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briefs

Dog helps deputies nab suspect

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

NIPPA — The Johnson County Sheriff's Department relied on its canine unit to nab a suspect Saturday, after he disappeared into the woods when the officers responded to a domestic violence call.

Deputies made two stops at a Nippa residence on Saturday when a woman called 911 for help regarding a domestic altercation. Upon the first visit by authorities the male subject had already left the residence around 10 p.m. The department received a second call after midnight and went back, only to find that their suspect, Jessie L. Ward, 28, had left the scene on foot.

The department called for the canine unit to search the woods behind the residence and were rewarded when the dog, "Storm," picked up Ward's scent and located him within 20 minutes.

Ward surrendered without incident and was arrested and charged with five counts of wanton endangerment, driving under the influence, no insurance, operating on a suspended license, fourth-degree assault and two

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Murder charge against Sparkman dropped

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Velma Miller-Sparkman, who was indicted in August for the Dec. 3, 2004, murder of Ronnie Curnette, was freed from jail yesterday after special prosecutor Rick Bartley asked the court to dismiss her indictment.

Judge John D. Caudill accepted the motion after hearing Bartley, the commonwealth's attorney for Pike County, explain that ballistic tests on the gun identified as being used in the shooting proved it had a defective safety. The gun, an H&R model .32 caliber revolver, still contained fragments of the safety mechanism, which were made of plastic, in its

handle and laboratory testing indicated that the safety had come apart before Sparkman even purchased the weapon.

The condition of the gun indicated that the hammer rested right against the rounds and that any jarring motion could set it off, which Bartley noted corroborated Sparkman's account of the shooting.

Bartley noted that Curnette had been under the influence of alcohol and hydrocodone when he returned to Sparkman's residence and began handling the weapon. He went on to highlight Sparkman's account of the incident, noting that she asked Curnette to give her the gun, saying that she had a grandchild

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Velma Sparkman wept in court Tuesday when prosecutor Rick Bartley moved to dismiss murder charges against her and said that a ballistics test supported her account of the death of Ronnie Curnette in 2003.

photo by Tom Doty



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From left, Jason, Freddie and Ellis Hunter appeared in District Court for their preliminary hearing on Tuesday with attorney Jane Harlan, after being charged with a series of robberies of Citizens National Bank branches. Their cases were sent to the grand jury.

Bank robbery cases sent to grand jury

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Three men charged with robbing Citizens National Bank branches in Allen and Garrett saw their charges waived to a grand jury, after a preliminary hearing conducted Tuesday in district court.

Freddie Hunter and his two sons, Jason and Ellis, appeared together for the hearing, though

public defender Jane Harlan noted that they should have separate representation after the hearing should their case lead to indictments from the grand jury.

Det. Byron Hansford testified for the commonwealth and noted that he had received several anonymous tips in the case but said that things came together when he was called to investigate the stabbing of two men on Dec. 18. One of the victims in the case

was Ellis Hunter, 22, of Wheelwright.

Hansford noted that a green pickup described as used in the December Garrett robbery two days earlier matched Ellis's truck, which was being loaded onto a wrecker when he arrived. He learned that Ellis had been flown to Huntington for treatment and ordered the vehicle impounded.

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General Assembly, grand jury resume work in Frankfort

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gavel banged in the House and Senate on Tuesday, signaling the start of the 2006 session of the General Assembly, while across town a special grand jury continued a probe into state hiring practices that has netted 13 indictments.

Key leaders vowed not to allow the investigation to affect the legislative process, which began with the filing of dozens of bills, including one that has only a long-shot chance at legalizing casino gambling.

"It's really important that the legislators not politicize the investigation," said state Sen. Ed Worley of Richmond, the minority floor leader. "It's not a political issue. It's a legal issue. It would only poison the atmosphere."

Both chambers met only briefly on Tuesday afternoon, long enough to accept

the resignation of Dana Seum Stephenson, a Louisville Republican who won an election to serve the 37th District but was not permitted to serve because she didn't meet residency requirements.

The Kentucky Supreme Court ruled on Dec. 22 that Democrat Virginia Woodward, Stephenson's opponent, cannot serve either because she did not receive the most votes. Senate President David Williams said Tuesday he will call for a special election to fill the post, possibly by mid-February.

The grand jury met throughout the day in the Franklin County Courthouse. One witness, a Transportation Cabinet administrator, met with grand jurors for nearly two hours.

Special prosecutor Scott Crawford-Sutherland said the grand jury would likely

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Coal-region lawmakers back mine drug testing

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Some lawmakers from Kentucky's coal-producing areas said Tuesday they would support periodic testing of miners for drugs and alcohol.

All the specifics haven't been completed as Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration consults with lawmakers before offering its proposal to the General Assembly.

"The questions are who pays for it, how often, what circumstances," said Rep. Brent Yonts, a Democrat from Muhlenberg County in the state's western coalfields.

State Environmental and Public Protection Secretary LaJuana Wilcher said the proposal was likely to closely follow recommendations

by a state task force, which called for a comprehensive drug testing program for miners.

"I think it's a very balanced and compassionate approach to the problem, but also one that would save lives, and that's the point," Wilcher said in an interview.

The task force recommended drug testing before miners are hired and randomly once they are working. The recommendations also called for testing after mine accidents that result in injuries or deaths. Not only the victim, but everyone whose actions may have contributed to the accident would be tested.

Wilcher said one unresolved issue is who would pay for drug tests.

Yonts said he thinks coal

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Judges, jailer file for re-election

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Circuit Judges John David Caudill and Danny P. Caudill filed to remain at their posts for another term on Tuesday.

Danny Caudill has served 11-and-one-half years as a circuit judge and has served as a district court judge and Martin city attorney, as well as assistant commonwealth's attorney for Knott and

Floyd counties.

Judge John Caudill also serves as regional judge for the Big Sandy area and has recently become a thorn in the side of the Department of Corrections when he took a stand on their policy for transporting inmates for courtroom appearances. The court ruled in Caudill's behavior in that case and Caudill reopened the wound last month when the Department of Corrections could not find a defendant who was in

their custody in time to make a scheduled court appearance.

Family Court Judge Julie Paxton has also filed her paperwork to seek another term.

Jailer Roger Webb also declared his intention to seek another term. Webb has had his hands full with the position and has had to deal with overcrowding and increasing medical costs which have skyrocketed since the

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Obituaries

Effie G. Morrison Clark

Effie G. Morrison Clark, age 93, of Harold, the wife of George Edward Clark, passed away on Monday, January 2, 2006, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Effie was born in Denton, on August 29, 1912, and was the daughter of the late William H. and Ida Mae Hutchinson Morrison.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers and their wives: Herman (Etta), Clarence (Hager), Herchelle (Dorothy), and Orville (Sarah) Morrison; and a son-in-law, Randall Coggins.

Mrs. Clark was a retired registered nurse with nearly 38 years of experience, a charter member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Chapter 169 of Betsy Layne, and a member of the Vogel-Day United Methodist Church for more than 47 years.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, George Edward Clark; one son, George Edward (Rosemary) Clark II, and one daughter, Billie Joyce Coggins; three grandchildren: George Edward (Samantha) Clark III, and Brian (Michelle) White, both of Harold, and Terra Lynn (Ranjan) Maitra of Gastonia, North Carolina; great-grandchildren: Steven Edward Clark, Rebecca Clark, and Layne Alexandra Maitra; step-great-grandchildren, Justin and Kayla Kidd; sister-in-law, Doris Clark of Allen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 4, at 2 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Montie Fugate and Dannis Love officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: George Ed "Edward" Clark III, Ronnie Leedy, David Ray York, Justin Kidd, Steve Morrison, and Ronnie Justice. (Paid obituary)



Veda England

Veda England, 87, of Circleville, Ohio, passed away Sunday, January 1, 2006, at Pickaway Manor.

Born March 9, 1918, in McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Alec and Nancy (Osborne) Howell. She was an avid reader and gardener.

Veda was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford; her grandson, Douglas Radabaugh; her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Phyllis England; daughter, Pat Radabaugh; brothers: Adrian, Ray, and Rudolph Howell; and sisters: Margaret Stumbo and Rose Thomas.

She is survived by her grandchildren: Deborah Hummel of Bexley, Ohio, Sue Radabaugh Johnson of Circleville, Paul (Pam) England of Tennessee, Tommy (Debbie) England and Phillip England, both of Circleville; great-grandchildren: Darci Radabaugh, Jamie Johnson, Jessica and Michael England, and Leslie and Paul Joshua England.

Funeral services will be held

at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 5, 2006, at Defenbaugh-Wise-Schoedinger Funeral Home, 151 E. Main St., Circleville, Ohio, with Pastor Lynn Summers officiating.

Interment will be in Floral Hills Memory Gardens, Circleville.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of the Library, 1160 N. Court St., Circleville, Ohio 43113.

The family would like to thank Dr. Charles R. Hedges, and the nurses and staff of Pickaway Manor for their care and concern. (Paid obituary)

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Jeanette Bryant Coburn Hall

Jeanette Bryant Coburn Hall, 69, of Martin, died Wednesday, December 28, 2005.

She was born March 26, 1936, in Melvin, the daughter of the late Hillard and Deleary Waddles Bryant. She was the widow of the late Orris Coburn, and the late Jack Hall.

She was a member of the Martin First Baptist Church, and a retired secretary from Thompson's IGA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hillard and Deleary Bryant; and brothers: Raymond, Carl, Fred, and Tommy Bryant.

She is survived by her three children: Byron Coburn of Martin, and Jill Mitchell and Jodi Collins, both of Frankfort.

She is also survived by three grandchildren: Amanda Coburn, Tabitha Coburn, and Drew Collins. Jeanette was one of 10 children, and is survived by four brothers and one sister, Ed Bryant of Martin, Charles Bryant of Allison, Michigan, and Bill Bryant, Geneva Mosley and Keith Bryant, all of Kendallville, Indiana.

Services were conducted Saturday, December 31, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Bill Campbell officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Cemetery, in Eastern, with Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Rod Howdyshell, Jon Luttmann, Mike Collins, Scotty Mitchell, Brandon Bryant, and Michael Bryant. (Paid obituary)

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Zina Kidd

Zina Kidd, age 59, of Honaker, passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2005, in Harold.

She was born July 20, 1946, the daughter of the late George and Margie Yates Kidd.

She was a retired lunchroom supervisor for the Floyd County Board of Education, and a member of the Upper Toler Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, Edward Kidd; four sons: Mark Kidd of Morehead, Randy Kidd of Betsy Layne, Michael Kidd of Dana, and John Kidd of Honaker; two brothers: George Kidd Jr., of Honaker, and Johnny Kidd of Spurlock; five sisters: Bernedetta Hall, Marlene Kidd, and Pina Howell, all of Honaker, Bernice Samons of Ashcamp, and Evelyn Samons of Banner; and three grandchildren: Tyler Kidd, Bryce Kidd, and Katelyn Kidd.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Lennie Kidd.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 29, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Frank Junior Kidd officiating.

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

Pallbearers: Adam Kidd, Jamie Howell, David Howell, Joshua Howell, Richard Zerbee, Christopher Newsome, and Joseph Kidd. (Paid obituary)

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Robert Keith Murriell

Robert Keith Murriell, 54, of Garrett, died Sunday, January 1, 2006, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born October 13, 1951, in Lackey, he was the son of Nora Lee Bentley Murriell of Garrett, and the late Johnnie Murriell. He was a coal miner, and a member of the Salt Lick

Community Baptist Church, in Hueysville.

He is survived by his wife, Vonda Slone Murriell.

Other survivors include three sons: Christopher Murriell of Lexington, and Nathan Murriell and Brandon Murriell, both of Garrett; and three brothers: Jimmy Murriell of Indianapolis, Indiana, Danny Murriell of Louisville, and James Murriell of Dema; one sister, Carolyn Craft of Hindman; and three grandchildren: Amy, Natasha and Alex.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 4, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bethel Bolen and Jimmy Hall officiating.

Burial will be in the June Stone Family Cemetery, in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Stella Handshoe Shepherd Tussey

Stella Handshoe Shepherd Tussey, age 87, of Galion, Ohio, and formerly of Hueysville, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2005, at the Galion Community Hospital.

