24-7) vs. #14 NIAGARA (20-9)

NIAGARAPURPLEEAGLES

Location: Niagara Univ., N.Y. Website: purpled Record: 20-9 (13-5) RPI Rank: 82 Sagarin Rank: 128 RPI Schedule Rank: 243

Skinny: The strength of schedule tells you most of what you need to know about Niagara. They played just one major-conference opponent all year (a loss to Providence), and lost to some bad teams in the MAAC. The one x-factor in the NCAA Tournament is senior forward Juan Mendez, named a mid-major All-American by a college web site. He can score and rebound, but the real question is can he do it against better levels of competition?

Best wins: American (78-71); St. Peter's (90-85); vs. Rider (81-59) Worst Losses: at Marist (87-88); at Iona (80-95), at Manhattan (72-78)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
13	J.R. Duffey	F	6-7	220	So.	8.4	5.9
43	Juan Mendez	F	6-8	245	Sr.	23.6	10.5
1	Lorenzo Miles	G	6-0	190	So:	8.8	3.9
10	Alvin Cruz	G	6-1	185	Sr.	13.4	6.5*
32	David Brooks	G	6-3	220	Sr.	17.1	5.5
						* Assists	per game
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
12	James Mathis	F	6-6	225	Jr	8.0	6.5
20	Barry Durosier	G	6-1	190	So.	1.6	1.0

CINCINNATIBEARCATS

Conference: Conference USA Location: Cincinnati, Ohio Coach: Bob Huggins Website: ucbearcats.com Sagarin Rank: 23 Skinny: Coach Bob Huggins had a turnultuous offseason, but the Bearcats have quietly put together a nice campaign for the longtime coach. Cincinnati is a bit hard to figure because they split the season series' with two of its better opponents – Charlotte and DePaul – while also playing Wake Forest and Louisville close. The Bearcats always bring a lot of defensive pressure, but can

they score well enough when they face a good team on a neutral floor will be the big question. Best wins: Vanderbilt (88-72); Charlotte (80-58)

Worst Losses: at DePaul (66-85)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
13	Jihad Muhammad	G	5-11	175	Jr.	10.5	2.5*	
5	Nick Williams	G	6-3	185	Sr.	8.6	2.3	
21	James White	E	6-7	195	JE.	10.3	4.8	
14	Eric Hicks	F	6-6	240	Jr.	13.7	9.0	
54	Jason Maxiell	F	6-7	250	Sr.	15.1	7.6	
						* Assists	per gam	ĕ
Key	Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
1	Chadd Moore	G	6-2	175	Jr.	3.3	1.7	
33	Armein Kirkland	G	6-8	205	Jr.	11.0	4.5	
45	Roy Bright	F	6-6	225	Fr	4.2	3.7	

#7 CINCINNATI (24-7) vs. #10 Iowa (21-11)

IOWAHAWKEYES

Location: lowa City, Iowa Website: hawkeyesports.com Sagarin Rank: 26 RPI Schedule Rank: 66 RPI Rank: 54

Skinny: lowa looked like a force with impressive wins against Texas Tech and Louisville. However, the departure of leading scorer Pierre Pierce during conference play left the Hawkeyes in a bad position. Iowa lost five of six after Pierce's dismissal, but Steve Alford rallied his troops to win five straight, including an upset of Michigan State in the Big Ten Tournament. The Hawkeyes have an outstanding inside-outside game with Greg Brunner on the intenor, Adam Haluska on the perimeter and Jeff Horner running the show. Best wins: at Louisville (76-71), Texas Tech (83-53), vs. Michigan State (71-69) Worst Losses: at Purdue (66-63), at Northwestern (75-74), Michigan (65-63)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	грд
2 Jeff Horner	G	6-3	185	Jr.	14.1	5.6*
1 Adam Haluska	G	6-5	210	So.	14.3	3.9
35 Mike Henerson	G	6-2	190	So.	4.9	2.1
44 Greg Brunner	F	6-7	245	Jr.	14.5	8.3
34 Erek Hansen	C	6-11	230	Jr.	5.0	2.7*
			* Assists	per game	**Blocks	per game
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
23 Doug Thomas	F	6-8	245	Jr.	4.5	4.6
25 Carlton Reed	G	5-4	180	Fr.	2.5	1.1
5 Alex Thompson	F	6-9	215	Fr.	1.5	2.0

KENTUCKYWILDCATS

Coach: Tubby Smith Conference: Southeastern Location: Lexington, Ky. Website: ukathletics.com Record: 25-5 (14-2) RPI Rank: 10 Sagarin Rank: 6 RPI Schedule Rank: 55

Skinny: The question about the Wildcats is which team is the "real" Kentucky, the one that knocked off Alabama and Louisville or the one that laid an egg against South Carolina and nearly lost to Ole Miss? When UK shoots the basketball well, it is capable of beating anyone in the nation, but when the offense struggles (mainly Patrick Sparks), the Cats will have a hard time get-ting past a solid team. It wouldn't be a stretch to say the Cats could go out the first weekend or slip into the Final Four. **Best wins:** at Louisville (60-58); at Alabama (78-71); Florida (69-66); LSU (89-58)

Worst Losses: at South Carolina (61-73)



Sta	rting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
4	Rajon Rondo	PG	6-1	171	Fr.	7.9	3.4*	
22	Patrick Sparks	SG	6-0	180	Jr.	11.4	3.9*	
24	Kelenna Azubuike	SF	6-5	220	Jr.	14.5	4.9	
44	Chuck Hayes	PF	6-6	242	Sc	10.8	8.0	
33	Randolph Morris	C	6-10	266	Fr.	8.7	4.0	
						* Assists	per game	
Key	y Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg	
3	Ramel Bradley	G	5-1	179	Fr.	5.0	1.7	
13	Bobby Perry	F	6-6	238	So.	3.4	2.3	
2	Ravi Moss	G	6-2	190	Ir.	3.9	1.7	

