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briefs

Guilty plea entered to contraband

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Amy King, 25, of Happy, pleaded guilty Friday to one charge of promoting contraband at the Floyd County Detention Center and was sentenced to 18 months in jail.

King had been scheduled to go to trial in the case in early December. Her attorney, Jane Harlan, of the public defender's office, asked for the trial to be continued when she learned that King was looking at 10 years in another matter that was set for trial in Perry County the following week. Had King been found guilty in the contraband case any sentence she received would have run consecutive to the larger sentence she was looking at in Perry County, where she was accused of trafficking in cocaine.

King ended up entering guilty pleas in both cases. She received five years in Perry County and will serve her sentences concurrently.

The contraband charge came about when she delivered some belongings for her boyfriend at the detention center, including a radio. A cursory examination of the items by the deputy jailer led to the charge when it was discovered that a piece of plastic was inside the item and noticeable via the battery compartment. Staff dismantled the radio and found a plastic bag containing cocaine, a second one containing marijuana and a third which held Oxycontin and Xanax tablets.

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Four accused of mail fraud conspiracy

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Four Floyd County men, two of whom are suspects in a 2003 murder, were indicted by the U.S. District Court under allegations that they committed mail fraud after deliberately burning a home in 2002 and allowing the owner to

collect money from an insurance company.

Billy Joe Johnson, 47, and his son, William Jason Johnson, 28, both of Bevensville, Douglas Branham, 35, of Melvin, and Chad Conn, 38, of Prestonsburg, "conspired and agreed together and with others" to defraud the U.S. mail and private commercial inter-

state carriers, the indictment alleges.

According to the indictment, the men, with prior agreement of Branham and the Johnsons, set fire to Branham's residence in Melvin on Sept. 24, 2002. Conn aided the Johnsons in removing valuable items from the home and taking them to properties belonging to the Johnsons prior to the fire, it says.

Branham later filed an insurance claim with Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company for damages to his residence and personal property, which included the items removed prior to the fire. He received more than \$72,000 from the insurance policy, the indictment claims.

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Randy Woofter, manager of the Dish Satellite store in Prestonsburg, took inventory of items that were stolen during a burglary Thursday night. The burglary was the second time the business has been targeted in six months.

photo by Mary Music

Burglars target P'burg business a second time

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Dish Satellite store in Prestonsburg was burglarized Thursday night, marking the second burglary at the business since August.

"How do you place a value on a toolbox you've had for years?" manager Randy Woofter asked as he compiled an inventory of stolen items.

Woofter said that at least \$1,860 worth of merchandise was stolen from the premises sometime Thursday night. He left the business at approximately 3:30

p.m., traveled to London to pick up some equipment and returned to Prestonsburg at approximately 10:30 p.m., but didn't stop by the store to unload his truck until Friday morning, when he discovered that the business had been burglarized.

Equipment taken from the store included, among other items, a total of 10 rolls of cable, 75 ground blocks and more than a case of cable ends. The burglars, he said, knew what they were doing because they didn't take any satellite receivers (with traceable serial numbers) or weather boots, which really aren't necessary for satellite installation.

Woofter believes the culprits either worked for the company in the past or are working in the satellite installation field currently. A former employee, who was fired recently, still has a key to the store, he said.

The business, a sub-office of the Local Network office in London, lost more than \$2,000 in a burglary last August. Woofter said that burglary, which remains unsolved, shared similar circumstances with Thursday's burglary. The burglars didn't take traceable equipment in August, he said.

"Once you're broken into, you

(See BURGLARY, page eleven)

Hospital seeks to have city challenge tossed

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Attorneys jointly representing Highlands Regional Medical Center, Consolidated Health Systems Inc. and hospital employee Carl David Brown Jr. are asking the court to dismiss a lawsuit filed last month by the city of Prestonsburg.

Attorney Tom Smith, working with Lexington attorneys from Stoll Keenon Odgen PLLC, filed a response to allegations and a motion to dismiss the city's suit filed by city attorney Jim Webb in December.

Webb argues that the hospital moved employee Brown into an apartment on its premises so that he could vote against the proposed annexation of the hospital's Route 321 properties. Webb also requests a temporary

injunction against the hospital, asking the court to prevent it from allowing any other employees to live there.

Smith denies the allegations in his response, and he moves for a dismissal of the case because he claims Webb fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. He also filed a motion to dismiss the case against Brown because Webb failed to appropriately list Brown as a defendant in the suit.

"The city has named the wrong 'Carl David Brown,' as a party to this action, apparently intending to name his son, 'Carl David Brown Jr.," Smith argues.

With the motion, Smith included an affidavit from Carl David Brown Sr., which confirms that his son resides in an apartment at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

(See RESPONSE, page eleven)

Board upholds parents' expulsion from games

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — Following a closed formal appeal process that lasted three-and-a-half hours Thursday evening on the campus of the Opportunities Unlimited High School, the Floyd County Board of Education moved to come out of executive session and announce its

findings in regard to a matter involving the parents of some South Floyd and Prestonsburg High School athletes.

According to board chair Jeff Stumbo, the board found reasonable cause to "uphold the action" taken in December by Supt. Paul W. Fanning in regard to an alter-

(See BOARD, page eleven)

Review

'Country Boys' gives viewers compelling look at Appalachia

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

This week KET will air the documentary film "Country Boys" on Monday through Wednesday nights from 8 to 10 p.m. Wednesday's finale will be followed by a call-in program entitled Country Boys Continues that will feature a panel discussion that will include the subjects of the film.

The documentary traces the lives of two David School students, Chris Johnson and Cody Perkins, and offers an unflinching view

into their lives as they navigate the often painful transition from adolescence into manhood.

The film should not be dismissed as another portrait of poverty in the region and rises above that idea by offering complete access into the lives of Johnson and Perkins, who prove to be intriguing subjects that resist stereotypes.

Johnson comes off as a young man who is bright and extremely talented. His home life

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Chris Johnson and Cody Perkins are the central figures in the six-hour documentary "Country Boys," which begins airing on KET Monday night.

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Regional Obituaries

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■ Ruby Josephine Bayliss, 70, of Wabash, Indiana, a native of Weeksbury, died Saturday, December 24, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 28, under the direction of Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, in Wabash.

■ Effie G. Morrison Clark, 93, of Harold, died Monday, January 2, 2006, at her residence, following an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, George Edward Clark. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Veda England, 87, of Circleville, Ohio, a native of McDowell, died Sunday, January 1, at Pickaway Manor. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 5, 2006, under the direction of Defenbaugh-Wise-Schoedinger Funeral Home, Circleville.

■ Jeanette Bryant Coburn Hall, 69, of Martin, died Wednesday, December 28. Services were conducted Saturday, December 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Noralene Tackett Hamilton, 73, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 3, in the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Zina Kidd, 59, of Honaker, died Wednesday, December 28, in Harold. She is survived by her husband, Edward Kidd. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 29, under

the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ James E. (Jimmy) Little, 73, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, January 4, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Anna Mae Dawson Little. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Robert Keith Murrell, 54, of Garrett, died Sunday, January 1, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Vonda Slone Murrell. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ James Perry (Pedo) Osborne, 76, of Martin, died Wednesday, January 4, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Larry Winston Owens, 50, of Martin, died Wednesday, January 4, in Martin. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ George Howard Ramey, 92, of Alexandria, formerly of Langley, died Monday, January 2, at the St. Luke East Hospital, Ft. Thomas. He is survived by his wife, Thurla Click Ramey. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Stella Handshoe Shepherd Tussey, 87, of Galion, Ohio, and formerly of Hueysville, died Saturday, December 31, at the Galion Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted

Friday, January 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Stoney Lee "Red" Slone, 39, of Clinton, Tennessee, formerly of Blue River, died Thursday, December 29, at Fort Sanders Sevier Medical Center, in Sevierville, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Lois Meadows Slone. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Joe P. Tackett III, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 7, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Marsha Kilburn Wallen, 53, of Martin, died Monday, December 26, at her residence, after a sudden illness. She is survived by her husband, Gilbert Wallen. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Virgie Adkins Woods, 61 of Andrews, South Carolina, a native of Martin, died Monday, January 2, in the Georgetown Memorial Hospital in Georgetown, South Carolina. She is survived by her husband, Glen F. Woods. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Madge June Adkins, 86, of Indian Creek, a native of Pike County, died Sunday, January 1, at Parkview Nursing & Rehab Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 4, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Milton Belcher, 61, of Ypsilanti, Mich., a native of Pike County, died Monday, January 2, at Ann Arbor (Michigan) Veterans Administration Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Connie Belcher. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Paul William Damron, 42, of Slaters Branch, died Thursday, December 29, at Van, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Benita Wilson Damron. Funeral services were held Monday, January 2, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Robert Bruce Dotson, 88, of Phelps, died Monday, January 2, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Vina Jean Dotson. Funeral services were held Friday, January 6, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Virgil Maynard, 56, of

Turkey Creek, died Wednesday, December 28, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W.Va., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Leona Taylor Maynard. Funeral services were held Monday, January 2, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Glema Rowe, 72, of Osborne Fork of Indian Creek, died Friday, December 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Frank Rowe. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 1, under direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Raymond Scott, 83, of Nicholasville, formerly of Canada, died Sunday, Jan. 1, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Ida Mae Scott. Graveside services were held Wednesday, January 4, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Emmalene George Stanley, 48, of Hager Hill, a Pike County native, died Thursday, December 29, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Arthur D. Stanley. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 1, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Tommy Lee Stanley, 57, of McCarr, a native of Hardy, died Monday, January 2, in Williamson, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Workman Stanley. Funeral services were held Friday, January 6, under the direction of Rogers

Funeral Home.

■ Greetice Staton, 95, of Forest Hills, died Monday, January 2, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 5, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Irma Blackburn Thompson, 88, of Varney, died Sunday, January 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 5, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Joseph Handford Webb, 72, of Turkey Creek, died Friday, December 30, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Massey Webb. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 3, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Robert Williamson, 69, of Pikeville, died Monday, January 2, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 4, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Paul David Crum, 50, of Inez, died Tuesday, December 27. Funeral services were held Friday, December 30, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ginnivee Montgomery, 57, of Williamson, West Virginia, a Martin County native, died Saturday, December 31, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband,

Claude Montgomery. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 4, under direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Edna Mae Boyd Blevins, 89, formerly of West Van Lear, died Monday, December 26, at Christopher East Nursing Facility in Louisville. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 29, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ George 'Bud' Coleman, 67, of Staffordsville, died Friday, December 30, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, January 2, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Anna M. Colvin, 76, of Curtice, Ohio, a native of Oil Springs, died Monday, December 26, at St. Charles-Mercy Hospital in Oregon, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Branch Colvin. Funeral services were held Friday, December 30, under the direction of Robinson-Walker Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Daniels, 90, of Lafayette, Indiana, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, December 18. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 21, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Lon C. Davis, 84, of West Van Lear, died Friday,

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Obituaries

Mary Magdalene Dotson

Mary Magdalene Dotson, 71, of 1630 S. County Farm Rd., Warsaw, Indiana, died Thursday, January 5, 2006, at Millers Merry Manor, in Warsaw, Indiana.

Born April 19, 1934, in Garrett, she was the daughter of the late Alton Eugene and Hattie Belle (Phillips) Hamilton. She had lived in the Warsaw area since 1963. She worked for Kosciusko Community Hospital for 13 years. She was a member of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by her husband, Sherman Ray Dotson, whom she married January 14, 1956.

Other survivors include one daughter, Drema Rae Stockberger of Warsaw, Indiana; three brothers: Howard Hamilton of Frankfort, Philip Hamilton of Wayne, Michigan, and Billy Denver Hamilton of Ypsilanti, Michigan; and one sister, Alice Harless of Rock Mount, North Carolina.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, three brothers, and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 7, at noon, at the McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana, with Rev. Wayne Whitaker officiating.

Burial was in the Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, Indiana.

Visitation was at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Kosciusko Home HealthCare & Hospice, 920 Provident Dr., Warsaw, IN 46580. (Paid obituary)

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Gladys M. Franko

Gladys M. Franko, 79, of Hellertown, Pennsylvania, died Friday, December 30, 2005, in Lehigh Valley Hospital-Muhlenberg, Bethlehem.

Born January 15, 1926, in Thomas, she was a daughter of the late John and Alfreda (Taylor) Fraley.

She was the wife of Kalman N. Franko.

For 20 years, she and her husband owned and operated Foley's Bakery and Franco's Lounge in Prestonsburg. She was a member of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church, Hellertown.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include two sons: Glenn, and his wife Desiree, of

Bay Village, Ohio; and Kelvin, and his wife Effie, of Fountain Hill, Pennsylvania; and five grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, January 5, 2006, at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Easton Rd., Hellertown.

Following Mass, she was interred in Hellertown Union Cemetery.

Arrangements, were under the direction of Falk Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Private condolences may be sent to the family at: memorial@falkfuneralhomes.com.

(Paid obituary)

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Wyoma Hall (nee Tackett)

Wyoma Hall (nee Tackett), age 69, of Oscoda, Michigan, formerly of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died Thursday, January 5, 2006, at her home.

She was born on February 15, 1936, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Sie and Rosa (Holt) Tackett.

Wyoma married her husband, James, on March 29, 1952, in Floyd County. She was a homemaker and a dedicated and loving mother. She was a member of the Oscoda/AuSable Senior Center, and enjoyed reading and gardening.

She is survived by her husband, James; a daughter, Charlotte Dee (Arnie) Gutmanis of Kennewick, Washington; a brother, Elmer (Lexie) Tackett of Weeksbury, and two sisters: Joanne (Sam) Allen of Paintsville, and Virginia (Franklin) Keathley of Knoxville, Tennessee; grandchildren: Erika Collingsworth of Oregon, and James Robert of Florida; great-grandchildren: Tristen, Morgen, and Emily; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert, in 2003; three brothers: Cecil, Edward, and Efford Tackett; two sisters: Elsa Holtschulte and Francis Click; and a great-granddaughter, Amanda James.

Private services were arranged through Buresh-Bennett Funeral Homes Inc., of Oscoda, Michigan.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Lung Association of Michigan, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237. (Paid obituary)

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Johnson County students receive free computers

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher today presented 193 Johnson County eighth-grade students and their families with free computers, software and printers as part of the "No Child Left Offline" program.

The Johnson County Middle School and Paintsville Middle School students are the first recipients in the program, announced by Fletcher in October. The No Child Left Offline program recycles and refurbishes surplus state computers and distributes them to eighth grade students without computers at home.

"Today is a great day for these students and families in Johnson County," Fletcher

said. "The No Child Left Offline program affirms Kentucky's continued commitment to technology and education."

No Child Left Offline is an innovative project that brings together public and private partners to help all Kentucky households join the Information Age. The program is the most comprehensive initiative of its kind undertaken by any state in the nation. The program ensures that thousands of computers will be saved from landfills and used for the benefit of Kentucky families.

"When our state computers no longer meet the requirements of the professional user, instead of dumping them in the landfill

or selling them for pennies on the dollar, we are giving them to children of Kentucky. The return on investment is priceless," Fletcher said.

According to Education Secretary Virginia Fox, "Giving students their own computers to take home will not only help them do better in school, it will open doors to information and education for the whole family... Technology enables countless opportunities to improve the standard of living for Kentucky families."

Tim Adams, Johnson County Middle School principal, is excited to see students directly benefit from the No Child Left Offline program.

"For these eighth graders to take home quality hardware for free reinforces the importance of technology in their lives," Adams said. "At school, the students use state-of-the-art technology; now, they can extend their learning to the home with their family."

Several organizations in Johnson County have also come together to leverage community resources and provide recipients and their families with computer training. Johnson County Public Library, the Mayo Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College System, and Johnson County Middle School's Gear Up Program are collaborating to

provide computer courses for basic skills and office applications. The four hour course will be taught for two hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings every week in January and every other week in February. Participants will receive course certification from Big Sandy Community and Technical College upon completion of the two classes. Information regarding the computer course will be posted on the following website: www.connectkentucky.org/projects/nelo

Today, nearly 80 percent of Kentucky families with children own a computer at home. No Child Left Offline is intended to close that gap for the remaining 20 percent and provide access to technology where there is the greatest need. Approximately 215,000 children in Kentucky do not have computer hardware in their home. Families unable to access the Internet often cite computer ownership as a major barrier.

ConnectKentucky, a non-

profit organization that promotes technology-based economic development in the Commonwealth, is coordinating the project with operational support from the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the Department for Innovation and Commercialization in the

Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet. Additional state support is provided by the Education Cabinet, the Commonwealth Office of Technology in the Finance Cabinet, and Kentucky Correctional Industries in the Justice Cabinet. Microsoft Corporation, Computer Associates, and Lexmark International donated software and printers to the project.

ConnectKentucky plans to distribute 2,000 refurbished computers to Kentucky eighth graders in 2006. Groups interested in participating in the No Child Left Offline program can submit requests online at www.connectkentucky.org

2006 General Assembly week in review

by JOHN WHITLOCK
KENTUCKY PRESS ASSOCIATION

FRANKFORT — With a startling crack of the sergeant-at-arms' gavel, the 2006 session of the Kentucky General Assembly came to order Tuesday afternoon.

On the first day, State Rep. Robin L. Webb, D-Grayson, offered a resolution in support of the 13 miners who were trapped at the bottom of a West Virginia coal mine.

Coming from the coalfields of Eastern Kentucky, Webb said her thoughts and heart went out to the families of the miners.

As the session got under way, the first few days were filled with bringing the state's House of Representatives and Senate in order with little formal action being taken.

Thursday, putting aside the routine pomp and circumstance that marked the opening days of the session, Speaker of the House Jodi Richards and members of the Democratic leadership began to outline their agenda for the session by unveiling their Commitment to Kentucky Families program.

Standing before most of the Democratic members in the House chambers, Richards gave an overview of the plan indicating the details of each item



Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, left, and Sen. Daniel Mongiardo, D-Hazard, study legislation in the Kentucky Senate.

was explained at individual press briefings as the session moves along.

"The issues we are discussing today go to the heart of Democratic beliefs and values," Richards said. "We invite all Kentuckians to join us in our fight for Kentucky families."

The agenda focuses on six programs:

- Educating children
- Leading the way to Energy Relief and Independence
- Creating and Retaining Kentucky Jobs

■ Standing up for Kentucky Families

■ Preserving our Family Farms

■ Promoting Open and Honest Government

One of the first issues the Democrats pledged to address was making teachers' salaries competitive with surrounding states.

State Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, who is heading up the education aspects of the plan, said the Democrats will earmark at least \$53 million to

be added to teacher salaries for each of the next four years. The pay hike would be in addition to an at least 3 percent annual cost of living increase.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who also touted teacher raises during his 2003 campaign, has also said he supports higher pay for Kentucky educators.

Although he didn't offer a concrete plan to pay for the raises, Richards said the funds would be available.

"We will find the money," Richards said. "We will show you the money."

Richards said bringing teacher pay in line with the commonwealth's neighbors would likely generate bipartisan support.

"The House will pass legislation designed to bring Kentucky pay in line with that of teachers from our seven surrounding states," Richards said.

With the Merit System controversy still hanging over the Capitol, Richards said Thursday the laws overseeing the hiring of state employees should be followed regardless of which party is in power.

Richards also said the House will strengthen the Merit System by toughening the rules on hiring and firing on the basis of politics.

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December 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Ruby J. VanHoose Davis. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 1, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home of Paintsville.

■ Cleveland Monroe Duty, 79, of East Point, died Monday, December 26, in Pikeville. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 29, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Geoffrey Alan Fairchild, 21, of Paintsville, died Thursday, December 15, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Monday, December 19, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Emma Stanley, 48, of Hager Hill, died Thursday, December 29, at her home. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Madelyn Ward, 75, of Mealy, died Wednesday, December 28, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 31, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Mary Jo Wheeler Wynn, 85, of Paintsville, died Friday, December 23, at Mountain

Manor Nursing Home in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Monday, December 26, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Clyde Allen, 87, of Richmond, Indiana, died Saturday, December 24, at the Reid Hospital in Richmond, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 27, at the Pinegrove Holiness Church in Royalton and burial was in the Allen Family Cemetery, at Royalton, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

■ Clifford Fletcher, 80, of Salyersville, died Saturday, December 24, at the Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 27, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Estie Howard Gamble, 89, of Salyersville, died Saturday, December 13, at St. Claire Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 16, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Rick Hackworth, 44, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, December 20, at his residence. Funeral services were conduct-

ed Friday, December 23, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

■ Carrie Louise Adams Hargett, a native of Ivyton, died Wednesday, December 7, at Christian City Nursing Home, Union City, Georgia.

■ Flora Wheeler, 93, of Beaver, Ohio, a native of Magoffin County, died Sunday, January 1, in Pike Community Hospital in Waverly, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 4, under the direction of Cox Funeral Home, Beaver, Ohio.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Noel Wicker, 39, of Leburn, died Thursday, January 5, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room, following an auto accident. Funeral services will be held Sunday, January 8, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Hindman.

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— Felix Frankfurter

—From the Publisher's Desk—

Mining tragedy hits close to home

by JOSHUA BYERS
PUBLISHER

As a journalist you couldn't help but track last week's tragedy of the men trapped in a mine in West Virginia. As a journalist in Eastern Kentucky, it means that much more. So I was compelled to stay up Tuesday evening and flip between coverage of the rescue operation and another compelling storyline — the battle between two "dinosaur" coaches in Penn State's Joe Paterno and Florida



Joshua Byers

State's Bobby Bowden. Some time after that contest finished and right before turning out the lights and calling it a night, I was shocked to see reports that clearly said that 12 of the 13 miners were found alive.

It was incredible news to say the least. More incredible still, one reporter even claimed to have "caught a glimpse" of a rescued miner inside an ambulance. Well, that did it for me, I went to bed glad that in this world of too much bad news and not enough good, there was a break in the clouds. I looked forward to hearing their harrowing stories much as we had in 2002, when nine miners were rescued after three days trapped in a flooded Pennsylvania mine.

The next morning as saddened as I was to hear the news that the miners were, in fact, dead, I could only imagine the absolute devastation that information caused their family members, that a miscom-

munication lead to that being reported. Family members were complaining that they were celebrating when instead they should have been grieving. The whole situation is just devastating.

Thankfully there's also a little solace in that one miner actually lived.

I'm a die-hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan. It has less to do with their relative success on the football field and everything to do with my family roots. My grandfather had to drop out of high school and work in the steel

mines to help support his younger sister and his mother. I remember some of his stories about those days and I more than appreciate the jobs that don't get the glory but are the backbone of our country. Coal mining is no different.