She was born in Handshoe, on November 27, 1918, the daughter of the late Harris and



Luverna Shepherd Handshoe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Shepherd, in 1961.

She was a member of the Salt Lick United Baptist Church, a homemaker, and formerly operated Shepherd's Grocery in Hueysville.

She is survived by three daughters: Ethel (Dave) Smith

and Evalee Signs, both of Galion, Ohio, and Bonnie (Lee) Section of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; one son, Lowell Dean (Melvia) Shepherd of Hueysville; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant daughter; three brothers; and three sisters.

Funeral services will be con-

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The family of Rondal E. Hayes, wishes to thank everyone who helped comfort us in our sorrow at the passing of our loved one. We thank all those who attended the services, sent food, and flowers, and expressed their love and respect for him. We appreciate the beautiful services provided by the Choir at the Hueysville Church of Christ, Soloists Barry Combs, Jerry Manns, and James Slone, the Elders Jimmy Turner, James A. Duff, and James Slone, and Bro. Chester R. Varney of the Hueysville Church of Christ, and Bro. E. W. Damron of the Coal Run Church of Christ. Grateful thanks go to the Hall Funeral Home for their exceptional caring and kindness, and to the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control. We thank each of you for your prayers and love.



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Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Zebulon Masonic Lodge plans officer installation, past masters banquet

Jimmy C. Webb will be installed as master of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, at a meeting to be held Saturday, January 7, at 4 p.m., at Masonic Temple. Patton R. Hart, grand master of Masons in Kentucky, will be the installing officer.

Following the installation, the lodge will hold its 77th annual past masters' banquet at 6 p.m., in the cafeteria of Prestonsburg High School.

Prater Creek Baptist

Big New Year's Eve celebration to be held on Dec. 31, beginning at 8 p.m. Will feature a wide array of musical guests - bluegrass, gospel, Southern gospel, contemporary gospel, and classic gospel. Special guest speaker - food, fun and fellowship! For more info., call Pastor J.B. Hall at 874-3222 or log onto www.pcbaptist.org.

Maytown Center

Monday nights - Volleyball, 7 p.m., co-ed activity, \$1. 7th grade thru adult. Followed by drinks, snacks, pool and ping pong until 9 p.m. Also, basketball from 6-7 p.m. FREE. Must be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday and Thursday - Basketball, 5-6 p.m., FREE if under 15. Must be accompanied by an adult. 8-10 p.m., ages 15 to adult, \$2.

May House Tours

The historic Samuel May House will be open to the public each Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The house, built in 1817, is the oldest house in the Big Sandy Valley. Tours are \$3/person; donations appreciated. The house is located on North Lake Drive (Prestonsburg), across from Pizza Hut and Wendy's.

Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence

Meets the third Thursday of each month, in the Floyd County Family Court Conference room, in the Justice Center, at 3 p.m. Learn how to prevent domestic violence. The information you gain may save a life...the life of someone you know! All interested persons encouraged to attend. For more info., call 886-4323.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus.

Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self." "Lunch is served at noon and

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Hillbilly Travel Club

Currently planning a 2-night trip to New York City that will take place on Memorial Day weekend, 2006. Plans are for the club to depart from Floyd County on Friday, May 26, at 6 p.m. Will spend Sat. and Sunday nights in NYC, departing at 7 a.m. on the 29th. Cost ranging in price from \$185-260/per person. Call Ed or Linda at 452-4149 for more information.

UNITE

Beginning January 9, the UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the second Monday of each month, at 5 p.m., at the Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m. The first meeting will be held on Nov. 29.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

Neighborhood Watch

The Mud Creek Neighborhood Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Interested in job training?

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

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External Diploma Program
 Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school

diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group now meets at Riverview Manor.

Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

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

Paintsville.

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

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

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

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

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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

Narcotics Anonymous

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


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Guest View

Better schools mean better jobs

When people in other parts of the country think about Kentucky, two images pop into their heads.

There's the Bluegrass, the rolling horse farms that attract aristocrats and royalty from all over the world. But a second image isn't so pretty: the poverty of Eastern Kentucky.

And the truth is, the future doesn't look all that promising: The horse farms are disappearing; the poverty is holding strong. Those scenarios will have to be reversed if Kentucky is to have a secure future.

Last week, Courier-Journal reporter Alan Maimon wrote about Kentucky's poorest counties and their futile attempts at attracting jobs. He chronicled how Owsley, Wolfe and McCreary counties had all invested coal severance tax money in industrial parks, which stand empty. Previous expenditures have ranged from police cars to swimming pools.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher had a better idea last year when he proposed earmarking some of the severance money for educational needs in coal counties.

In his State of the Commonwealth address, the Governor proposed "a three-year pilot program where we will invest a portion of the severance money in the 24 lowest performing school districts in coal counties, recognizing that education is an essential element for economic development."

But lawmakers balked. In the rationalizing words of Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, "Education is the state's responsibility. If we're behind, the money should come out of the General Fund."

Sen. Jones says the coal counties need such basic infrastructure as roads, sewers and water, and, of course, he's right. But even more, they need to reverse the region's historic devaluation of education. A well-educated work force is crucial to industry, and Eastern Kentucky doesn't have one. It's also crucial to giving young people, and the families who will depend on them, more options if that industry never comes.

Certainly, by now, everyone in Kentucky should know that Eastern Kentucky is not Narnia. No lion is going to sweep in to save it from the difficulties and difficult choices it faces.

That means putting education first and foremost. It means recognizing, as the Governor did, that severance tax money should be used for targeted interventions, early childhood health and readiness assessments, technology and school construction.

After all, despite years of investments in infrastructure, the news has not been good. Owsley County has the second-highest rate of poverty in the nation. Wolfe County's unemployment rate is 8.4 percent. The largest employers in poor counties are generally the public schools and health care facilities. That's not the basis for a strong economy, and neither are more industrial parks or the proliferating golf courses.

If Kentucky is to do better economically, it must start by doing better educationally.

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville



Capitol Ideas

Jail cells becoming next smoking issue

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — It wasn't too many years ago that some legislators threatened to cut off some state money for the University of Louisville because it had dared to decree that smoking would be restricted in some of its buildings.

The very thought of a threat to the primacy of tobacco in Kentucky bordered on sacrilegious.

The swing in the other direction has been faster than many might have imagined. Nonsmoking rules apply in most state government offices, campuses and other public facilities. Lexington doesn't allow smoking in any building with public access. Georgetown, Louisville and Daviess County are following suit to one degree or another.

And the restrictions have been met with only modest complaint. All remarkable in a state that still has one of the highest percentages of smokers in the nation.

But the latest frontier may be the most difficult.

Some jails and prisons across the state, where inmates smoke at even greater percentages than the general population, have gone smokeless or sent smokers to designated areas. The

Kentucky State Reformatory, the state's largest prison with more than 1,800 inmates and 500 staff members, is going smoke-free April 1.

"It's going to be tough to implement," said Ernie Lewis, chief of Kentucky's public defender system.

The Department of Public Advocacy has taken no position on smokeless cells, but Lewis noted that nicotine is just another addiction to some inmates and cigarettes, which are now a form of currency inside the walls, could become just another form of contraband.

"I just think they've got their work cut out for them," Lewis said.

According to a survey by the Corrections Department, 30 full-service jails in the state allow smoking, 17 are smoke-free and eight allow smoking only in their secure sections. Fifty-five of the 75 full-service jails responded to the survey.

Simpson County Jail became smoke-free in July, said Jailer Danny Booher. "The results have been fantastic so far. I don't know why we didn't do it sooner," Booher told the Daily News of Bowling Green.

Corrections spokeswoman Cheryl Million said no smoking is allowed in offices at the prisons and only in designated areas at most institutions. The Kentucky State Penitentiary near Eddyville, the state's only maximum security prison, allows smoking in some cell blocks, Million said.

Million said the decision to make the reformatory smoke-free is an experiment of a sort. Staff members and inmates alike are being offered smoking cessation classes and prison officials expect as

many as 600 inmates to enroll.

The reformatory was chosen because it is the primary medical facility for the prison system, Million said.

"In theory, we think it's a fantastic idea," said Mike Kuntz, director of education and advocacy for the Kentucky chapter of the American Lung Association.

Kuntz said inmates and staff should not have to endure second-hand smoke and he said there also could be a financial incentive. Less smoking could mean fewer health problems for inmates who are treated at public expense.

"It should resonate with taxpayers," Kuntz said.

Reformatory Warden Larry Chandler said the smoke-free policy would help medical, safety, disciplinary, maintenance and sanitation issues. Chandler also cited an economic reason — the growing cost of cigarettes.

American Jail Association Executive Director Stephen Ingley told a National Association of Counties publication that the trend of smoke-free jails boomed about three years ago.

Million said cigarettes and lighters will be declared contraband at the reformatory and their possession will subject inmates to discipline, such as loss of privileges.

There is no timetable to extend the smoking ban to other prisons.

"I think they're going to wait and see how things go," Million said.

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

Guest Column

Watch what you say — they're listening

by COL. DANIEL M. SMITH
U.S. ARMY, RET.

It's hard to discuss the unknown, especially when, to paraphrase Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, you don't know that you don't know. Almost as hard is discussing the unknown when you know you don't know — e.g., what the future holds.

Then there are the artificial unknowns that arise not from biological limitations or inadequate technology but from one individual, group, or institution with "information" refusing to share it. This sets in motion a spiraling descent into paranoia as those "in the know" come to believe the "others" will stop at nothing to discover the "secret." Thus reasoned, the "ins" interpret the actions of the "outs" as a potential internal threat (fifth column) that must be carefully monitored.

Of course, having started down this road, the "ins" soon subdivide into "inner-ins" and "outer-ins," with the former suspicious of and watching the latter. Eventually, a small, powerful group emerges — the "innermost-ins." Only they know the highest secrets — including the ones that are so secret that they cannot be discussed with anyone else.

Although not one of the "ins," I too have a secret. You may already know it; if not, I'll tell you. (We could then be our own "in-crowd.") I learned it from that universal sage, Unknown: "When government becomes more fearful of its citizens and their rights than protective of them, the future holds only despotism and extinction."

We saw the slide in this direction during the 1960s and 1970s. Successive U.S. administrations exhibited profound distrust, even disdain, for those who challenged government by exercising the civil and political rights provided in the Constitution. Impassioned Vietnam War protesters and civil rights advocates believed they could force changes in government policy and practice if they but persisted. Fearing the same outcomes, officials secretly tasked intelli-

gence agencies normally focused on external enemies — the Pentagon and the CIA — to gather, record, and exchange information with internal U.S. law enforcement agencies about "U.S. persons" (citizens and legal residents) participating in anti-Washington events anywhere in the country. When the Army snooping ended in 1971, it had records on more than 100,000 civilians. Clearly, government feared the citizenry and the power of their protests to attract increasing numbers of believers.

Following two investigations in 1975 and 1976, reforms were put in place that barred the CIA and the Pentagon from spying on and maintaining records on U.S. persons residing in the United States. And although the nation avoided despotism then, the potential remained.

Almost 35 years later, the Army has been caught spying on a new generation (seasoned with a few old-timers) of anti-war and anti-military recruiting activists. Mainstream media obtained a 400-page dossier of some 1,500 "suspicious" organizations or activities the Army labeled "threats," including a small group of

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Session

need to meet beyond its current term, which expires next month. A court ruling last week gave the Fletcher administration until late February to give additional evidence to prosecutors.

State Sen. Ray Jones, a Democrat from Pikeville, said the grand jury investigation has created partisan animosities that even the best efforts may not keep out the chambers.

"It seems like every session, for the first few days, everyone is congenial and on their best behavior," Jones said. "After the first contentious issue, that changes."

Attorney General Greg

Stumbo, a Democrat, began investigating Fletcher's administration in May for alleged state personnel law violations. Since then, a Franklin County special grand jury has indicted 13 current and former members of Fletcher's administration and associates on misdemeanor charges related to the investigation.

In August, Fletcher pardoned nine people specifically and gave blanket amnesty to anyone in his administration — except himself — who could be charged in the investigation.

Fletcher kept a low profile on the opening day of the legislative session. He was spending the day in his office in meetings, said spokeswoman Jodi Whitaker. Fletcher was scheduled to host a reception for legislators at the Governor's Mansion Tuesday evening.

