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briefs

Escape suspect pleads not guilty

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man pleaded not guilty in circuit court this week for an alleged escape attempt.

Famer Lee Halbert, indicted Wednesday, entered the plea under Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill, who placed him under a \$10,000 cash bond, which was not posted as of press time Friday. Halbert, 18, of McDowell, was charged by Floyd County Sheriff Sgt. Steve Little on Oct. 17 with one count of second-degree escape after he allegedly attempted to avert his arrest.

Little wrote in the complaint that Halbert asked to get a shirt from his residence after he was told that he was under arrest. Little claimed that he followed Halbert into the residence, and that the accused exited a back window of the home and ran away.

Little later found Halbert hiding in a van with family members, the citation says.

Caudill ordered Halbert to appear for a pretrial conference in the case on May 18.

Jailer challenges opponent's eligibility

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb is asking the court to determine the validity of candidacy for his only opponent in this year's election.

Represented by attorney Jimmy Webb, the current jailer filed a civil suit

Thursday against candidate James Isaacs, of Daniels Creek, asking the court to decide whether Isaacs is an appropriate candidate for the position.

Webb argues that Isaacs negated his candidacy because his son, James Isaacs Jr., who was not a registered voter, signed his notification of declaration for candidacy this year. State laws require notifica-

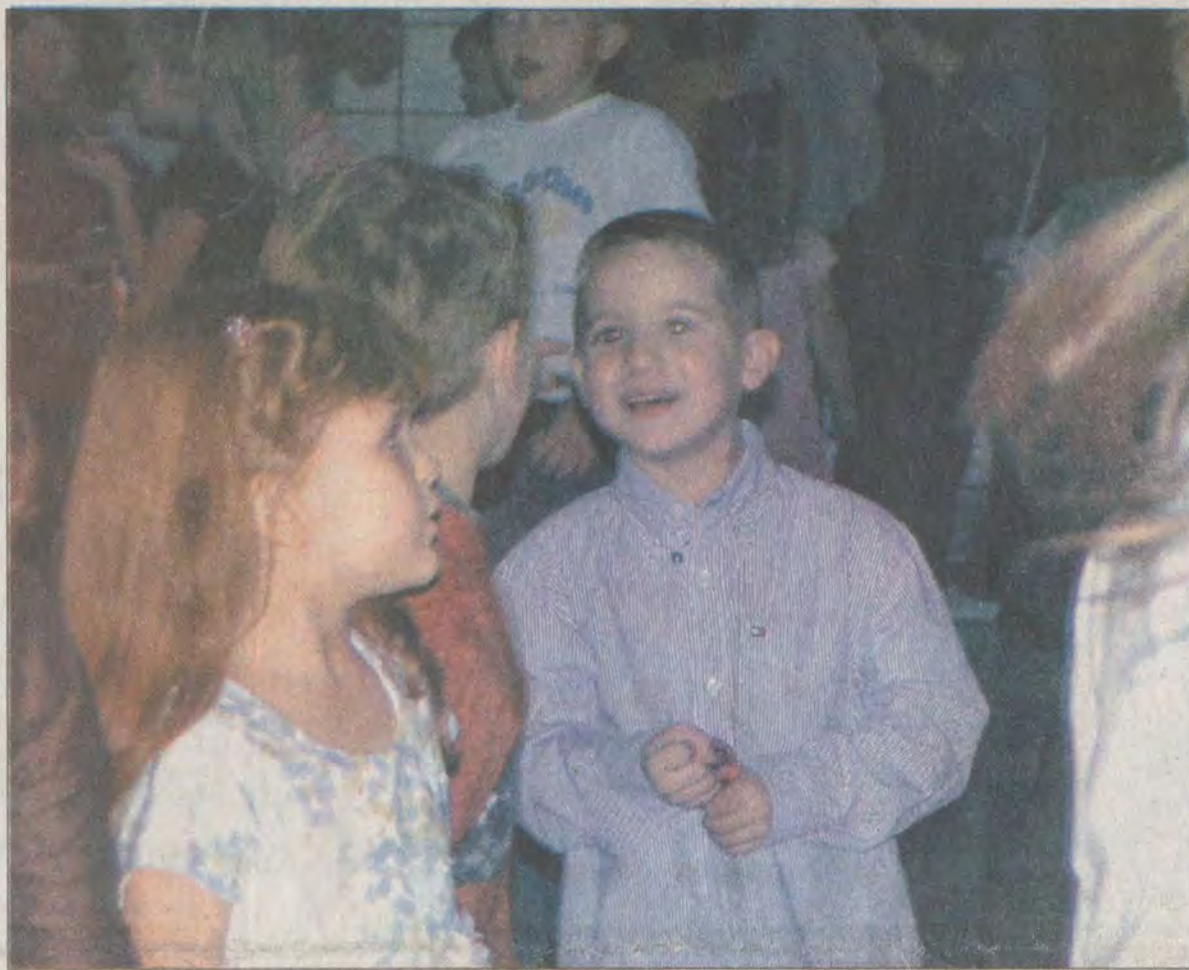
tions of declaration filings for all candidates, and the notifications must be signed by at least two registered voters of the same party from the district in which the candidate seeks nomination.