And while the recent tragedy in West Virginia brings to light the harsh realities of mining, I look forward to learning more because being true to the community I serve as publisher of a local newspaper is caring about the issues that affect the area. Part of my job is to learn the history of the area. With that in mind, once things settle down a bit more around here, I intend to take the Appalachian History 101 course at the local college that I've heard so much about.

Our Managing Editor Ralph Davis took the course and he grew up in Prestonsburg. That says a lot right there.

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—Rich Lowry Column—

Who's afraid of C.S. Lewis?

A few months ago, it seemed unlikely that the movie "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" could achieve anything like the commercial liftoff of that other film embraced by Christians, "The Passion of the Christ." Controversy sells, and "The Passion" had about it an alleged whiff of anti-Semitism. "Narnia," based on the beloved children's books, has no such thing, but it turns out that the movie's whiff of Christianity alone has been enough to stoke a roiling debate.

C.S. Lewis, the late Christian apologist and Oxford don who is the author of the seven-book Narnia series, has been the subject of critical, even contemptuous, pieces in The New Yorker and The New York Times Magazine. The press coverage of the movie has emphasized how a (tiny) proportion of its marketing budget has been directed

at — gasp! — Christians. The British author Philip Pullman has said the Narnia books are based on "reactionary prejudice," and the British paper the Guardian attacked the stories for representing "everything that is most hateful about religion."

For anyone who has been enchanted by the stories (100 million copies sold), this reaction must be bizarre. Who is afraid of C.S. Lewis, and why?

His frank

Christianity has a lot to do with it. To put it in terms of the current war over season's greetings, the Narnia books aren't "happy holidays" kinds of stories, but instead verily shout "Merry Christmas!" (Father Christmas is a character in them.) Even Lewis' friend J.R.R. Tolkien, also a believer, thought Lewis laid on the Christian allegory too thick.

But it is also Lewis' sensibility that irks the elite guardians of a culture that so treasures skepticism and irony. In the Narnia stories, Lewis is making the case for the opposite, for a child's openness to what might seem impossible to the narrow "adult" mind.

In the story, four children enter through a wardrobe into a parallel winter world, Narnia, where Aslan the lion,

who is the Christ-figure, and the White Witch do battle.

The most important influence on Lewis' work was his concept of "joy," the sense of longing for a world beyond and more marvelous than our own. He always found that literature and myth best captured this sense, and the key moment in his conversion was when Tolkien convinced him that Christianity was "true myth."

Lewis and Tolkien wanted to reinvigorate the powers of the imagination so it would be primed to detect the hints of a higher and deeper reality — "further up, further in," as Lewis put it. They undertook their project against the grain in a mid-20th century that was an age of desiccated rationality.

We have gotten more desiccated since. Now everything tends to be viewed through the postmodern trinity of race, gender and sex. British fantasist Philip Pullman has said the Narnia stories are racist since the villains are dark-skinned. What does he make, then, of the aptly named White Witch, who represents Satan?

The Christian signposts will be lost on many viewers of the movie, who will simply relish a good yarn and its accompanying wonderment and joy. Lewis critics should relax and experience some of it themselves.

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The Rich Lowry column

—beyond the beltway—

Wow, another year older and ...

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

It hasn't been the best year or so, has it? The past 18 months have featured an endless string of disasters — wars, famines, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, the re-election of George Bush — it's almost more than a body can bear.

Nor were things helped by the fact I turned 71 last year. I had never intended to turn 71, to tell you the truth. When I was a youngster, it was one of those ages that other people were — old people. But it sneaked up on me when I wasn't paying attention and here I am: three score and eleven. (Does that sound older or younger?)

As it happened, at about the time my odometer turned over I was going through my files and came across a yellowed clipping of a story stating that half of Americans, regardless of age, were optimistic about growing old and actually expected to enjoy life more when they got older.

Ye gods, who are those people? You don't see them walking around during the daytime.

At 40 you are no longer young and stupid, but neither have you yet succumbed to gravity; not if you play your cards right and catch a break. You are at the peak of your intellectual powers, if any; strong enough to do what you need to do, within limits, and rich

because you know you'll need it to keep the IVs flowing when you fall permanently unconscious.

OK, old age is superior to being dead, I'll give you that, but it's not a patch on youth. And by youth I mean 40 years old.

There are those who think of their 20s or 30s as the best time of life. There are even poor unfortunates who feel that the best years of their lives were spent in high school. (Where did they spend the rest of their lives, prison?)

Pathetic. Being 25 or 30 years old has its moments, particularly if you're a professional athlete or a model, but for the most part it is a drag. You're always worried about money, the kids are driving you crazy or you can't meet anyone you like or who likes you well enough to make a commitment. If it weren't for weekends there'd be nothing to youth at all.

Being 40, now that's different. People often fall into depressions on becoming 40 because they think it puts them over the hill. It does not. It puts them at the crest of a high plateau that will last another 10 years.

At 40 you are no longer young and stupid, but neither have you yet succumbed to gravity; not if you play your cards right and catch a break. You are at the peak of your intellectual powers, if any; strong enough to do what you need to do, within limits, and rich

enough to begin to indulge some of the appetites you've cultivated through magazine subscriptions.

It varies from individual to individual, of course, but this sense of well-being can very well last into the mid-50s. Middle age is what people should be looking forward to and wax nostalgic about. It's the American dream come true; it is why Yuppies yup.

Old age, on the other hand, is not two weeks at the beach, not even if you're constantly being assaulted by unpleasant sounds, much of it the music of the young, and your back hurts.

(Tell me, if God is so smart, why did He or She build people to live 80 or 90 years but install a back that lasts 50 or 60?)

Worst of all, people condescend to you, which is nothing more than contempt disguised as respect.

A friend of mine in his 80s, whom I had greeted with "You're looking great!" told me that there are only four ages of Man: Youth, middle age, old age and "you're looking great."

At the holiday party I went to last month, people I hadn't seen in a while kept coming up to me and saying: "You're looking great!"

There is no future in old age.

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23	TBS	7:00 "Pay It Forward" (TV-14)	*** "Unfaithful" (2002, Drama) (PA) Richard Gere, Diane Lane. (R)					*** "Sugar & Spice" (2001, Comedy) Marley Shelton, James Marsden. (R)		*** "Serendipity" (2001, Romance) John Cusack, Kate Beckinsale. (R)				*** "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993, Romance-Comedy) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan. (R)					
4	NBC	Calvin Evans Ministry	Believer's Voice	Home Show	Meet the Press (R)	MarketWatch Weekend	Outdoorsman	Paid Program	Marshall Magazine	College Basketball: Ball State at Ohio. (Live)							AQHA World Horse Quarter Horse Champ.		
5	PBS	Barney & Friends (R)	Teletubbies (In Stereo) (E)	Dragon Tales (In Stereo) (E)	Zoboomafoo (In Stereo) (E)	It's a Big Big World (E)	Arthur (In Stereo) (E)	European Journal	Comment on Kentucky (N)	Foreign Exchanging	Tony Brown's Journal	Common Health	Kentucky Health	MotorWeek (In Stereo)	Naturescene	Kentucky Afield (R)	Kentucky Life (R)		
7	ABC	The Daily Walk: Lewis Memorial Baptist	In Touch: The Gift of Prophecy (R)					Paid Program	This Week With George Stephanopoulos (R)	NBA Inside Stuff (N)	"Nick Fury: Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D." (1998, Adventure) David Hasselhoff, Sandra Hess.			** "The Runner" (1999, Drama) Ron Eldard, Courteney Cox.					
19	WGN	Feed the Children	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	The Beverly Hillsbillies (R)	The Beverly Hillsbillies (R)	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	*** "Eve's Bayou" (1997, Drama) Jurnee Smollett, Megan Good. (In Stereo) (R)				** "Grand Canyon" (1991, Drama) Danny Glover, Kevin Kline. (In Stereo) (R)					
10	CBS	Time of Praise (In Stereo)	Baptist Church	Century 21: Homes	Gateway Gospel	Paid Program	Paid Program	Motorcycle Racing: Amp'd Mobile Supercross Anaheim.	College Basketball: Tennessee at South Carolina. (Live)					NFL Today (Live) (R)			NFL Football (Live) (R)		
11	FOX	Fox News Sunday With Chris Wallace (In Stereo)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	NFL Under the Helmet (Live)	Fox NFL Sunday (In Stereo Live)	NFL Football: NFC Wildcard - Teams TBA. (In Stereo Live) (R)									Fox NFL Postgame (R)	The Bernie Mac Show (R)	
13	CBS	CBS News Sunday Morning (In Stereo)	Face Nation	Blue's Clues	Apex Media	Apex Media	Apex Media	Motorcycle Racing	College Basketball: Michigan State at Wisconsin. (Live)								NFL Today (R)	NFL Football (R)	
46	ESPN	SportsCenter	Outside Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter	Sunday NFL Countdown (Live)			PBA Bowling: Earl Anthony Medford Classic. (Live)								Billiards	Billiards	
20	DSC	Extreme Hawaii (R)	Lethal and Dangerous						Shark Attack: Predators								Building the Great Pyramid	Sphinx Unmasked (R)	
31	TNT	(8:00) *** "Blood Work" (2002, Mystery) (TV-14)	*** "True Crime" (1999, Suspense) Clint Eastwood, Isaiah Washington. (R)						*** "Heat" (1995, Drama) Al Pacino, Robert De Niro. (R)								Law & Order: "Progeny" (R)		
65	A&E	Breakfast With the Arts (R)	24 "Day 2: 8:00-9:00AM" (R)	24 "Day 2: 8:00-9:00AM" (R)	24 "Day 2: 8:00-9:00AM" (R)	*** "Lean on Me" (1989, Drama) Morgan Freeman.			Rollergirls "The Rookie" (R)								Sell House	Move House	
59	TNN	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	Blind Date (R)	Horsepower	Horsepower	MusicCar	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks (R)	Real TV (R)	When Stunts Go Bad (R)	When Stunts Go Bad 2 (R)	*** "Volcano" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones.						
53	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Catscratch	Danny Phantom	Avatar	Robot	ChalkZone (R)	Rock Star	Catscratch	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	
48	USA	*** "Dante's Peak" (1997, Adventure) Pierce Brosnan, Linda Hamilton. (R)				PGA Tour Sunday (Live)	Coach "The Pioneer Bowl" (R)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Sound Bodies" (In Stereo) (R)	*** "15 Minutes" (2001, Drama) Robert De Niro, Edward Burns. (R)								*** "Backdraft" (1991, Drama) Kurt Russell. (R)		
10	FAM	Get Ed (R)	Kong-Series	Rangers	Super Robot	Spider-Man	W.I.T.C.H. (R)	Full House (R)	Full House (R)	Full House (R)	** "Casper Meets Wendy" (1999, Fantasy) Shelley Duvall.						*** "Karate Kid II" (1986) Ralph Macchio.		
24	LIFE	Paid Program	Paid Program	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	"Dying to Dance" (2000, Drama) Kimberly McCullough. (R)			*** "The Baby Dance" (1998, Drama) Stockard Channing.								"The Stranger I Married" (2005, Drama) Wendy Crewson. (R)		
27	ESPN2	Offshore Adv.	Spanish Fly	Fishing				Auto Racing	Car Show	ATPA	ATPA	ATPA	ATPA	Chicago Auto Show				Women's College Basketball: Tulsa at Tulane. (Live) (R)	
72	AMC	(8:00) *** "The Goonies" (1985, Adventure) Sean Astin, Josh Brolin. (R)			Movies 101	Sun. Shootout	Bond Girls Are Forever (R)		*** "Diamonds Are Forever" (1971, Adventure) Sean Connery, Jill St. John. (R)								*** "Thunderball" (1965, Adventure) Sean Connery, Claudine Auger. (R)		
66	HGTV	Before Aft	Dream House	New Spaces	Landscape	Landscapers	Garden-Yard	Curb Appeal	Outer Spaces	I Want That!	Kitchen	Home to Go	Designing	Design-Dime	Weekend	Designers'	Cash in Attic		
61	SCIFI	** "Night of the Creeps" (1986, Horror) Jason Lively. (R)							*** "The Lost Boys" (1987, Horror) Jason Patric. (R)								*** "Lost Voyage" (2001, Horror) Judd Nelson. (R)		
44	HIST	Murders	Murders	** "Hitler's SS: Portrait in Evil" (1985, Drama) John Shea, Bill Nighy. (R)					SS "Himmler's Mania" (R)								Deep Sea Detectives (R)	Bigfoot and Other Monsters	
33	HIST	Strike Zone	Hunting	Academy	Hunting With Gun	GunTV	Cowboys	Bowhunting									Hawaii	Photo	
14	HBO	Real Sports (In Stereo) (R)	*** "Men in Black" (1997, Science Fiction) Tommy Lee Jones. (In Stereo) PG-13 (R)	** "Wing Commander" (1999, Science Fiction) Freddie Prinze Jr., Matthew Lillard. (In Stereo) PG-13 (R)					New World: First Look								** "New York Minute" (2004, Comedy) Ashley Olsen. (In Stereo) PG (R)		
15	HBO2	(8:15) "In the Mood" (1987)	*** "Alexander" (2004, Historical Drama) Colin Farrell, Angelina Jolie. (In Stereo) R (R)						*** "The Associate" (1996) Whoopi Goldberg. PG-13 (R)								Do You Believe in Miracles? (R)	** "Mad City" (1997) PG-13 (R)	
16	HBO3	*** "People I Know" (2002, Drama) Al Pacino, Kim Basinger. (In Stereo) R (R)				*** "Empire Falls" (2005, Drama) (Part 1 of 2) Ed Harris, Philip Seymour Hoffman. (In Stereo) NR (R)			*** "The Clearing" (2004, Suspense) Robert Redford. (In Stereo) R (R)								** "Man on Fire" (1987, Drama) Scott Glenn, Jade Malle. (In Stereo) R (R)	*** "Ray" (2004) PG-13 (R)	
MAX		(7:40) *** "Vanity Fair" (2004) Reese Witherspoon. (R)	*** "Big Fish" (2003, Drama) Finney. (In Stereo) PG-13 (R)				** "Envy" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Jack Black. (In Stereo) PG-13 (R)		** "Speed 2: Cruise Control" (1997, Suspense) Sandra Bullock, Jason Patric. (In Stereo) PG-13 (R)								*** "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" (2004) R (R)		
28	DISN	Doodlaptops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch "Felix" (R)	Lilo & Stitch "Drowsy" (R)	Brandy & Mr. Whiskers (R)	American Drgn	The Buzz on Maggie (R)	** "Recess: School's Out" (2001, Comedy) Lawrence, Rickey D'Shon Collins. (R)				Suits Life of Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	Lizzie McGuire (R)	Even Stevens		
22	SHOW	*** "Ghostbusters" (1984, Comedy) Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd. (R)			** "Captain Ron" (1992, Comedy) Kurt Russell, Martin Short. (R)			*** "Music From Another Room" (1998, Comedy-Drama) Jude Law, Gretchen Mol. (In Stereo) (R)	** "Just One of the Guys" (1985, Comedy) Joyce Hyser, Clayton Rohner. (R)								*** "Murder's Wedding" (1994) Toni Collette. (R)		
25	TMC	(8:45) ** "Reeler Madness" (1936, Drama) Dave O'Brien.	** "The Killing Club" (1999, Comedy) Julia Bowen, Traci Lords. (In Stereo) (R)			** "Fear of the Dark" (2002, Horror) Kevin Zegers, Jesse James. (In Stereo) (R)			** "Evil Alien Conquerors" (2002, Comedy) Diedrich Bader, Chris Parnell. (In Stereo) (R)				** "My Teacher's Wife" (1995, Comedy) Tia Carrere, Jason London. (In Stereo) (R)				** "Home Room" (2003, Drama) Busy Phillips. (R)		

Best Bets

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 8 p.m. ABC FAMILY Movie: Batman
 Anton Furst's brooding sets and Tim Burton's sardonic direction help bring to life the legendary Caped Crusader from the comic book pages. In this first entry in the contemporary film series, Gotham City's Dark Knight finds himself grappling with the clown-faced Joker. Michael Keaton, Jack Nicholson and Kim Basinger star.

8 p.m. CBS Cold Case
 The music of Bruce Springsteen fills the new episode "8 Years," which revisits the ups and downs -- mostly downs -- in the lives of four 1980 high-school graduates and the murder of one of them in 1988. New information about the killing sends Lily and Scotty (Kathryn Morris, Danny Pino) on a quest for the truth.

8 p.m. FOX The Simpsons
 A mailman is found frozen and carrying a 40-year-old sack of letters, one of which contains a bomb. No, not that kind. It's addressed to Homer's late mother and reveals that Abe isn't Homer's real father; she had an affair. Homer looks up the man, who turns out to be rich and successful ... but after some high-speed bonding, he realizes that there's more to being a dad than donating DNA in the new episode "Homer's Paternity Coot."

8 p.m. check local listings PBS Nature
 The new episode "Life in Death Valley" visits one of the most brutal environments on the continent, uncovering some little-known facts and exploring how animals survive under such harsh conditions. It includes a rare peek at Devil's Hole, part of the huge aquifer that runs under the parched ground, and the Ice Age pupfish that calls it home. There's also spectacular footage of the valley carpeted with flowers after a deadly flood in 2004.

8 p.m. SPIKETV Movie: The Shawshank Redemption
 Ten years before his Oscar-winning performance as a character who doubled as narrator in "Million Dollar Baby," Morgan Freeman received a nomination for a similar turn in this 1994 drama. His character, an aging prisoner, befriends a new inmate (Tim Robbins), who teaches him a lesson about the importance of hope. James Whitmore and Clancy Brown also star.

8:15 p.m. SHOWTIME Movie: Saw
 As unpleasant as it is effective, this 2004 grim suspense tale casts Leigh Whannell -- who also wrote it -- and Cary Elwes as victims of a psycho who leaves them chained in miserable surroundings. Their only option for escape is to use the saws they've been provided to cut themselves loose ... and the chains aren't what they must cut. The challenge shifts when the captor orders one prisoner to kill the other. Danny Glover and Monica Potter also star.

9 p.m. ABC Desperate Housewives
 Gabrielle and Tom (Eva Longoria, Doug Savant) share a kiss, igniting Lynette's (Felicity Huffman) jealousy and causing a rift between the two women. Paul (Mark Moses) is also having green-eyed monster issues as Mike (James Denton) tries to get closer to Zach (Cody Kasch). Andrew (Shawn Pyfrom) attempts to blackmail Bree (Marcia Cross) in the new episode "One More Kiss."

9 p.m. FOX Family Guy
 Frank Sinatra Jr. voices his cartoon likeness in the new episode "Brian Sings and Swings." A near-death experience leaves Brian (voice of Seth MacFarlane) with a newfound passion for living and an interest in singing. He's soon performing nightly with Frank Jr. Speaking of swinging, Meg (voice of Mila Kunis) tries some sexual experimenting. Jennifer Tilly and Nicole Sullivan also provide guest voices.

9 p.m. LIFETIME Strong Medicine
 Kayla (Tamera Mowry) gets a surprise visit from her long-estranged twin sister, Keisha (guest star Tia Mowry). As they work to mend fences, Keisha starts to show an aggressive and violent streak, and Kayla realizes her sister has a mental illness. Rosa Blasi and Rick Schroder also star in the new episode "My Sister, My Doctor, Myself."

10 p.m. SHOWTIME The L Word
 The drama series about a group of lesbians in Los Angeles begins a third season with the new episode "Lalita Majora." As Bette and Tina (Jennifer Beals, Laurel Holloman) try to repair their relationship, Kit (Pam Grier) finds a new one, Alice (Leisha Hailey) can't let go of an old one, and Jenny (Mia Kirshner) is finally gaining some control. Katherine Moennig, Sarah Shahi