Fletcher has said he intends to steer his administration beyond the hiring scandal that has haunted his office.

"We've got to put party politics aside when it comes to moving the agenda we need," Fletcher said in a recent inter-

view with The Associated Press.

Fletcher will offer his views on key issues on Jan. 9, when he is scheduled to make his State of the Commonwealth address to a joint session of the House and Senate. He will follow that on Jan. 17 with the formal presentation of his budget.

On Tuesday, Sen. David Boswell promoted expanded gambling as a source of revenue for the state. The Owensboro Democrat wasted no time filing legislation calling for a constitutional amendment that would allow Kentucky voters to decide whether to allow casino gambling.

The issue has come up in legislative sessions throughout the past decade. But casinos, whether limited to race tracks as endorsed by the horse industry or sprinkled around the state, have never come to a vote in the legislature.

"I think it has a better chance today than ever before," Boswell said.

He said as much as \$1 billion exited Kentucky last year to neighboring states that allow casino gambling.

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"It adds insult to injury to see that kind of money leaving our state," he said.

Harry Moberly Jr., D-Richmond, chairman of House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said the state faces a tight budget.

The official forecast for revenue receipts calls for a surplus of perhaps \$350 million this fiscal year and modest growth in the two years of the coming budget period.

"We have a lot of increased obligations this time, even though our revenue is up and is looking good," Moberly said. "The increased obligations will make the budget tight."

Moberly said Medicaid and state retirees' medical coverage are "tremendous" obligations.

"The increased obligations in those areas is what will make this a tight budget."

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Obituaries

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ducted Friday, January 6, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Charles Shepherd officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Friends can call for visitation after 5 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Marsha Kilburn Wallen

Marsha Kilburn Wallen, age 53, of Martin, passed away on Monday, December 26, 2005, at her residence, following a sudden illness.

She was born on October 30, 1952, in Hazard, the daughter of Lona Strunk.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Gilbert Wallen of Martin; one son, Ernie Strunk of Hazard; one daughter, Melissa Clark of Hazard; three brothers: Bobby Strunk, Roger Strunk, and Vernon Strunk, all of Hazard.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 31, at 3 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Rev. Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Cemetery, in Martin, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

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I would like to take this opportunity to first, and foremost, thank the Lord above for the many blessings that He has given us.

I also want to thank all my patients, family, and friends who participated in our fourth annual food drive. Thanks to you, once again, for making it a great success.

My wonderful staff and I greatly appreciate it.

Dr. Chip Salyers

Odds & Ends

■ **ST. LOUIS** — For sale: One albino snake. Has two heads. Asking \$150,000 or best offer.

The World Aquarium in St. Louis has been home to We, a one-of-a-kind two-headed albino rat snake, since 1999. President Leonard Sonnenschein has decided to sell the reptile, and bidding on e-Bay will start at \$150,000.

"It's an amazing snake," Sonnenschein said Monday. "When people see it they are awe-struck."

The auction was expected to close within 10 days.

The 6 1/2-year-old snake came to the aquarium's attention when its previous owner distributed a circular offering it for sale days after its birth. The aquarium paid \$15,000 knowing most two-headed snakes don't live more than a few months.

But We has survived and thrived. An inch thick and 4 feet long, she is a healthy size for a rat snake. Her body is white, but the heads have a reddish appearance.

We has survived because, unlike some two-headed animals, both mouths are connected to the same stomach, Sonnenschein said.

The snake has been in the spotlight before. In 2004, a disgruntled City Museum worker stole We. Authorities found the snake in the garage of the man's home in Illinois.

"He thought he was going to sell it," Sonnenschein said. "The thing is, it's the only one in the world."

■ **CROWN POINT, Ind.** —

Thelma Saberniak has a message for Uncle Sam: She's not dead.

The 82-year-old learned of her supposed demise when she tried to apply for Medicare's new prescription drug benefit last month. She also has lost her monthly Social Security checks.

"I supposedly died Nov. 19," she told The Times of Munster for a Sunday story.

Social Security records show Saberniak recently moved to Arizona, even though she has lived in a Chicago-area nursing home for two years.

Carmen Moreno, a spokeswoman for the Social Security Administration in Chicago, said there is no way to tell how the mistake was made. She said once Saberniak's identity can be verified, the agency will work to restore her benefits "expeditiously."

"I lie awake at night not knowing whether they'll recognize that I am alive," Saberniak said.

With \$12,000 in medical bills, Saberniak said she's borrowing money from children and drawing from her savings.

■ **BOTHELL, Wash.** — He's only 4 feet tall and 8 years old, but Aidan Gold is an experienced mountaineer who has left tracks on peaks in the Cascades, the Alps and the Himalayas.

Aidan climbed the 20,300-foot Island Peak in the Himalayas in November.

That was the high point of the family's four-month climbing and hiking adventure, which took them from Switzerland to Katmandu, Nepal.

Aidan and his dad also reached the peak of 10,400-foot Haustock and 13,400-foot Monch in the Alps, and 17,200-foot Awi Peak near Everest. The whole family, including 5-year-old Janick, made it to the 17,700-foot Everest base camp.

Aidan said the toughest stretch for him was a 45-degree face of rock and ice on Haustock. "It's the worse 3,000 feet I've ever done," he said.

Warren Gold said he wanted to give his sons an appreciation of a world less touched by humans. For his part, Aidan says he likes climbing for the challenge ... and the view.

■ **COLUMBUS, Ohio** — A man who fell out of his wheelchair says his cat apparently called 911 for help.

Police received a 911 call from Gary Rosheisen's apartment Thursday, but there was no one on the line. When they called back and got no answer, they decided to check things out.

In the apartment they found Tommy the cat lying by a telephone on the living room floor.

"I know it sounds kind of weird," Officer Patrick Daugherty said.

Rosheisen was unable to get up because of ministrokes that disrupt his balance and pain from osteoporosis. He also wasn't wearing his medical-alert necklace and couldn't reach a cord above his pillow that alerts paramedics that he needs help.

Rosheisen said he got the cat three years ago and tried to train him to call 911, unsure if the training ever stuck.

The phone in the living room is always on the floor, and there are 12 small buttons — including a speed dial for 911.

"He's my hero," Rosheisen said.

■ **GREEN BAY, Wis.** — At 103 years old, Leone Margaret McKenney couldn't see or hear much over the crowd's roars at her first Packers game — but she had the time of her life.

"I will never forget this. It was a humdinger," the great-grandmother said after the Sunday game. "I don't know when I have enjoyed anything as much as I enjoyed that."

McKenney had said she never got to a Packers game when she was younger because

her husband wasn't "too keen about football" and she never had the opportunity, even though her family moved to the Green Bay area in 1947.

But she keeps a picture of legendary Green Bay Packers quarterback Bart Starr in her

apartment and wears Packers garb as she watches every game.

McKenney received the luxury box tickets from the owners of Renaissance Assisted Living in De Pere, where she has lived for five years.

Her occupational therapist

accompanied her to assist with steps at the stadium because McKenney is recovering from a fractured hip.

On Sunday, Brett Favre threw his first touchdown pass in five games, giving the Packers a 23-17 victory over the

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 4, the fourth day of 2006. There are 361 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 4, 1965, President Johnson outlined the goals of his Great Society in his State of the Union Address.

On this date:

■ In 1821, the first native-born American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, died in Emmitsburg, Md.

■ In 1896, Utah was admitted as the 45th state.

■ In 1904, the Supreme Court ruled that Puerto Ricans were not aliens and could enter the United States freely; however, the court stopped short of declaring them U.S. citizens.

■ In 1948, Britain granted independence to Burma.

■ In 1951, during the Korean conflict, North Korean and Communist Chinese forces captured the city of Seoul.

■ In 1960, French author Albert Camus died in an automobile accident at age 46.

■ In 1965, poet T.S. Eliot died in London at age 76.

■ In 1974, President Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

■ In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington to Boston collided with Conrail engines approaching from a side track in Essex, Md.

■ In 1995, the 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era.

Ten years ago: Bowing to pressure from NATO and the United States, Bosnian Serbs freed 16 civilians who had entered Serb-held territory after NATO forces had declared roads in Bosnia open to all.

Five years ago: It was announced that George, the politics and lifestyle magazine founded by the late John F. Kennedy Jr., would fold. Orchestra leader Les Brown, known for his "Band of Renown," died at age 88.

One year ago: The governor of the Baghdad region known for cooperating closely with American troops, was assassinated along with six bodyguards as he drove to work. No. 1 Southern California overwhelmed No. 2 Oklahoma 55-19 in the Orange Bowl. Wade Boggs was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility, and Ryne Sandberg made it with just six votes to spare on his third try.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Wyman is 92. Actress Barbara Rush is 79. Football Hall-of-Fame coach Don Shula is 76. Former heavy-weight boxing champion Floyd Patterson is 71. Actress Dyan Cannon is 69. Opera singer Grace Bumbry is 69. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 51. Actress Ann Magnuson is 50. Rock musician Bernard Sumner (New Order, Joy Division) is 50. Country singer Patty Loveless is 49. Rock singer Michael Stipe (REM) is 46. Actor Patrick Cassidy is 44. Actor Dave Foley is 43. Actress Julia Ormond is 41. Tennis player Guy Forget is 41. Country singer Deana Carter is 40. Rock musician Benjamin Darvill (Crash Test Dummies) is 39. Actor Jeremy Licht is 35. Actress-singer Jill Jones is 31.

Thought for Today: "Very few men are wise by their own counsel; or learned by their own teaching. For he that was only taught by himself, had a fool to his master." — Ben Jonson, English dramatist and poet (1572-1637).

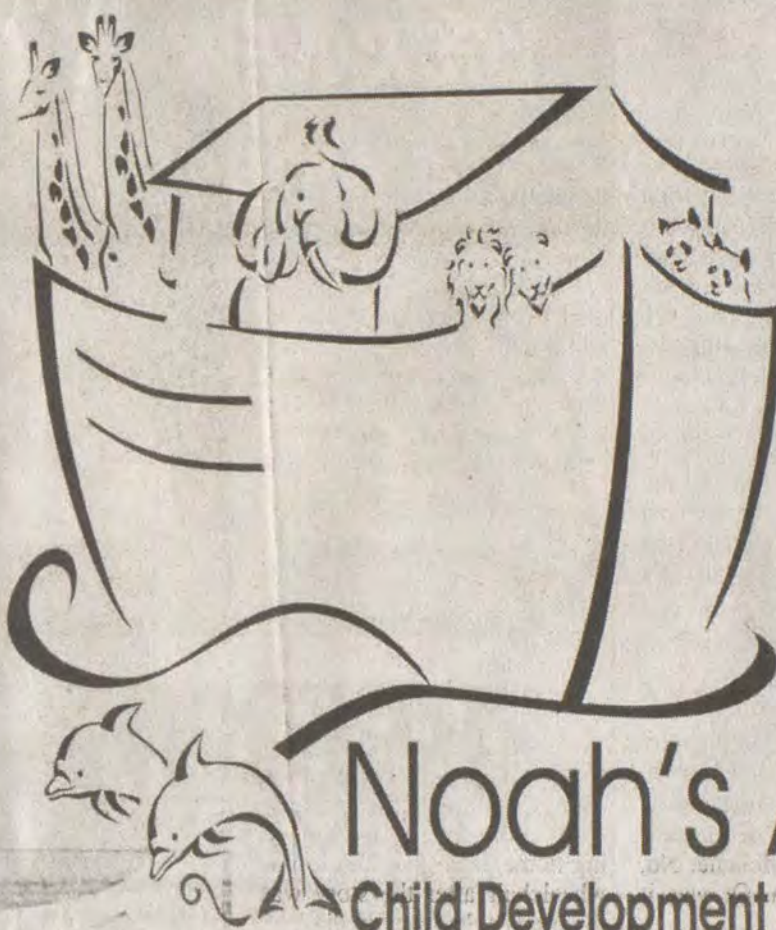


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companies should foot the bill. "It's an issue of safety in the mines, and the employer has a duty to make the mines safe," he said.

Yonts said he would support random testing "to keep everyone on their toes."

"It's for their own protection," he said.

Drug abuse among miners came to the forefront when a miner was killed and another seriously injured in a Floyd County mine three years ago. Marijuana was found at the scene, and an employee told investigators that he saw two miners snorting crushed painkillers. An autopsy found that the dead miner had taken illegal drugs.