#2 KENTUCKY (25-5) VS. #15 EASTERN KENTUCKY (22-8)

Location: Richmond, Ky. Conference: Ohio Valley Record: 22-8 (11-5) RPI Rank: 100 Sagarin Rank: 144 RPI Schedule Rank: 297
Skinny: After taking over one of the worst programs in Division I five years ago, former UK star Travis Ford has the Colonels

Dancin' for the first time since 1979. EKU plays tough man-to-man defense and runs its offense through senior standout Michael Haney, whose 62.6 percent field goal percentage ranks sixth in the nation. Guards Matt Witt and Ben Rushing can be dangerous from three-point range, but it's been the play of the three junior college transfers that have quickened the turnaround. Best wins: at Dayton (73-66); Murray State (73-61)

Worst Losses: at Jacksonville State (55-70); at Tennessee State (63-75)



Starting Five	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	rpg
12 Matt Witt	G	6-0	180	Jr.	14.1	6.4*
3 Zach Ingles	G	6-2	190	Jr.	11.9	2.7
30 Jason McLeish	G	6-0	165	Jr.	8.8	2.6
35 Michael Haney	F	6-6	221	Sr.	13.5	8.3
33 Alonzo Hird	C	6-9	205	Jr	9.3	8.2
					* Assists	per game
Key Reserves	pos	ht	wt	yr	ppg	грд
10 Ben Rushing	G	5-11	175	Sr	6.8	0.8
21 Darnell Dialls	(6-8	200	Fr	2.6	2.6
44 Ryan Wiersma	C	6-6	220	Fr.	3.1	2.7

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Hayes demands that success in NCAA is a 'matter of will'

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ATLANTA - The debate now isn't whether Kentucky deserved a No. 1 seed for the 2005 NCAA Tournament beginning this week. It's whether the Cats will play like a contender or a pretender?

"We've had spurts where we look like we could be a dangerous team going into the NCAA Tournament. But there are times when we have spurts where we look like we're beatable and not as good as we've been hyped," a somber Chuck Hayes offered moments after UK lost 70-53 to Florida in the SEC Tournament championship.

"We can compete with anybody in the country," Hayes said. "We just have to want it. We have to go get it. It's a matter

of will. Who wants it more?"

Kentucky enters NCAA play with a 25-5 record, but lost twice in the past eight days to Florida. In Sunday's game, UK was outrebounded 48-31 and made just 2-of-19 three-pointers.

"It would've been nice to receive the SEC Tournament championship trophy," Hayes said. "It would've been nice to cut down the nets. To get the hats and the T-shirt. But we have to put that in the past now.

"The SEC is over, the regular season, the tournament," he added. "It's a whole new ball game and we've got to put this game behind us."

"We can compete with anybody in the country. We just have to want it. We have to go get it. It's a matter of will. Who wants it more?"

A new season, indeed, with more at stake than ever before as the senior begins his final quest for an elusive Final Four berth.

"We have to snap out of it,"
Hayes said. "Right now, it's a singleelimination so we have to bounce
back and get the job done. A lot of
people are going to have to look in
the mirror and do some soul-searching before we start the NCAA."

Kentucky has looked terrific and terrible within the same season, scintillating and stagnant as a team that plays hard from tip to buzzer but rarely wins games going away.

"One minute you'll see it and the next minute it's gone," Hayes said.
"We know we have it in us, the will and the drive to get the job done. We just need to get some consistency and a killer instinct to get out there and get the job done."

One dramatic change for Kentucky in this NCAA Tournament

is that the Cats will be a bit under the radar. For the past two seasons, they've been proclaimed as the overall No. 1 seed when Selection Sunday pairings were announced only to have fallen short of the Final Four.

"I think it's good for us that we have the motivation of this loss going into the tournament," Hayes said. "We'll be flying underneath the radar a little bit with a chance to achieve our goals right under people's noses. That will feel good."

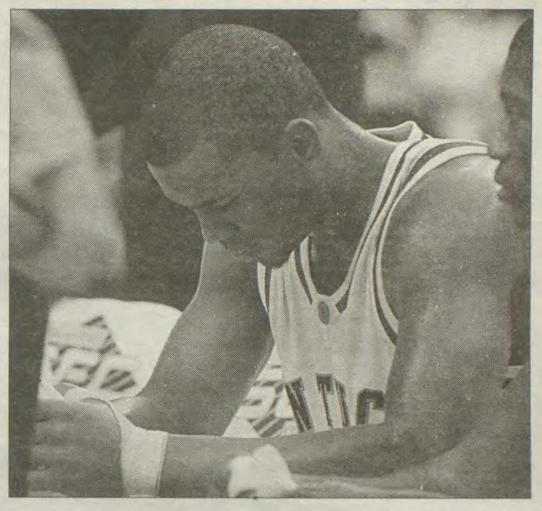
Assuming Kentucky can be one of the teams that gets its act together in an otherwise bizarre season that saw a string of upsets in conference tournament play.

"The season can now go as long as six games or as short as one," Hayes said. "The secret will be whoever has the chemistry and the focus for those six games. They'll be the ones who are successful."

All of which brings us full circle to the opening question. Will Kentucky show up for NCAA play as a contender or pretender? The now-you-see-it, now-you-don't mystery described by Hayes?

"This program is measured by championships," Hayes said.
"We let one slip by as far as the SEC Tournament goes. Now, we have a chance to go get one more."

>>> Darrell Bird is general manager of The Cats' Pause,



UK senior Chuck Hayes said the team has to put the disappointing loss to Florida behind them and focus on the team's goal of reaching the Final Four.

TCP/Victoria Graff



Rondo feared worst with ankle sprain

ATLANTA – Imagine if you have started every single game of the regular season only to have the reward of tournament play snatched away in an instant?