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23	TBS	(3:45) *** "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993) Tom Hanks.	*** "Save the Last Dance" (2001, Drama) Julia Stiles, Sean Patrick Thomas. (R)					*** "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson. (R)		*** "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson. (R)				*** "Sugar & Spice" (2001, Comedy) Marley Shelton. (R)				
4	NBC	PGA Tour Year	Champions Tour Preview							Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Dolhouse" (In Stereo) (R)				Crossing Jordan "Loves Me Not" (In Stereo) (R)			News (R)	
5	PBS	The This Old House Hour (N) (In Stereo)	New Yankee Workshop	Victory Garden	Keeping Up Appearances	Summer Wine	As Time Goes By	Being Served		Masterpiece Theatre "Henry VIII" (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 2) (R)			When Life Was Young	This Is America (R)	Bookclub at KET	Religion Ethics	Land of the Dragon (R)	
7	ABC	That's Funny (In Stereo)	The Drew Carey Show	News	ABC World News-Sunday	America's Funniest Home Videos (N) (In Stereo) (R)	America's Funniest Home Videos (N) (In Stereo) (R)	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Nusch Family" (N) (R)		Desperate Housewives "One More Kiss" (N) (In Stereo) (R)			Grey's Anatomy "Straight to the Heart" (N) (In Stereo) (R)	News	Entertainment Tonight (N) (In Stereo) (R)	Extra (N) (In Stereo) (R)		
15	WGN	The National Health Test	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)			Maximum Exposure		24 "Day 2: 12:00-1:00PM" (In Stereo) (R)		24 "Day 2: 1:00-2:00PM" (In Stereo) (R)			WGN News at Nine (In Stereo) (R)	Instant Replay	Sex and the City (R)	Becker "Partial Law" (R)	Maximum Exposure	
10	CBS	(4:30) NFL Football: AFC Wildcard - Teams TBA. (Live)						60 Minutes (In Stereo) (R)		Cold Case "8 Years" (N) (In Stereo) (R)			CSI: NY "The Closer" (In Stereo) (R)	CSI: Miami "Vengeance" (TV) (In Stereo) (R)	News	The Tubby Smith Show	The Parkers "Jury Duty" (In Stereo) (R)	The Parkers (In Stereo) (R)
11	FOX	Farscape "Jeremiah Crichton" (In Stereo) (R)	My Wife and Kids	That '70s Show (R)	The Simpsons (R)	The Simpsons (R)	The Simpsons (R)	The Simpsons (R)	The War at Home (N) (R)	Family Guy (N) (R)	American Dad (N) (R)	News	Seinfeld "The Ex-Girlfriend" (R)	Seinfeld "The Pony Remark" (R)	Sex and the City (R)	Sex and the City (R)	Sex and the City (R)	
13	CBS	(4:30) NFL Football: AFC Wildcard - Teams TBA. (Live)						60 Minutes (In Stereo) (R)		Cold Case "8 Years" (N) (In Stereo) (R)			CSI: NY "The Closer" (In Stereo) (R)	CSI: Miami "Vengeance" (TV) (In Stereo) (R)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Decision	Sports	
46	ESPN	Billiards	Golf: 2005 ReMax Long Drive Championship.	PGA Golf Mercedes Championships - Final Round. (Live)				Return to Area 51 (R)		Dive to Bermuda Triangle (R)				Crop Circles: Mysteries	Blue Planet: Seas of Life (R)			
30	DSC	Egypt Unfold "Curse of King Tut"				Crop Circles: Mysteries		Return to Area 51 (R)		Dive to Bermuda Triangle (R)				Crop Circles: Mysteries	Blue Planet: Seas of Life (R)			
31	TNT	Law & Order "Double Blind"	Law & Order "Harm" (R)	Law & Order "Harm" (R)	Law & Order (In Stereo) (R)	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington. (R)		*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington. (R)		*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington. (R)				*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama) Denzel Washington. (R)				
65	A&E	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House (R)	24 "Day 2: 10:00-11:00 AM" (R) (In Stereo) (R)	24 "In Stereo" (R)		The First 48 (R)		Intervention (N) (R)				CSI: Miami "Shootout" (R)	24 (In Stereo) (R)			
59	TNN	** Volcano	*** "Blade Runner" (1982, Science Fiction) Harrison Ford. (In Stereo) (R)			*** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. (R)		*** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. (R)		*** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. (R)				*** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins. (R)				
53	NICK	Nicktoons TV	Nicktoons TV	Amanda	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh (In Stereo) (R)	Zoey 101 (R)	Romeo (R)	Full House (R)	Fresh Prince	Roseanne (R)	Roseanne (R)	Roseanne (R)	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	
46	USA	(4:00) *** "Backdraft" (1991, Drama) Kurt Russell, William Baldwin. (R)				*** "Casino" (1995, Drama) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone. (R)				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Design" (R)				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Painless" (R)				
10	FAM	(3:30) "Karate Kid II" (1986)	** "Dr. Doitelle" (1998, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Ossie Davis. (R)			*** "Batman" (1989, Adventure) Michael Keaton, Jack Nicholson. (R)				Home Videos Home Videos				Home Videos Home Videos	Joel Osteen	Feed		
24	LIFE	** "Love Lessons" (2000, Drama) Patty Duke. (R)	** "28 Days" (2000, Drama) Sandra Bullock. (R)						Strong Medicine (N) (R)	Missing "Spring Break" (N) (R)				Missing "Part 1 of 2" (R)	Strong Medicine (R)			
27	ESPN2	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	
72	AMC	Thunderball (1965) (R)	*** "Dr. No" (1963, Adventure) Sean Connery, Ursula Andress. (R)			*** "Dr. No" (1963, Adventure) Sean Connery, Ursula Andress. (R)			*** "Dr. No" (1963, Adventure) Sean Connery, Ursula Andress. (R)				** "A View to a Kill" (1985, Adventure) Roger Moore, Christopher Walken. (R)					
66	HGTV	Pet Pads	Offbeat Amer.	Renovation	Rezoned	House	Designed-Sell Designed-Sell	I Want That!	Rezoned	If Walls Could Renovation	Buy Me	Kitchen	Designed-Sell	Designed-Sell				
61	SCIFI	** "Thirteen Ghosts" (2001, Horror) Tony Shalhoub. (R)				*** "Final Destination" (2000, Horror) Devon Sawa. (R)			*** "Jeepers Creepers" (2001, Horror) Gina Phillips. (R)				Surface "Episode 10" (R)	Battlestar	Tripping-Rift			
44	HIST	(4:00) Quest for Ghosts (R)	Real King Kong	Weather ... or Not? (R)	Little Ice Age: Big Chill (R)	Icebreakers (R)				Icebreakers (R)			The Wrath of God (In Stereo) (R)	Little Ice Age: Big Chill (R)				
33	TOC	Outfitter Jml	Memories	Outdoors	Hunt-America	Turkey Call (R)	Shallow	Outdoors	Mossy Oak	Fishing	Pro Hunting	Outdoors	Shotgun Jml	Gold Fever			Get in Game	Quebec Adv.
14	HBO	(3:45) "New York Minute" (R)	*** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (20															

TV Listings

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Continued from p5 and Erin Daniels also star.

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8 p.m. WB
The 11th Annual Critics' Choice Awards
Comedian Dennis Miller hosts this ceremony honoring the Broadcast Film Critics Association's picks for the best in film. Ten movies are up for the best picture award: "Brokeback Mountain," "Capote," "Cinderella Man," "The Constant Gardener," "Crash," "Good Night, and Good Luck," "King Kong," "Memoirs of a Geisha," "Munich" and "Walk the Line." Like the Oscars, there are also awards for actors, directors, writers and music.

9 p.m. ABC
Emily's Reasons Why Not
Heather Graham stars in this new sitcom as a young woman who's starting over in love after getting her heart broken. Now she's going to play by the rules — actually the reasons. If she can find five reasons not to keep a guy around, he's gone. She also applies this new approach to her professional relationships. Nadia Dajani, Khary Payton and Smith Cho also star.

9 p.m. CBS
Two and a Half Men
Charlie and Alan (Charlie Sheen, Jon Cryer) plan an evening at the movies without Jake (Angus T. Jones), but Alan loses it because Jake seemed too eager to get away from him. Alan could use some therapy, but it's Charlie who ends up seeing a counselor in an attempt to figure out how to deal with his brother's issues. Jane Lynch ("The 40-Year-Old Virgin") guest stars as the doctor in the new episode "That Special Tug."

9 p.m. FOX
House
A homeless woman is admitted to the hospital suffering from seizures. Foreman (Omar Epps) thinks she's faking it for the three hot spots and a cot, but soon she starts showing some symptoms that aren't exactly easy to fake. If you watch the show, you know House (Hugh Laurie) and company will make a few wrong guesses before they figure out what's wrong with her. Robert Sean Leonard and Jesse Spencer also star in "Histories."

9 p.m. LIFETIME
Movie: For the Love of a Child
This new drama tells the true story of Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Fadderson (Peri Gilpin, Teri Polo), founders of the organization Childhelp USA, which rescues abused and abandoned children. It focuses on two abused kids who found sanctuary at a Childhelp facility. Maria Del Mar and Matthew Knight also star.

9 p.m. check local listings
PBS Frontline
Documentarian David Sutherland follows two young men from Appalachia in the new three-part presentation "Country Boys." Chris Johnson and Cody Perkins are classmates at an alternative high school in eastern Kentucky. Part 1 introduces the two and chronicles the ambitious Chris' efforts to start a school paper. A family emergency scuttles the project, but a later effort — shown in Part 2, proves more successful.

9:30 p.m. ABC
Jake in Progress
The sitcom starring John Stamos in the title role of a celebrity publicist returns. Jake has a new coworker (Charlotte Ross) with whom he has a personal connection; they used to be engaged. Dondre Whitfield also joins the cast as an old college friend of Jake's. Wendie Malick, Ian Gomez and Rick Hoffman also star in the new episode "The Lyin', the Watch and Jake's Wardrobe."

10 p.m. ABC
The Bachelor: Paris
The popular dating competition goes abroad this season, to a city long associated with romance. Twenty-five young women are in the running for the hand of 33-year-old Travis Stork, a handsome emergency-room doctor completing his residency at Tennessee's Vanderbilt Medical Center. Expect the show to make lots of use of Paris' landmarks, which include the 16th century chateau where Stork is staying.

10:15 p.m. CINEMAX
Movie: True Romance
Written by "Reservoir Dogs" filmmaker Quentin Tarantino, this 1993 melodrama's title is a tad misleading. The movie does include a love story, but it unfolds amid a hail of violence as the couple (Christian Slater, Patricia Arquette) flee from an odd assortment of very colorful characters. Costars include Dennis Hopper, Val Kilmer, Gary Oldman, Christopher Walken and Samuel L. Jackson.

10:30 p.m. MTV
There & Back
Wondering what ever happened to Ashley Parker Angel, formerly of the made-for-TV boy band O-Town? This new unscripted series will fill you in. Four years after making it big on

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23	TBS Home Improvement	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Rye"	Seinfeld "The Movie"	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Daisy Does America (N)	Seinfeld "The Foundation"	Seinfeld "The Soul Mate"	**1/2 "The Whole Nine Yards" (2000, Comedy) (PA) Bruce Willis, Matthew Perry.		
3	NBC News	News	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Fear Factor "Psycho Fear Factor 2" (N) (In Stereo)	Scrubs "My Jiggly Ball"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Blas"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Blas"	News	News	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (In Stereo)	Late Night	
4	PBS Clifford the Big Red Dog	Dragon Tales (In Stereo) (E)	GED Connection	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Common-Health	Wild Chronicles	Frontline "Country Boys" (N) (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 3)	Frontline "Country Boys" (N) (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 3)	Ky. General Assembly	Ky. General Assembly	BBC World News	GED Connection	Mental Engineering	
5	ABC Judge Judy (In Stereo)	Judge Judy (In Stereo)	News	ABC World News Tonight	Family Feud (In Stereo)	Entertainment Tonight	According to Jim (N)	Rodney "Sleepover"	Commander In Chief "Sub Enchanted Evening" (N)	Commander In Chief "Sub Enchanted Evening" (N)	Boston Legal "The Cancer Man Can" (N) (In Stereo)	News	News	Nightline	Paid Program	Paid Program
10	WGN Moesha (In Stereo)	Moesha (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	Da Vinci's Inquest "Gabriel"	Da Vinci's Inquest "The Most Dangerous Time"	WGN News at Nine (In Stereo)	WGN News at Nine (In Stereo)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Becker (In Stereo)	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)		
6	CBS News	News	News	CBS Evening News	Lawyers on Call	The King of Queens	NCIS "Boxed In" (N) (In Stereo)	NCIS "Boxed In" (N) (In Stereo)	The 32nd Annual People's Choice Awards (In Stereo Live)	The 32nd Annual People's Choice Awards (In Stereo Live)	News	News	News	Late Show With David Letterman (N) (In Stereo)	Late Late Show	
11	FOX Maury	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Bones "A Man on Death Row" (In Stereo)	House "Failure to Communicate" (N)	News	News	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	The Bernie Mac Show (N)	Malcolm in the Middle	Paid Program	
13	CBS Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	News	News	CBS News	News	Hollywood	NCIS "Boxed In" (N) (In Stereo)	The 32nd Annual People's Choice Awards (In Stereo Live)	The 32nd Annual People's Choice Awards (In Stereo Live)	The 32nd Annual People's Choice Awards (In Stereo Live)	News	News	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late		
14	ESPN Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	College Basketball: Wisconsin at Minnesota. (Live)	College Basketball: Vanderbilt at Kentucky. (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	NFL Live	Fastbreak					
15	DSC It Takes a Thief	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab (N)	MythBusters	MythBusters	Most Dangerous Jobs	Dirty Jobs (N)	MythBusters	MythBusters	Extreme Aerialists	Extreme Aerialists	Most Dangerous Jobs	Most Dangerous Jobs		
16	TNT Charmed (In Stereo)	Charmed (In Stereo)	Law & Order "High & Low"	Law & Order "Hands Free"	Law & Order "Thin Ice"	The Closer "The Big Picture"	Law & Order "Thin Ice"	The Closer "The Big Picture"	Crossing Jordan (In Stereo)	Crossing Jordan (In Stereo)	Crystal Meth: County Crisis					
17	A&E City Confidential	American Justice	American Justice	Cold Case Files	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	**1/2 "Shade" (2003, Suspense) Stuart Townsend.	The Playbook	Real TV	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.						
18	TNN Maximum Exposure	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos		
19	NICK SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	All Grown Up	Danny Phant.	Oddparents	Neutron	SpongeBob	Neon's School	Full House "Fatherhood"	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	
17	USA (4:30) ** "Private Parts" (1997, Comedy) Howard Stern, Robin Quivers.				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Poison"	**1/2 "A Man Apart" (2003, Action) Vin Diesel, Larenz Tate.	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Gemin" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Gemin" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Gemin" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Gemin" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Poison"					
20	FAM Gilmore Girls (In Stereo)	7th Heaven (In Stereo)	7th Heaven (In Stereo)	7th Heaven (In Stereo)	Smallville "Fever" (In Stereo)	Smallville "Fever" (In Stereo)	**1/2 "The Sandlot" (1993, Comedy-Drama) Tom Guiry.	Whose Line? Whose Line?	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos		
22	LIFE The Nanny	The Nanny	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	** "On the Line" (1998, Drama) Linda Hamilton.	** "On the Line" (1998, Drama) Linda Hamilton.	** "Point Last Seen" (1998, Suspense) Linda Hamilton.	** "Point Last Seen" (1998, Suspense) Linda Hamilton.	** "Point Last Seen" (1998, Suspense) Linda Hamilton.	** "Point Last Seen" (1998, Suspense) Linda Hamilton.	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Golden Girls	
27	ESPN2 2004 World Series of Poker	ESPN Holly.	Quite Frankly With Smith	Quite Frankly With Smith	College Basketball: North Carolina at Virginia Tech. (Live)	College Basketball: North Carolina at Virginia Tech. (Live)	NBA Coast-to-Coast (Live)	NBA Coast-to-Coast (Live)	Season	Season	NFL Films	ESPN Holly.	Quite Frankly	Quite Frankly		
72	AMC You Only Live Twice (1967)	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.	**** "Goldfinger" (1964, Adventure) Sean Connery, Gert Frobe.		
66	HGTV That's Clever	Landscapers	Renovation	Weekend	Curb Appeal	House	Designed-Sell	Design Remix	Decorating	Mission	House	Buy Me	Parant	Designer	Designed-Sell	Design Remix
61	SCIFI The X-Files "Darkness Falls"	Stargate SG-1 "Sentinel"	** "Cabin by the Lake" (2000, Suspense) Judd Nelson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	** "Riding the Bullet" (2004, Horror) Jonathan Jackson.	
44	HIST (4:00) Targeted	History Now	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	
33	TOC In-Fisherman	In-Fisherman	Outdoors	Hunting	Advent. North Fish, Wildlife	Whistling	Truth-Hunting	Hunting	Amer. Hunter	Step Outside	Outdoors	Fall Flight	Pro Hunting	NW Hunter	About Fish	
14	HBO (4:00) *** "Spider-Man 2" (2004) Tobey Maguire. PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Starsky & Hutch" (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson. (In Stereo) PG-13	
15	HBO2 *** "Troy" (2004, Action) Brad Pitt, Eric Bana. (In Stereo) R				The Sopranos (In Stereo)	The Sopranos (In Stereo)	** "Around the Bend" (2004, Drama) R	New World	*** "Closer" (2004, Drama) Julia Roberts. (In Stereo) R	*** "Closer" (2004, Drama) Julia Roberts. (In Stereo) R	*** "Closer" (2004, Drama) Julia Roberts. (In Stereo) R	*** "Closer" (2004, Drama) Julia Roberts. (In Stereo) R	*** "Closer" (2004, Drama) Julia Roberts. (In Stereo) R	*** "Closer" (2004, Drama) Julia Roberts. (In Stereo) R	*** "Closer" (2004, Drama) Julia Roberts. (In Stereo) R	
3	HBO3 (3:30) "The Ice Storm" R	** "The Temp" (1993, Suspense) Timothy Hutton, Lara Flynn Boyle. (In Stereo) R	** "The Temp" (1993, Suspense) Timothy Hutton, Lara Flynn Boyle. (In Stereo) R	** "The Temp" (1993, Suspense) Timothy Hutton, Lara Flynn Boyle. (In Stereo) R	** "The Grudge" (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "The Grudge" (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "The Grudge" (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "The Grudge" (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "The Grudge" (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "The Grudge" (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "The Grudge" (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "The Grudge" (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "The Grudge" (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "The Grudge" (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "The Grudge" (2004, Horror) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Jason Behr. (In Stereo) PG-13	
26	MAX Broken Lizard's	**1/2 "Whiteboys" (1998, Comedy) Danny Hoch, Piper Perabo. (In Stereo) R	** "Torque" (2004, Action) Marin Henderson, Ice Cube. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Torque" (2004, Action) Marin Henderson, Ice Cube. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Premia. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Premia. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Premia. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Premia. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Premia. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Premia. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Premia. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Premia. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Premia. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Premia. (In Stereo) PG-13	** "Cry Baby" (1990, Musical) Johnny Depp, Premia. (In Stereo) PG-13	
29	DISN Kim Possible	That's So Raven	Sister, Sister (In Stereo)	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	**1/2 "Gotta Kick It Up" (2002, Drama) Susan Egan, Camille Guady.	American Drgn	Sister, Sister (In Stereo)	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	Phil of the Future	Kim Possible	Kim Possible		
22	SHOW (3:45) ** "Beyond Borders" (2003, Drama) Angelina Jolie.	** "Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London" (2004, Adventure) Frankie Muniz.	** "Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London" (2004, Adventure) Frankie Muniz.	** "Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London" (2004, Adventure) Frankie Muniz.	Sleeper Cell: Know Enemy	** "The Yes Men" (2003, Documentary) The Yes Men. (In Stereo)	Boxing: Best	Sleeper Cell: "Al-Faitha" (TV) (In Stereo)	The L Word "Labiya Majora" (TV) (In Stereo)	** "The Prince & Me" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Julia Stiles, Luke Mably. (In Stereo)	** "The Prince & Me" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Julia Stiles, Luke Mably. (In Stereo)	** "The Prince & Me" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Julia Stiles, Luke Mably. (In Stereo)	** "The Prince & Me" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Julia Stiles, Luke Mably. (In Stereo)	** "The Prince & Me" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Julia Stiles, Luke Mably. (In Stereo)	** "The Prince & Me" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Julia Stiles, Luke Mably. (In Stereo)	
25	TMC (4:50) **1/2 "So I Married an Axe Murderer" (1993, Comedy) Mike Myers. (In Stereo)	** "Artworks" (2002, Drama) Virginia Madsen, Rick Rossovich. (In Stereo)	** "Artworks" (2002, Drama) Virginia Madsen, Rick Rossovich. (In Stereo)	** "Artworks" (2002, Drama) Virginia Madsen, Rick Rossovich. (In Stereo)	** "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken. (In Stereo)	** "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken. (In Stereo)	** "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken. (In Stereo)	** "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken. (In Stereo)	** "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken. (In Stereo)	** "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken. (In Stereo)	** "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken. (In Stereo)	** "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken. (In Stereo)	** "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken. (In Stereo)	** "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken. (In Stereo)	** "Good Boy!" (2003, Comedy) Molly Shannon, Liam Aiken. (In Stereo)	

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23	TBS Home Improvement	Home Improvement	Seinfeld "The Shower Head"	Seinfeld "The Outing"	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	Daisy Does America	**1/2 "Zoolander" (2001, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson.		
3	NBC News	News	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	E-Ring "Breath of Allah" (N)	The Biggest Loser: Special Edition "Engaged Couples"	Law & Order "Family Friend"	Law & Order "Family Friend"	News	News	News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N) (In Stereo)	Late Night	
4	PBS Clifford the Big Red Dog	Dragon Tales (In Stereo) (E)	GED Connection	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Frontline "Country Boys" (N) (In Stereo) (Part 3 of 3)	Frontline "Country Boys" (N) (In Stereo) (Part 3 of 3)	Country Boys Continued	Country Boys Continued	Ky. General Assembly	Ky. General Assembly	BBC World News	Workplace-Skills	Kentucky Time Capsule	
5	ABC Judge Judy (In Stereo)	Judge Judy (In Stereo)	News	ABC World News Tonight	College Basketball: Georgetown at West Virginia. (Live)	College Basketball: Georgetown at West Virginia. (Live)	Lost "The 23rd Psalm" (N) (In Stereo)	Invasion "Us or Them" (N) (In Stereo)	News	News	Nightline	Paid Program	Paid Program			
10	WGN Moesha (In Stereo)	Moesha (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)	Becker (In Stereo)	Becker (In Stereo)	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	WGN News at Nine (In Stereo)	Sex and the City	Becker (In Stereo)	America's Funniest Home Videos (In Stereo)		
6	CBS News	News	News	CBS Evening News	Taxi	The King of Queens	College Basketball: Alabama at Auburn. (Live)	CSI: NY "Dancing With the Fishes" (In Stereo)	News	News	News	News	Late Show With David Letterman (N) (In Stereo)	Late Late Show		
11	FOX Maury	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	That 70s Show (N) (In Stereo)	Stacked (N) (In Stereo)	Nanny 911 "Graham Family" (N) (In Stereo)	News	News	News	Sex and the City	The Bernie Mac Show (N)	Malcolm in the Middle	Paid Program
13	CBS Dr. Phil (In Stereo)	News	News	CBS News	News	Hollywood	Still Standing	Yes, Dear	Criminal Minds (In Stereo)	CSI: NY (In Stereo)	News	News	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late		
46	ESPN Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	College Basketball: Indiana at Michigan State. (Live)	College Basketball: Indiana at Michigan State. (Live)	College Basketball: Maryland at Duke. (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	SportsCenter (Live)	NFL Live	Fastbreak	NFL Live	Fastbreak		
30	DSC It Takes a Thief	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab (N)	Extreme Engineering	Supershops (N)	MythBusters (N)	Stunt Junkies	Survivorman	Dirty Jobs	Supershops (N)	Supershops (N)	Supershops (N)	Supershops (N)		
31	TNT Charmed (In Stereo)	Charmed "Bite Me"	Law & Order "Carrier"	Law & Order "Killerz"	Law & Order "Charm City"	Law & Order "Charm City"	Law & Order "Charm City"	Law & Order "Charm City"	Law & Order "Charm City"	Law & Order "Charm City"	Law & Order "Charm City"	Law & Order "Charm City"	Law & Order "Charm City"	Law & Order "Charm City"	Law & Order "Charm City"	
15	A&E City Confidential	American Justice	American Justice	Cold Case Files	Dog	Dog	Inked (N)	Inked (N)	Rollergirls "No Plain Jane"	Crossing Jordan (In Stereo)	Dog	Dog	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.		
59	TNN Maximum Exposure	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos		
53	NICK SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	All Grown Up	Danny Phant.	Oddparents	Neutron	SpongeBob	Unfabulous	Full House "Fresh Prince"	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	
46	USA **1/2 "A Man Apart" (2003, Action) Vin Diesel, Larenz Tate.				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Head"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Head"	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "The Gift" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Unrequited" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Pas De Deux" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Death Row" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Death Row" (In Stereo)	Law & Order: Criminal				

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'Making the Band,' Angel is broke and pinning all his hopes on a new solo album coming out this year.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7 p.m. OLN NHL Hockey
Two of the best from the NHL's East and West meet in Raleigh, N.C., when the Detroit Red Wings visit the Carolina Hurricanes.