The task force also recom-

mended education and awareness training for new miners, employee assistance programs, and incentive programs to encourage coal companies to participate in substance abuse programs.

Most large coal companies require miners to undergo random drug tests, according to Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association. He said some smaller mine operators do not.

Rep. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard, said a nagging problem is that some addicted miners hop from job to job. He said coal companies should have access to drug testing information to help uncover addicts, get them assistance and protect co-workers.

"You take a guy who's got three kids at home, he's working

his tail off to make ends meet, he doesn't want to be underground with somebody that's on methamphetamine," Smith said, adding that he supports random testing.

Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, said of drug testing, "I think maybe it's time has come, as long as there's balances and safeguards built in — due process."

Webb, a former coal miner, said she would support testing miners before their hiring, but rather than random testing she suggested it should be done if there was "probable cause" indicating a problem.

She also had concerns about allowing coal companies access to test results, citing federal laws

restricting the release of medical information.

Wilcher acknowledged civil liberties concerns about random drug testing, but noted the dangerous work for miners.

"It seems like a small price to pay if we can save a life," she said.

Mine safety was on the minds of lawmakers on the first day of the 2006 General Assembly. The House observed a moment of silence for the 13 workers trapped by an explosion early Monday in a West Virginia coal mine.

Speaking from experience, Webb told her colleagues that workers go into the mines "not knowing whether or not you're going to see the light of day" after each shift.

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locally known, non-confrontational, part-time counter-recruiting activists who openly gathered in the local Quaker Meeting House. Members of the group were puzzled by the Army's characterization but not by the fact that the military is again spying on citizens engaged in legal political activities.

This "Talon" (Threat And Local Observation Notice) program is not an anomaly. The administration, insisting that new times and new dangers - terrorism - can only be countered by expanded, secret powers, has challenged legal and traditional barriers governing the employment of military intelligence inside the United States in the civilian arena. Thus evolved the Pentagon's 2002 to 2003

Total Information Awareness (TIA) data mining project to "recreate" the lives of every terrorist in order to preempt future attacks. And because anyone might become a terrorist, TIA applied to everything done by everyone alive.

The program that has caused such uproar in legal and judicial circles is the presidentially directed warrantless interception by the National Security Agency. It spies on electronic communications involving "people with known links to al Qaeda and related terrorist organizations." Citing still secret internal - and therefore undoubtedly highly biased - administration legal opinions, Mr. Bush declared he was empowered by the Constitution, statute, and legal precedent to order the sur-

veillance without seeking warrants from a court. Although few outside the administration agree, Mr. Bush remains defiant - which makes one wonder what super-secret unknown exists behind his NSA program. That one can spy on any of us.

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Colonel Daniel M. Smith (Ret.), a West Point graduate and Vietnam veteran, is the Senior Fellow for Military Affairs at the Friends Committee on National Legislation. FCNL is a Quaker-based public interest lobby founded in 1943.

Odds

Seattle Seahawks.
"It was fabulous, and then to have a win," she said, "that was almost more than I could bear."

VIENNA, Austria — Austria's first baby of the new year was Isabella Melanie. No, wait, it was Jelena. Or was it Johannes Samuel?

Three infants born at precisely the same time on Sunday — one minute after midnight — all laid claim to the traditional honor of being the nation's first newborn of 2006.

Because official hospital records gave the time of birth as 12:01 a.m. Sunday for all three babies, their parents will have to be content with sharing the honor, Austrian state television said as it tried to sort out the confusion.

One commentator suggested that Jelena deserved the honor of 2006's first baby by default because she arrived four weeks early and had to be delivered by emergency Cesarean section.

But Isabella also came ahead of schedule, said her mother, Melanie Erber.

"Actually, we weren't expecting her until Jan. 8 at the earliest," she said.

CANTON, Ohio — A man lied about having his wheelchair stolen so he could con a sympathetic public into giving him a new one, authorities said.

Virgil Stewart, 52, faces a felony charge of falsifying a

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police report.

Stewart, who is missing part of his right leg, told police that his attackers sought money, threw him into a fire hydrant and ran off with his wheelchair.

A car dealership and a nursing home each give him a new wheelchair after the story was reported in the local media.

Authorities, though, say the Dec. 19 assault never happened.

Police said Stewart's probation officer confronted him about the story after getting a tip that, before reporting the assault, Stewart had asked staff at a post office if he could leave his wheelchair there.

Stewart, who is on probation for cocaine possession, confessed, complaining that his old wheelchair was "kind of broken down and he didn't like the wheels," said Joe Dubina, a regional administrator for the Ohio Adult Parole Authority.

The two wheelchairs have been returned to their donors.

Stewart appeared Friday in Canton Municipal Court and a judge freed him on a \$2,500 bond and set a preliminary hearing for Jan. 10.

"It's a shame," Dubina said. "He took advantage of people's kindness during the holidays."

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in the residence and didn't want there to be an accident. Curnette complied and may have handed the gun over with enough force that the exchange provided enough friction to release the one round which fatally struck Curnette in the head.

Sparkman began crying as she listened to Bartley's account and fiercely hugged her attorney, Jerry Patton, when she heard the result. "I would like to compliment Mr. Bartley," Patton said. "He contacted me immediately after getting these test results. He is a

seasoned prosecutor who just wants to see justice done." Judge Caudill also praised Bartley, saying, "I have said this before, but it is appropriate to mention it again. A prosecutor is not a persecutor. I compliment you for the record, Mr. Bartley."

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Dog

counts of fleeing police for driving off on the first occasion and running off on the second.

Assisting Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten in the arrest were Deputies T. Tussey and J. Burke, Constables Terry Ward and Steve Rose, Corporal M. Johnson, Sergeants T. Hitchcock and T. Wyatt, and First Response Ambulance. The case remains under investigation by the department.

Later on in the day of Dec. 31, the department made another arrest following a request to accompany the Department of Social Services on a referral. Deputies wound up arresting Shirley Haney, 43, of

Staffordsville, when they observed several items in her home that were elements commonly used to manufacture methamphetamine. She was

charged with possession of meth precursors, possession of drug paraphernalia and first-degree drug possession.

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Two complete visitor training

The Big Sandy Long Term Care Ombudsman Program recently held a Friendly Visitor Training. Steve Jones, district ombudsman, conducted the training.

Billie Jean Cole, from Pike County, and Lois Tackett, from Floyd County, completed the training and were certified to be friendly visitors. These volun-

teers will visit nursing home residents and work closely with the district ombudsman as advocates for these residents.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the Ombudsman Program or volunteer opportunities, contact Steve Jones at 1-800-737-2723 or locally at 886-2374.

Robberies

Hansford later caught up with Ellis and interviewed him about the robbery. Hansford noted that Ellis gave a full confession on videotape and indicated that his father had been involved in all three robberies. Though he would not name his brother Jason as an accomplice, he did agree that he was involved when Hansford asked him about it.

Hansford indicated that a trail of large cash purchases buttressed witness claims that Ellis came into money after each burglary.

Under cross-examination by Harlan, Hansford said that the sons' girlfriends were helpful to

the investigation and said the case was ongoing.

Harlan was told by Hansford that evidence had been recovered during the investigation, including a toboggan identified by bank staff as having been worn during the Allen robbery, cash and Ellis' confession.

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Harlan asked Judge Eric Hall to dismiss the case, arguing that Hansford shouldn't have brought the charges before his investigation was complete. Hall disagreed and waived the case to the grand jury saying, "Probable cause has certainly been established for all three cases."

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onset of drug roundups began in 2004 with the formation of the Floyd County Drug Task Force and later Operation UNITE.

"I have been proud and hum-

bled to serve as Floyd County jailer," Webb said. "I thank the people of the county for their overwhelming support and ask for it again in the future."

THE FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS WELLNESS, HEALTH AND NUTRITION REPORT OF SB172

The Floyd County Schools are in the process of developing a Wellness Policy for the students of our school systems. This Wellness Policy includes health, nutrition and physical activity requirements. Each Site Based Council and principal shall develop their own policy. The District Committee will compile the schools' policies and present them to the board of education on January 23, 2006, at May Valley Elementary. There will also be a public forum held on January 23, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. prior to the board meeting to discuss SB172. The public is invited to have input in this forum and discuss SB172 and its process and implementation in our school system.

This District Wellness Policy will contain better health, nutrition, and physical activities in grades K-5. It will also involve better health practices and nutrition for grades 6-12. Items in vending machines of these schools will be improved for the betterment of all students.

The vending machines in all the schools will be monitored to the guidelines of nutrition by the state and federal government. In order to understand these guidelines, the district will release a brochure explaining these policies. The brochures are a part of this district report and are meant to better inform the public of SB172.

After the hearing on January 23, 2006, with input from the public, the committee will release recommendations and its report to the board of education that night. The board will review the report and submit its own report to the Kentucky Department of Education by March 1, 2006.

This will conclude the process of SB172 for local districts. The Kentucky Department of Education will have final approval and send the finished policy back to the local districts. These approved policies are to go in effect July 1, 2006.

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Betsy Layne boys drop three in Berea

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BEREA – Betsy Layne started play in the Berea Invitational Tournament with a three-game winning streak on its side. The Bobcats fought hard to even their season record to 3-3 before even beginning play in the Berea event. Three games later, however, post-Berea tournament, Betsy Layne found itself

on the losing end of a trio of games.

In three Berea tournament outings, Betsy Layne fell short versus Powell County, Jackson County and Pike County Central. Each of the three losses were by six points or less.

Powell County defeated Betsy Layne 75-69, while Jackson County handed the Bobcats a 58-55 setback. In one of the most exciting games in Berea Invitational Tournament history, Pike

County Central held on and beat the Bobcats 90-88.

Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose is hoping his team can build from the near-misses from the Berea tournament.

"We had leads in every game," Rose noted. "I'm just disappointed that we didn't finish. But that's not to take anything away from the teams we played."

The Bobcats faced some tough competition in the Berea tournament. Early

foul trouble also did its part in hindering the Betsy Layne contingent.

"Foul trouble hurt us throughout the tournament," Rose added. "We were forced to play with some different line-ups."

In the month of January, Betsy Layne has little time to rest. The Bobcats will take part in the WYMT Mountain Classic next week. Betsy Layne is paired up against Shelby

Valley in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic on Jan. 23 at Allen Central. In between the two tournaments, Betsy Layne has a game scheduled against June Buchanan (Jan. 17), an upstart from the unpredictable 14th Region.

"There's no doubt it's a tough schedule," said Rose. "We hope that playing

(See BOBCATS, page two)

Wise shoots lights out, wins 81-69

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The Highland Cavaliers of U.Va-Wise put on an early fireworks display, lighting up the Pikeville College Gym in an 81-69 win on New Year's Eve.

Wise (6-9) shot 51.1 percent from the field, but was exceptional elsewhere – the Cavs were 10-of-17 (58.8 percent) from the arc and 23-of-27 (85.2 percent) from the line. They hit five of six from the arc after halftime.

Pikeville (5-10), however, didn't shoot as well. They hit 36.4 percent from the floor for both halves, and hit 6-of-32 from the arc, going 3-of-16 both halves. They were 15-of-22 (68.2 percent) from the line.

The positive side for Pikeville was a season-low eight turnovers.

The Bears had four players in double figures, led by junior Jarrod Adkins, who had a team-high 15 points thanks to hitting 5-of-8 from the field and four three-point shots. Adkins was also one of three Bears with five rebounds, as Wise won that battle 35-33.

Senior Emanuel Tekie and junior Marcus Jones followed with 13 points, while senior Chris Carroll had 10, five rebounds, three assists and two

(See BEARS, page two)



Jarrod Adkins



photo by Steve LeMaster

Senior guard Michael Stephens was one of the Prestonsburg Blackcats who played at less than 100-percent during last week's Frankfort trip.

Blackcats finish 1-2 in Frankfort event

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

FRANKFORT – The Farmers Bank Snowball Classic afforded the Prestonsburg Blackcats three tough games.