Isaac's notification of declaration should be declared void, Webb argues, because his son has not been registered to vote since Sept. 30, 2002. Webb is seek-

ing an expedited temporary injunction to prevent Isaacs' name from being included on the primary ballots. He asks that Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh issue necessary documentation to void Isaacs' candidacy, "as there are no remedies" that can be taken to correct the problem.

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SWEETHEART DANCE



Prestonsburg Elementary primary students celebrated Valentine's Day at the school, which hosted two dances Friday. photo by Mary Music

New operation could mean 120 coal jobs

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A nearly \$7 million investment in a Prestonsburg coal company will mean jobs for area locals, the company president said Friday.

Jerry Tackett, president and chief operating officer of Genesis Coal Corporation, confirmed Friday that his company accepted \$6,925,000 in secured financing from Prospect Energy Corporation, an energy finance company in New York.

The deal was announced Thursday, and company investor David Stetson, of Union, was busy Friday sorting out details via conference calls.

Genesis, which was started, according to records with the Secretary of State's Office, in January of last year, hold leases on

approximately 4,700 mineral acres in Floyd County.

"This is Elkhorn Coal properties that we have leased, which are located in the Harold area of Big Mud and Little Mud," Tackett said Friday. "We have close to 10 million recoverable tons in the area and have signed some substantial contracts."

Those contracts, although not yet final in some cases, include, at this time, at least one large coal company and a major southeastern utility company, Tackett said.

According to financial wire reports from New York, the financing from Prospect is being used to acquire shareholder interests, secure additional mining equipment and increase production rates, which Tackett said should be significant.

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Feds seek comment on pipeline

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is seeking comments on environmental issues involved in the proposed construction of a 60-mile natural gas pipeline that is proposed to be installed between Langley and Carter County.

The FERC began a scoping process this week, sending notices to affected landowners, government representatives and agencies, environmental and public-interest groups, and other interested parties, encouraging them to submit their concerns to help FERC staff

determine what issues should be evaluated in the project's environmental assessment.

The Big Sandy Pipeline project, headed by Equitrans, would build a 20-inch diameter pipeline that would run from the Kentucky Hydrocarbon Plant in Langley to the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company's Broad Run Lateral in Carter County. Equitrans will also construct a compressor station on the south end of the line and other equipment such as mainline valves and a new regulating station along the pipeline.

Equitrans, which is proposing construction of the line to provide "much needed relief for the sum-

mer capacity constraints that are currently restricting gas production in the Eastern Kentucky basin," expects to file an application with the FERC in June and will seek approval to begin construction by September. If approved, the pipeline should be operational by April 2007, the FERC reported.