8 p.m. AMC

Movie: Never Say Never Again
This 1983 James Bond thriller was notable not for its plot, which bears a striking resemblance to 1965's 'Thunderball,' but for the return of Sean Connery to the role of Bond 12 years after leaving it behind.

8 p.m. HBO

Movie: Love Actually
The charm writer-director Richard Curtis gave 'Four Weddings and a Funeral' and 'Notting Hill' also infuses this 2003 comedy, boasting a great ensemble cast.

8 p.m. SHOWTIME

Movie: The Yes Men
This 2003 documentary reveals some disturbing truths about people's gullibility. It follows two pranksters who create a phony World Trade Organization spokesman who shows up at meetings of various groups and makes outrageous statements.

8 p.m. UPN

Movie: Blue Crush
Awe-inspiring footage of big waves -- and bikini-clad bodies, if you're into that -- makes up for the cliché-ridden plot of this 2002 drama.

9 p.m. ABC

Commander in Chief
An engrossing two-part story opens with the new episode 'Sub Enchanted Evening.' Mac (Geena Davis) deals with a problem involving a U.S. submarine that was conducting a covert operation off North Korea and also wonders whether to run in the next election -- and what her campaign strategy should be if she does.

9 p.m. CBS

The 32nd Annual People's Choice Awards
Fans pick the winners of these awards, which cover movies, television and music. In TV, 'Everybody Hates Chris,' 'How I Met Your Mother' and 'My Name Is Earl' are up for favorite new comedy, while 'Commander in Chief,' 'Prison Break' and 'Criminal Minds' are nominated for favorite new drama.

10 p.m. COMEDY

Distraction
One of television's goofiest game shows -- a sort of 'Fear Factor' meets 'Jeopardy!' -- returns with new episodes. In each episode, four contestants must answer general-knowledge questions while being subjected to such distractions as getting tattooed or shot at with Ping-Pong balls.

10 p.m. FX

The Shield
In the fifth-season premiere, 'Extraction,' the Strike Team tries to cool hostilities between blacks and Mexicans, Dutch and Claudette (Jay Kames, CCH Pounder) investigate a possible race riot at a high school.

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who her baby's father is. Kenny Johnson and Benito Martinez also star.

10:01 p.m.
ABC
Boston Legal

The firm represents an executive (guest star Michael J. Fox) with terminal lung cancer. He's being sued for using his clout to ensure that he got the real deal, not the placebo, in a promising drug trial. During a visit to the firm, sparks fly between him and Denise (Julie Bowen). Denny (William Shatner) falls for a middle-aged woman (guest star Joanna Cassidy) on the hunt for a well-to-do husband in the new episode "The Cancer Man Can."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
7 p.m.
ESPN

College Basketball

Now that college football is in the rearview mirror, it's time for college hoops to heat up with conference clashes. Four ranked teams take the spotlight tonight, highlighted by sharpshooter J.J. Redick and No. 1 Duke hosting Chris McCray and the Maryland Terrapins in the nightcap. First, though, is a Big Ten matchup in East Lansing, Mich., where leading scorer Maurice Ager and the Michigan State Spartans take on Marco Killingsworth and Indiana.

7:45 p.m.
HBO

Movie: The Terminal

An Eastern European man (Tom Hanks) lands in New York to the news that a civil war has broken out in his country. With his homeland no longer recognized by the United States government, he can't get into the country -- or back to his own -- so he's stuck in the airport terminal until things are resolved. Catherine Zeta-Jones, Stanley Tucci, Chi McBride and Zoe Saldana also star in this 2004 comedy-drama.

8 p.m.
SHOWTIME

Movie: Gods and Monsters

Ian McKellen earned an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of British director James Whale ("Frankenstein") in this 1998 drama, a fictionalized account of the last year of Whale's life. Reclusive and mildly incapacitated by a stroke, the openly gay Whale makes a young gardener (Brendan Fraser) his platonic friend and a sounding board for his reminiscences. Co-star Lynn Redgrave was also an Oscar nominee here.

8 p.m.
UPN

South Beach

Two buddies from Brooklyn move to Miami in search of adventure -- and do they ever find it -- in this new drama series. In "Pilot/1'm Not Your Baby," Matt and Vincent (Marcus Coloma, Chris Johnson) reconnect with Matt's old girlfriend (Odette Yustman), now a model dating a club manager (Lee Thompson Young) whose mom runs a posh hotel. Matt gets a job at the hotel, and Vincent is hired by one of its investors, who has some shady connections.

9 p.m.
ABC

Lost

Mr. Eko (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) is full of questions for Charlie (Dominic Monaghan) about the Virgin Mary statue, and Claire (Emilie de Ravin) is full of mistrust when she learns Charlie's secret. Kate (Evangeline Lilly) gives Sawyer (Josh Holloway) a haircut under the watchful eye of Jack (Matthew Fox). Naveen Andrews, Jorge Garcia and Daniel Dae Kim also star in the new episode "The 23rd Psalm."

10 p.m.
ABC

Invasion

In the new episode "Us or Them," Russell (Eddie Cibrian) confronts Mariel (Kari Matchett) over the changes she's been experiencing. Deputy Sirk (Nathan Baesel) moves in with the Underlays to recover, at Tom's (William Fichtner) invitation. On vacation with Larkin and Rose (Lisa Sheridan, Ariel Gade), Jesse (Evan Peters) meets a mysterious young woman.

10 p.m.
CBS

CSI: NY

A young woman studying at a prestigious dance school plunges to her death, and the evidence points to her jealous fellow students. As Mac, Stella and Flack (Gary Sinise, Melina Kanakaredes, Eddie Cahill) investigate, they uncover a link to another death aboard the Roosevelt Island Tram. Danny and Hawkes (Carmine Giovinazzo, Hill Harper) try to find the killer of a fish merchant stabbed with a swordfish in "Dancing With the Fishes."

10 p.m.
DISCOVERY

Stunt Junkies: Go Big or Go Home
Ever wonder how extreme athletes do that stuff ... or for that matter, why? This new series answers your questions, as extreme-sports enthusiasts, stunt fabricators and designers devote each episode to executing one wild and crazy stunt. Along the way, you'll find out what drives these daredevils to do what they do. Jeb Corliss, known in the world of extreme sports for BASE jumping -- sort of like sky diving without a plane -- hosts.

WEEKDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON		©TVData																
		9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	
23	23	TBS	Dawson's Creek	Movie				Becker	Becker	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show	The Steve Harvey Show	The Steve Harvey Show	The Drew Carey Show	The Drew Carey Show	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	
3	4	NBC	Today Cont'd	Live With Regis and Kelly	The Tyra Banks Show	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives	Passions				Be a Millionaire	Be a Millionaire	Oprah Winfrey			
4	5	PBS	Dragon Tales	Clifford's Puppy Days	Sesame Street	Caillou	Barney & Friends	Teletubbies	Mister Rogers	Varied Programs	Pre GED Connection	Reading Rainbow	Between the Lions	Zoom	Postcards From Buster	Cyberchase	Maya & Miguel	
6	7	ABC	Maury	Montel Williams	The View	News	The Insider	All My Children	One Life to Live					General Hospital	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Joe Brown		
10	15	WGN	The Beverly Hillbillies	The Beverly Hillbillies	Rockford Files	Matlock		Magnum, P.I.	News			Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest	The Cosby Show	The Cosby Show		
6	10	CBS	Family Feud	Varied Programs	Live With Regis and Kelly	The Price Is Right	News	The Young and the Restless	The Bold and the Beautiful	As the World Turns	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Guiding Light	Green Acres	The Andy Griffith Show			
11	11	FOX	My Wife and Kids	The Bernie Mac Show	Judge Mathis	The People's Court	Judge Hatchett	Judge Hatchett	Malcolm in the Middle	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	That '70s Show	My Wife and Kids	Jerry Springer			
13	13	CBS	Dr. Phil	Martha	The Price Is Right	News	The Young and the Restless	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Guiding Light	The Ellen DeGeneres Show						
14	48	ESPN	SportsCenter	Varied	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Varied Programs	Strongest	Varied Programs	NFL Live	Burning						
15	30	DSC	American Chopper	American Chopper	Varied Programs				The New Detectives	The FBI Files	48 Hours: Hard Evidence							
16	31	TNT	NYPD Blue	ER	ER	Judging Amy	Judging Amy	Cold Case Files	Law & Order	Law & Order	Alias							
51	65	A&E	Varied Programs	City Confidential	American Justice	Cold Case Files	Varied Programs											
16	59	TNN	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	MacGyver	Wildest Police Videos	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.							
20	53	NICK	Dora-Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyard	Dora-Explorer	LazyTown	Max & Ruby	Dora-Explorer	Go Diego	LazyTown	Rugrats	Robot	Varied Programs	6teen		
17	46	USA	The District	Nash Bridges	Nash Bridges													
40	FAM	FAM	The 700 Club	Living	Gilmore Girls	Step by Step	Full House	Full House	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Boy World	Boy World	Full House	Full House	Grounded	Grounded		
22	24	LIFE	G. Palace	G. Palace	The Nanny	The Nanny	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie				Designing	Designing		
15	27	ESPN2	Mike and Mike	Cold Pizza	Cold Pizza				Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Billiards	Varied	2004 World Series of Poker					
25	72	AMC	Movie	Varied Programs														
410	66	HGTV	Carol Duvall	Carol Duvall	Room	Room Service	Country Style	Designing	That's Clever	House	Decorating	Sensible Chic	Mission	Divine Design	Design-Dime	Designers'	House	Designer
65	61	SCIFI	Varied Programs						Modern Marvels	Varied Programs								
62	44	HIST	Varied Programs						Paid Program	Varied Programs	Paid Program	Varied Programs	Paid Program	Varied Programs				
67	33	TOC	Varied Programs															
26	14	HBO	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs					Movie	Varied Programs								
270	15	HBO2	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs														
271		HBO3	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs														
268		MAX	Movie	Varied Programs														
60	28	DISN	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	The Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie Olie	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	Little Einsteins	Higglytown Heroes	JoJo's Circus	House of Mouse	Lilo & Stitch	Varied Programs			
26	22	SHOW	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs														
27	25	TMC	Movie Cont'd	Movie	Varied Programs													

10 p.m.
NBC
Law & Order

An accountant for the mob is killed and his wife is wounded, but the prime suspect, a street thug, is acquitted because the surviving victim's testimony is weak. After his release, he's gunned down by a corrupt former cop who blackmails McCoy (Sam Waterston) by threatening to expose tainted evidence that could throw out dozens of convictions if he's prosecuted for the killing. Dennis Farina also stars in the new episode "Family Friend."

10:30 p.m.
FOOD
Ham on the Street

George Duran hosts this cheeky new series, which abandons the kitchen for a variety of food-related stunts such as bowling with frozen turkeys in a supermarket and grilling meatballs with only newspaper for fuel. Duran also quizzes people on their food knowledge and whips up some easy-to-prepare dishes. In the premiere, "Breakfast in America," he puts his own comic spin on traditional and not-so-traditional morning fare.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30 p.m.
ESPN
PGA Golf

The only time you might notice Vijay Singh is when he's on top. The unassuming Fijian had that kind of tournament a year ago at the Sony Open when he birdied the final hole on Sunday, his only lead of the week, and won by a stroke over Ernie Els. Singh returns to Waialae Country Club in Honolulu to defend his title, his first of four wins in 2005, a year that also saw him rank second on the Tour in scoring average and first in top-10 finishes.

6:30 p.m.
SHOWTIME
Movie: Ghostbusters

Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Harold Ramis and Ernie Hudson star as ghost exterminators who are quickly promoted from capturing the occasional poltergeist to saving the world when a powerful demon tries to take Manhattan. Sigourney Weaver plays the pretty musician who catches the eye of Murray's character, and whose building is ground zero for the demonic invasion. Rick Moranis, Annie Potts and an enormous man made of marshmallow also star.

8 p.m.
TNT
NBA Basketball

For the Detroit Pistons and San Antonio Spurs to meet again this season after tonight's encounter, it would have to be in a rematch of the 2005 NBA Finals. And given the fact that series went the full seven games before Tim Duncan and the Spurs won, and both teams are again tearing up the league, a reprise would be welcome by image-conscious NBA execs. They'd have no problem hyping good guys such as Duncan and the Pistons' Richard Hamilton and Chauncey Billups.

9 p.m.
CBS
CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

A powerful casino owner is found dead in his driveway, wearing only his boxers. Grissom and Catherine (William Petersen, Marg Helgenberger) and their respective teams work together on the investigation, which takes them down a very freaky path -- yes, freaky even for this show -- after they discover a soiled adult-size diaper in the man's trash can. Wendie Malick guest stars in "King Baby."

9 p.m. check local listings

PBS
Raising Cain

In this new two-hour special, child psychologist Michael Thompson explores the unique needs of U.S. boys, who are becoming increasingly violent and doing worse in school. He addresses the causes of these problems as well as common myths about raising male children. The special also showcases programs designed to prevent boys from growing up out of touch with their feelings and prone to anger.

9 p.m.
TRAVEL
Flight Attendant School

Think being a flight attendant is easy? You won't after watching this new series, which follows 40 aspiring attendants through their training. There's a reason they don't call them "hostesses" anymore, and it's not just because they let guys in. These men and women have to know how to deal with every possible scenario on a plane, from air rage and sick passengers to emergency landings. And not all who start the training will finish.

9 p.m.
WB
Beauty and the Geek

The reality show pairing smart but socially awkward guys with dazzling but ditzy girls is back for another eight-episode run. This season's challenges include having the guys sing karaoke and make over a room while the girls talk politics and try to put a computer together. The girls are also slated to make over the guys, who will test their new looks at a speed-dating session.

9:30 p.m.
ABC
Crumbs

Marco Pennette, the creator of this new sitcom, based it on his own family and its struggles with infidelity, mental illness and death. It doesn't sound like comedy fodder, but ... just watch. Jane Curtin plays the mother, whose release from an institution brings her son (Fred Savage) home. His brother (Eddie McClintock) is already there, running the family business. Resentments abound, as neither understands the other's reaction to a sibling's death.

9:59 p.m.
NBC
ER

The day shift proves too much to handle for Dubenko (Leland Orser), who's filling in for the missing Clemente (John Leguizamo). Ray (Shane West) isn't sure what to say to a young patient who's been severely abused -- because he used to date her. Kovac and Abby (Goran Visnjic, Maura Tierney) go shopping for the baby. Neela (Parminder Nagra) gets good news about her future in the new episode "Split Decisions."

10 p.m.
CBS
Without a Trace

The Missing Persons Squad investigates the disappearance of a young prostitute in "From the Ashes." Someone's trashed her apartment and tried to burn her book of client contacts. The team discovers that she needed a large sum of money in a hurry and got careless about picking her johns. The case proves to be an eye-opener for the newest member, NYPD veteran and FBI rookie Elena Delgado (Roselyn Sanchez).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

7 p.m.
LIFETIME
Movie: Road Rage

It's every driver's worst nightmare: A motorist overreacts, and someone ends up dead. This 1999 thriller takes the road-rage scenario to the extreme.

A busy real estate agent accidentally cuts off a delivery man, who proceeds to ride her bumper for miles. She reports him, he's fired, and the terror begins, as he trashes her home, kidnaps her daughter and tries to blow up her husband's workplace. Yasmine Bleeth stars.

8 p.m.
A&E
Movie: Tomorrow Never Dies

Ted Turner meets William Randolph "I'll Furnish the War" Hearst in the character of Elliot Carver (Jonathan Pryce), a media mogul who plans to start a war with China to boost ratings for his fledgling TV news channel. There's only one man who can stop him: Bond. James Bond. Pierce Brosnan makes his second appearance as 007 in this 1997 adventure, which also stars Michelle Yeoh and Teri Hatcher.

8 p.m.
TCM
Movie: Bye Bye Birdie

A small Iowa town gets to host the nationally televised final performance of a teen idol entering the military in this 1963 adaptation of the musical inspired by the real-life conscription of Elvis Presley. Ann-Margret made her movie debut as the teen chosen to get "one last kiss" from the star (Jesse Pearson), whose name, Conrad Birdie, is a spoof on Conway Twitty, a hip-swiveling rocker before he went country. Dick Van Dyke and Janet Leigh also star.

8 p.m.
TNT
Movie: Blade II

Wesley Snipes returns to the title role in this 2002 sequel to 1998's "Blade." His character is a vampire hunter who's half vampire himself. Here, however, he's forced to join forces with his old enemies to fight a bigger one: a race of super vampires who feed on bloodsuckers as well as mortals. Kris Kristofferson is back as Blade's mentor, Whistler. Ron Perlman, Leonor Varela and Norman Reedus also star.

8:30 p.m.
ABC
Hope & Faith

Faith (Kelly Ripa) is unhappy living with Hope and Charley (Faith Ford, Ted McGinley). They're making her feel old before her time, and it doesn't help that Sydney (Megan Fox) thinks she's uncool. Her therapist (guest star Susan Sullivan) suggests she move out, and Faith finds a new home in what turns out to be a retirement community. Well, she can't help but feel young compared to her new neighbors in the new episode "Old Faithful."

9 p.m.
CBS
Close to Home

Annabeth (Jennifer Finnigan) investigates a kidnapping that may turn out to be a homicide -- possibly a racially motivated one, according to the information Maureen and Danny (Kimberly Elise, Conor Dubin) are turning up from the suspect's friends and relatives. Just as the case is starting to look good, a judge throws out some key statements made by the suspect. Christian Kane also stars in the new episode "Privilege."

9 p.m.
DISCOVERY
Egypt Untold

The new episode "Deciphering the Rosetta Stone" profiles the man considered to be the father of Egyptology. Born in 1790 in rural France, Jean-Francois Champollion was instrumental in deciphering the Rosetta Stone, which held the key to translating hieroglyphs and unlocking the mysteries of ancient Egyptian culture.

10 p.m.

NBC
The Book of Daniel

The good news for Daniel (Aidan Quinn) is that the missing school funds have been found. The bad news: To get the money back, the church must do business with a construction company reputedly connected to the mob. Judith (Susanna Thompson) and her mother (guest star Marian Seldes) clash over ownership of the Websters' home. Grace's (Alison Pill) artistic talents are revealed in the new episode "Acceptance."

10 p.m.
USA
Monk

The quirky homicide detective-turned-private eye returns for a fourth season with the new episode "Mr. Monk Goes to a Fashion Show." This season, Monk (Tony Shalhoub) adds amnesia to his list of issues, which include obsessive-compulsive disorder and assorted phobias. We'll also see him solve two crimes while on jury duty and try to nail an astronaut for murder. Traylor Howard and Ted Levine also star.

11 p.m.
HISTORY
Battlefield Detectives

The new episode "Aleshia" revisits a key moment in the history of Europe. It took place in 52 B.C., as Julius Caesar and 60,000 Roman troops faced off against 300,000 warriors led by the Gallic chieftain Vercingetorix. Despite being so grossly outnumbered, Caesar's forces won, and the northward expansion of the Roman Empire began -- a development that helped shape Europe as we know it today.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

7 p.m.
A&E
City Confidential

"Malibu: The Murder of Good Time Charlie" remembers record producer Charlie Minor, a high-powered record promoter who worked with Janet Jackson and Sting, among others. For female companionship, he liked women who weren't necessarily rich or famous, such as aerospace worker-turned-stripper Suzette McClure. When she discovered him with another lady, she became a walking advertisement for the saying "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

8 p.m.
ABC
Figure Skating

Coming off a first-place finish in the U.S. Figure Skating Challenge in December, Michelle Kwan takes the ice tonight in St. Louis looking for her 10th national title. Her victory in Boston came despite limited training since she suffered a hip injury last October, but the five-time world champion was expecting to be 100 percent by the time she performed. Sasha Cohen, who's never won a U.S. title, is Kwan's main rival.

8 p.m.
ANIMAL PLANET
Dog Show

All dogs may go to heaven, but only a few thousand go to Florida to compete in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championships. Coverage from Tampa airs over two evenings on two cable channels -- Animal Planet and Discovery -- and includes not only the usual exhibition and judging but tips on dog health and training and the inside scoop on how dog shows work. Last year's best in show winner was a bloodhound affectionately known as Knotty.

8 p.m.
FOX
Cops

It's concerned citizen night in this new "Coast to Coast" episode. In one segment, a Florida man reports being

approached by an armed man who claimed to have robbed a bank. An officer tracks down the suspect and finds a loaded gun, drug paraphernalia and news clippings about bank robberies. In Las Vegas, a citizen reports seeing a suspected drunken driver run over curbs and crash into a house.

8 p.m.
SPIKETV
Movie: Escape From New York

Director John Carpenter's imaginative, gripping 1981 fantasy-adventure is set in 1997. Rugged criminal and authority-hater Snake Plissken (Kurt Russell) is blackmailed into entering Manhattan -- which has been turned into a huge, enclosed prison -- and rescuing the captured U.S. president (Donald Pleasence). Ernest Borgnine, Adrienne Barbeau, Lee Van Cleef and Isaac Hayes also star in the cult classic.

9 p.m.
HALLMARK
Movie: Jane Doe: Yes, I Remember It Well

Cathy's (Lea Thompson) CSA agent mother, Polly (Donna Mills), pays a visit in this new mystery. The two women don't have the world's greatest mother-daughter relationship, but they set their differences aside to help save the world when kidnappers threaten to out several agents operating in the Middle East. Joe Penny and William R. Moses also star.

10 p.m.
AMC
Hustle

Con artists prey upon London's wealthiest and greediest in this witty British drama series. Adrian Lester plays Mickey "Bricks" Stone, leader of the scam gang, with Robert Vaughn -- yes, that Robert Vaughn -- as his mentor, Albert Stroller, who specializes in finding suitable marks. Robert Glenister plays logistics man Ash Morgan, Jaime Murray portrays savvy and sexy Stacie Monroe, and Marc Warren plays rookie Danny Blue.

10 p.m.
CINEMAX
Movie: Seed of Chucky

That malicious doll just won't stay dead, as proven by this 2004 "Child's Play" sequel, which delivers what fans expect. Again voiced by Brad Dourf, Chucky is revived by his spawn, as is his bride, Tiffany ... again with the voice of Jennifer Tilly, who also appears as the star of the film within the film. A movie is in the works about Chucky's murderous trail, and it doesn't take much time for that road to get longer.

10:30 p.m.
TNT
Movie: The Matrix

A computer programmer and hacker (Keanu Reeves) discovers that his entire reality is virtual in this 1999 sci-fi tale. He's recruited by a band of freedom fighters to battle the mysterious program that's created this unreal world and return humanity to the real thing. Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Hugo Weaving and Joe Pantoliano also star in the action- and effects-packed adventure.

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This Town, That World

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

Hang onto those five-cent stamps. A one-cent stamp added will get your letter there, maybe. Unless a one-cent stamp goes the way of the penny postal card—jumps to a nickel...I don't want anybody to offer me a penny for my thoughts.