Prestonsburg began play in the Farmers Bank Snowball Classic versus Hopkins County Central. The Blackcats ultimately finished play in the Frankfort event with a 1-2 record. Prestonsburg's lone win during the tournament came Thursday over Holy Cross (Louisville). The Blackcats posted a 61-45 win over the Louisville opponent and headed into Friday's game against Woodford County with momentum. In the Friday matchup against Woodford County, Prestonsburg packed a nine-point lead into halftime and led by eight points at the end of the third quarter before falling. Woodford County made up ground in the final period and posted a 59-56 win.

Despite the two losses, Prestonsburg head coach Jackie Day Crisp felt his team played better throughout the tournament.

"We played better every game," said Crisp. "I thought our best game was against Woodford County. We led for most of the game."

Prestonsburg had less than a full compliment of players when it hit the hardwood in Frankfort.

Junior guard Lincoln Stone remains sidelined with an ankle injury. Lewis Barnette missed the entire first game of the Frankfort tournament before returning in the second contest. Senior guard Michael Stephens entered the Frankfort tourney following a bout with the flu. Prestonsburg senior Sean Leslie was injured in the Blackcats' tournament finale versus Woodford County.

"It's real important for us to try and get healthy," Crisp added. "The real meat of our scheduled starts in the middle of January."

Prestonsburg was back in action Tuesday night at Pike County Central High School versus Letcher County Central in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic. Results from the Pike Central tournament game were unavailable at press time.

PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS UPCOMING GAMES

- This week – Coca-Cola Classic at Pike County Central
- Jan. 10, Sheldon Clark, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14, South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 19, at Wolfe County, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 24, Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.

Ladycats end play 1-3 at Boyle County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DANVILLE – One positive the Betsy Layne High girls' basketball team can take out of last week's trip to Boyle County High School for the Applebee's Winter Classic is the 54-48 win over 16th Region member Morgan County. The Ladycats finished play in the Boyle County tournament Friday with a loss to Hart County. Ranked fifth in the Fifth Region preseason poll, Hart County held Betsy Layne to eight points in the second quarter and seven in the third period. Behind a game-high 13 points from Megan Isaacs, Hart County defeated the Ladycats 66-38.

Jessica Baker flipped in 12 points for Hart County and a pair of teammates added 10 apiece.

Hart County led 18-12 at the conclusion of the first quarter and outscored the Ladycats 19-8 in the second period en route to the convincing win.

(See BETSY LAYNE, page two)

Meeting with Letcher Central looms for Lady Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – The Allen Central High School girls' basketball team had some time away from the court over the holidays.

The Lady Rebels haven't played a game since falling to Hart County at Johnson Central in the Country Music Highway Classic Thursday, Dec. 22. Allen Central posted an 0-4 record in the Johnson Central tournament. The Lady Rebels went into the Christmas break with a 2-9 record. Allen Central, however, has made the most of its two wins, beating Betsy Layne and South Floyd in key 58th District games.

(See LADY REBS, page two)

Knights down David for third time

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ASHLAND – The Piarist School and the David School have grown accustomed to squaring off against one another on the hardwood. The two Floyd County foes met again Saturday in the David Garns Memorial Tournament at Rose Hill Christian School. Piarist, also a member of the Three Rivers Conference, held off a couple of David rallies, beating the Comets 63-49.

(See KNIGHTS, page two)



Piarist's Chris Baker went up for a shot over the David defense during the David Garns Memorial Tournament at Rose Hill Christian School.

Paintsville takes Hoops Classic title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – After dismantling Seneca 71-61 in the morning, host Paintsville claimed its first-ever Tiger Hoops Classic title Friday night, beating Apollo 71-64.

Sophomore Landon Stone, the tournament's MVP, led the way for Paintsville, finishing with 21 points. Junior Daniel Pugh, the recipient of the tournament's best defensive player award, added 15 points for the Tigers. J.D. VanHoose and Shane Grimm added 11 points apiece for the victorious Paintsville team. Blake Bundy added eight points and Kevin Williams five as Paintsville had six different scorers.

(See TIGERS, page two)



Josh Ousley of Piarist went up for a shot against rival David.

Knights

Josh Ousley paced Piarist with 19 points. Jacob Moak added 13 points for the Knights. In the second round on Friday, Lewis County leveled Piarist 80-42, and in another game, Deming drubbed David 76-32. The Rose Hill tournament also featured the homestanding Royals, Lawrence County, Fairview and H.B. Beal, Ontario, Canada. Piarist, under the guidance of first-year head coach Greg

Friend, first defeated David 68-35 on Dec. 3 in the Three Rivers Conference Tournament. In a regular-season meeting Dec. 12, Piarist rolled to a 67-37 win over the Comets. The Knights are scheduled to host the David School in a fourth game between the two teams Monday. Piarist will begin play in the Crusader Classic tonight, taking on host June Buchanan. In another game, Allen Central is pitted against defending 16th Region

champion Elliott County. **David Garns Memorial at Rose Hill Christian Seventh-place game PIA RIST 63, DAVID 49** DAVID (49) - Wright 3, Stumbo 17, Mullins 2, Robinson 6, Tiller 19. PIA RIST (63) - Ousley 19, Moak 13, Baker 9, Doyle 9, Haskins 4, Zienkiewr 4. David.....10 15 9 14-49 Piarist.....14 18 19 12-63

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Whitley Co. 62, Oneida, Tn. 49
Berea Tournament
Clay Co. 55, Montgomery Co. 44
Jackson Co. 66, Magoffin Co. 55
June Buchanan 81, Berea 76
Lex. Henry Clay 82, Madison Southern 68
Pike Co. Central 70, Rockcastle Co. 58
Cumberland Falls Invitational Tournament
Perry Co. Central 59, Corbin 56
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Cawood 80, Lou. Brown 39
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Queen of the Bluegrass
East Carter 53, Russell 41
Rowan Co. 57, Phelps 44
Shelby Valley 66, Lou. Western 57

UK football commitment killed in crash

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
MEMPHIS, Tenn. - A Tennessee high school football player who committed to play at the University of Kentucky died in a car wreck over the holiday weekend. Christian Brothers High School star Chris Mosby's 1999 Jeep Wrangler veered off the road, hit a tree and flipped early Saturday, police said. Mosby, a 17-year-old senior and the son of Memphis Fire Department Deputy Director

Richard Mosby, was taken to the Regional Medical Center at Memphis where he died. Police aren't sure what caused the crash, but according to their report, alcohol was not a factor. Several hundred high school students, parents and coaches attended a prayer service for him Saturday at Saint Louis Church. Mosby played linebacker and was a finalist this season for The Commercial Appeal's Best of the Preps Defensive

Player of the Year award. He had committed to play for the University of Kentucky next season. "It's unbelievable to think a kid like that who has his whole life in front of him with a great future in football in front of him at Kentucky, and all of a sudden you get a phone call and it's gone," Christian Brothers football coach Kevin Locastro said. "You can't explain what it's like. "It's tragic. It's an unbelievable way to end 2005."

Cumberlands Baseball to host camps

TIMES STAFF REPORT
WILLIAMSBURG - The University of the Cumberlands (formerly Cumberland College) baseball coaching staff will be hosting a showcase and camps on three Saturdays in January. On Jan. 14, the Patriots will host a pitcher/catcher showcase for high school age players. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the intramural gymnasium of the O. Wayne Rollins Center, with the showcase beginning at 9. Cost for the showcase is \$35 per player. Players will have the opportunity to showcase their talents and skills in front of several coaches from colleges in Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee. Adam Blanton, a Johnson Central High School graduate, suits up as a freshman pitcher

for the Cumberlands baseball team. On Jan. 21, the Patriot coaching staff will be conducting a hitting camp at Grand Slam Batting Cages in London. There will be a morning session from 9 am until 12 pm for players age 8-13. There will also be an afternoon session from 1 pm until 4 pm for players age 14-18. Cost for either session is \$35 per player. On Jan. 28, the Patriot coaching staff will be conducting a

skills and drills camp for players age 8-14. Registration will begin at 8:30 am in the intramural gymnasium of the O. Wayne Rollins Center, with the camp beginning at 9:00. Camp will last until approximately 12 pm and the cost is \$35 per player. For more information or to register for any of the camps, contact Head Coach Brad Shelton via phone at 606/539-4387 or email at baseball@cumberlandcollege.edu.

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Bobcats

this type of schedule is something that can help us late in the season." The Bobcats, undefeated at 2-0 in 58th District play, head into Friday night's district game against defending champion South Floyd eyeing an all-impor-

tant win. "That's a big game for both teams," Rose said, commenting on the upcoming district game. Pairings are set for the WYMT Mountain Classic. Betsy Layne will take on 14th Region favorite Leslie County

in the opening round of the tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 11. In other first-round pairings, Phelps is pitted against Knott County Central, Harlan against Paintsville and two-time defending champion Hazard versus North Laurel.

Betsy Layne

The Ladycats hung tough early on in the game, but faltered down the stretch. Betsy Layne, which also suffered tournament losses to host Boyle County and Bullitt Central, held Hart County to just nine points in the third period. The young Ladycats, however, failed to make up enough ground on the older, experienced team. Kaitlin Lawson led Betsy Layne in scoring with 12 points. Megan Hamilton and Whitney Tackett each had eight

points for the Ladycats. Candice Meade and Krista Flanery scored four points apiece for Betsy Layne, while Jessica Blackburn added two. In another Boyle County tournament game of local interest, Pike County Central held off a late Somerset rally and edged the Lady Briar Jumpers 52-51. Junior guard Haley Ratliff led Pike Central with a game-high 22 points. Kayla Lowe chipped in 12 points for the Lady Hawks.

Junior guard Caiti Cowan paced Somerset with 19 points. **APPLEBEE'S WINTER CLASSIC HART COUNTY 66, BETSY LAYNE 38** HART COUNTY (10-2) - Baker 12, Highbaugh 10, Brown 10, Isaacs 13, Smith 6, Trent 6. BETSY LAYNE (1-9) - Tackett 8, Hamilton 8, Flanery 4, Lawson 12, Blackburn 2, Meade 4. Hart Co.18 19 9 20-66 Betsy Layne.....12 8 7 11-38.

Bears

steals. Wise got 23 points from senior guard Parker Gemmell, who went 3-of-4 from the arc and hit all four free throws. He also matched freshman Zydrunas Rackauskas with seven rebounds to lead the club. Rackauskas had 15 points. Sophomore Jarred chipped

in with 18 points, grabbing five rebounds and handing out five assists. Sophomore Joey Blackwell added 13 points, six boards and a game-best six assists. The Bears were led in assists by junior Ben Valentine with four. Pikeville played without Coach Randy McCoy, who is

sidelined with medical issues. **PIKEVILLE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL UPCOMING GAMES** Jan. 10 at Knoxville Jan. 14 Ohio Southern Jan. 16 Alice Lloyd Jan. 21 Lambuth Jan. 26 at Georgetown Jan. 28 at Lindsey Wilson

Lady Rebs

When first-year head coach Jennifer Hopkins took over the ACHS girls' basketball program late in the summer, she quickly found out the 2005-06 schedule could quite possibly be a very unforgiving slate. In the first half of the 2005-06 season, Allen Central took on 15th Region favorite Pike County Central, defending 14th Region champion Knott County Central and preseason 14th Region favorite Perry County Central. That was all over the span of one week. In the Country Music Highway Classic, Allen Central faced Johnson Central, Fleming County, defending 12th Region champ and state semifinalist South Laurel and Hart County. The Lady Rebels had Letcher County Central to focus on over the extended holiday

break. Allen Central will travel to Letcher Central Thursday evening for a game against the Cougars. Hopkins - who as a player led the Lady Rebel basketball team from her backcourt position - is hoping the tough schedule will pay dividends for her team come postseason time. "It's been a tough schedule and hopefully that'll help us later on," Hopkins said. "These girls continue to work hard." Letcher Central posted a 2-1 record in last week's Farmers Bank Snowball Classic at the Frankfort Convention Center after recording the same mark in the Arby's/KFC Classic in McCreary County the week before. Letcher Central, coached by longtime Whitesburg coach Dickie Adams, rolled through the Lady

Hawk Tip-Off Classic, beginning its season 3-0 before falling to Breathitt County. The Lady Cougars entered the new year with an 8-4 record. Knott County Central transfer Heather Martin has made an immediate impact for Letcher Central. Martin, a 5-3 senior guard, joins with senior center Stephanie Whitaker, senior point guard Autumn Morris and senior forward Tiffany Lowe, in leading the Lady Cougars. Tip-off for the Allen Central-Letcher Central game is set for 7:30 p.m. Other upcoming games have the Lady Rebels hosting both East Ridge (Jan. 9) and Johnson Central (Jan. 12). After the two home games, Allen Central will hit the road again, traveling to Powell County (Jan. 14).