Landowners along the proposed construction site will be contacted by a pipeline company representatives regarding the acquisition of an easement through their property. The FERC informed those property owners in the notice that

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Bus wreck draws suit

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The father of two Floyd County students who were injured in a school bus accident last year filed a civil suit Friday against the Floyd County Board of Education.

Attorney Ira E. Branham is asking for a trial by jury in the case for his client,

Harold Mitchell, the father of two boys.

Branham claims that the students sustained serious and permanent injuries in a Nov. 1, 2004, accident that occurred after a tire on the school bus "broke off." The malfunction caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle and run into a ditch line, Branham claims.

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Trafficking suspects called to explain positive drug tests

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Three of four suspects indicted on drug-trafficking charges were in Floyd Circuit Court on Friday to explain why they tested positive for methadone while out on bond pending a status conference in their case.

Ella Vance, 30, Wendell Vance, 34, both of Beaver, and Donahue Hamilton, 39, of Teaberry, appeared before Judge Danny P. Caudill and

offered explanations as to why they tested positive for the drug.

Caudill began by examining Wendell Vance, who said he got the drug prescribed to him by a doctor named Weiss in Philadelphia, Penn. Caudill did not appear satisfied with the response and ordered that Vance remain in jail until another hearing next Friday, when he would have to explain when he saw Weiss, as leaving the state also violated the terms of his bond.

Ella Vance appeared next and also admitted to getting methadone from Dr. Weiss. She noted that she made several trips to see him, which also prompted Caudill to order her held in jail with no bond until next Friday.

Caudill authorized both subjects to give any necessary clearance to their attorneys to contact the doctor about the prescriptions. Caudill noted that he would also require an

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Shoppers stocked up on basic items such as bread and milk at Save-A-Lot in Prestonsburg Friday evening. Weather reports were indicating up to 10 inches of snow for the region, and many wanted to be prepared. photo by Sheldon Compton

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Eddie Ray Dalton, 29, of Wayland, died Sunday, January 29, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 1, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Polly Anne Hall, 80, of Boise, Idaho, formerly of Floyd County, died Sunday, February 5. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 8, at the Relyea Funeral Chapel. Burial was in the Morris Hill Cemetery.

■ Evelyn Grace Lowe, 80, of Greencastle, Indiana, formerly of Banner, died Wednesday, February 1, at the Mill Pond Health Center in Greencastle, Indiana. She is survived by her husband, Victor Lowe. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Nova Martin Newsome, 74, of Teaberry, died Tuesday, January 17, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ E. J. (Bud) Parsons, 76, of Caryville, Tennessee, a native of Grethel, died at his home on Wednesday, February 1. He is survived by his wife, Clydene

Parsons. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 4, at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of Holley-Gamble Funeral Home. Additional funeral services were held Sunday, February 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Interment was in the Isaac Parsons Cemetery in Floyd County. Holley-Gamble Funeral Home in Lake City was in charge of arrangements.

■ Melba Prater Sexton, 80 of Hueysville, died Thursday, February 2, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, February 6, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Roland Dean Aaron, 51, of Forest Hills, died Monday, February 6, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 9, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Clide Adams, 76, of Virgie, died Monday, February 6, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, February 10, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Gene Anderson, 78, of Shelby Gap, a native of Burdine, died Sunday, February 5, at the Jenkins Community Hospital. Funeral services were

held Wednesday, February 8, under direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Mary Syck Cline, 58, of Meta, died Sunday, February 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 8, under direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Madaline Ruth Solomon Coley, 90, formerly of Virgie, died Sunday, February 5, in Richmond, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 11, under the direction of Ziegler Funeral Home.