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It would be interesting to be around, 40 or 50 years hence, and hear our grandchildren lie about the winter of '68...On second thought, I've decided I've heard all I want of your "old fashioned winters."

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I don't have to read the weather forecasts, any more. If I hear a youngster agonizing, I know the forecast is fair, which means school will begin; if it's a wail from his mother, I begin bracing for the storm.

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If I know something to write, I could have had this column finished. And already I've been staring hard at nothing for half an hour.

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Bob Harlowe has gallantly offered a hand with the job by sending me the one about the little boy asking his father if Noah had a wife.

"Sure, Noah had a wife," his old man assured him. "Name was Joan of Arc. Now, don't be asking me silly questions."

I heard, or read, another along the same lines. One little girl asked another why her grandmother was reading the Bible so much.

"I think she's studying for her finals," was the reply.

JEREMIAD

You know, when it's too cold to hunt or fish or even just walk the hills or saunter about and busy yourself with things that perhaps are none of your business, anyway, grist for the old mill just naturally runs low. You're so busy watching your step on icy streets that all you can do is keep the head down when you need to be looking up.

Of late, I haven't tried enough to be frustrated by my usual failures. Haven't been lost in two weeks. Haven't returned, empty-handed, from a fishing trip. The only thing I can offer on the subject of fishing is the following found this week in a crowded desk-drawer:

ODE TO TRADEMARKS

Ol' Lazy Ike, he swum and

(See ALLEN, page ten)

Martin Luther King, Jr. AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT



Civil rights exhibit opens at MAC

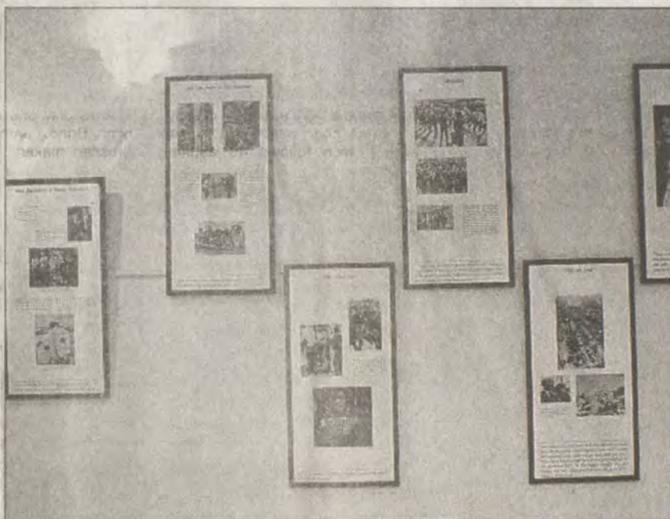
In essence, the modern civil rights movement began on December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, when Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white passenger. Over the next few years, protests and demonstrations became more frequent and more organized, as did the often violent backlash of counterattacks.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. emerged as the major voice for the civil rights movement nationally. Under his leadership, the tactics of non-cooperation with unjust laws, persistent demonstrations, and nonviolent responses to physical assault became the guiding principles of a mass movement designed to arouse the conscience of the nation. For his advocacy of non-violence, Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

An exhibit on King and the civil rights movement opened Friday in the Mountain Arts Center art gallery. It will continue through Jan. 31.

This exhibit, displayed in conjunction with the Kentucky History Museum, examines the events and personalities of the civil rights movement from 1955 to Dr. King's assassination in 1968. Dozens of stunning photographs and numerous quotes from Dr. King's most important speeches complement this important exhibit.

Martin Luther King Day will be observed this year on Monday, Jan. 16. The Mountain Arts Center will be open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, for teachers who may want to bring students to view this exhibit during the month.



MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Driver'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Action films don't get much tighter and well crafted than this early effort from Walter Hill, who went on to make such action classics as "48 Hours," "The Warriors" and "Trespass."

Hill pays homage to the film noir classics here as he follows the exploits of a seasoned getaway car driver and the determined cop who will stop at nothing to put him out of business.

The film starts briskly, with The Driver stealing a car and racing to a casino to meet two men who have just robbed it. The men show up two minutes later than they had planned and The Driver must outrun a fleet of police cars. It's an exciting sequence that relies on good, old-fashioned stuntmen and well choreographed driving rather than CGI effects. The Driver gets to show off his skills here and proves he can make an automobile do anything except make lasagna as he negotiates hairpin turns and cause more wrecks than Salma Hayek in a cocktail dress.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

The trio finally arrives at their rendezvous point, where The Driver curtly informs them that they can no longer count on his services. When pressed for a reason, his response is simple, "You were late."

Meanwhile the film also follows The Detective (nobody is granted a Christian name here) who is desperate to nail The Driver. He thinks he has lucked out when witnesses from the casino are called in to identify the man they saw idling in front of the joint while the robbers took their sweet time exiting the building. One woman, The Player, got a long look at the suspect but claims that she can't identify him, though the audience knows she's lying.

This speed bump doesn't stall The Detective, who promptly collars a trio of would be bandits after they botch a grocery store hold up. He promises the group that they can skate if they plan a bank robbery and use The Driver. Afterwards, they don't get to keep the money, but they can all go home. The plan doesn't sit well with The Detective's new partner, but he goes along with it rather than turn in a fellow cop.

The problem is that The Driver has a strict code and continuously turns down the band because he considers them losers. He even manages to destroy the car they lend him for a demonstration of his skills. He uses the vehicle to redecorate a parking garage by constantly scraping the auto against posts and at one point driving full on into a brick wall while the threesome clutch their seat belts and reexamine their relationship with God.

(See LAGOON, page ten)

'Nintendo Master'

by KATIE GILL

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SURVIVING SOUL"

When I first saw you, I thought — Nintendo Master. There was this intensity about you. Your piercing blue eyes and the way your hands moved rapidly along the control buttons were subtle hints of your expert skill.

You didn't appear too different from all of the other video-crazed 10-year-olds out there, but you were. I guess the fact that it was summer and we were both stuck in the oncology ward of the hospital cruelly betrayed the normalcy with which you tried to present your-

self. Or maybe it was the fact that we were prematurely robbed of the innocence of childhood, and it comforted me to know that there was someone else out there just like me. I can only speculate, but all I know for sure is that I was drawn to your energy and zest for life.

That was the summer of my first post-cancer surgeries. The doctors were trying to fix my left hip joint, which had shattered under the intense bombardments of chemotherapy treatments. It wasn't the only thing that had shattered. I had misplaced my usual optimistic attitude about life and was surprised at

how nasty I could be. This did not help me endear myself to anyone.

My surgery went "well," the doctors said, but I was in excruciating pain. (The ever-present differing perspective of doctor and patient is an amazing thing.)

I saw you again in physical therapy, realizing only then the extent of what cancer did to you. I wanted to scream. "Let him go back upstairs and play his video games, you idiots!" But I just sat there in stunned silence. I watched you get up and start walking with the aid of the parallel bars. Prior to your entrance into the room, I sat in my wheelchair wallowing in self-pity. I thought: "Wasn't the cancer enough? Now my hip is screwed up, and I really don't care anymore. If I get up, it is going to kill me."

You will never know me, but you are my hero, Nintendo Master. With such courage and poise, you got up on your one remaining leg. Some might have the audacity to call you disabled or even crippled, but you are more complete than many can ever wish to be. After you had your walk for the day, a walk that was perfectly executed on your part, and you were safely tucked into your bed enjoying your video games once again, I decided that it was about time that I got up and took a walk myself. You see, Nintendo Master, it dawned on me then that you had innately known what it takes most of us a lifetime to grasp — life is like a game, you can't win them all, and yet the game goes on, forcing all to play it. Nintendo Master, you play it better than most!



Did oil change feature slick maneuver?

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I am writing you at my dad's request. Recently, my boyfriend offered to change the oil in my car for me. I have a 1992 Olds 88 in very good condition (180,000 miles). Up until now, my dad has maintained it. My boyfriend charged me \$45 for parts and nothing for the work. He said most of the cost was to refill the fluid levels in the headlights. When I informed my dad of this, he called me an idiot and told me not to see this boy ever again. When I asked why, he said to write to you guys. I don't understand. My boyfriend said he used the "halogen" type fluid, which is supposed to be better than the standard type. What did I do wrong? — Melissa

TOM: Gee, I don't know, Melissa. My brother tops off my headlight fluid all the time, and he usually charges me more than that.

RAY: Actually, there are two possibilities here, Melissa. One is that you misunderstood what your boyfriend said. Perhaps instead of saying he replaced the



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Talk Cars

"fluid levels in the headlights," he actually said he took care of the "fluid levels AND the headlights." That would be perfectly reasonable.

TOM: Yeah. You can get halogen bulbs for that car; they cost about \$50 for a pair. Add that to the oil and filter, and your boyfriend's actually losing money on the deal. Or getting you very good prices.

RAY: The other possibility is that he's a criminal, and you should dump him and never

speaking to him again. Headlights don't require any fluid. And if he's willing to lie to you for \$45, imagine what he'll do if he ever gets within sniffing distance of your bank account.

TOM: So, ask him again what he did to your car. Tell him you're not sure you heard it correctly. If he says "fluids and headlights," give him a big kiss and thank him for being such a good boyfriend.

RAY: If he says "fluid IN the headlights," or tries to get another \$45 out of you to put red fluid in the taillights, dump some itching powder in his undershorts and don't look back, Melissa.

Do the math on commute route

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have two routes I can take to work, both along interstate highways. The more crowded, direct route is 20 miles and takes me 40 minutes because of stop-and-go traffic. My average speed is only 30 mph if I take the shorter route, but I'm on the brakes a lot. The longer, circuitous route is 30 miles, but takes only 30 minutes, because I can cruise at

65 mph most of the way. If I take the shorter route, I suspect I'm using less gas, because I'm driving fewer miles — 20 miles instead of 30. If I take the longer route, my commute is 10 minutes shorter, and I feel there is less wear and tear on the car. From the standpoints of gas mileage and vehicle wear and tear, which is the best route to take? — Bob

RAY: Well, let's do the math. You don't say what kind of car you drive. Let's assume it's one of the popular mid-size cars that gets about 16 miles per gallon in stop-and-go driving and 25 mpg on the highway.

TOM: So when you take the shorter, stop-and-go route, you travel 20 miles, which requires 1.25 gallons of gas (20 miles divided by 16 mpg equals 1.25 gallons).

RAY: And when you go the cruising route, you travel 30 miles, but you get 25 mpg, so you use 1.20 gallons (30 miles divided by 25 mpg equals 1.20 gallons).

TOM: So, in terms of the amount of gas you use, it's a wash. Therefore, you have to

turn to the other factors.

RAY: Which puts more wear and tear on your car: 30 highway miles, or 20 stop-and-go miles? I'd say stop-and-go miles are going to do more wear on your brakes, steering components and suspension. The highway miles are going to put more wear and tear on your tires. But I'd give the cruising route the edge here.

TOM: Then there's your time. The stop-and-go route takes you 40 minutes, and the cruising route takes you 30. Advantage, cruising.

RAY: Then there's the effect on the eventual resale value of your car. The longer route will put an extra 5,000 miles per year on your car (10 miles a day each way, times 250 working days a year). If you're only keeping the car for three or four years, it doesn't matter much. But if you're planning to keep it for 10 years, you'll have an extra 50,000 miles on it when you sell it. And you'll get less for it. Sure, you'll tell the buyer that it's all highway miles, but every seller with high mileage says that. So here I'd say: advantage, stop and go.

TOM: And then there's the safety issue. If your average speed is 30 mph and you have an accident, it's probably not going

to be as bad as if you were driving 65 mph. So the advantage here goes to the stop-and-go route.

RAY: You also have to weigh the effect on your psyche. I happen to find highway driving stressful. When I'm going fast, I feel like I have to be constantly on alert. So I find slower, stop-and-go driving much more relaxing.

TOM: Are you crazy? Stop-and-go traffic is what drives me nuts. Give me the open road, man! Just let me move, even if I have to go twice as far.

RAY: So, in conclusion, Bob, it's clear that the answer is, You need to relocate, and move closer to work!

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Stop the madness! You can stop driving like a knucklehead, and you'll help your car in the process. Learn how your driving habits can harm your car in Tom and Ray's pamphlet "Ten Ways You May Be Ruining Your Car Without Even Knowing It!" Send \$4.75 (check or money order) to Ruin, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Lagoon

After totally wrecking the vehicle, and turning the trio into quivering mounds of jelly, he politely refuses to work with

them. Finally The Detective has to get involved and visits The Driver himself, making it clear

that he can keep the money from the robbery if he can elude him after the job. The Driver can't resist the challenge and the robbery is a go.

It would be a real crime to give away more, but suffice to say the contest between the two characters is so consuming that neither realizes that they are being set up by a third party.

This one delivers the goods and it's mostly due to writer/director Hill, who trims all of the fat off of this tale and

serves up a 90-minute thrill ride. He gets good support from a fine cast as well.

Ryan O'Neal plays The Driver as a tightly coiled spring who only comes alive behind the wheel. It's obvious that the character has used his perfectionistic tendencies to make a great living, but he has nothing left in his tank at the end of the day to enjoy his success.

Bruce Dern steals every frame of the movie that he's in as the determined Detective.

Whereas The Driver lives by a strict code, Dern's character is the opposite. He is more than willing to break every law he is sworn to protect. He sees it all as a game. Most movies feature strict cops and lawless villains but it is by swapping that formula that this film distinguishes itself.

There is plenty of other subtext at work here if you are game to look for it, but either way the film delivers on the action front and moves fast enough that you

may have to go back and look at several scenes again. The DVD also includes an alternate opening sequence which was wisely cut, as it gives away the ending, which definitely would have spoiled this ride.

The best line goes to Dern's detective character when he realizes that the robbers have broken the deal and plan to keep the money. "That's the problem with lowlives. They're unreliable."

1978, rated PG.

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Allen

swum.
He's slick as a Shiner Minner,
And Helin Flatfish, she's a Vamp
That eyes a Shanghai Spinner.

No Silver Spoon in his mouth.
The Sonic barely grunts
As Crazy Crawler,
Mirrorlure
Pursue the River Runts.

Ah, twas a crazy day!
Not from the skies so sombre
But up from dark depths below
Arose the diving Bomber.

NECROLOGY

Has it been that long? Russell "Buck" Layne says it has been 33 years since he began compiling, for The Times, a year's-end list of Prestonsburg citizens who had died during the preceding 12 months. His list for 1967 (with name, age, and date of death of each) follows:

Zella Layne Blackburn, 46, Jan. 7; Leo Allen, 69, Feb. 1; Ray Meade, 67, Feb. 12; Bertha

Kendrick Mullins, 73, March 9; Reba Hale, 80, March 21; Susanne Nelson McGuire, 86, April 1; Minnie Curtis Blackburn, 74, April 6; Robert T. (Buster) Herald, 54, April 10; William B. Little, 88, April 12; Robert L. Spurlock, 66, April 13; Thomas G. Blankenship, 72, April 14; Susan Spradlin Fraley, 80, April 15; Tenna Saunders, 77, May 25; Leroy Rogers, 66, May 27; Dick Hyden, 67, June 8; Palmer Marshall, 78, June 9; Octavia Akers, 86, June 12; Bill Branham, 79, June 30; John E. Branham, 80, June 30; Ralph T. Archer, 53, July 13; Leo Owens, 59, July 17; Darwin Wilson, 64, July 23; Henry A. Howard, 55, Aug. 5; Nancy Waddell Caudill, 75, Aug. 6; W. B. Williams, 55, Oct. 3; Goldie Ellen Sturgill, 76, Oct. 11; John Wilce Rose, 73, Oct. 14; Edward May, 59, Nov. 3; Sarah DeRossett Ousley, 59, Nov. 10; Alex DeLong, 91, Nov. 15; Floyd Robinson, 55, Nov. 18; Roe Green, 82, Nov. 20; Henry B. Patrick, 71, Dec. 4; Olivia Ollie Davis, 79, Dec. 4; Birdie Pigman Patton, 79, Dec. 29; William Lee (Casey) Prater, 61, Dec. 30.

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BSCTC, Kentucky Chautauqua present 'John C.C. Mayo, Coal Baron'

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College and Kentucky Chautauqua will present "John C.C. Mayo, Coal Baron" on Jan. 25, in the Gearheart Auditorium at 11 a.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Controversy still swirls around the life and legacy of John Caldwell Calhoun Mayo (1864-1914), but there's no debate about one thing: for better or worse, his works in the coal fields transformed Eastern Kentucky, with the consequences that are still felt today.

John C.C. Mayo was born on a mountain farm in Pike County, but it was not until he was in college in the 1880s that he learned just how vast Eastern Kentucky's mineral resources are. He started teaching, but soon turned to buying mineral rights from landowners, ultimately purchasing options on the coal that lay under hundreds of thousands of acres.

Mayo amassed a vast fortune by selling these mineral rights to large out-of-state corporations. His influence in business and politics reached far beyond Kentucky's borders. When he died at age 49, he was the richest man in Kentucky.

At his funeral, Mayo was eulogized as a visionary, but almost 90 years later his legacy is shadowed by long-standing controversy over the broad-form deed and other practices of the coal industry he helped create.



David Hurt portrays the title character in "John C.C. Mayo, Coal Baron," to be presented Jan. 25 at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

John C.C. Mayo is portrayed by David Hurt, a retired farmer who has been acting and teaching for a decade. He spent three years as an artist in residence with the Kentucky Arts Council's school programs and acted and designed for such theaters as Stage One, Actor's Guild of Lexington and Phoenix Theatre. Hurt is currently an instructor of speech and communications at Morehead State University.

Kentucky Chautauqua is an exclusive presentation of the Kentucky Humanities Council, with regional funding from Toyota Motor Manufacturing North America, People's Bank & Trust Company of Hazard, Brown-Forman Corporation and National City Banks in Lexington, London and Owensboro.

Cliches Come to Life

Scientists at Syracuse University, recently describing for a British journal their study of body measurements of bats, found an inverse size relationship between a male bat's brain and testicles. The researchers hypothesized that both sperm and brains are metabolically costly to produce, and in species with relatively stable monogamous relationships, brains are allowed to grow, but where females are promiscuous, males that do not overdevelop testicles get left out of the race to procreate.

(1) In November in Murfreesboro, Tenn., U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs bureaucrats Joseph Haymond and Natalie Coker were charged with taking kickbacks from suppliers on government purchases of 100,000 rolls of red tape. (The tape is distinctive, red "security" tape used on packages of VA pharmaceuticals.) (2) According to a November Washington Post profile of federal examiner Russell Stormer, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has, since 1790, granted about 30,000 patents to people who have imagined unique ways to reinvent the wheel (or at least improve upon it).

Ironies

Most Convenient Ambulance Chase: In November, according to an Indianapolis Star report of a local accident, an SUV driver collided with another car, causing the SUV to crash into an office building, partially smash-

ing through a wall. Among the building's tenants: the personal-injury law firm Mitchell Hurst Jacobs & Dick, which specializes in automobile accidents.

Mr. Rayfran das Neves Sales was convicted in Belem, Brazil, in December of the widely reported murder of an American rain forest-activist nun, who was gunned down as she argued with Sales over who owned the land he was working. Sales claimed self-defense, in that, according to him, the nun reached into her bag as she was proclaiming that "the weapon I have (for fighting for preservation of the rain forest) is this," and Sales, sensing that she was about to pull a gun, shot her. The nun's "weapon," was, of course, her copy of what countless preachers refer to as a primary "weapon" against sin: the Bible.

Can't Possibly Be True

After trying for 22 years to get Hattie Siegel, now 83, to mow her lawn and clear the other critter-infested vegetation from her yard according to regulations of the village of Tequesta, Fla., officials finally cracked down on the accumulated \$1.8 million in fines they had levied, and in December, a bankruptcy court ruled that she must liquidate her estate to pay the tab. Two other properties of hers were sold, and she stands to lose more (everything except the Tequesta house itself, which is protected by state law). However, Siegel has finally sought help in the matter and plans to challenge the constitutionality of the village's fines.

A bold weight-loss program of the Life of Life Healing Spa in Hong Kong involves actually setting fire briefly to the parts of the body holding the most fat, according to a December dispatch in London's Daily Telegraph. According to owner Karen Chu, the fire follows an energy flow "reading," full-body exfoliation, high-pressure hose spray, and herb-and-potion and alcohol rub-downs (but wet towels and a fire extinguisher are at the ready in case of problems). Chu said about 100 clients have undergone the treatment, with no complications, and the ones interviewed by the Daily Telegraph reporter praised the service. Chu said the treatment is based on traditional Chinese medicine, but a Hong

Kong doctor interviewed by Agence France-Presse said, "I have never heard of such a thing."

Inexplicable

The land developer Bigg Homes, creator of the Eagle Mountain community near Salt Lake City, touted in its online promotional materials the fact that the development's "(b)lack race population percentage (is) significantly below state average." After hearing complaints, Bigg co-owner David Adams removed the phrase in November, blaming the agency that designed Bigg's materials. (Whoever wrote the phrase must have thought that Utah's "state average" of 1.3 blacks per 100 was somehow suffocating.)

Unclear on the Concept

In September, based on the complaint of only one letter-writer (and that man later said he was more being provocative than complaining), the band director of C.D. Hylton High School in Prince William County, Va., dropped from his playlist the popular Charlie Daniels Band song, "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," because it centers on Satan. Daniels, interviewed by The Washington Post, was appalled: "I am a Christian, and I don't write pro-devil songs."

Yee-Hah!

Sidney Hale, 31, was arrested in Bluefield, Va., in November after enlisting a female friend to help him to, as he put it, sharpen his reflexes in case an intruder broke into his trailer home. The woman was to knock at the front door, and Hale was then to quickly grab his handgun. (A third person was to gauge Hale's reaction time.) According to a sheriff's detective, she knocked, and Hale grabbed the gun. However, it accidentally fired a slug through the door into the woman's back (but she is fine following surgery). And in December in Lake Worth, Fla., a 16-year-old boy found a .45-caliber bullet, began eagerly pounding it with a hammer and screwdriver, and shot himself in the stomach. (He was treated and released at a hospital.)

Hapless Criminals

(1) Francisco Torres, 52, wanted for murder in New York

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Fletcher proposes giving workers right to opt out of unions

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher, making what his office labeled a major policy announcement, called Friday for legislation giving workers in Kentucky businesses the right to opt out of union representation.

The issue promises to be a sticking point between the Republican-controlled Senate and the Democratic-controlled House.

Fletcher, a Republican, said he plans to mount a statewide campaign to push legislation to make Kentucky a so-called "right to work" state. He said requiring workers to join unions has made it difficult for Kentucky to attract new busi-

nesses and to keep existing ones.