Tigers

Jake Wells and Tyler Brown paced Apollo with 21 points apiece. Carlos Alas added 12 points for the Eagles. In the other semifinals matchup Friday morning, Apollo edged Oak Ridge, Tenn., 57-55. Paintsville pulled things together in the second half of the championship game. Apollo jumped out and led Paintsville 24-17 at the end of the first quarter. Apollo led 31-27 at halftime before stalling in the second half. Paintsville outscored Apollo 22-8 in the third period. After grabbing the lead, the Tigers held off a late Apollo charge. Earlier in the tournament, in pool play games, Paintsville recorded victories over Hilton Head, SC, Barren County and Shroder Paideia, Ohio. The Ohio opponent took the Tigers into overtime before Paintsville prevailed, winning 93-89. Slone, Pugh, VanHoose, Bundy and Grimm also represented Paintsville on the Hoops Classic All-Tournament Team. The Tigers will return to the hardwood for the first time following their tournament triumph, Friday in a key 57th District game against Sheldon Clark. Tip-off for the Sheldon Clark-Paintsville game is set

for 8 p.m. **PAINTSVILLE TIGER HOOPS CLASSIC Championship Game** APOLLO - Denton 6, Wells 21, Morris 2, Duvall 1, Alas 12, Brown 21, Johnson 1. PAINTSVILLE - Williams 5, Pugh 15, Bundy 8, Grimm 11, Slone 21, VanHoose 11. Apollo.....24 7 8 25-64 Paintsville.....17 10 22 22-71 **PAINTSVILLE TIGER HOOPS CLASSIC SCOREBOARD Tuesday, Dec. 27 (First round)** Shroder Paideia, Ohio 68, Barren County 59 Seneca 63, Ripley, Ohio 32 Alexander, Ga. 56, Carroll County 46 Apollo 44, Butler 42 Oak Ridge, Tenn. 87, South Floyd 85 Paintsville 78, Hilton Head, SC 50 Clear Lake, Texas 88, Allen Central 53 Wednesday, Dec. 28 (Second round) Oak Ridge, Tenn. 50, Carroll County 41 Butler 64, James Madison, Va. 61 Apollo 63, Fort Mill, SC 62 (OT)

South Floyd 92, Alexander, Ga. 85 (2OT) Paintsville 69, Barren County 54 Seneca 80, Allen Central 67 **Thursday, Dec. 29 (Third round)** Barren County 76, Hilton Head, SC 60 Butler 61, Fort Mill, SC 54 Seneca 55, Clear Lake, Texas 53 Ripley, Ohio 71, Allen Central 62 South Floyd 58, Carroll County 53 James Madison, Va. 29, Apollo 28 Paintsville 93, Shroder Paideia, Ohio 89 (OT) **Friday, Dec. 30 Semifinals** Paintsville 71, Seneca 61 Apollo 57, Oak Ridge, Tenn. 55 **Third-Place Game** Oak Ridge, Tenn. 57, Seneca 55 **Finals** Paintsville 71, Apollo 64

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POISON OAK

Too fat for his poor little horse

It's been nearly 20 years, now, since I finally realized what I'd been suspecting all along was really true: women don't fight fair.



Clyde Pack

It all started with what the Atlanta TV station called "Ten Days of the Duke." Ted Turner's station had just finished running ten days worth (actually 32, all told) of John

Wayne's movies. One would think that a big John Wayne fan like me would have been in hog heaven, but I didn't get to watch them all, because, well...as I said, women don't fight fair.

Here's how it happened. On a Saturday night, when they were running "Stagecoach," at about two minutes until nine, Wilma Jean came through the house and asked, "Aren't we going to watch "Golden Girls?"

"Golden Girls?" I asked. "This is 'Stagecoach.'" Look, that's John Wayne. Watch the rest of this with me. This is 'Stagecoach,' the movie that made him a star.

"We always watch "Golden Girls," she answered calmly.

When I made no effort to change channels, though, she picked up a novel she'd been reading, and didn't say anything else.

When the movie went off, I said, "That's a good 'en. There's another one on tomorrow morning at 10:05."

"Oh...and we'll miss it, since we'll be in church," she said sarcastically. "Don't worry, I'll set the VCR." I

(See OAK, page six)

KIM'S KORNER

New Year Prayer

The following New Year Prayer was shared with me via email. In turn this week I wish to share it with all of you. May your 2006 be filled with blessings.

New Year Prayer

God grant us this year a wider view,

So we see others' faults through the eyes of You.

Teach us to judge not with hasty tongue,

Neither the adult ... nor the young.

Give us patience and grace to

endure And a stronger faith so we feel secure.

Instead of remembering, help us forget The irritations that caused us to fret.

Freely forgiving for some offense And finding each day a rich recompense.

(See KORNER, page six)



Teresa Alzadon



Angie Carriere



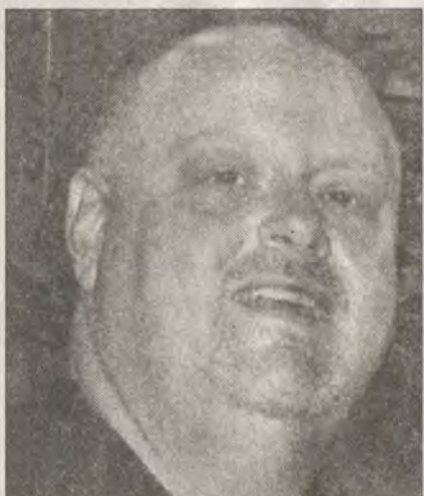
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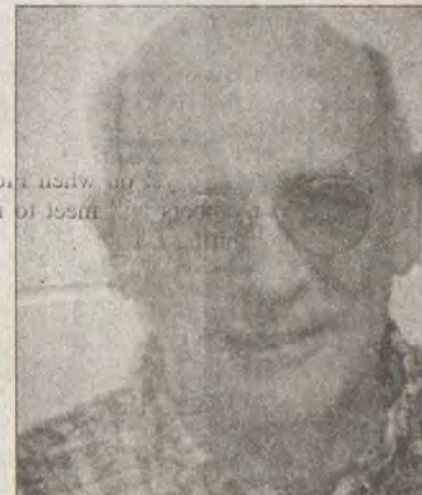
The Mountain Arts Center observes 'Individual Instructor Appreciation Week'

For the past several years, the Mountain Arts Center Arts Education Department has offered individual instruction in the areas of piano, voice, guitar, banjo, mandolin, violin/fiddle and the martial arts. Children, and adults, need to not only create, but also express themselves and feel satisfaction with their accomplishments. Private lessons provide this, and much more. Learning to play an instrument or to sing correctly develops concentration, coordination, and critical thinking and communication skills, as well as helping to boost one's self-esteem and provide hours of enjoyment.

In appreciation of the hard work and dedication performed for the children of Eastern Kentucky by their instructors, the Mountain Arts Center recently set aside the week of December 26-January 2 for a week long celebration honoring their instructional staff. The MAC sends a warm "thank you" to each of their individual instructors for all that they do and for their tireless efforts on behalf of their students.

Following is a listing of the Mountain Arts Center's Arts Education Department Individual Instructors and

their specializations: Teresa Alzadon, of Prestonsburg, violin/fiddle; Angie Carriere, of Prestonsburg, violin/fiddle; Janean Freeman, of Clearfield, voice; Shane Hamilton, of Garrett, martial arts; Jennifer Hughes, of West Van Lear, piano/voice; Candace Nall, of Pikeville, piano/voice; Mary Joy Nelson, of Lexington, voice; Vanessa Nelson, of Lexington, voice; Clyde Porter, of Prestonsburg, guitar; Stephanie Sexton, of Langley, piano; Jamie Wells, of Flat Gap, violin/fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar; and Martina Wheeler, of Lowmansville, voice.



Jamie Wells

'Warming foods' and spices can help fend off winter chills

by PHYLLIS GLAZER
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

How do you warm up when it's cold outside? Bundle up, dress warmly, and stay out of drafts, right?

That is right, partly. But, lacking central heating, ancient peoples believed that keeping the body warm also comes from within, and that certain foods could raise the body's temperature. Some of these, not coincidentally, are seasonal foods like legumes and root vegetables. Some are spices, like ginger and cloves.

Today we know that much of what they guessed from observation and intuition does indeed have scientific backing. Eating generates heat and helps warm your body, while the over-

all warming effect of food known as thermogenesis ("heat making"), is due to energy released during digestion. If you find yourself feeling hungrier in winter than in the summer, don't chalk it up to your imagination; a drop in body temperature does stimulate the appetite.

So, what's best to eat in winter, and what's good to avoid?

Cold foods and fluids such as ice cream or cola require energy to bring them up to a viable temperature before digestion. In summer, when you want to cool off, this may not be a problem, but in winter, when the body needs to deal with cold both internally and externally, the attempt to conserve heat means a reduction of blood flow to your skin surface, and specifically to

the extremities. That's why in winter your fingers and toes are the first to feel cold.

Eastern medical theories, rather than looking at the temperature of foods when you eat them, consider foods to have innate cooling or heating qualities, that have differing energy effects on the metabolism post-digestively.

Uncooked fruits and vegetables, for example, are considered energetically cold foods. Quickly digested and excreted, they may initially provide a lift, but not long-lasting energy and warmth. Cooked vegetables, on the other hand, particularly those that grow beneath the surface of the ground (root vegetables), are considered some of the most desirable foods for winter.

Is that kooky or not? Actually, not. Mother Nature seems to have provided human beings with specific seasonal raw materials to meet the nutritional needs of each climate.

Before this modern era when almost every kind of food is shipped in to local markets from around the world, people in cold-winter climates subsisted on foods grown well into the colder months, including carrots, potatoes and sweet potatoes, and hearty winter greens like kale and cabbage.

Together with grains and legumes, which also fared well with long storage, they could construct a diet of "warming foods" to see them through the winter months. Cooked and served

(See WARMING, page six)

CRITTER CORNER

Cat and dog resolutions

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Okay, I've probably used some of these before, but I couldn't resist when I found them all in one place at the appropriate season!

A Dog's New Year Resolutions

- I will stop trying to find the few remaining clean pieces of carpet in the house when I am about to throw up.
- I will not eat what I just threw up.
- I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc.
- I will not eat other animals' poop. (Especially the "kitty box crunchies").
- I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.
- I will not eat any more socks and then re-deposit them in the back yard after processing.
- The diaper pail is not a cookie jar. I will not eat the disposable diapers, especially the dirty ones.
- I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell him.
- I will not chew crayons or pens, especially not the red ones.



Nothing like a good nap snuggled up to a good friend this picture seems to say. "Henry," a charcoal kitten doesn't care beans that her buddy, "Brandy," is a cocker spaniel pup. Who says cats and dogs don't mix? These cute critters belong to Katbird Isaac, of Martin.

(See CRITTER, page six)

Korner

In offering a friendly, helping hand
And trying in all ways to understand;
That all of us whoever we are ...
Are trying to reach an unreachable star.
For the great and small ... the

good and bad,
The young and old ... the sad and glad
Are asking today: Is life worth living?
The answer is only in, loving and giving.
For only Love can make man kind

And Kindness of Heart brings Peace of Mind.
By giving love, we can start this year
To lift the clouds of hate and fear.
Author - Helen Steiner Rice
Til Next Week ...

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Oak

answered.
I did, and on Sunday afternoon I watched "They Were Expendable," then taped "The War Wagon" Sunday night. I flat couldn't believe my luck. Four Big Dukes in two days and I was batting a thousand. I'd watched two, and taped two.
When Monday night finally rolled around, I settled into my recliner for "Rio Lobo," while Wilma Jean sat quietly across the room reading her novel. As Big John displayed his skill with a six gun on a thieving carpetbagger, she said, "That's just amazing."