■ Florence "Marian" Damron, 54, of Caney Highway, died Thursday, February 9, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Dena "Susie" Marie Hamilton, 48, of Ashcamp, died Saturday, February 4, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 8, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Eugene Hurley, 65, of Hurricane Creek, Stopover, died Wednesday, February 8, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be held Sunday, February 12, at 1 p.m., in the Camp Creek Pentecostal Church, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Bonnie Lee Justice, 56, of Turkey Pen Road, died Tuesday, February 7, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Danny Justice. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 11, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ James Butler (Jimmy) Kilgore Jr., 47, of Lander, Wyo., formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, January 26, in Lander. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Jack Looney, 82, of Jenkins, a native of Belfry, died Monday, February 6, at Pikeville Medical Center. Graveside services were held under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Billie Harvey Martin, 76, of Lick Hollow, died Saturday, February 4. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 7, under direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Cletus May, 79, of

Pikeville, died Monday, Feb. 6, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 8, under direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Sylvia Maynard, 78, of Buskirk, died Tuesday, February 7, at the South Williamson Appalachian Skilled Nursing Unit. She is survived by her husband, Irvine "Pete" Maynard. Funeral services were held Friday, February 10, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Wyoma Hamilton Newsome, 90, of Virgie, died Sunday, February 5, at the Morris Memorial Nursing Home, Milton, W.Va. Funeral services were held Friday, February 10, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Hope Joelle Brashear Ratliff, infant daughter of Robert Bryan and Donna Brashear Ratliff of Nicholasville, was stillborn, Sunday, February 5, at St. Joseph East Hospital, Lexington. Graveside services were held Wednesday, February 8, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

■ Lillian Jackson Romer, 91, of Pikeville, died Sunday, February 5, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 8, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Quasie Smith, 96, of Raccoon, died Friday, February 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

■ Willie T. Smith, 86, of Owingsville, a native of Canada, died Sunday, February 5, at St. Claire Regional Medical Center, Morehead. He is survived by his wife, Ona Rebecca Church Smith. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 8, under direction of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, Morehead.

■ Dencil Ray Sullivan, 34, of Steele, died Tuesday, February 7, on U.S. 460, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Susie Casey Sullivan. Funeral services were held Friday, February 10, under the direction of Bailey Funeral

Home.

■ James Alfred "Gene-Alf" Thacker, 63, of Kimper, formerly of Phyllis, died Tuesday, February 7, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 11, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Ralph E. Thompson, 54, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of the Borderland area, died Tuesday, January 31, at Mt. Carmel West Hospital in Columbus. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 4, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Brenda Hanlon Varney, 71, of Huddy, died Saturday, February 4, at ARH. She is survived by her husband, William "Bob" Varney. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 7, under direction of Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Mary Jane Hayden Bowen, 81, of Paintsville, died Sunday, February 5, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 8, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ William Howard Bowling, 40, of East Point, died Wednesday, February 1, in Mobile, Alabama. He is survived by his wife, Mary Fairchild Bowling. Funeral services were held Monday, February 6, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Fred Robert Castle, 60, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, February 4, in Ann Arbor. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Blair Castle. Funeral services were held

Thursday, February 9, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Verna Ratliff Fletcher, 84, of Knoxville, Tennessee, a Johnson County native, died Friday, February 3, in Knoxville. Graveside services were held Monday, February 6, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ James Lee Fletcher Jr., 40, of Troy, Ohio, a native of Paintsville, died Thursday, February 2, in Clark County, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 6, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Cheryl Lee "Sherry" Hinton, 54, of Frankfort, a Paintsville native, died Monday, February 6, at the U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Charles Hinton. Funeral services were held Friday, February 10, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ James B. McGinnis, 84, of Van Lear, died Wednesday, February 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Hall McGinnis. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 11, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ray Powers, 53, of Pickerington, formerly of Paintsville, died Friday, February 3, at Mt. Carmel East Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 8, under the direction of Dwayne R. Spence Funeral Home.

■ Pastor Harold "Red" Stevens, 79, of Lowmansville, died Sunday, February 5, at

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Obituaries

Betty F. Bentley

Betty F. Bentley, 80, of Langley, died Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at her residence.

Born May 22, 1925, in Terre Haute, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late David and Pearl Davis Sayre. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Maytown United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, John P. Bentley.