That fear was racing through the mind of Kentucky's **Rajon Rondo** (right) when he suffered an ankle sprain one day before the Cats' first game in the Southeastern Conference Tournament

"I was nervous that I wasn't going to play anymore for the rest of the season," Rondo said. "I really didn't know what to think."

Rondo did play, collecting nine points, four assists and three steals in 19 minutes as Kentucky defeated Tennessee 76-62 to advance.

To the unsuspecting, it was hard to tell any injury had occurred in that game or throughout the three-day tournament.

"Well, I didn't want to show a weakness," Rondo said with a smile.

But the injury is real. Near the conclusion of UK's last practice at Memorial Coliseum before boarding a flight for Atlanta, Rondo rolled his right ankle while running full speed on a fast break. It was his first ever sprained ankle. "For about 10 minutes, I wouldn't talk to anybody. I was really upset," Rondo said. "I went down on the play. It was really painful."

That's when UK trainer David Kindy stepped in.

"I got good treatment so I was out there and ready to play," Rondo said. "I iced it every 20 minutes on and off and I've been laying in bed keeping it elevated.

"I wanted to play so bad," Rondo added "I was hoping and praying that everything would be all right for the game."

The sprained ankle follows bruised ribs which Rondo suffered a few weeks ago. With his weighing only 155 pounds, the question begs whether the rigors of a college schedule are taking a toll?

"It is a long season and guys are more physical so I've got to step my weight training up next year," Rondo said. "But **Allen Iverson** is my inspiration. He's a little guy and he does it 82 nights a year, so I'm going to keep coming out."

Smashed Moss

Rajon Rondo didn't have the corner on foot injuries during the SEC Tournament. Near the end of regulation during Saturday's UK-LSU semifinal, the Tigers' 300-pound Glen "Big Baby" Davis fell on Ravi Moss' foot during a scramble for a loose ball.

"Yeah, if Big Baby falls on you it's gonna hurt real bad, and it's gonna hurt for a while, too," Moss said with a smile, his foot wrapped with an ice pack for precaution.

Moss (right) was headed for the sidelines in pursuit of the ball, so did at least never see the collision coming?

"Yeah right," he said. "It was like slow motion. I could see him coming right at me and I was like, 'Oh my goodness.'"

Cats open NCAA Tournament with Eastern, Travis Ford

The Cats' Pause

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith knows Travis Ford well, but the UK coach will have to put friendship aside this week when the Cats square off with Ford's Eastern Kentucky squad in the NCAA Tournament's first round

The Cats were awarded a No. 2 seed in the Austin region as an at-large team after they lost the SEC Tournament final to Florida on Sunday. Eastern Kentucky won the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament last week to make it to Big Dance for the first time in 26 years. Smith, who coached Ford when he was UK's point guard from 1992-94, is excited to see the Colonels matched up with his team in Indianapolis.

"Knowing Travis Ford the way I do, having coached him back when I was an assistant at Kentucky, he's a tough, competitive coach and his team plays the way he played," Smith said. "They can shoot the three and are aggressive at both ends of the court. We played them last year and saw first hand the impact Travis has had on that program. It's great for the fans in the state that Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky are playing one another."

The Cats come into the tournament in a bit of a slump, having lost to Florida twice in a week, thus ending their hopes for what would have been a third consecutive No. 1 seed in the tournament. Instead, Duke took the top spot in the Cats' region, setting up what could be a rematch of the 1992 and 1998 Elite Eight games between the two schools.

"We had our chances," Smith said of getting a top seed. "I thought we had two opportunities in the past week to wrap up a No. I seed. I think if we had beaten Florida at Florida or in the SEC Tournament championship game then we would have been a one."

UK will try to erase the bad memories of the upset loss to UAB in last season's second round. The players have made no secret of the fact they want to atone for that defeat in Columbus.

We certainly remember last year, but this is a new team," Smith said. "You're always excited this time of year. We've lost two of our last four, and that's never good. But I'm very proud of this group of young men and think they can go far."

How far the road goes this season remains to be seen, but it wil start Thursday in Indianapolis with a familiar foe.

UK vs. Possible opponents (since 1990)

No. 1 Duke 2002: Duke 95, UK 92 (ot) 1999: Duke 71, UK 60 1998: UK 86, Duke 84 (NCAA-Elite 8)

1992: Duke 104, UK 103 (ot)

No. 4 Syracuse 2000: SU 52, UK 50 (NCAA-2nd Round) 1997: UK 87, SU 53 1996: UK 76, SU 67 (NCAA-Final) 1995: UK 77, SU 71 1994: SU 93, UK 85

No. 5 Michigan State 2004: UK 79, MSU 74 2003: MSU 71, UK 67 2001: MSU 46, UK 45 2000: UK 60, MSU 58 1999: MSU 73, UK 66 (NCAA-Elite 8)

No. 6 Utah 2003: UK 74, Utah 54 (NCAA-2nd Round) 2001: UK 56, Utah 48 1998: UK 78, Utah 69 (NCAA-Title) 1997: UK 72, Utah 59 (NCAA-Elite 8) 1996: UK 101, Utah 70 (NCAA-Sweet 16)

1993: UK 83, Utah 62 (NCAA-2nd Round)

No. 7 Cincinnati 1991: UK 75, UC 71

No. 8 Stanford 1998: UK 86, Stanford 85 (ot) (NCAA-Final Four)

No. 9 Mississippi State (Last five meetings) 2005: UK 94, MSU 78 2004: UK 67, MSU 66 2003: UK 64, MSU 57; UK 70, MSU 62 2002: MSU 74, UK 69 (ot)

No. 10 lowa 2001: UK 92, lowa 79 (NCAA-2nd Round) 1997: UK 75, Iowa 69 (NCAA-2nd Round)