"We'll allow the House to make their stand and decide if they want to do this," Fletcher said. "Clearly, we want to encourage them to look at the benefit of it."

House Speaker Jody Richards and other Democratic leaders have steadfastly opposed such legislation in the past.

"There are so many issues that are so much more important to working families in Kentucky than that," Richards said Friday. "We're going to stay with our agenda. We're going to keep our eyes on the prize, and that's helping Kentucky families. And that's what's important. Not some of these other social

issues."

Unionized workers and their representatives came to the Capitol from as far away as Ashland to voice their opposition to Fletcher's announcement. The Fletcher proposal would prevent workers from having to join or pay fees to any labor organization as a condition of taking or keeping a job.

Bill Londrigan, president of the Kentucky State AFL-CIO, said Republicans have proposed such legislation several times in the past and that it has been defeated each time. Londrigan said the proposal stands no chance of passing this year, either.

"Gov. Fletcher has once again chosen to champion an issue which only damages the

economic interests of Kentucky's working men and women," he said.

Supporters of right-to-work laws argue that workers should have the choice of whether to be a union member. Unions say allowing workers to get the benefits of representation without actually joining weakens their bargaining power.

David Adkisson, president of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, said his organiza-

tion has made passage of the legislation one of its top priorities for the current legislative session.

Fletcher said Kentucky is unable to compete with other Southern states like Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee that have such laws.

"We cannot any longer stand and let these other states outpace us," Fletcher said.

Democratic Party Chairman

Jerry Lundergan criticized Fletcher's plan, saying it would result in lower wages for Kentucky workers and possibly unsafe workplaces.

"In view of the recent tragedy in a West Virginia coal mine, we can only imagine what the coalfields would be like if the workers union — the UMWA — had not fought for safety standards and livable wages," he said.

Response

In the response, Smith said the hospital consented to Webb's use of "Highlands Regional Corporation," for the business' appropriate name "Highlands Hospital Corporation." He also corrected Webb's misspelling of Harold C. Warman Jr., the hospital's registered agent.

The hospital contends that Brown moved into a hospital apartment because he is responsible for maintaining some of its critical automation systems.

The city read the first and second ordinances of their intent to

annex the the hospital's and Consolidated Health Systems' properties on Route 321 in March and April. The hospital filed a petition opposing the annexation in June, about a month prior to Brown's change of address and voter registration, Webb claims in the suit. The hospital requested that the annexation be placed on the ballot of the next regular election. That petition is currently being considered by county clerk Chris Vaughn, who reported prior to Brown's move that no one was

living on the property proposed to be annexed. He has since confirmed that Brown is a registered voter of the Auxier precinct.

The annexation can be voted down during the election if more than 55 percent of the voters living in the area proposed to be annexed vote against it. The annexation will be passed if less than 55 percent oppose it.

Webb did not return inquiry calls regarding Smith's response and motion to dismiss Friday.

The motion will be considered in circuit court on Jan. 27.

Board

cation that occurred on Dec. 7 between the parents on the South Floyd campus.

According to earlier reports, the altercation between the parents was precipitated when some of the junior varsity basketball players from each team began an unfriendly exchange of words during the traditional end-of-game walk and handshake exercise.

Afterwards, said Seth Crisp, coach of the Prestonsburg team, both teams were escorted to their respective locker areas and a confrontation then "broke out into a little scuffle" on court between the parents of the team members.

Police officers were called to the scene but the parents involved had already departed by the time the officers arrived.

South Floyd Principal Keith Henry, along with Prestonsburg Principal Ted George, compiled information about the mishap, which was presented to Supt. Fanning. Upon review, Fanning, who earlier said that he was "tired of this crap," made the decision to bar the adult parties involved in the incident from attending any further games for the remainder of the current season.

Fanning earlier said that such behavior was "unnecessary, unfortunate ... and has no place" at school-related activities and events.

In response, Angela Hall, the parent of one of the Prestonsburg players involved, filed a civil suit in circuit court alleging that she was "accosted" at the Dec. 7 game while attempting to protect her son in the aftermath of the junior varsity game. In her suit, Hall's attorney, husband Tim Parker, alleges that his wife will suffer "irreparable harm" by being banned from the remainder of her son's games.

During Thursday evening's appeal process, the board met, in private session, with all parties involved, the two school principals, athletic director Henry Webb, Parker and police officials. Following deliberation, the board members returned to public session and issued a statement in which they announced that they had agreed to "uphold the action taken by the superintendent and principals of Prestonsburg and South Floyd High Schools" in regard to the Dec. 7 incident.

Board chair Jeff Stumbo read the statement, announcing that the "Floyd County Board of

Education, through its action, has taken a stand that this type of conduct, by anyone, on school property, will not be tolerated."

The board further noted that they wished to inform all citizens that "individuals who come onto district property or contact employees on school or district business are expected" to behave in a manner fitting of civil adult behavior.

According to the statement, "actions that are discouraged and that may warrant further action include, but are not limited to: Cursing, and the use of obscenities; disrupting or threatening to disrupt school or office operations; acting in an unsafe manner that could threaten the health or safety of others; verbal or written statements or gestures indicating intent to harm and individual or property; and/or physical attacks intended to harm an individual or substantially damage property."

"The board," said Stumbo, "will have zero tolerance for these types of behavior."

Absent from the Thursday meeting were board members Mickey McGuire and Chandra Varia, who were both out of town.

Documentary

places more than a few obstacles in his way. His family is fractured with a father who is in the latter stages of cirrhosis of the liver due to a lifetime of alcohol abuse. His mother works for a motel cleaning rooms, while his siblings appear to depend on Johnson as much for their nurturing as either parent.

Over the course of the film viewers will get an eye full as Johnson struggles with home responsibilities and the demands of school work. There are no easy answers on display and Chris takes on additional challenges at school, like trying to put a paper out, and never seems to have the time to finish what he starts.

Perkins, on the other hand, seems to have some of his most challenging experiences in his past. The film opens with him living in his step-grandmother's home. How he got there is gradually revealed and it will shock some viewers. What is most compelling about Perkins though is how the tragic nature of his past helped formulate a young man who refuses to bow to pressure and charts his own path. People that only see his body piercings will, no doubt, be in for a big surprise at how resourceful and perceptive he is. There is a great moment in the first installment when he listens to a teacher expound on how she can't get past the idea of evolution. The teacher sums up her

argument by saying we could never have come from apes, but Perkins takes the argument even further, noting that anything as complex as molecules had to have come from a divine source. It's a powerful perception and an instance of a student thinking outside of the box and stunning a teacher with his insight.

The film refuses to stop at painting a portrait of two lives and viewers will find that all of the family and friends of the main subjects are also worth spending six hours with. This boils down to what reality television should be — a total immersion into the lives of others that will reflect universal experiences for the audience and never depends on the staged confrontations and challenges that make up what passes for reality on television.

There's no pat ending here and as in real life no one ever comes across as being only one thing. Perhaps the best example comes in the first installment when Johnson's father, who appears to be under the influence, gets on his son's back about completing an assignment for school. What many may see as nagging is the father's attempt to keep Johnson moving and taking on new challenges. One walks away from the scene aware that the father wants better for his boy and has not crawled so far into the bottle that he is blind or uncaring about his

son's future.

The film may be the best thing to happen to the region, in terms of culture, in many years. Audiences across the country will see bits of their lives reflected here. Many will observe the scene where Perkins meets his girlfriend's parents. At first they are blinded by his appearance and grill him relentlessly on his fashion sense and fondness for tattoos and jewelry. By the time you get to the fifth hour you'll have seen a relationship has developed between the four that stretches way beyond that awkward early encounter.

Many will be upset when the series of films end. They'll have wanted to spend more time with these people and see where they are now. In the final analysis that's the greatest strength of the movie. It leaves you wanting more, but life isn't a movie and viewers will have to be content to have had what amounts to a short time with the many people they will meet over the course of the three nights. If they stick it out, they will see that preconceived notions don't play out here and nothing is predictable, just like life.

Hopefully audiences are ready for a true instance of reality television because "Frontline" delivers a true example of what can be accomplished in the medium with "Country Boys."

Indictment

As "compensation" for their role in the scheme," the indictment alleges that the Johnsons kept property removed from Branham's home.

All four men are charged with conspiracy to defraud the U.S. mail and private commercial interstate carriers, a crime punishable by up to five years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines. The Johnsons and Branham each also face two counts of aiding in abetting in mailing an envelope containing signed forms and one count of aiding and abetting in receiving an envelope containing a letter and checks.

If convicted, the Johnsons and Branham could also face up to 20 years imprisonment and additional fines of up to \$250,000 for each of the three other felony charges against them, as well as any restitution or mandatory fines that may be applicable.

Billy Joe Johnson is currently incarcerated on one count of first-degree murder, kidnapping, tampering with physical

evidence, unlawful imprisonment and two counts of first-degree assault. He has been accused in the death of Michael Ray Slone, 27, who was found dead of an apparent gunshot wound on August 4, 2003, at an abandoned strip mine at Topmost. Slone's body was thrown over an embankment on M.D. Moore Road after he was imprisoned, tortured and killed, officials said. A superseding indictment in the case alleges that Billy Joe Johnson hit Slone with a pool stick and that he injected Slone with two syringes of Oxycontin during the alleged imprisonment.

In October 2005, a co-conspirator and Johnson's cousin, Mitzie Johnson, 50, of Drift, was sentenced to 12 years for one count of complicity to commit first-degree assault and five years for one count of facilitation to commit kidnapping. Authorities say she lured Slone to a location where he was terrorized and murdered. She is

expected to testify "truthfully" against the other defendants in the case, which include accused conspirator Chad Edward Conn, who is charged with assisting in the kidnapping and the assault of Slone.

Also charged in the murder investigation is Billy Joe Johnson's girlfriend, Susan Moore, 33, of Langley, who faces one count of complicity to commit kidnapping, complicity to commit first-degree assault by allegedly injecting Slone with Oxycontin, unlawful imprisonment and complicity to commit murder.

In a motion for the preservation of exculpatory evidence in the murder case, attorney Gary E. Johnson dubbed Conn, William Jason Johnson and others, as "co-conspirators" in Slone's murder.

The mail fraud case against the Johnsons, Branham and Conn has been assigned to U.S. District Judge David L. Bunning.

Burglary

never get that sense of security back," Woofter said.

Prestonsburg Police Officer Major Gerald Clark, who heads both investigations, would not comment. Clark has no suspects for either burglary at this time.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Clark at (606) 886-1010.

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Odds and Ends

■ **ST. CHARLES, Mo.** — The first surprise was when three sisters discovered they were pregnant and due around the same time.

But the bigger surprise came last week when their babies were born on three consecutive days at the same hospital in this St. Louis suburb. The sisters live in Warrenton, about 40 miles away.

"I've had sisters deliver within a week or so of each other, but nothing like this," said Dr. Evelyne Schuetz. Her medical partner offered to deliver the third, but Schuetz said no way.

"I said, 'I've delivered the two, I have to deliver the third.'"

Tracey Mueller, 28, was the first to give birth; Sophia Ann Mueller arrived at 7:07 a.m. Dec. 28.

Labor pains next struck Trisha Duvel, 31, who delivered Jack Thomas Duvel at 9:39 p.m. Dec. 29.

Jamie Roden, 24, checked into St. Joseph Health Center the next afternoon, and Kara Grace Roden arrived at 9:23 p.m.

"It was a complete joke the entire pregnancy that we'd have them at the same time, Duvel said. "But none of us really thought it would ever happen."

Their mother, Sondra Dames, 53, stayed at the hospital nearly the entire time.

"By the end of it our mom was so tired, it looked like she was the one that had had a baby," Roden said.

"She went through more labor than we did," Mueller added.

■ **NORFOLK, Neb.** — Arlie Bichlmeier discovered his license plate turned out to be an effective command.

Bichlmeier's plate reads "FINDME," and thanks to it, authorities were able to locate him about 90 minutes after they say he tried to rob the Security National Bank branch in Laurel.

The suspect walked into the bank about 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday and indicated his intention to rob it, the State Patrol said. There was no weapon shown and the suspect fled the bank without any money, the Patrol said.

Witnesses described the suspect's vehicle as a 1994 Black GMC pickup, with a personalized license plate.

Around 11 a.m., the Patrol and Norfolk Police Department located a vehicle and suspect matching the description in a parking lot.

Bichlmeier, 58, of Norfolk, was questioned and arrested. He was jailed on charges of attempted robbery and making terrorist threats.

■ **RIFLE, Colo.** — A couple who bought a bag of nuts got a surprise when they opened one and found a condom inside.

Dian Geist of Silt bought a bag of unshelled nuts from an open bin at a Wal-Mart Supercenter. She said she and her husband, Brian, had a good laugh when a bright yellow condom popped out of one nut.

The couple took the filbert nut and its contents back to Wal-Mart, where an assistant manager photographed it before the Geists took it to police.

Police said someone had drilled a hole in the nut, emptied the shell, inserted a condom then plugged the hole with wood putty.

Police Chief Daryl Meisner said it appeared no crime was committed.

"The condom was new and unused, so it probably wasn't anything malicious. I can't find where any law has been broken," he said.

Store officials weren't pleased.

"Whether someone thought it was a joke, we take it very seriously," Wal-Mart spokeswoman Karen Burk said. "This is a food-tampering issue."

■ **FARGO, N.D.** — Diamond earrings stolen from a college fundraiser were recovered when a Minnesota man tried to have them appraised at

the jewelry store that donated them, authorities said.

Police said the man was arrested after he brought the \$4,600 earrings to Wimmer's Jewelry. Store owner Brad Wimmer said the man had the original box along with the description of the jewelry.

"It was all very goofy," Wimmer said. "The value of the earrings was right on the description."

Charges were pending. Police did not release the man's name but said he was a 23-year-old from Ada, Minn.

Wimmer's donated the earrings to the North Dakota State University Development Foundation for its silent auction. They apparently were stolen from storage during the October event, a development foundation spokesman said.

When he came in to get an appraisal, Wimmer said he was

told it would take a day, and the man left his name and phone number.

Wimmer called the man Wednesday and told him the appraisal was finished. When the man came to the store, Wimmer said he pretended he was on a long-distance phone call until police arrived.

"He knew the jig was up when police came in the store," Wimmer said.

■ **VOORHEES, N.J.** — Curiosity didn't kill one cat on a wild ride on the New Jersey Turnpike.

The feline, now known as Miracle, hitchhiked a ride on the underbelly of a sport utility vehicle just before Christmas. The gray and white cat traveled some 70 miles on the turnpike Dec. 23.

"I'm just amazed that the cat didn't fall off or get blown off,"

said Karen Dixon-Aquino, director of the Animal Welfare Association in Voorhees. The association is caring for Miracle and plans to put him up for adoption.

The SUV's driver didn't know about the stowaway until another motorist saw the cat through a wheel well and flagged down the driver.

Dixon-Aquino said Miracle probably climbed under the SUV and was asleep when the journey began. Somehow, the cat avoided being mangled by fan blades and other moving parts as he clung to the car.

"He was pretty freaked out," Dixon-Aquino said. "His paws were burnt, one claw was missing and his fur was singed."

■ **ANDERSON ISLAND, Wash.** — The "flower fairy" is back.

Last spring flower bouquets

and potted plants began appearing without explanation at the homes of numerous residents of this small island southwest of Tacoma.

After a summer hiatus, the practice has resumed, island Fire Chief Jim Bixler said.

"As far as I can figure, the fairy is still alive and well and performing," Bixler said.

Residents who received the deliveries said they heard a knock and answered the door to find a floral gift with a handwritten note saying, "Hope these make you smile." Each note is signed, "Love, the Flower Fairy."

Some believe the lack of deliveries during the summer was due to longer daylight hours. The "flower fairy" works by night, and once fall arrived, the deliveries increased, said Jeff Gillette, manager of the Island General Store.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2006. There are 357 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 8, 1935, rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

On this date:

■ In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans — the closing engagement of the War of 1812.

■ In 1918, President Wilson outlined his 14 points for peace after World War I.

■ In 1959, Charles De Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.

■ In 1964, President Johnson declared a "War on Poverty."

■ In 1965, the Star of India and other stolen gems were returned to the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

■ In 1973, secret peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed near Paris.

■ In 1975, Judge John J. Sirica ordered the release of Watergate figures John W. Dean III, Herbert W. Kalmbach and Jeb Stuart Magruder from prison.

■ In 1976, Chinese premier Chou En-lai died in Beijing at age 78.

■ In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

■ In 2003, a commuter plane crashed at the Charlotte, N.C., airport, killing all 21 people on board; a Turkish Airlines jet crashed in Turkey, killing 75 people.

Ten years ago: Federal employees who had been out of work for weeks while the government was shut down began returning to their jobs; however, along the East Coast, many government workers were idled by a huge blizzard that had paralyzed the nation's capital. More than 300 people were killed in

Kinshasa, Zaire, when a cargo plane crashed into a market on takeoff. Former French president Francois Mitterrand died at age 79.

Five years ago: Former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards was sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined \$250,000 for extorting payoffs from businessmen applying for riverboat casino licenses. Pope John Paul II was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

One year ago: An Army platoon sergeant who ordered his soldiers to throw Iraqis into the Tigris River was sentenced to six months in military prison; the jury in Fort Hood, Texas, also reduced the rank of Army Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins by one grade.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-comedian Larry Storch is 83. Actor Ron Moody is 82. Comedian Soupy Sales is 80. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 78. CBS newsman Charles Osgood is 73. Singer Shirley Bassey is 69. Game show host Bob Eubanks is 68. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Anthony Gourdine (Little Anthony and the Imperials) is 65. Actress Yvette Mimieux is 64. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 64. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 60. Rock singer David Bowie is 59. Movie director John McTiernan is 55. Actress Harriet Sansom Harris is 51. Singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith is 42. Actress Maria Pitillo is 41. Actress Michelle Forbes is 39. Singer R. Kelly is 39. Rock musician Jeff Abercrombie (Fuel) is 37. Actress Ami Dolenz is 37. Reggae singer Sean Paul is 33. Country singer Tift Merritt is 31. Actress Jenny Lewis is 30. Actor Scott Whyte is 28. Actress Sarah Polley is 27. Actress Gaby Hoffman is 24.

Thought for Today: "The devil is easy to identify. He appears when you're terribly tired and makes a very reasonable request which you know you shouldn't grant." — Fiorello LaGuardia, mayor of New York City (1882-1947).

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BoB DirtCar Series Banquet set for Jan. 21

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Presented by Arizona Sport Shirts will be hosting their annual awards banquet on Saturday night, January 21, 2006 at 6 p.m. For the second year in a row, the banquet and awards presentation will be held at the

Kentucky Speedway Bluegrass Hall Media Center in Sparta. For the first time in the four year history of the series co-champions will be crowned with Mike Jewell of Scottsburg, Ind., and Tim Tungate of Campbellsville, as the series co-champions. Both drivers tied in points and each won one series main event during the 2005 campaign. Whitney McQueary of Dunnville,

who won twice during the series on the BoB tour finished third in points followed by 2004 series champion, Aaron Hatton of Mt. Sterling, and Chris Combs of Isom, who finished fifth. Combs also earned the series Rookie of the Year award.

Completing the top ten in points were Tyrel Todd of Eubank, Michael England of Glasgow, Wayne Chinn of Tipp City,

Ohio. Frankie Coomer of Austin, Ind., and Shannon Thornsberry of Martin. Chinn and Coomer finished second and third respectively to Combs in the chase for the Rookie of the Year honors.

The series produced 18 different winners in 20 events with only Whitney McQueary and 2002 Series Champion Eddie Carrier Jr. able to win more than once. With an average car count of 39

entries per show and 230 different drivers participating in the series, the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series can stamp itself as not only as one of the best regional series in the country, but the most competitive. There were nine drivers that recorded 100-percent attendance and 12 drivers

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Crusaders clamp Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Allen Central didn't fare any better in its second game in the Crusader Classic at the June Buchanan School. After losing to Estill County Wednesday night in the Crusader Classic, Allen Central returned to the hardwood Thursday against host June Buchanan. The Crusaders held Allen Central to nine points in the second quarter and seven in the third period. June Buchanan led the Rebels 28-19 at halftime and pulled away in the second half, beating Allen Central 58-45.

Two Stepps made the biggest strides Thursday night for the Crusaders. Clark Stepp led June Buchanan with a game-high 23 points. Clint Stepp followed with 12 points, giving June Buchanan two players in double figures. Eighth-grade guard Tate Cox added nine points and three other Crusaders were also in the

(See CRUSADERS, page two)

Lady Blackcats roll past Pikeville



Above: Prestonsburg's Brittany Collins tied up the basketball during Thursday night's game against visiting Pikeville. Collins and her Lady Blackcat teammates rolled to a second straight win. Below, right: Lindsey Fields (33) dribbled the ball up the floor for host Prestonsburg.

photos by Jamie Howell

P'burg opens game with 14-2 run

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — One of the most important factors to success on the hardwood, would have to be the ability to play well from the opening tip. Coach Jack Pack's Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats did just that on Thursday evening by opening the game with a 14-2 run and the Lady Panthers were never able to recover as Prestonsburg came away with a 56-37 win. Not only did the win bring the Lady Blackcats' record back to an even .500 on the season (5-5) but Prestonsburg has a tremendous edge in the race for the 58th District title with a 2-0 record with back to back wins on both Allen Central and Betsy Layne's home

floor. Jack Pack is known as a coach that expects his team to get after their opponent on the defensive end, but on Thursday it would be a fast offensive start for the Lady Blackcats that would propel them to a victory. Meaghan Slone and Amber Whitaker combined for nine points in the first five minutes as the Ladycats took a 10-0 lead to start the game. Prestonsburg took advantage of 14 Pikeville turnovers in the first half to build a comfortable lead of 14-4 after one quarter and 29-18 at the half.

Junior center Amber Whitaker led Prestonsburg in scoring on the night with a game-high 13 points. Whitaker was followed closely by Darcey Hicks with 12 points.

(See P'BURG, page two)

Morgan County outlasts Blackcats

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — After a disappointing first game in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike County Central High School, Prestonsburg turned things around somewhat Thursday night. The Blackcats played much better, but still fell short. In two overtimes, Morgan County held on to defeat Prestonsburg 67-61. Senior Nathaniel Peyton paced Morgan County with a game-high 26 points. Peyton was the only Morgan County player to reach double figures in the tournament game. In its first round game, Morgan County dropped a one-point contest to Belfry. Although Peyton was the only player in double figures for the Cougars, Morgan County still had a strong showing. Devan Adkins and Katlin Haney each had eight points for Morgan County. Wes Williams dropped in six points for the Cougars.