Other survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: John P. Bentley Jr., and his wife, Myrtle, of Langley, and David D. Bentley and his wife, Carol, of Palmyra, Indiana; daughters: Nyoka Robinson of Palmyra, Indiana, and Julia Bormes and

her husband Chris, of Langley; one brother, Charles Sayre of Louisville; 13 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Everett Sayre, John Sayre, Paul Sayre and David Sayre; two sisters: Mary Cain and Prudence Muenchenhagen; and a son-in-law, Woodrow Robinson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 11, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tony McCutchen officiating.

Burial was in the Bentley Family Cemetery, Dock Allen Branch, in Langley.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Coal

"As far as production rates go, we hope to get up to a million tons a year," he said Friday. And workers will be needed for what Tackett figures will be four or five deep mines and one surface mine in the Harold area, boosting employment in the area.

"We look to employ around 120 people," Tackett said. "This has been in the works for awhile. We started working on leases about a year and a half ago, and had interest from various properties, but Prospect seemed best for us, because we

want to develop the companies." With the anticipation of 120 jobs in the area, Tackett was quick to note that one mine is set to begin production next week, while a second mine would start up in May. He said the others would come later this year and early next year.

Cited as having a good deal of experience in the coal business, Tackett is listed on records as the Secretary of State's Office as the organizer of Banner Elkhorn Properties. This company filed with that office Thursday, Feb. 9, the day deal-

ings with Prospect were made official, and, according to records, has the same principal office as does Genesis Coal Corporation.

Prospect Energy Corporation was founded by former managers of Merrill Lynch & Co. in 1988 and normally seeks investments ranging between \$5 million and \$25 million. According to a press release, Prospect is receiving a significant ownership position in Genesis as part of the agreement.

"Our investment in Genesis is our third coal-related investment in the Appalachian region and our fifth energy investment in the Appalachian region, an area rich in natural resources and great people," Prospect President Grier Eliasek said in the statement. "We look forward to financing other energy-related companies in Appalachia and beyond."

The corporation has, to date, invested more than \$1.5 billion in multiple asset classes.

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Pipeline

if the project is approved, then easement negotiations would fall under the company's right for eminent domain, which means the pipeline company can initiate condemnation proceedings of the property in order to gain easements for the construction.

Construction of the pipeline will disturb approximately 912 acres of land, and about 550 acres of land will thereafter be required for retain pipeline operations. The FERC has already determined to evaluate environmental concerns regarding the effect of blasting on groundwater, the difficult right of way restoration in construction areas on sloping land, and the impact on visual resources caused by vegetation clearing to prepare the right-of-way easements.

The FERC's office of external affairs will conduct a pre-certification site visit on Feb. 22 (by helicopter) and Feb. 23 (on foot), at which time they will view the proposed route and variations being considered for the planned pipeline.

Equitrans is sponsoring two public open houses designed to provide opportunities to explain the project to stakeholders. Representatives will be available at the Ramada Inn in Paintsville on Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m., and at the Louisa Community Center on Feb. 23, at the same time.

Those affected can research information or mail specific comments to the FERC before March 24 or by "eFiling" their responses online at www.ferc.gov.

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Regional

Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 9, under the direction of the Wilson Funeral Home.

Dr. John W. Turner, 91, of Paintsville, died Friday, February 3, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Lynn Freeman Turner. Funeral services were held Monday, February 6, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Dewey Pack, 88, of London, a Martin County native, died Thursday, February 2, at Corbin Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 5, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Hiram Jackson Sammons, 55, of Louisa, died Friday, February 3, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 6, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

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MARTIN COUNTY
Travis D. Carter, 20, of Inez, died Saturday, February 4, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Route 3, Inez. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 7, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home, Inez.

LAWRENCE COUNTY
Lillie Mae Brown, 84, of Vanceburg, a Lawrence County native, died Wednesday, February 1, at Vanceburg Rehab and Health Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 4, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Aileene Crum, 62, of Ironton, Ohio, formerly of Martin County, died Wednesday, February 1, at King's Daughters' Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 4, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lawsuit

He is asking for compensatory damages, including medical and other health-related expenses.