No. 12 Old Dominion 1992: UK 88, ODU 69 (NCAA-1st Round)

No. 15 EKU 2004: UK 101, EKU 72 2001: UK 94. EKU 79 1999: UK 99, EKU 64 1994: UK 107, EKU 78 1993: UK 82, EKU 73 1992: UK 85, EKU 55 1991: UK 74, EKU 60

BACKCOURT

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A LOOK

REPORT:

Eastern uses a three-guard lineup, but there isn't much size on the perimeter. Zach Ingles is the biggest starter in the backcourt at 6-foot-2, while both Matt Witt and Jason McLeish measure 6-foot. But the Colonels can shoot the basketball, with both Witt (14.1) and Ingles (11.9) averaging double figures. Witt is also a terrific passer, leading the Colonels by handing out 6.4 assists per game, a evecatching stat on any level. All three starters are juniors and should be able to hold their own in size with UK's Rajon Rondo and Patrick Sparks.

FRONTCOURT

Senior forward Michael Haney is Eastern's go-to-guy on offense. The 6foot-6 Haney averages 13.5 points a night, but he is hitting on nearly 63 percent of his field goal attempts, indicating he gets the ball in positions where he can finish. Alonzo Hird is light for a center at 205 pounds, but he averages just a shade under 10 points a game and basically matches the 8.3 rebounds Haney hauls in with 8.2 of his own.

BENCH

Ben Rushing is the only real backcourt threat off the bench, but he is vet another shooter that can cause problems if he gets hot. Eastern has two freshmen big men at their disposal in Darnell Dialls and Ryan Wiersma. Those two provide some nice depth for the Colonels, who will likely need as many bodies as they can muster for the Kentucky matchup.

2004-05 Schedule

Date	Opponent		
Nov. 21	at Dayton	W	73-66
Nov. 23	WEBSTER	W	102-47
Nov. 27	MT. ST. JOSEPH	W	103-75
Dec. 2	SAVANNAH ST.	W	87-59
Dec. 4	at Coastal Car.	W	77-62
Dec. 8	at Western Ky.	L	63-75
Dec. 11	at Robert Morris	W	79-69
Dec. 14	GREENVILLE	W	87-62
Dec. 20	at Savannah St.	W	80-64
Dec. 22	at Florida	L	49-98
Dec. 30	at Louisville	L	63-78
Jan. 6	at UT Martin	W	71-67
Jan 8	at Murray State	1	78-80
Jan. 13	at Austin Peay	W	67-63
Jan 15	at Tenn. Tech	L	64-78
Jan. 20	JACKS. STATE	W	72-60
Jan. 22	SAMFORD	L	61-67
Jan. 27	MURRAY STATE	W	73-61
Jan. 29	UT MARTIN	W	95-71
Feb. 1	MOREHEAD ST.	W	83-69
Feb. 3	at Tennessee St.	L	63-75
Feb. 10	at Samford	W	56-53
Feb. 12	at Jacksonville St		55-70
Feb. 17	SE MISSOURI	W	83-72
Feb. 19	EASTERN ILL.	W	74-72
Feb. 22	at Morehead St.	W	69-61
Feb. 26	AUSTIN PEAY	W	70-66
Mar. 1	TENN. STATE	W	74-68
Mac. 4	vs. SE Missouri	W	69-52
Mar. 5	vs. Austin Peay	W	52-46

Game at a Glance

When: 12:20 p.m.; Thursday, March 17 Where: RCA Dome; Indianapolis, Ind. TV: CBS

Radio: UK Radio Network Series: UK leads 8-0

Last Meeting: Dec. 23, 2003 - @UK 101, EKU 72

Coach: Travis Ford will be a man tom when the Colonels meet UK because the coach was one of the most beloved players in recent UK history when he played for Rick Pitino from 1992-94. Ford has struggled to get EKU over the hump before this season, but he had a terrific playing career at UK, finishing ninth on the all-time assists list.



Did You Know?

Despite being just 20 minutes apart, the Cats and Colonels have played just eight times in their histories, most of which came during Pitino's days in Lexington. Tubby Smith's UK teams have beaten Eastern three times since his arrival in Lexington.

EASTERN KENTUCKY ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
3	Zach Ingles	G	6-2	190	Jr.	Gowen, MI/Pasco-Hernando JC
4	Stephen Gabbard	G	6-4	185	Fr.	Annville, KY/Jackson Co. HS
5	Bubba Long	G	5-10	160	Fr.	Owensboro, KY/Apollo HS
10	Ben Rushing	G	5-11	175	Sr.	Clinton, KY/Hickman Co. HS
11	Austin Newton	G	5-8	165	Sr.	Campbellsville, KY/Campbellsville HS
12	Matt Witt	G	6-0	180	Jr.	Tipp City, OH/Bethel HS
15	Michael Brock	F	6-7	225	So.	Independence, KY/Simon Kenton HS
21	Damell Dialls	F	6-8	200	Fr.	Lexington, KY/LaFayette HS
23	Julian Mascoll	F	6-5	200	So.	Clearwater, FL/Countryside HS
30	Jason McLeish	G	6-0	165	Jr.	Queens, NY/Westchester JC
32	Brandon Moore	F	6-4	190	So.	Huntington, WV/Spring Valley HS
33	Alonzo Hird	F	6-9	205	Jr.	Deland, FL/Sante Fe JC
35	Michael Haney	F	6-6	221	Sr.	Madisonville, KY/N, Hopkins HS
44	Ryan Wiersma	F	6-6	220	Fr.	Newark, OH/Hargrave Military Academy



Matt Witt



Jason McLeish



Michael Haney



Alonzo Hird

KENTUCKY'S SEEDING IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

UK's history of seeding in the NCAA Tournament. Bracket has been seeded since 1979:

No. 1 seed

1980 - Lost to 4 seed Duke 55-54 in Sweet 16.