Morgan County outscored Prestonsburg in each of the first two quarters. The Cougars took a 17-12 lead out of the first quarter and went into halftime with a 26-17 advantage.

(See BLACKCATS, page two)

Letcher Central levels Lady Rebs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WHITESBURG — The road was unforgiving Thursday night for the Allen Central High School girls' basketball team. Allen Central was within striking distance of host Letcher County Central for one quarter. The Lady Cougars outscored visiting Allen Central 16-12 in the opening period. The Lady Rebels would ultimately have their greatest success in the first quarter. Letcher Central held Allen Central to just seven points in both the second and third periods en route to a 74-42 win.

In her first season as head coach, Jennifer Hopkins has guided Allen Central through a challenging early schedule.

Letcher Central cruised into halftime with a stronghold over the Lady Rebels, leading 33-19. The Lady Cougars dashed any hopes Allen Central had of a second-half comeback, outscoring the visiting team 20-7 in the third period.

Senior center Stephanie

(See REBS, page two)

Task force, ex-justice to tackle high school tournament question

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — How serious has the spat become over whether to separate Kentucky's private and public high schools for sports tournaments? A former state Supreme Court justice is coming out of retirement to help settle it.

Retired Justice James E. Keller will preside over next week's meeting in which representatives from high schools across the state will get a chance to take sides publicly in the ongoing dispute.

The Kentucky High School Athletics Association on Thursday announced it was forming a task force of schools — both public and private —

to consider proposals, including one that would divide member schools into two divisions. Its first meeting is next Monday and Tuesday in Lexington.

"We believe that this group can help provide a consensus for answers," KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries said in a written statement.

In recent years, postseason play has been dominated by private schools. Proponents of a change say they have an unfair advantage because they can take students without regard to geographic boundaries that restrict public schools.

Earlier this month, the Kentucky Board of Education referred the matter back to KHSAA.

LADY BLACKCATS
UPCOMING GAMES

Jan. 9	Lawrence Co., 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Leslie County, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.



photo by Steve LeMaster

IN THE HUDDLE: South Floyd High girls' basketball coach Tony Isaacs had his team on the road at Pikeville last night. Results from the South Floyd-Pikeville game were unavailable at press time. The Lady Raiders will travel to Prestonsburg to take on the Lady Blackcats on Saturday, Jan. 14.

P'burg

Slone tossed in 11 points as three Lady Blackcats finished in double figures. Prestonsburg would put the game out of reach in the third quarter, outscoring Pikeville 14-8 to take a 43-26 lead after three quarters. Lindsey Fields and Pam Slone added six points each for Prestonsburg. Julianne Frye gave Prestonsburg a lift on the boards, pulling down seven rebounds. Frye added four points in the win. Brittany

Collins and Elizabeth Chaffins came off the Prestonsburg bench to add two points each. Pikeville was led in scoring by Christine Johnson with nine points. Sarah Davis tossed in eight points for the Lady Panthers.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 5-5 on the season while Pikeville fell to 1-8.

Prestonsburg must travel to South Floyd for a road game in the 58th District, but the Lady

Blackcats will have three of their final four games in district play at home. Prestonsburg will host Lawrence County on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

PRESTONSBURG 56, PIKEVILLE 37

Prestonsburg - Whitaker 13, Hicks 12, Slone 11, Fields 6, Slone 6, Frye 4, Collins 2, Chaffins 2.

Pikeville - Johnson 9, Davis 8, Schmidt 5, Martel 4, Cecil 4, Francisco 3, Maynard 2, Shull 2.

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Rebs

Whitaker led Letcher Central with in scoring with a game-high 20 points. The balanced Letcher Central scoring effort featured nine different scorers. Senior guard Heather Martin, a transfer from Knott County Central, added 18 points for the host team. Senior point guard Autumn Morris added 11 points for the Lady Cougars.

Junior guard Ashley Sexton and freshman guard Tierra Baker each had eight points for

Letcher Central.

Sara Johnson led Allen Central in scoring with a team-best 16 points. Johnson and teammate Alanna Cline were the only two Lady Rebels in double figures. Cline added 15 points for Allen Central. Mara Biliter had six points and Amanda Mills five for the Lady Rebels.

Brandy Brown rounded out the Allen Central scoring with two points.

LETCHER CO. CENTRAL 74, ALLEN CENTRAL 42

ALLEN CENTRAL (2-10) - Biliter 6, Mills 5, Johnson 16, Cline 13, Brown 2.

LETCHER CO. CENTRAL (10-4) - Morris 11, Lowe 5, Martin 18, Whitaker 20, Sexton 8, Baker 8, Minster 1, Brashear 3.

Allen Central.....12 7 7 16-42
Letcher Co. Central.....16 17 20 21-74

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Banquet

ran 90-percent or more of all the events ran.

In the 87 race history of the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series, there have been 37 different drivers reach victory lane at least once with Eddie Carrier Jr., Mike Jewell and Mike Marlal leading the all-time win list with seven victories. In the four year history of the series only Aaron Hutton and Tyrel Todd have finished in the top ten of the final points standings each season and the series has crowned a different

champion crowned each year.

The banquet is slated to start at 6 p.m. at the Kentucky Speedway Bluegrass Hall Media Center. Dinner will be served and the awards presentation will follow. Kentucky Speedway is located on Hwy 35 in Sparta, at Exit 72 on I-71.

Ramada Inn at the Kentucky Speedway is the host hotel for the 2005 O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Banquet. The hotel is located directly across Hwy 35 from the Speedway outside turn

3. Ramada Inn at the Kentucky Speedway will open its Speedway Room after the Banquet for social time with racers, owners, sponsors and others. A special rate of \$59 plus tax has been negotiated for this event with Ramada Inn at the Kentucky Speedway, reservations can be made at 859-567-RACE and ask for the NARA Rate for this evening. More information can be found on the Ramada Inn at the Kentucky Speedway at www.ramadasparta.com.

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Crusaders

scoring column.

Allen Central played some of its best basketball in the first and fourth quarters. June Buchanan eased out of the first period with a 11-10 lead. The Rebels made a late surge, outscoring June Buchanan 19-16 in the final period.

Josh Martin led Allen Central in scoring with 14 points. Tyler Slone added 10 points for the Rebels, giving Allen Central

two players in double figures. Ryan Collins just missed double digits for the Rebels, finishing with nine points.

The win was June Buchanan's third straight. On Tuesday, June Buchanan is scheduled to travel to Perry County Central for a game against the defending 14th Region champion.

The loss was Allen Central's ninth straight. The Rebels are

scheduled to host Johnson Central Tuesday night.

ALLEN CENTRAL (1-12) - Collins 9, Slone 10, Martin 14, Music 1, Jacobs 6, Hammonds 5.

JUNE BUCHANAN (10-2) - Cla. Stepp 23, Cox 9, Collins 6, Howard 2, Conley 6, Cline Stepp 12.

Allen Central.....10 9 7 19-45
June Buchanan.....11 17 14 16-58

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Blackcats

But the Blackcats battled back. Whatever Prestonsburg head coach Jackie Day Crisp said at halftime worked. Prestonsburg outscored Morgan County 15-10 in the third quarter and also held an advantage over the Cougars in the final period. Regulation concluded with the two teams deadlocked at 47-47. Each team scored eight points in the

first overtime before Morgan County doubled up the Blackcats 12-6 in the second extra session.

Lewis Barnette, one of four Blackcats in double figures, led Prestonsburg in scoring with 18 points. Sean Leslie followed with 15 points for the Blackcats. Michael Stephens had 12 points and Brooks Herrick 10 for Prestonsburg.

MORGAN CO. 67, PRESTONSBURG 61 (20T)

Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike Co. Central
PRESTONSBURG (3-7) - Stephens 12, Herrick 10, Barnette 18, McGuire 5, Leslie 15, Hughes 1.

MORGAN CO. (11-2) - Williams 6, Young 5, Haney 8, McGowan 14, Peyton 26, Adkins 8.
Prestonsburg.....12 5 15 15 8 6-61
Morgan Co.17 9 10 11 8 12-67

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A-TEAM: Betsy Layne 44, Adams 36

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE - In middle school A-team boys' basketball Tuesday, host Betsy Layne registered a comeback win against rival Adams, downing the Blackcats 44-36.

Adams outscored Betsy Layne 9-2 in the first quarter and led 18-11 at halftime. The Bobcats began their comeback bid in the third period, outscor-

ing Adams 17-7.

Dylan Maldonado paced Betsy Layne with 14 points. Casey Adkins added 13 points for the Bobcats. Betsy Layne had six different players score points in the A-team win.

Michael Burchett led Adams with 15 points. Austin McKinney added nine points for the Blackcats. Tyler Hall and Sherman Hackworth were also productive for Adams, scoring six points apiece.

In the C-team game, Betsy Layne doubled up Adams, winning 22-11.

A-TEAM: BETSY LAYNE 44, ADAMS 36

ADAMS - Craynon 2, Hall 6, McKinney 9, Burchett 15, Hackworth 6.

BETSY LAYNE - Howell 7, Adkins 5, Stumbo 3, Maldonado 14, Adkins 13, Martin 2.

COMMENTARY

Should Vince Young stay or should he go?

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES - Every weekend, it seemed, brought a reason to write about somebody else.

Meanwhile, Vince Young kept mowing down opponents, 20 in a row now.

He began the regular season with a laughter over Louisiana-Lafayette, confirmed his quality with a comeback at Ohio State, shredded the doubts with a beat-down of archrival Oklahoma, then tied it all up neatly with a devastating showing against Southern California in a Rose Bowl title match for the ages.

Week after week, there was no doubt he made for great copy back in Texas.

Yet somehow, somebody else's story always seemed to be better.

USC quarterback Matt Leinart returned to school, passing up certain millions from the NFL, to take a class in ballroom dancing and keep his eligibility long enough to make a run at an unprecedented third straight national championship. Then Notre Dame came back. And Joe Paterno brought Penn State back. And through it all, the Trojan's other shimmering star, Reggie Bush, was transcendent - here, there and everywhere.

But there's no longer any question about the best story in college football.

It's Young, hands down.

By such a wide margin, in fact, that he's too good to stick around for another victory lap. Even if he is a junior, and even if there's a class available in the Texas two-step.

Young said he won't make a decision about turning pro without talking to his family and coaches, but he has to show his hand by Jan. 15. Any reticence aside, the simple fact is that there's nothing left to prove, at least not in the college game.

Young would be a prohibitive favorite to avenge the only setback he's suffered in some time - losing the Heisman Trophy to Bush. He can get stronger, smarter and have a lot more fun staying wrapped in the

protective cocoon that coach Mack Brown has designed at Texas. And there's the added motivation, as Young himself noted Thursday, of "helping the next guy" who will try to step into his oversized cleats.

"Basically, you can get better all the time," he added, and those words hung in the air for only a few moments before Texas offensive coordinator Greg Davis confirmed them.

He noted Young had made a quantum leap in his decision-making abilities between last season and this one, but that there was another "huge jump" to be made in the near future.

"Quicker decisions, for one," Davis said, reading off a laundry list he carried in his head. "He needs to get more comfortable in the pocket, he needs to work on his play-action, his ball-handling ..."

Somehow, though, the longer Davis' list got, the more you wondered whether he watched the same game the rest of us did the night before.

Young has outgrown the competition at this level. That was apparent from the way he outmaneuvered everybody wearing the USC colors. He ran for 200 yards and three touchdowns and passed for another 267, despite a "throwing motion that would give some NFL coaches the shakes. But like Brown, they know all those results in the win column can have a very calming effect.

"What we want in rewards for Vince is what is in his heart, what is best for him, and that will be best for the University of Texas," Brown said. "Somebody asked me, 'If you win the national championship and Vince leaves, what will you do?' I said, 'I'll kiss him.'"

"I haven't yet, though," the coach added, cracking the room up.

Brown has a history of hanging onto his juniors, but it will take a miracle to keep that string intact. Young grew up in Houston's hardscrabble Fourth Ward, within a couple of long passes from the stadium where the NFL's Texans play. He made a name for himself at Madison

High, he gets standing ovations when he's in the seats at Astros or Rockets games, and even more than the adulation, he's mindful of the opportunities so many of the kids he grew up with have squandered.

"It was a hard, hard time," he recalled. "There was a lot of guys in my neighborhood supposed to be in the position I am right now, or even better, but they're not really doing anything. So it kind of pushes me every time I see them to keep working harder.

"I'm just a real blessed guy," Young said a moment later, "to be in the position I am right now."

Heading into the Rose Bowl, that position was likely somewhere among the top 10 draft prospects. Bush figured to be headed to Houston with the No. 1 pick, and Leinart, too, was likely ranked ahead of Young in that very select queue. Now, it's a different ballgame.

Asked about that shuffle, the bold-faced national championship that moved to the top of his resume, and the almost-irresistible chance to play in his hometown, Young said one more time, "I haven't talked to my family."

That conversation should be short and sweet.

"He's 6-foot-6, 235, runs real fast and jumps sideways. It's not easy for people to tackle him when they're fresh.

"I thought USC had a lot of depth and did a tremendous job of substituting, but he'll still wear you down," Brown said, making the case as succinctly as possible.

But leave it to Young to always have the last word. Someone saw him shaking his head during Brown's assessment and took the gesture to mean Young, finally, was worn out.

"No," he replied. "I was just thinking about the 235. That's the In-and-Out burgers," he said. "That's what he's talking about."

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Lowe's Dirt Track offering \$200,000 to win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CONCORD, N.C. - One of the richest purses in latemodel stock car racing will be up for grabs April 21-22 when The Dirt Track 00.

Featuring total cash awards of \$200,000, the richest event ever run at The Dirt Track will conclude with a 100-lap championship feature paying \$50,000 to the winner. Thirty-six cars will take the green flag in the main event with each starter guaranteed at least \$2,000.

"Colossal is a word used to describe something that elicits awe or taxes belief, and that's why it is a perfect name for this early-season late model spectacular," said H.A. "Humpty" Wheeler, president and general manager of Lowe's Motor Speedway. "The late models have consistently presented the best racing at The Dirt Track and a \$200,000 purse is sure to raise the level of competition, leaving both fans and competitors in awe."

Spread over two nights, the

Friday portion of the Colossal 100 will feature group time trials and heat races. The top two finishers in each heat will secure a spot in the 100-lap finale and a draw will determine the starting lineup.

Saturday night's program begins with a driver autograph session and the on-track action includes at least two additional qualifying races prior to the main event. The Dirt Track's traditional late model format will be utilized, including the extremely popular double-file restarts where drivers can choose either the inside or outside line.

Two provisional starting spots in the 36-car feature field will be reserved for the drivers with the earliest pre-entry post-

marks who do not make the main event through the preliminary races. The pre-entry deadline for the Colossal 100 is Feb. 10 and entry blanks can be downloaded from

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Together, we can save a life

Bengals looking for Steelers to run

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Ben Roethlisberger dropped back and let it fly 41 times. He threw deep, he threw short, he threw everywhere.

This was a side of the Pittsburgh Steelers that no one had seen before.

The last time they played the Cincinnati Bengals, the Steelers tried to beat them in a shootout. Roethlisberger set career highs in every category while going 29-of-41 for 386 yards and three touchdowns.

Bad move. Pittsburgh learned the hard way that it's tough to beat the Bengals (11-5) in a wide-open game.

As they prepare for their rematch in the first round of the playoffs Sunday, everyone expects the Steelers (11-5) to get back to what they do best — let Roethlisberger hand the ball to someone else.

"I know the Steelers would love to come in and run the foot-

ball," Bengals running back Rudi Johnson said.

He gets no argument in Pittsburgh, which is at its best when it stays basic. Forty-one passes?

"Not 40," Steelers running back Jerome Bettis said. "That's too many. That's usually a sign of being behind."

So, where is the cutoff point for passing?

"Thirty? Well, that's still a little high," the Bus said. "I think 25 is about the optimum number. I'm comfortable with that."

Some other numbers back him up. In the past 31 games, the Steelers are 30-0 with one tie when a running back reaches 100 yards. They came to Cincinnati on Oct. 23 and ran 47 times for a season-high 221 yards, setting up a 27-13 win. The running game was so dominant that day that Roethlisberger threw only 14 times, completing nine passes for 93 yards.

The Bengals were surprised that the Steelers went out of character in the rematch, running only 28 times while throw-

ing it 41 times. The game turned on three interceptions by Roethlisberger, who was playing with an injured thumb.

Roethlisberger then led the Steelers to four straight victories and the final AFC wild card. He wouldn't mind trying to one-up Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer again on Sunday.

"The last time we played them at home, we threw a lot more," said Roethlisberger, who hasn't thrown more than 20 times in any game since. "I think if we don't turn the ball over, then we probably win that game. So if it comes down to that, I think we can (win)."

So does receiver Hines Ward, who had nine catches for 135 yards and a pair of touchdowns in Pittsburgh. He even tweaked the Bengals by doing the Ickey Shuffle — their celebration dance from the 1988 Super Bowl season — after one score.

"If we don't turn the ball over, we win that game," Ward said. "That's just point-blank."

"We may not be a passing

team, but if they keep putting eight or nine (at the line of scrimmage) and we're not getting anything done, then you have to pass the ball. You pay the quarterback big money, you pay the receivers to make big plays. You have to go out and use them."

It makes more sense to run. Kansas City's Larry Johnson ran for 201 yards and a career-high three touchdowns Sunday in a 37-3 win over Cincinnati, which looked disinterested in the final regular-season game.

Coach Marvin Lewis had his players watch film of their win in Pittsburgh this week to remind them of what they need to be as a defense.

"Just to see the kind of passion we played with in that game, even when things didn't go right," defensive tackle John Thornton said. "That's how you've got to play. And when you don't, the result will be what happened (in Kansas City) when you don't play a game like everything's on the line."

Everyone knows what's on the line. And the Bengals figure the Steelers are going to let Bettis and company take their best shot and running them out of the playoffs.

"Guys in this locker room are

used to playing Pittsburgh, so it's not like there's anything mysterious out there," linebacker Brian Simmons said. "We know who they are and what they're about."

At least, they thought they did.

REMAINING NFL POSTSEASON GAMES

Sunday, Jan. 8
Carolina at New York Giants, 1 p.m. (FOX)
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 14
If Tampa Bay wins: Tampa Bay at Chicago, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
If Washington wins: Washington at Seattle, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
Cincinnati, New England or Jacksonville at Denver, 8 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 15
New England, Jacksonville or Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (CBS)
If Tampa Bay wins: Carolina or New York Giants at Seattle, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
If Washington wins: Carolina or New York Giants at Chicago, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 22
AFC game, 3 p.m. (CBS)
NFC game, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 5
Detroit
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (ABC)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 12
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (ESPN)

NFL MVP Alexander also wins offensive player honors

by BARRY WILNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Shaun Alexander's haul of NFL awards has been rapid.

The Seattle Seahawks running back added The Associated Press Offensive Player of the Year honor Friday, just hours after he was voted the NFL's Most Valuable Player.

Just another day at the office for the record-setting Alexander. "We have vision. Our vision is, 'Let's be better than this team or this city has ever seen,'" Alexander said.

So far, the Seahawks have been everything Seattle could dream about, led by the unstoppable six-year veteran.

Alexander set an NFL mark with 28 touchdowns, led the league in rushing with 1,880 yards, and spearheaded the Seahawks' rise to the best record in the NFC at 13-3, including a victory over the league's only 14-2 team, the Colts. It was the most productive season in Seahawks history.

That earned him 34 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the league. Just as in the MVP balloting, he was followed by Peyton Manning. But the Indianapolis quarterback got only eight votes to finish a distant second.

Third was Giants running back Tiki Barber with six, while New England QB Tom Brady and Cincinnati, QB Carson

Palmer each received one vote.

"I think it's an honor anytime I get mentioned with those guys," Alexander said. "Brady, three Super Bowls. Peyton has just changed the game for quarterbacks. Tiki is like my cousin; that's my family. So you just watch those guys and you are just excited for what they do for football. Even to be mentioned with those

guys is just exciting for me. And that's what I try to shoot for, is to be mentioned with those guys."

While Alexander was closing in on the touchdown record and rushing titles last month, he was also closing some large purchases for his big blockers.

He bought portable video players for each of his offensive linemen and fullbacks — from Pro Bowlers Steve Hutchinson, Walter Jones and Mack Strong to rookie reserves Chris Spencer and Leonard Weaver.

"These guys are a bunch of gadget guys," Alexander said. "It is so funny. You can't find little things for their big fingers. So I got them ... walking TiVos, basically. It is a 7-inch screen and you can record movies and TV shows. Everybody has got their music they like. You can record pictures of your family. "Everybody was really, really excited."

They were even more thrilled when a Seahawks staffer popped his head into a meeting room Thursday morning and flashed the "thumbs-up" sign to Alexander. The MVP was his —

make that, theirs. All the offensive players stood and high-fived each other.

Then Alexander's family called from northern Kentucky with this sobering news: "You need to get the offensive line even bigger gifts now."

To Alexander, the biggest gift would be the Super Bowl.

Throughout his media session Thursday, Alexander referred to the MVP as a group award. Of those punishing blockers. Of Pro Bowl quarterback Matt Hasselbeck's NFC-best passing efficiency and knack for changing into the right play at the line of scrimmage. Of coach Mike Holmgren's game plans, play calling and support.

Holmgren called 20 first-half runs for Alexander last week at Green Bay to ensure he collected both the touchdown record and the rushing title.

"We set some goals as a group," Alexander said. "We keep them quiet until we started realizing that we were getting close to hitting all these things and then they became reality for us."

"This is an exciting award, it's just exciting. All the guys they say it just like I want them to say it, that we won the MVP. And we have."

When asked about all of Alexander's "we" talk, Hasselbeck chuckled and said: "There is a fine if you use third-person references. Maybe he is trying to avoid the fine."

"Other than that, I would have to agree," Hasselbeck said. "He has been a team guy this year."

Alexander is the first Seahawks player to win each award. Manning took both of them in 2004.

January bowhunters...the few, the proud, the well-insulated

by STEVE VANTREESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — With Kentucky's 2005-06 deer harvest running well behind last year's pace, don't expect the last wave of hunters to play catch-up.

It's more of a ripple than a wave, actually. After all the assorted seasons based on weaponry and age, all that remains is the closing days of Kentucky's 19-week archery deer hunt.

One of the longest hunting options under management, the state's bowhunting for deer and turkeys closes out Jan. 17 after running continuously since Sept. 3. And much has changed since the summer initiation of the archer's quest.

Going from muggy mornings and steamy evenings with deer in summer behavior patterns, the marathon archery season advanced through the onset of frosty mornings and changing leaves. Bowmen and women hunted through the high activity period of the whitetail rut, sharing that season with, if not giving way to the crush of the modern firearms hunt.