I couldn't believe that she was at last beginning to become impressed, but I agreed, "Yeah, that Duke is a dandy, all right."
"I'm not talking about the Duke. I'm talking about his poor little horse. Bless its little heart. How can that poor little thing hold him up? Look, he's so fat I don't see how he can even get into the saddle."
Ouch!
Then, no more than 10 minutes later, I heard her tell someone on the phone, "Oh, he's fine. He's riding the range again tonight, with Marion Michael."

"Who's Marion Michael?" I asked when she hung up.
"John Wayne. That's his name, you know. Marion Michael Morrison. And you wanna know what else?" He's not a real cowboy, either. He's a farmer, just a plain ordinary Iowa farm boy. He's just a sodbuster. A mere nestor...Pilgrim."
I didn't watch the rest of the movies. For some reason, Marion Michael Morrison as "Chisum," or Marion Michael Morrison as "Big Jake," just didn't appeal to me. Still don't.
Women don't fight fair.

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■ Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Allen FRC, Mud Creek Clinic, McDowell FRC, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Center, BSCTC.
■ Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC

(Weeksbury Comm. Center), BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Wayland Senior Citizen Center, Dixie Apts., BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.
■ Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Cliffside NNC, Mud Creek Clinic, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC, David Craft Center, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m., Martin Comm. Center, BSCTC; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

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Yesterdays

Democratic Magisterial and Sheriff incumbents, respectively filed answers and counter-claims to the suits filed by their losing opponents, Mallie Conn and Dial Salisbury
Although county and district officials, elected at the November polls, will not take office next Monday, Everette Collins, Weeksbury, was appointed to the office of jailer, when Guy Horn resigned two weeks before his four-year term would have expired
Oakley Simpson, 27, and Silas Colley, 43, both of Drift, were killed Dec. 20, in a slatefall in a mine of the Beaver Coal and Mining Company's operation at Drift
Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ervon Hicks of Hueysville, a daughter, Linda Carol, December 15; to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Salyers, of

Prestonsburg, a son, William Lynn; Dec. 10, at Paintsville
There died: Roy Rice, 50, of East Point, Sunday night, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Sam M. Duncan, 80, Dec. 19, at his home at Hueysville.
Seventy Years Ago
(January 3, 1936)
With three persons dead of spinal meningitis, after five cases of the disease developed there, early last week, the Caleb Fork section of Weeksbury on Left Beaver Creek was under quarantine, this week
Sheriff M. T. Stumbo, himself, "swung the ax" this week, when he removed from his force of deputies, a total of eight men

Little Miss Roseanne Corbin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Corbin of Prestonsburg, won the Shirley Temple doll and wardrobe trunk, offered by The Times, in its recent doll subscription contest
The Order of High Priesthood was instituted in the hall of Zebulon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, here, Saturday evening
Following the loss of three straight games, since winning the first contest of the season, the Prestonsburg Blackcat basketball team is due for a shake-up, Coach Messer said, this week
There died: Mrs. Myrtle Allen, Sunday night, at her home on Salt Lick, near Bosco, Dr. Charles Sturgill, 49, one of the section's most prominent physicians, Thursday, at his home at Garrett.

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Critter

which make my people think I am hemorrhaging.
When in the car, I will not insist on having the windows rolled down when it's raining outside.
I will not drop soggy tennis balls in the underwear of someone sitting on the toilet.
I will not bark each time I hear a doorbell on TV.
I will not walk under the big dog when he is peeing.
I will not steal Mom's underwear and dance all over the back yard with it.
The sofa is not a face towel. Neither are Mom and Dad's laps.
My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
I will remember not to suddenly stand up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
I will not roll my toys behind the fridge.
I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house.
I will try to convince myself that the garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mom's driver's license and registration.

to twice its size, stare down the hall and growl at nothing right after my human has watched a horror movie.
I will not slurp fish food from the surface of the aquarium.
I must not help myself to Q-tips, and I must certainly not stuff them down the sink drain.
I will not eat large numbers of assorted bugs, then come home and throw them up so the humans can see that I'm getting plenty of roughage.
I will not lean so far over the tub to get a drink that I fall in. (And if I do fall in I must stay out of the clumping cat litter until I am completely dry!)

will not make it open itself.
I cannot leap through closed windows to catch birds outside. If I forget this and bonk my head on the window and fall behind the couch in my attempt, I will not get up and do the same thing again. Likewise, I will not assume the patio door is open when I race outside to chase leaves.
I will not intrude on my human's candle-lit bubble bath and singe my bottom.
I will not stick my paw into any container to see if there is something in it. If I do, I will not hiss and scratch when my human has to shave me to get the rubber cement out of my fur.
Birds do not come from the bird feeder. I will not knock it down and try to open it up to get the birds out.
I will not play "dead cat on the stairs" while people are trying to bring in groceries or laundry, or else one of these days it may come true.
I am a walking static generator. My human doesn't need my help installing a new board in the computer.

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James E. Goble, master-elect

East Point Lodge 657, F&AM officer installation planned

The installation of officers who will serve East Point Lodge 657, F&AM, for the coming year will be conducted at a meeting to be held on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at the lodge hall.
Those officers to be installed include James E. Goble, master; Donald L. Hughes, senior warden; Bill J. Dotson, junior warden; Robert M. Peters, treasurer; William L. Baldrige, secretary; Tilden R. Ellis, chaplain; Scott Lafferty, senior deacon; Gordon VanHoose, junior deacon; David Williams, senior steward; Lester Jarvis, junior steward; and Ben Smith, tiler.
This will be an open meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m.; dinner will be served, and all family members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Warming

warm, these foods are most easily digested by the body, allowing the heat created by digestion to help improve circulation and body warmth.
Winter is also an excellent time to incorporate spices like ginger, garlic, cinnamon, turmeric and cloves into your daily diet. These spices contain phytonutrients, anti-microbial and/or anti-inflammatory properties.

two sections. Rinse and pat dry. In a rimmed dish, mix the garlic, spices and sesame oil and rub into the chicken breast on all sides. It may be cooked immediately, but if you're not in a hurry, cover and chill for 30 minutes. (It may also be prepared several hours ahead of time).
Heat a heavy grill pan with ridges. Grill the chicken breast pieces on medium-high heat for 3 to 4 minutes on each side, till distinct grill marks appear. Cover and cook over very low heat for 15 to 20 minutes, until tender. Garnish with basil and serve with brown rice or other whole grain.
Makes 2 servings.

ing cooking water. Remove the bay leaf; place split peas in a food processor together with the honey, seasonings and spices. Process the mixture to desired consistency, adding reserved cooking water, if needed. May be stored in a covered container up to 3 days in the refrigerator.
Makes 2 1/2 cups.

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Spices in the warm-hot category, including ginger, cinnamon and cloves (which, incidentally, taste great in hot cider, gingerbread and other baked goods) help to increase digestive enzymes, and boost the assimilation of nutrients. Other spices such as cumin, coriander, fennel, dill seed and anise seed aid digestion, particularly in the case of hard-to-digest beans.
The great 12th-century Jewish physician Rambam (Maimonides) believed that black mustard seeds and asafoetida are also "warm" spices that can be very helpful during winter to aid digestion and help provide relief of winter ills and chills.

The following wonderful combination is both delicious and nutritious. It's chock-full of fiber and healthy warming spices, and it's very versatile. You can use it as a filling for phyllo or puff pastry, tortillas or toasted pita; it can be a base on which to serve broiled fish or meat. Add boiling water if you like and — voila! — it becomes a soup.
Multi-Purpose Curried Split-Pea Puree
1/2 pound split peas
1 medium potato, scrubbed and thickly sliced
1 bay leaf
3 cups water
1 1/2 teaspoons honey
1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
2 tablespoons curry powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
Salt to taste
Pick over the split peas and place in a strainer. Rinse and transfer to a medium pot with the potato, bay leaf and 3 cups water. Bring to a boil and cook, partially covered, over low heat until the split peas are soft, about 30 minutes. Skim off any foam that develops on top. Drain, but reserve any remain-

Soothing and very tasty, this casserole is one of the easiest recipes to make once you've prepared the vegetables, and one of the healthiest.

Back-to-the-Roots Casserole
2 cups sliced carrots
1 cup chopped onions
2 cups peeled, cubed celeriac
1 cup peeled, diced turnip or parsnip
1 1/2 cup unpeeled, cubed new potatoes
1 cup peeled, cubed sweet potato
2 cups water
2 bay leaves
3 to 4 tablespoons Dijon mustard (with seeds, if possible)
2 cloves garlic, crushed
2 to 3 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
Salt, to taste
Coarsely ground black pepper, to taste
Italian parsley, cilantro or dill to garnish, as desired
In a medium-large saucepan, place vegetables, water and bay leaves and bring to a boil. Cover and cook on low heat for 20 minutes or until the vegetables begin to soften. Stir gently during cooking, adding a little extra boiling water, if necessary.
Stir in the mustard and garlic and cook an additional 10 minutes, or until the vegetables are done. Remove from heat and stir in the olive oil, salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with the desired herb just before serving.
Makes 4 to 6 servings.
(Recipe from "The Essential Book of Jewish Festival Cooking" by Phyllis Glazer with Miriyam Glazer, Harper-Collins, 2004)

Here are some easy, luscious recipes to help chase off the winter cold. First, a method of cooking chicken that tenderizes the chicken breast and enhances flavor. For a faster version, pound the chicken breast pieces before rubbing with the spice mixture.
Grilled Chicken Breast With Warming Spices
1 large skinless, boneless chicken breast
1 large clove garlic, pressed
1 packed teaspoon grated fresh ginger root
1/8 teaspoon ground white pepper
1/8 teaspoon cayenne or chili cayenne pepper
1/8 teaspoon cloves
1 tablespoon sesame oil
Salt to taste
1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
Divide chicken breast into

Multi-Purpose Curried Split-Pea Puree
1/2 pound split peas
1 medium potato, scrubbed and thickly sliced
1 bay leaf
3 cups water
1 1/2 teaspoons honey
1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
2 tablespoons curry powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
Salt to taste
Pick over the split peas and place in a strainer. Rinse and transfer to a medium pot with the potato, bay leaf and 3 cups water. Bring to a boil and cook, partially covered, over low heat until the split peas are soft, about 30 minutes. Skim off any foam that develops on top. Drain, but reserve any remain-

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 864-0165, RENEWAL NO. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Argus Energy, LLC, P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation of approximately 92.32 surface acres, and underlies 52.59 auger acres, located 3.0 miles southwest of Clifford, in Lawrence County.

The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining. The proposed operation is approximately 2.00 miles southwest from Route 3's junction with Big Laurel Creek Road, and located 2.00 miles west of Rockcastle Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Milo U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Judith A. Young, Lafe Hinkle, Harvey Mollet, and I. Michael

& Meral T. Williams. The operation will underlie lands owned by Judith A. Young, Lafe Hinkle, Harvey Mollet, and I. Michael & Meral T. Williams.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 858-5064 AMENDMENT NO. 2

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Ky. 41214, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located approximate-

ly 2.5 miles southwest of Odds, in Martin and Floyd Counties. The proposed amendment will underlie an additional 589.43 acres, making a total area of 6462.59 acres.

The proposed amendment is approximately 2.5 miles south of Kentucky Route 3's junction with Big Sandy Regional Airport Road, and located at the mouth of Bear Water Branch, on Daniels Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Thomas and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will underlie land owned by Jerry Howell, A.E. Reitz, Pocahontas Development Corporation, and William Crider.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the

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This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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Notice is hereby given that Tracy Neace, 979, Box 4201, Harold, KY 41635, Orville Frasure, P.O. Box 492, Harold, KY 41635, and Parsons Branch Development, 43 Village Street, Pikeville, KY 41501, own property located near Harold, Kentucky, and has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 2.0 miles south of the intersection of KY Route 979 junction with KY Route 1426 near the community of Grethel on Mud Creek in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 C. A. NO. 05-CI-00060 BILLY MULLINS AND MARY MULLINS, HIS WIFE, PETITIONERS VS. NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE RUBY MILLER ADAMS, ET AL., RESPONDENTS

BY VIRTUE of Judge-ment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of November, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled partition action, which ordered the partition by sale of the herein-described property, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the old Floyd 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 19th day of January, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL NO. II
Tract No. 2 being the same property conveyed to Melvin Mullins by deed dated December 18, 1972, and recorded in Deed Book 211, Page 238, Floyd County Clerk's Office, and bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a stake on east side of Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company Right-of-Way on line of Tract BC-903; S48-30'E 1660 feet to a stake on center of point; down point S77-35'W 259 feet; N71-55'W 213 feet; N76-55'W 157 feet; N71-15'W 95 feet; N69-10'W 59 feet; N57-55'W 121 feet; N53-00'W 162 feet; N63-00'W 169 feet; N56-35'W 225 feet; N36-55'W 190 feet; N25-55'W 140 feet to two buckeyes and two dogwoods in drain; N75-30'W 65 feet to a stake on Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company Right-of-Way; northeasterly along Right-of-Way approximately 490 feet to the beginning and containing 15.68 acres.