1984 - Lost to 1 seed Georgetown 53-40 in Final Four.

1986 - Lost to 11 seed LSU 59-57 in Elite Eight.

1993 - Lost to 1 seed Michigan 81-78 in OT in Final Four.

1995 - Lost to 2 seed North Carolina 74-61 in Elite Eight.

1996 - Won NCAA title 76-67 over 4 seed Syracuse.

1997 - Lost to 4 seed Arizona 84-79 in OT in NCAA championship.

2003 - Lost to 3 seed Marquette83-69 in Elite Eight

2004 - Lost to 9 seed UAB 76-75 in second round

No. 2 seed

1981 - Lost to 7 seed Alabama-Birmingham 69-62 in second round.

1988 - Lost to 6 seed Villanova 80-74 in Sweet 16.

1992 - Lost to 1 seed Duke 104-103 in OT in Elite Eight.

1998 - Won NCAA title 78-69 over 3 seed Utah.

2001 - Lost to 6 seed Southern Cal 80-76 in Sweet 16.

No. 3 seed

1983 - Lost to 1 seed Louisville 80-68 in OT in Elite Eight.

1994 - Lost to 6 seed Marquette 75-63 in second round.

1999 - Lost to 1 seed Michigan State 73-66 in Elite Eight.

No. 4 seed

2002 - Lost to 1 seed Maryland 78-68 in Sweet Sixteen.

No. 5 seed

2000 - Lost to 4 seed Syracuse 52-50 in second round.

No. 6 seed

1982 - Lost to 11 seed Middle Tennessee 50-44 in first round.

No. 8 seed

1987 - Lost to 9 seed Ohio State 91-77 in first round.

No. 12 seed

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UConn (1)

Duke (1)

Maryland (1)

Syracuse (3)

Connecticut (2)

Michigan State (1)

1985 - Lost to 1 seed St. John's 86-70 in Sweet 16.

SEEDS IN THE NCAA FINAL FOUR

Seeds of teams to reach the Final Four. Seeding of tournament began in 1979: champion others in Final Four vear 1979 Michigan State (2) Indiana State (1), DePaul (2), Pennsylvania (9). 1980 Louisville (2) lowa (5), Purdue (6), UCLA (8). 1981 Virginia (1), LSU (1), North Carolina (2). Indiana (3) Georgetown (1), Louisville (3), Houston (6). 1982 North Carolina (1) North Carolina State (6) Houston (1), Louisville (1), Georgia (4). 1983 1984 Georgetown (1) Kentucky (1), Houston (2), Virginia (7). St. John's (1), Georgetown (1), Memphis (2). Villanova (8) 1986 Louisville (2) Duke (1), Kansas (1), LSU (11). 1987 Indiana (1) Nevada-Las Vegas (1), Syracuse (2), Providence (6) Arizona (1), Oklahoma (1), Duke (2) 1988 Kansas (6) Illinois (1), Duke (2), Seton Hall (3). 1989 Michigan (3) 1990 Nevada-Las Vegas (1) Duke (3), Georgia Tech (4), Arkansas (4). 1991 Duke (2) Nevada-Las Vegas (1), North Carolina (1), Kansas (3). 1992 Duke (1) Indiana (2), Cincinnati (4), Michigan (6) 1993 North Carolina (1) Kentucky (1), Michigan (1), Kansas (2). 1994 Arkansas (1) Arizona (2), Duke (2), Florida (3). 1995 UCLA (1) Arkansas (2), North Carolina (2), Oklahoma State (4) 1996 Kentucky (1) UMass (1), Syracuse (4), Mississippi State (5) 1997 Arizona (4) Kentucky (1), Minnesota (1), North Carolina (1) 1998 North Carolina (1), Stanford (3), Utah (3). Kentucky (2)

Duke (1), Michigan State (1), Ohio State (4),

Florida (5), North Carolina (8), Wisconsin (8)

Michigan State (1), Arizona (2), Maryland (3)

Georgia Tech (3), Duke (1), Oklahoma State (2)

Kansas (1), Oklahoma (2), Indiana (5)

Kansas (2), Texas (1), Marquette (3)

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First and Second Rounds

Thursday-Saturday, March 16 & 18

- ► Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C.
- ▶ Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Jacksonville, Fla.
- ▶ Jon M. Huntsman Center, Salt Lake City, Utah
- ▶ Cox Arena, San Diego, Calif.

Friday-Sunday, March March 17 & 19

- First Union Center, Philadelphia, Penn.
- ▶ University of Dayton Arena, Dayton, Ohio
- ▶ Palace of Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills, Mich.
- ► American Airlines Arena, Dallas, Texas

Regionals

Thursday-Saturday, March 23 & 25

- ► Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.
- ► Oakland Arena, Oakland, Calif.

Friday-Sunday, March 24 & 26

- ► MCI Center, Washington, D.C.
- ► Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, Minneapolis

Final Four

Saturday-Monday, April 1 & 3

► RCA Dome, Indianapolis, Ind

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- ► HSBC Arena, Buffalo, New York
- ► ARCO Arena, Sacramento, California
- ► Spokane (Wash.) Memorial Arena
- ▶ Veterans Mem. Coliseum, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Friday-Sunday, March 16 & 18

- ▶ United Center, Chicago, Illinois
- ▶ Nationwide Arena, Columbus, Ohio
- ► Rupp Arena, Lexington, Kentucky
- New Orleans Arena, New Orleans, Louisiana

Regionals

Thursday-Saturday, March 22 & 24

- ► Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas
- ▶ HP Pavilion, San Jose, California

Friday-Sunday, March 23 & 25

- ➤ Continental Airlines Arena, E. Rutherford, N.J.
- ► Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis, Missouri

Final Four

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▶ Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.