Now, after modern and muzzleloader firearms seasons, youth hunts and a crossbow session, those archery hunters with stickability and permits with limits left to fill face the cold, bleak and somewhat forlorn remnants of the bow season.

The deer herd is reduced significantly from its status at the seasons start. Hunters in all phases of hunting since September have reported taking more than 111,000 deer. (Yet, hunters checked in 124,752 deer during the 2004-05 season.)

Kentucky Department of

Fish and Wildlife Resources managers, however, say plenty of deer remain. The harvest is down this year, not because there are fewer deer out there, they report. Managers point rather to a combination of unseasonably warm weather during prime hunting times and a wealth of acorn that kept deer feeding in woodlands and limited their movement. They also fear some hunters are becoming more selective and increasingly reluctant to take deer of less than trophy status.

Managers encourage late bowhunters to take "bonus" antlerless deer, especially in Zone 1 and 2 counties where herds remain larger than ideal, according to biologists.

January bowhunters, however, may be challenged to prove that high numbers of deer are still on the prowl. Late season days can have a steeper level of difficulty.

With the high movement period of the whitetail rut long past, deer by January typically have become more reclusive and conservative. After long weeks of hunting in various seasons, deer tend to grow more wary, often retreating into remote covers to escape human activity.

With enormous energy depletion from the rigors of the rut, more deer are in a recovery mode now — reluctant to move more than necessary, primarily only to feed to replenish faded fat reserves. January puts deer in a survival mode that makes them less visible with their drop in activity.

Late days bowhunters may improve their results by rethinking hunting locations, seeking out deer presence in thicker retreats at or near prime

winter food sources. Lush food like winter wheat fields may attract late season deer, but the boomer crop of acorns dropped back in the fall means oak timber remains an important source of dining for deer even now.

A largely foliage-free, open habitat means hunters can see deer more easily now, but the increased visibility favors the deer, too. Tree stand hunters should be more selective of their setup, choosing trees with multiple trunks or lower limbs for outline-breaking cover, and/or opting for higher positions to stay out of the deer's sight plane. Camouflaged ground blinds backed into cover are another option for avoiding whitetail eyes.

Hunting and even approaching the hunting site from downwind of where the deer are thought to be is even more critical in January with deer alertness heightened by a long period of hunting pressure. Scent control with special containment clothing couldn't hurt. The time of year itself can be a deterrent to success. January bowhunters may need to dress with maximum insulation to tolerate the cold for lengthy waits in stand or blind.

The disadvantages of the last days of bowhunting can be seen as a plus for those willing to accept the challenges. The added difficulties and the fact that archery season is already months old tends to filter out most of the competition for the late hunting.

It might be the toughest period, but the last of the bowhunting Mohicans can pretty much have the rest of the deer season to themselves.

Elliott to pilot No. 36 Chevy at Daytona

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — MB2 Motorsports announced Wednesday that its No. 36 entry for the Daytona 500 will be driven by Bill Elliott, a two-time winner of NASCAR's biggest race.

Elliott will also drive the MB2-built No. 36 Chevrolet in the Feb. 11th Budweiser Shootout at Daytona, an invitational race for 2005 pole winners and former Shootout champions. Elliott earned his automatic berth as a result of winning the Shootout in 1987.

Frank Stoddard will serve as Elliott's crew chief for both races and also oversee Elliott's Daytona test session next week.

An MB2 spokesman said that the team was still working to put together the sponsorship necessary to run a limited schedule of races for driver Boris Said, who attempted for MB2 in 2005.

had a best finish of third at Watkins Glen and best starts of fourth, at Infineon Raceway and Daytona's Pepsi 400.

In 2006, CENTRIX will be an associate sponsor on MB2's No. 01 and 14 Chevrolets plus appearances on each as a primary sponsor. CENTRIX also might appear in some races as the primary sponsor of the 36 car, but that has yet to be signed.

"MB2 has a top-notch superspeedway program and I am looking forward to being part of it," said Elliott, who will team with MB2's full-time drivers Sterling Marlin and Joe Nemechek at Daytona. "Both Sterling and Joe are good on the big tracks and having them as teammates gives us added potential."

Elliott, the 1988 Cup champion, has run a limited schedule the past two years. His last Daytona 500 appearance was in 2003.

"Daytona is a special place for me. The 500 is a special race," Elliott said. "I haven't reached

would rather be part of the action — it's the big show."

A 16-time winner of NASCAR's most popular driver award, Elliott has competed in 25 Daytona 500 races. Along with his two wins from the pole in 1985 and 1987, his Daytona 500 record includes nine top-five finishes, 14 top-10s and four Bud Poles. He shares the record for most Daytona 500 poles with Buddy Baker and Cale Yarborough.

"We're thrilled that Bill will be joining us — he brings a wealth of superspeedway experience to our MB2 Daytona 500 lineup," said Jay Frye, MB2's CEO and general manager. "The combination of Bill, Joe [Nemechek] and Sterling [Marlin] on the same team at a restrictor-plate venue brings plenty of excitement and confidence to our entire organization."

Elliott said he will drive for the No. 36 Chevy during

Churchill CEO Meeker stepping down in 2007

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The president and CEO of Churchill Downs Inc. will step down in March 2007, turning over the most successful racing company in the United States to a yet-to-be named successor.

Thomas H. Meeker, 61, announced Thursday that he plans to walk away from the racetrack company, which puts on the Kentucky Derby, when his contract expires. Meeker also said he may leave sooner if a replacement is found.

Churchill has begun a "succession-planning process," the company said in a written statement.

Carl Pollard, chairman of Churchill's board and owner of Hermitage Farm, said a subcommittee of the board will work with an executive search firm to identify and interview candi-

Meeker leaves.

Meeker has been Churchill president and CEO since October 1984 and on the board of directors since June 1995.

Meeker oversaw Churchill Downs' expansion from the one racetrack in Louisville to the acquisition of six tracks around the country, multiple off-track betting parlors and slots facilities in Louisiana.

Churchill bought Hoosier Park in Anderson, Ind., in 1994, Ellis Park in Henderson in 1998, Charlson Broadcast Technologies, which handles simulcasting, and Calder Race Course in Miami in 1999, Arlington International in Chicago in 2000 and the Fair Grounds in New Orleans in 2004.

Meeker has also lobbied for more than a decade to expand gambling in Kentucky and owns tracks.

Churchill Downs, which were completed just before the 2005 Derby. Meeker said the track as "a dump" when he took over, requiring the work.

Wagering also has increased during Meeker's tenure, from \$26.8 million bet on the Derby in 1985 to \$103 million last year.



No. 3 Villanova 76, No. 9 Louisville 67

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The referee's whistle blew, and Taquan Dean couldn't believe it.

Less than 10 minutes into No. 9 Louisville's game against No. 3 Villanova on Thursday, the Cardinals senior guard and unquestioned team leader was heading to the bench with three fouls and the Cardinals trailing by a dozen.

All the ingredients were there for an implosion. Playing in the first Big East game in school history against a talented, veteran team with national championship aspirations, the young and inexperienced Cardinals could easily have folded.

Only they didn't. Led by unheralded role players like freshman Chad Millard, the Cardinals rallied.

And while the Cardinals ultimately fell to the Wildcats 76-67, the way the seven new faces on his team responded to the pressure of playing in front of a national television audience left Louisville coach Rick Pitino optimistic the learning curve might not be as steep as he originally imagined.

"Our young guys did a good job," Pitino said. "The key is six weeks from now, how good can we become. We'll always be inexperienced out there."

Inexperienced, but not necessarily ineffective.

Millard scored a career-high 11 points in 21 productive minutes, rarely hesitating with the ball in his hands. Freshman guard Andre McGee, whom Pitino inserted into the starting lineup as a way to combat Villanova's unique four-guard set, played with the control and composure he lacked earlier in the year.

The kids weren't perfect. But they weren't scared either.

After Dean went to the bench with his third foul, and again when he went to the bench with his fourth early in the second half, Millard and McGee helped keep the Cardinals competitive.

"Our goal was to just play and keep the game close. We came close, we did a good job of that," Millard said. "It wasn't who was playing at what time. We were just trying to do what we're supposed to do."

The Cardinals even managed to make it a one possession game late in the first half and again with about eight minutes left. But the Wildcats responded to the challenge behind 24 points from guard Randy Foye and the kind of steady play you'd expect out of a team that starts four upperclassmen.

"We've just learned what to do since our freshman year and that's not to get excited and to

execute when we need to," said Villanova forward Jason Fraser, who scored 13 points on perfect 6-of-6 shooting. "We just played Villanova basketball better than Louisville played Louisville basketball."

Louisville basketball seems close to becoming more than just Dean, guard Brandon Jenkins and forward Juan Palacios. Sophomore center David Padgett led the Cardinals with 17 points to offset tough nights by Dean and Palacios. Dean finished with nine points in 18 foul-plagued minutes while Palacios struggled to five points on 1-of-9 shooting.

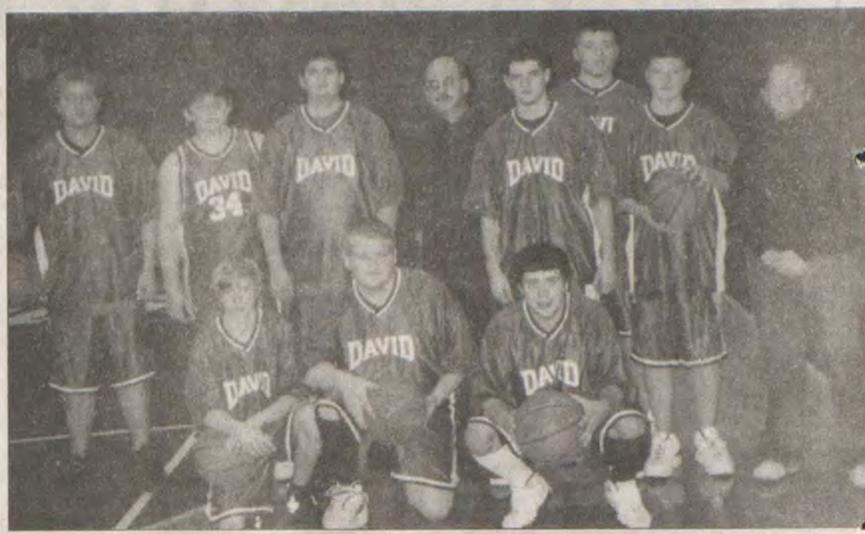
"The fouls took me out of it," Dean said. "I had a lot of energy but maybe I was too anxious. I thought our guys played well."

They'll have to if the Cardinals want to survive their first season in the Big East.

"With seven new players, we're never going to have an experienced lineup," Pitino said. "This is who we are. We're a very young and inexperienced basketball team. But they're willing to play hard."

Now they'll have to be willing to do it on the road. The Cardinals travel to Providence on Saturday. It will be a homecoming of sorts for Pitino, who guided the Friars to the Final Four in 1987.

DAVID COMETS



ABOVE: The David School boys' basketball team includes, back row: Steffon Wright, Paul Mullins, Coach Ned Pillersdorf, Joe Tiller, Brandon Caudill, Josh Hamilton and Assistant Coach Janet Stumbo.

Front row: Nathan Robinson, Buddy Bieber and Blake Stumbo.



BELOW, LEFT: Pillersdorf and the David team made a stop in Ned, Ky., recently on the way to a game at Riverside Christian.

FITNESS:

Study finds cheerleading-related injuries on the rise

by ANNA JOHNSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Cheerleaders catapult in the air, climb human pyramids and catch their tumbling teammates as they fall to the ground.

They also make lots of emergency room visits.

Research indicates cheerleading injuries more than doubled from 1990 through 2002, while participation grew just 18 percent over the same period.

"Cheerleading is not what it used to be. It's no longer standing on the sidelines looking cute in a skirt," said Erin Brooks, a former cheerleader who teaches a safety course in Mississippi. "It's more body skills."

A study published Tuesday in the journal Pediatrics estimates 208,800 young people ages 5 to 18 were treated at U.S. hospitals for cheerleading-related injuries during the 13-year period. Most of the injuries were suffered by 12- to 17-year-olds; nearly 40 percent were leg, ankle and foot injuries.

Almost all the patients in the study were treated at emergency rooms and released. But because researchers used only ER numbers gathered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the true number of those injured is even greater,

since many kids are treated at doctors' offices or by team trainers, researchers said.

The rise in injuries is probably because the stunts are increasingly difficult, the researchers said. Cheerleading has "evolved from a school-spirit activity into an activity demanding high levels of gymnastics skill and athleticism," the study said.

"It's not just standing on sidelines with pompoms going, 'Rah, rah, rah.' It uses gymnastics, and some stunts are certainly more dangerous than others," said Dr. Barry Boden, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine at Rockville, Md., who was not involved in the study.

Cheerleading is not considered a sanctioned sport by some state high school athletic associations. As a result, coaches are not always trained, and some schools lack the proper facilities and equipment, said the study's lead author, Brenda Shields, an injury researcher at Columbus Children's Research Institute in Ohio.

Some cheerleaders "practice in hallways and practice on hard surfaces instead of mats," Shields said. "So when they fall off a pyramid or from in the air and they land on hard surfaces, the chances for injury are drastically increased."

The study recommends that coaches get professional safety training and that high schools and cheerleading associations adopt uniform safety procedures and also develop a national database for injuries.

"That is something the Memphis, Tenn.-based American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors has been advocating for several years.

The association publishes a safety manual for cheerleaders and offers safety courses for coaches around the country, said the group's executive director, Jim Lord.

He said several factors, including the popularity of televised cheerleading competitions, have encouraged more cheerleaders and coaches to mimic difficult tumbling moves before they have the right training.

"It's not that the sport is dangerous, but it's people trying skills they shouldn't," Lord said. "Basket tosses are the most difficult skill you can do, but that doesn't mean you should do them."

On the Net:
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McLeish, Witt lead Eastern Kentucky to 93-75 victory

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Seniors Jason McLeish and Matt Witt combined for 49 points to help the Eastern Kentucky men's basketball team post a season high in points as the Colonels defeated Tennessee Tech Thursday night in McBrayer Arena, 93-75. The win was just the second in EKV's (6-7, 3-3 OVC) last 13 meetings with the Golden Eagles (8-5, 3-2) dating back to the 1998-99 season.

McLeish led all scorers with a career-best 29 points while going 6-of-7 (85.7 percent) from the field in the second half. Witt reached the 20-point plateau for the fourth time this season as he finished with 20 points and five assists. Two other players finished in double

figures for Eastern — freshman Mike Rose (15 points) and senior Alonzo Hird (14 points).

For Tennessee Tech, Anthony Fisher netted a team-high 17 points off the bench. Meanwhile, guards Milone Clark and Keyon Boyd combined for 25 points on 10-of-16 shooting (62.5 percent) from the floor.

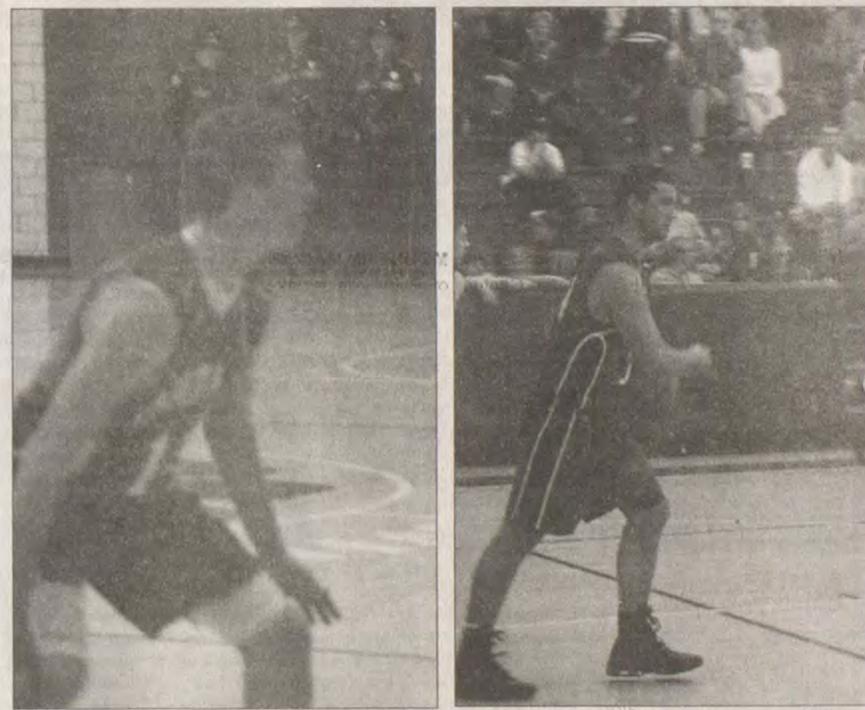
The Colonels never trailed on the evening as a layup by sophomore Darnell Dials, McLeish free throw and Rose three-pointer quickly put Eastern Kentucky on top, 6-0, just one minute into play. Eastern's lead swelled to as many as 13 in the first half, 32-19, before the Colonels took a 40-31 cushion into the intermission.

The Golden Eagles scored

the first nine points of the second half, highlighted by a Derek Stribling dunk at 15:32, to cut the deficit to 40-39.

However, the Colonels responded by connecting on their next 11 shots from the field. When the Eastern hot spell ended, the home team found itself out in front by a count of 70-51. Tennessee Tech made one last charge to creep to within nine with 2:12 remaining, 79-70, but would get no closer the rest of the way.

Eastern Kentucky controlled play on the boards throughout the contest, outrebounding its opponent for only the third time all season, 45-31. Three players tallied a team-high eight boards for the Colonels including McLeish and Rose, marking their career bests.



photos by Steve LeMas

FLOYD COUNTY TIES: Paintsville High School senior Kevin Williams (right) and sophomore Landon Slone (left) each have Floyd County roots. Williams came to Paintsville from Allen Grade School while Slone is a product of Mountain Christian Academy in Martin.

Lady Colonels fall to Tech

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Junior Fatai Hala'api'api led the Eastern Kentucky women's basketball team with a career-best 25 points tonight but it wasn't enough as the Lady Colonels suffered a 72-61 loss to Tennessee Tech. With their fourth consecutive loss, Eastern falls to 3-10, 3-3 in the OVC while the Golden Eaglettes improve to 8-4, 4-1 in the league.

The Lady Colonels faced as much as a 28-point deficit in the first half but fought back to get within four points with five minutes remaining in the game.

Hala'api'api was one rebound shy of a double-double with a career-best nine rebounds, including a game-high five offensive boards. Sophomore Ashley Cazee also reached double-digits with a season-high 15 points and classmate India Wood dished out a personal-best four assists.

After Eastern senior Laura Shelton scored the first points of the game with a three-point field goal, the Golden Eaglettes built a 9-3 advantage with 15:35 on the clock. Tennessee Tech took its first double-digit lead (11) midway through the half before going on a 15-0 run during the following seven minutes of play. In that span, Eastern missed 11 shots and committed five turnovers.

With 1:41 left in the half, a layup from senior Louisa Pierre ended the Lady Colonels' scoring drought before sophomore Ashley Cazee closed the half with six unanswered points, cutting the deficit to 40-20 at the break.

The Lady Colonels shot a dismal .241 (7-29) from the field in the opening period while Tennessee Tech connected on half of its attempts. The Golden Eaglettes registered assists on 15 of their 16 field goals and turned the ball over just three times.

Eastern outscored Tennessee Tech 13-4 to open the second half and gradually chipped away at the Golden Eaglettes' lead in the following minutes of play. The Lady Colonels cut the advantage to single digits (54-45) at the 8:11 mark off a free throw from Shelton, jump-starting the 8-2 run that brought Eastern within four points.

Tennessee Tech answered with a pair of three-point baskets, quickly restoring their double-figure lead, and held the Lady Colonels to just one field goal during the crucial two-minute stretch. In the final minutes, Eastern committed eight fouls and the Golden Eaglettes connected on seven of their 13 free throw attempts to earn the 72-61 victory.

Emily Christian, who leads the OVC in scoring, tallied a game-high 26 points for the visitors.

Eastern was outrebounded for the ninth time this season (40-39) but held a 14-11 advantage on the offensive end.

The Lady Colonels are back in action on Thursday, Jan. 12 when they hit the road and face rival Morehead State at 5:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5441, AMENDMENT NO. 6

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and underground coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 0.76 mile northwest of Beaver, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 33.52 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 740.20 acres, of which 583.06 acres overlie underground and/or surface acreage, making a total area of 2,163.12 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment is located approximately 0.25 mile west from KY Route 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road, and located along Mitchell Branch and Mud Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Vickie Lynn Bryant, Bernardo and Kathy Maldonado, Walker and Ella Ruth Hall, Carl and Fostella Mitchell, et al. The amendment will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC,

Vickie Lynn Bryant, Rex and Wanda Gayheart, Noah Vance, Ed and Suzie Gayheart, Walker and Ella Ruth Hall, Carl and Fostella Mitchell, Carl Mitchell, et al., Interstate Natural Gas Company, Christopher Mitchell, Kenis and Ruby Hamilton, Marky Hamilton, Maude Flack, Bank Josephine, Jimmy Tackett, Carmel and Marie Clark, et al., Samuel Hamilton, and Daisy Mitchell.

The amendment adds contour and auger mining in the Whitesburg coal seam, and underground mining in the Amburg coal seam.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' 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 of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS

The Floyd County Board of Education is now accepting sealed bids on the following surplus property items.

- (1) Round Metal Space Pod
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FOR SALE BY SEALED BIDS

The Left Beaver Fire Protection District will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of a 1976 Chevy Cab/Chassis. This vehicle has a 350 V8 gas engine with a 5-speed transmission. For more information, call 377-6643. Bids will be accepted until 1-19-05. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Please mail bids to:

Left Beaver Fire Protection District
P.O. Box 426
McDowell, KY 41647
Att: Shannon Hall

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0307

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.6 miles north of

Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 113.16 surface acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.70 miles north-east from Sugarloaf Branch Road's junction with KY 1428 and is located on Dials Branch of Sugarloaf Branch of the Levisa Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and Vina

Sue Branham, Clark D. Pergrem and Jesse L. Rudd, Tri-Star Development, Inc., E. L. and Bertha Cline, Jefferson Coal, John G. and Billie Goble, Malcolm Layne, Rebecca Jarrell, Timmy Ballard Plummer, Osie Foley, Charles Michael Harris, Rex Reynolds, Tom and Melissa Reynolds, Albert and Janet Ratliff, Taulbee and Renisa Branham, Michael Hunt, Ransom and Betty Hunt, and Billy Yonts. The operation will use the area method of surface mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for

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 of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

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