EXCLUSIONS FROM SALE

There shall be excepted and excluded from this Order of Sale the following described properties as contained in the prior deeds and out conveyances set forth below, which are not herein conveyed.

PARCEL NO. 1
Tract No. 1 being the property conveyed to Melvin Mullins and Martha Mullins by deed dated November 12, 1971, and recorded in Deed Book 206, Page 540, Floyd County Clerk's Office, and bounded and described as follows:
No. 1: The boundaries of said tract or parcel of land being at Beaver Creek opposite the mouth of a drain of line of Elkhorn Coal Corporation, thence up the creek to a culvert, or near same, under C&O Railroad, thence turning to the left, and up the drain to top of point with C. C. Jackson's line, thence reversing and back down with Elkhorn Coal Corporation line to the beginning.
No. 2 Beginning at a steel post on the line of the C&O Railway Co.; thence up the creek with the said line a distance of 10 ft.; thence straight line 50 ft. south east to a corner; thence a straight line 180 ft. north east to a steel stake at a corner; thence a straight line 50 ft. north west to a place of beginning.

1. Deed Book 235, Page 496, dated October 31, 1978, to Sheila Ann Mullins (now Johnson);
2. Deed Book 282, Page 99, dated February 7, 1984, to Sheila Ann Mullins (now Johnson), this is a deed of correction for 1 acre;
3. Deed Book 281, Page 596, to Sheila Ann Mullins (now Johnson);
4. Deed Book 464, Page 235, dated September 26, 2001, from Martha Mullins, widow, to Daisey Mae Tackett, together with the access granted therein being a right of way 12' wide across the property described at Deed Book 206, Page 540 for ingress and egress in favor of Daisey Mae Tackett, her heirs and assigns;
5. Deed Book 266, Page 206, deed dated April 14, 1982, to Billy Mullins and Mary Mullins, his wife, for 3 acres, more or less.
There is further excluded from the Order of Sale, and not thereby conveyed the Mullins Family Cemetery which shall be laid off in a square of 50'x50' using the

tombstone of Martha Mullins as the center point for such measurements, including a right of way and easement excepted over and across the property described hereinabove to the cemetery for free and unfettered and unobstructive access to and from the cemetery together with sufficient width on either side of such right of way for proper maintenance and drainage of the same. As near as possible this right of way shall run along the existing road, together with sufficient width on each side for proper maintenance and drainage of the road-way and drainage therefore.
The property is sold subject to easements and restrictions of record.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) The property consists of two parcels. The two parcels shall first be offered for sale separately. Thence immediately thereafter both parcels shall be offered for sale together. The method of sale which produces the largest amount of proceeds shall be accepted by the Commissioner.
(b) The successful bidders shall either pay cash or at least ten percent (10%) of the purchase price on the date of sale, with the balance on credit in thirty (30) days, and be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property with interest thereon at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid and said bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment.
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.
(d) The purchaser(s) shall be required to assume and pay all real property taxes for the year of 2005, and all subsequent years thereafter. Any and all delinquent real property taxes due for the years prior to 2005 will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(e) In the event the successful purchaser(s) of the above described property is one of the parties to this action then said purchaser(s) shall be given credit for his or her interest in said real property and no bond shall be required of the pur-

chaser(s), and said purchaser(s) shall only be obligated to pay court cost, the fees and cost of the Special Master Commissioner, any delinquent real estate taxes assessed against the real estate and the amount needed to pay the interest of the other parties to this action.
Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matters contained herein.
Dated this 20th day of December, 2005.

Gregory A. Isaac
Special Master
Commissioner
Floyd Circuit Court

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on the ___ day of December, 2005, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Notice of Commissioner's Sale was mailed postage prepaid to the following:

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This Week: Ben Franklin

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Happy Birthday, Ben Franklin!

Inventor, writer and patriot Benjamin Franklin was born on January 7, 1706. How old would Ben be if he were still alive today?

years old



Weekly Writing Corner

Saying

Finish the following sayings.

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man a person who doesn't go to parties. Fish and visitors make the visitors sick. A penny saved is not enough for a big screen TV.

Dom, 5th grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man ready. Fish and visitors don't get along well in water. A penny saved is a penny lost in heaps of trash in your room.

Peter, 6th grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man able to sneak pies. Fish and visitors get served well.

A penny saved is a penny deserved.

Isaiah, 5th grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man tired. Fish and visitors don't go together.

A penny saved is an addition to your wallet.

Shade, 5th grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man sleepy, if he forgets to go to bed early. Fish and visitors don't like to eat sushi, but I do.

A penny saved is just one more penny in your bank account.

Cameron, 6th grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man alert, ready and wise.

Fish and visitors don't bode well. A penny saved is a step to a fortune.

Daphne, 6th grade

A penny saved is a penny kept.

Julie, 3rd grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man have nice, awake eyes.

A penny saved makes you a cent closer to being a millionaire.

Emily, 5th grade

Early to bed, early to rise makes a man want his cereal prize.

A penny saved is a candy earned.

Steven, 5th grade

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man alert, full of longevity and wise.

Fish and visitors start to annoy you after one week.

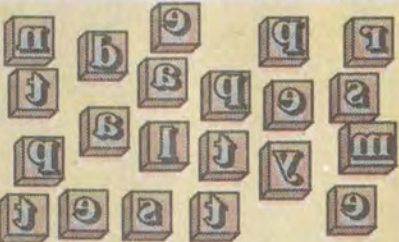
A penny saved is one step closer to a future with lots of money.

Carolyn, 5th grade

T V H P H Y A D E A Q V E T M L A T B A R X K A L O Z I

The Boy Who Loved to Read

Because of Ben's love of reading, Benjamin Franklin's father _____ e ____ ic ____ Ben to his brother James, who was a printer. At age 12, Ben helped his brother write _____ ph _____ and _____ p _____. After the pamphlets were completed, Ben would sell them in the streets.



Some of the blocks of type for Ben's printing press have fallen. Use the definitions of each word to replace the missing letters. The letters look backwards because they work like rubber stamps. Hold them up to a mirror if you're stuck.

pamphlet – a thin book with a paper cover, written to give information on a topic

typeset – to put letters mounted on wood or metal into the right order to make words and sentences for printing

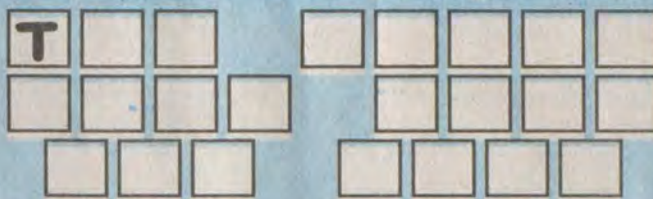
apprenticed – to be placed in a job working for someone else to learn that person's craft or skill

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words correctly.

Poor Richard's Almanack

In 1733 Ben started publishing **Poor Richard's Almanack**. At that time almanacs were books printed every year that contained things like weather reports and recipes. Franklin published his almanac under the name Richard Saunders, a poor man who needed money to take care of his wife. Franklin's lively writing style made his almanac a little different from others and it soon became very popular.

In the almanac Ben Franklin wrote one-sentence hints to tell people how to live better. These are called **proverbs**. One of his proverbs is hidden in the border. To read it, start with the starred letter and copy every fourth letter as you move around the box clockwise. (We did the first one for you.)



Ben and Boston's First Local Newspaper

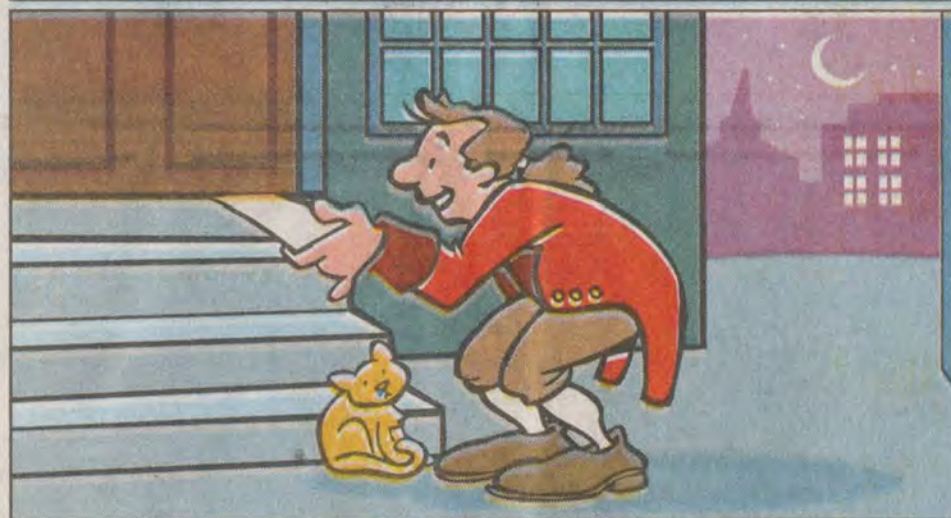
When Ben was 15, his brother James started a newspaper called **The New England Courant** which published local news, advertisements and opinions.

Ben wanted to write for the newspaper, but James wouldn't let him. So Ben began writing letters to the newspaper and signed them **Silence Dogood**. Dogood was supposed to be a widow whose letters were filled with advice and criticism of how women were treated. Late at night, Ben slipped the letters under the print shop door. Readers loved the letters and finally, after 16 letters, Ben confessed that he was Dogood.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the people of the historical era they are studying.



Find the differences between these two pictures.



Ben's ABCs
Look through today's newspaper for five or more words that describe Ben Franklin. Use these words to write a paragraph about this famous American.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write a descriptive paragraph about a person.

M A L U R E F R O R U L W I R D E X W A H T V P T B L I S G P Q

Ben's Own Newspaper

When Ben was 23, he bought his own newspaper. In addition to printing the paper, Franklin also wrote for it, often using other names. His paper soon became the most successful in the colonies.



Do the math to discover the name of Ben's newspaper.

Puzzle solution available at www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html

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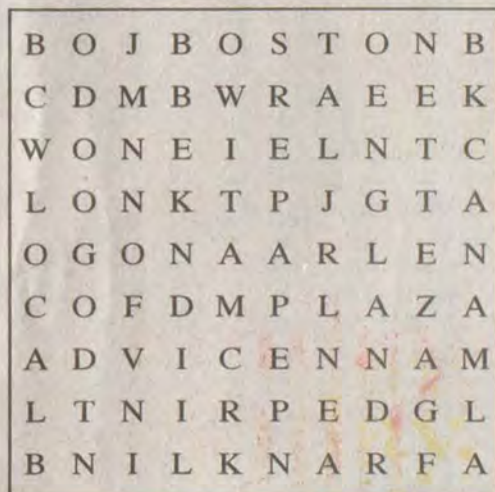
24 - 8 = **A** 21 - 10 = **L** 17 - 13 = **T**
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 15 - 7 = **G** 7 + 8 = **P** 13 + 8 = **Y**
 16 + 7 = **I** 8 + 5 = **S** 25 - 7 = **Z**

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve addition and subtraction problems.

Double Double Word Search

- BENJAMIN
- FRANKLIN
- DOGOOD
- GAZETTE
- ALMANACK
- ADVICE
- METAL
- PAPER
- WOOD
- PRINT
- NEWS
- BOSTON
- ENGLAND
- LOCAL
- JOB

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Letter to the Editor

Ben Franklin wrote for newspapers as a way to share his opinions with others. Today, you can do the same thing by writing a letter to the editor of this newspaper. Write a letter about what concerns and interests you. Send it to the editor.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write letters.

What did Ben Franklin say when he discovered that lightning was electricity?

ANSWER: Nothing - he was too shocked.

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