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Future NCAA Final Fours

year	city	arena	year	city	arena
2006	Indianapolis	RCA Dome	2009	Detroit	Ford Field
2007	Atlanta	Georgia Dome	2010	Indianapolis	RCA Dome
2008	San Antonio	Alamodome	2011	Houston	Reliant Stadium
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PAST NCAA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

/ear	Champion	Score	Runner-up	Year	Champion	Score	Runner-up
939	Oregon	46-33	Ohio State	1972	UCLA	81-76	Florida State
940	Indiana	60-42	Kansas	1973	UCLA	87-66	Memphis State
941	Wisconsin	39-34	Washington State	1974	N.C. State	76-64	Marquette
942	Stanford	53-38	Dartmouth	1975	UCLA	92-85	Kentucky
1943	Wyoming	46-34	Georgetown	1976	Indiana	86-68	Michigan
944	Utah	42-40	Dartmouth	1977	Marquette	67-59	North Carolina
945	Oklahoma St.	49-45	New York U.	1978	Kentucky	94-88	Duke
1946	Oklahoma St.	43-40	North Carolina	1979	Michigan State	75-64	Indiana State
947	Holy Cross	58-47	Oklahoma	1980	Louisville	59-54	Vacated
1948	Kentucky	58-42	Baylor	1981	Indiana	63-50	North Carolina
949	Kentucky	46-36	Oklahoma St.	1982	North Carolina	63-62	Georgetown
950	CCNY	71-68	Bradley	1983	N.C. State	54-52	Houston
951	Kentucky	68-58	Kansas State	1984	Georgetown	84-75	Houston
952	Kansas	80-63	St. John's	1985	Villanova	66-64	Georgetown
953	Indiana	69-68	Kansas	1986	Louisville	72-69	Duke
954	LaSalle	92-76	Bradley	1987	Indiana	74-73	Syracuse
955	San Francisco	77-63	LaSalle	1988	Kansas	83-79	Oklahoma
956	San Francisco	83-71	lowa	1989	Michigan	80-79	Seton Hall
957	N. Carolina	54-53	Kansas	1990	UNLV	103-73	Duke
958	Kentucky	84-72	Seattle	1991	Duke	72-65	Kansas
959	California	71-70	West Virginia	1992	Duke	71-51	Michigan
960	Ohio State	75-55	California	1993	North Carolina	77-71	Michigan
961	Cincinnati	70-65	Ohio State	1994	Arkansas	76-72	Duke
962	Cincinnati	71-59	Ohio State	1995	UCLA	89-78	Arkansas
963	Loyola (IIL)	60-58	Cincinnati	1996	Kentucky	76-67	Syracuse
964	UCLA	98-83	Duke	1997	Arizona	84-79	Kentucky
965	UCLA	91-80	Michigan	1998	Kentucky	78-69	Utah
966	Texas-El Paso	72-65	Kentucky	1999	UConn	77-74	Duke
967	UCLA	79-64	Dayton	2000	Michigan State	89-76	Florida
968	UCLA	78-55	North Carolina	2001	Duke	82-72	Arizona
969	UCLA	92-72	Purdue	2002	Maryland	64-52	Indiana
970	UCLA	80-69	Jacksonville	2003	Syracuse	81-78	Kansas
971	UCLA	68-62	Vacated	2004	Connecticut	82-73	Georgia Tech



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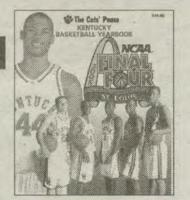
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Florida 70, No. 4 Kentucky 53

by PAUL NEWBERRY ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA - Kentucky cost itself a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament by doing something totally out of character - losing in the Southeastern Conference tour-

The No. 4 Wildcats were blown out over the final 11 1/2 minutes by Florida, which cruised to its first SEC tournament championship with a 70-53 rout Sunday.

The NCAA selection committee had penciled in Kentucky (25-5) as a top seed, but the second loss to Florida in eight days bumped the Wildcats to No. 2 in the Austin Regional. They will open Thursday against Eastern Kentucky in Indianapolis.

"It's just one game, but we didn't play well," coach Tubby Smith said. "Obviously, we're going to have to play better to do well in the tournament."

Matt Walsh scored 26 points, including consecutive 3-pointers that sparked a stunning 30-9 run to can really follow through when it

close the game.

"We wanted to take down the champ," said Walsh, the tournament's MVP. "I can't imagine a better feeling than beating Kentucky for the championship."

Florida (23-7), which had beaten the Wildcats a week earlier in the regular season finale, defied history by winning its first tournament title on its 40th try against the team that has defined success in this event

Kentucky had won the last two tournaments, 10 of the past 13 and 25 in all _ more than every other school in the SEC combined. It was the worst tournament loss ever for the Wildcats, and only their fourth in the last 38 games going back to 1992.

Florida, which has a seven-game winning streak, certainly helped its NCAA positioning. The Gators earned the fourth seed in the Syracuse Regional and will meet Ohio at Nashville, Tenn., on Friday.

"We proved we're a team that

helped the Gators manhandle Kentucky on the boards. "There were times in March the last couple of seasons where we came up short in the big games."

Even though the Georgia Dome resembled Rupp Arena South -Florida fans took up only one section in the crowd of 24,408 - the Wildcats couldn't fend off a team that's playing its best basketball of the season at the perfect time.

Kentucky shot only 37.5 percent from the field, including a dismal 2-of-19 outside the 3-point arc - depriving the Wildcats of one of their favorite weapons. They were dominated on the inside as well.

Florida set the tone in the first half with 13 offensive rebounds. The Gators finished with a 48-31 edge, led by Lee's 17 rebounds and Al Horford with nine.

'That's something we've been dealing with all year long," Smith said. "We're just not a very physi-

Azubuike Kelanna

counts," said David Lee, who Kentucky with 17 points, but none of his teammates reached double figures. Patrick Sparks missed all six of his 3-pointers and managed just four points.

Florida led throughout the first half and well into the second, but Kentucky appeared to seize control with a 15-1 outburst that had its blue-clad fans in an uproar.

Randolph Morris scored on an offensive rebound with 12:32 remaining, letting out a yell after giving Kentucky its first lead of the game at 42-40.

After Florida turned it over, Sparks drove into the lane and flipped in another basket that pushed the Wildcats to a four-point lead.

But it was all Gators the rest of the way. Coach Billy Donovan began calling plays for Walsh, and solid picks by the big men freed him up for clear looks at the basket.

"We couldn't get to him in time," Azubuike said. "He doesn't need that much space."

Walsh buried an open 3-pointer led to stem Kentucky's momentum. After Morris put up an airball, Walsh hit another 3 from the corner to put Florida back in front at 46-44.

Anthony Roberson drove right by Kentucky freshman Rajon Rondo for a layup, the Wildcats turned it over, and Walsh again connected from beyond the arc to make it 51-44.

"We just started executing and screening," Walsh said, "I did the easy part: hitting open shots. It was more my teammates setting me up than me doing anything special."

Ravi Moss broke the run of 11 straight points with a 10-foot jumper, but that was merely a brief respite in Florida's dominance. Roberson swished a 3, Walsh hit a leaner in the lane, Corey Brewer scored on a fastbreak layup, Walsh made one free throw, and Brewer scored on another drive to make it 61-46.

At that point, the Florida bench was hopping up and down, knowing the Gators had finally broken Kentucky's stranglehold on the tournament. The Wildcat faithful began heading quietly for the exits.

Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky not thrilled with matchup

by MURRAY EVANS ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND Eastern Kentucky basketball coach Travis Ford still wore a brave face the day after learning his team's first-round NCAA tournament foe would be second-seeded Kentucky.

The previous week, Ford, a former Kentucky point guard, had said several times he'd rather the Colonels not have to face his alma mater.

But when the 15th-seeded Colonels (22-8) make their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1979 on Thursday in Indianapolis, their opponent in the Austin Regional will be the team from the school about 30 miles away, in whose shadow they long

"I don't think it's either good or bad," Ford said. "We knew we were going to have to play somebody very, very good. We're going to be an underdog. We're going to have to play extremely well. It's going to be an incredible challenge

Such a pairing seemed somewhat unlikely last week, when Kentucky (25-5) was in the running for a No. 1 seed. But the Wildcats' 70-53 loss to Florida in the Southeastern Conference tournament final on Sunday dropped them to a No. 2 seed.

Ford thought a Kentucky-Eastern Kentucky matchup would be "too obvious" for the tournament committee to consider.

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith shared that sentiment.

'We would prefer that we be able to cheer for them," Smith said. "We're sure our fans would love to cheer for Eastern Kentucky as well. But I guess the selection committee saw this as a good opportunity to match us up."

The decision by the committee to pair the Colonels and Wildcats isn't a particularly popular one in central Kentucky, where the schools share a number of fans, although Kentucky loyalists are far more prevalent. One Eastern Kentucky player even acknowledges growing up as a Kentucky

"I was born in Missouri, but I moved to Kentucky in the fourth grade," senior forward Michael Haney said. "I followed them. I was a pretty big UK fan."

Conversely, many Kentucky fans have become followers of the Colonels during the five seasons that Ford has been their coach. Ford played one season at Missouri before transferring to Kentucky, where he played until 1994 under coach Rick Pitino and helped the Wildcats reach the 1993 Final Four.

Ford ranks second in Kentucky's record book in career free-throw shooting (88.2 percent) and ninth in career assists. He holds the single-game record for assists with 15, ironically set against Eastern Kentucky in 1993.

Kentucky-Eastern Kentucky is one of only two first-round matchups between in-state foes. Charlotte and North Carolina State were paired in the Syracuse Regional.

'I think there was a reason they did it," Ford said of the committee's rationale. "I think they had to look at it and think, let's do this. I don't know any other reason they'd put two teams 30 miles apart from each other together.

"I think the NCAA got a little bit of a chuckle out of it at the end."

Smith, who worked with Ford when Smith was Pitino's assistant at Kentucky, is one of Ford's biggest fans. Smith and Ford have remained close - Ford and his staff even sat in on a Kentucky practice earlier this season.

'We're excited for Eastern that they're in," Smith said. "They're very deserving. We watched (Ford) build that program the right way."

During his eight seasons at Kentucky, Smith has scheduled instate schools when possible. The Wildcats have played Eastern Kentucky three times during his tenure, most recently last season, when Kentucky won 101-72 in Lexington.

"It's not like we don't play (each other)," Smith said. "You hate to play (in the postseason) against friends and peers that you have so much respect for. That's always tough, because somebody has to win and somebody has to lose."

Eastern Kentucky is 0-5 in NCAA tournament play, while Kentucky has won seven national titles and reached the Final Four 13 times. Only four 15th-seeded teams have ever won a tournament game. But Haney said the Colonels won't be intimidated.

"Once the ball is thrown up," he said, "anything can happen. It's happened four times for a reason because it's possible."

Cardinals a surprising fourth seed

by CHRIS DUNCAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - Louisville has won 18 of its last 19 games, swept the Conference USA regular season and tournament championships and is currently ranked sixth in the nation.

The NCAA tournament selection committee was still not impressed.

The Cardinals (29-4) earned a No. 4 seed, a bitter surprise considering they beat four NCAA-bound teams away from home and finished the season on a nine-game winning streak. Louisville will play Sun Belt champion Louisiana-Lafayette (20-10) on Friday in Nashville, Tenn.

"We have ourselves a very difficult opening round game," said Pitino, coaching in his 11th NCAA tournament. "We'll go right to work and be ready for it."

Pitino's former team, Kentucky (25-5), blew its chance at a top seed by losing to Florida 70-53 in Sunday's Southeastern Conference tournament championship. The Wildcats earned a No. 2 seed and will play none other than nearby Eastern Kentucky (22-8), the Ohio Valley Conference champ, in the first round in Indianapolis on Thursday.

"We had our chances," said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, "I thought we had two opportunities in the past week to wrap up a Number One seed. But you have to compliment and credit Florida because theyre playing extremely well right now.'

The Cardinals, meanwhile, gathered at a ritzy Italian restaurant to watch the unveiling of the brackets.

When Louisville's pairing popped up, Pitino shook his head. He was going to meet with his players later and expected they would be disappointed, too.

I've got to lift them up a little bit," he said. "But we're in the tournament, we've met the criteria, we've met all the challenges and we've just got to keep on going."

The Cardinals had No. 2 seeds both times they won the NCAA championship, in 1980 and 1986, and fans at the restaurant were anticipating another one. But two years ago, the Cardinals were Conference USA tournament champions and also got a No. 4 seed, prompting a warning from Pitino on Sunday.

"People inside here were saying, 'We're definitely a 2, maybe a " said Pitino, entering his 11th NCAA tournament as a coach. "I said, 'Look, don't be surprised if we're a 3.' I had a gut feeling."

A win against the Ragin' Cajuns will give Louisville its first 30-victory season since 1986. If Louisville wins three more games, it will match its best record since 1983, when the Cardinals lost to Houston in the Final Four.

Pitino is trying to become the first coach to lead three different programs to the Final Four. He led Kentucky there in 1996 and 1997 and did it with Providence in 1987.

It won't be an easy path this time.

If the Cardinals beat Louisiana-Lafayette, their likely secondround opponent is Georgia Tech, a Final Four team last season. Beat the Yellow Jackets or 12th-seeded George Washington and Louisville is likely to run into Pac-10 tournament champion Washington, the top seed in the Albuquerque

Third-ranked Wake Forest (26-5) and West Coast Conference champion Gonzaga (25-4) are the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds in Louisville's region.

The Cardinals earned a No. 10 seed last year and lost to Xavier in the first round, their ninth loss in their last 13 games. Pitino is still 27-9 in NCAA tournament play, the fourth best winning percentage among active coaches.

Kentucky, meanwhile, is a No. 2 seed, as it was when it won the 1998 NCAA championship in Smith's first season.

"We certainly remember last year, but this is a new team. Youre always excited this time of year. Weve lost two of our last four, and Kentucky from 1992-94 and thats never good. But Im very proud of this group of young men and think they can go far.'

The top seed in the Wildcats' region is Atlantic Coast Conference tournament champion Duke - setting up a possible third regional final between the rivals since 1992.

That would surely be intensely hyped considering the history.

Kentucky fans still cringe about Christian Laettner's last-second shot that beat the Wildcats in the 1992 East Region final. Six years later, the Wildcats came back from 17 points down to beat Duke 86-84 in the South region final.

Kentucky's first round opponent will offer a bit of history, too.

Ohio Valley Conference champion Eastern Kentucky drew a No. 15 seed and a date with the Wildcats in Indianapolis on Thursday.

Colonels' coach Travis Ford, a Madisonville native, played for helped the Cats reach the 1993 Final Four.

"I'm sure they'll be a lot said about that," Ford said, "but we have a game to prepare for - a very, very tough game against not a good Kentucky team, but a great Kentucky team."

The Wildcats and Colonels have only played eight times, with Kentucky winning every meeting. They met two years ago in Rupp Arena and the Wildcats won 101-72.

"We played them last year and saw first-hand the impact Travis has had on that program," Smith said. "It's great for the fans in the state that Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky are playing one another."

About 500 Eastern Kentucky fans gathered for a pep rally in Richmond on Sunday night. No one seemed to mind the pairing.

"You can't ask for anything else than to play the best," said forward Michael Haney, also Madisonville native. "They're the best team in this state. It's a great opportunity for this program."

Kentucky had been a No. 1 seed the last two seasons, losing one game shy of the Final Four in 2003 and falling to UAB in the second round last year.

"We certainly remember last year, but this is a new team," Smith said. "You're always excited this time of year. We've lost two of our last four, and that's never good. But I'm very proud of this group of young men and think they can go far."

Sunday's loss to Florida might not be such a bad thing. The Wildcats lost to Mississippi State in the SEC tournament championship in 1996, then rolled to the school's sixth NCAA title.

Eastern Kentucky is playing in its first NCAA tournament since 1979 and sixth all-time. The Colonels have lost their previous five first-round games.

The winner would play either Cincinnati (24-7) or Iowa (21-11) in the second round on Saturday.

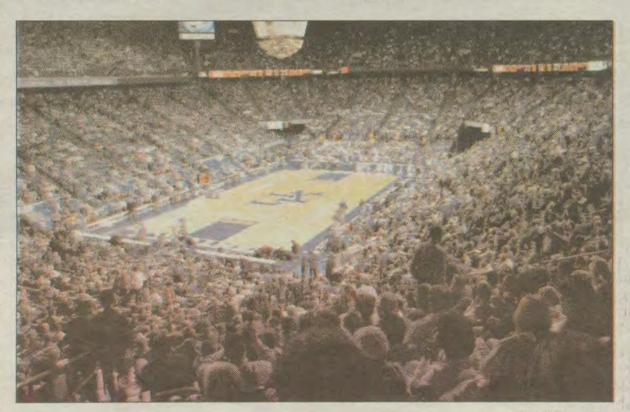


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Kentucky is looking to ride the momentum from Rupp Arena into this year's NCAA Tournament.



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