Branham, who did not return calls Friday, did not explain the extent of injuries caused to the students in the suit.

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Courtney Joanna Hope Horn, 13, of Inez, died Saturday, February 4, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 7, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

William Owen Karrick, 94, of Florence, died Saturday, January 7. Graveside services were conducted at the Preece Family Cemetery, at Wolf Creek, in Martin County, Wednesday, January 11.

Gloria J. Mills, 67, of Tomahawk, died Sunday, February 5, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 8, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

William Henry Murphy, 89, died Friday, February 3, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 5, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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Guest View

Graduated licensing right step to take

Ten years ago, when the General Assembly first passed a graduated driver's license law, advocates noted that Kentucky had the worst teen traffic fatality rate in the nation.

Now the Legislature is talking about again toughening Kentucky's licensing laws for new teenage drivers. There's good reason to do so: although the commonwealth's teen traffic fatality rankings have improved slightly, Kentucky is still one of the deadliest states in the nation.

Teenagers account for just 6 percent of all licensed drivers in Kentucky, but are involved in about 18 percent of all fatal accidents and more than 20 percent of all wrecks on the highway.

To its credit, the House this week passed a bill that would establish a new set of requirements for teen drivers, chiefly an intermediate period between a learner's permit and a full, unrestricted license.

At present, according to officials at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 39 states and the District of Columbia have what are regarded as full graduated driver's license programs. Kentucky is not among that number.

Kentucky officials say that states which have gone to full programs have recorded a drop of between 15 percent and 20 percent in the teen traffic fatality rate. Rep. Tom Burch, the Louisville Democrat who is sponsoring the bill, puts it in more compelling terms. Had Kentucky adopted such a measure four years ago, he says, as many as 300 teenagers might have been saved.

Under Kentucky's current law (which the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety rates as marginal), at age 16 a child may take a written test that qualifies them for a learner's permit allowing them to drive in the company of an adult. After at least 180 days, they may test for a provisional driver's license, good until they turn 18. They must also complete a four-hour course and, until they are 21, abide by a zero-tolerance policy regarding alcohol and illegal drugs.

The bill passed this week would stipulate that young drivers must complete at least 60 hours behind the wheel, including 10 hours at night, during their learner permit period. Then, if they haven't gotten any moving violations, they would enter a 180-day intermediate period during which they would not be allowed to have more than one passenger under age 20 in the car (other than family members) or (except in emergencies) drive between midnight and 6 a.m.

Ohio has a more robust graduated licensing system, one rated "Fair" by the highway safety institute. It requires a 50-hour training period, but allows teens to get learner permits as early as age 15 and a half.

Some highway safety advocates are starting to beat the drums for a push to persuade states to raise the minimum driving age to 17 or higher, on grounds that brain research shows that older teens are somewhat more mature and less prone to making rash decisions behind the wheel. Graduated licenses are a step in that direction, because they effectively delay the start of unrestricted driving privileges.

Kentucky, however, has been sluggish even about toughening its teen driver laws.

Even though he has seen his graduated licensing overhaul pass the House three times before, only to die in the Senate, Burch says he is optimistic the fourth try will be a charm. We certainly hope so.

This is a bill that really ought to transcend politics and the other tripwires in Frankfort. It deserves prompt consideration, and an affirmative vote, in the Senate.

— The Kentucky Post



Rich Lowry Column

Tear down this analogy

The House of Representatives recently voted to establish a dictatorship in the United States and to prevent hopeless citizens from escaping it. That, at least, is what the casual listener might have concluded from the rhetoric mustered in opposition to the building of a better security fence on the U.S.-Mexico border.

The Berlin Wall was the analogy of choice for opponents of the border-fence project, passed as part of an immigration-enforcement bill. Democrats invoked the analogy during the debate, and Mexico's Human Rights Commission denounced the "tendency to criminalize migration with a wall that calls to mind the Berlin Wall."

We are a long way from Robert Frost and "good fences make good neighbors." Are the old East German secret police — the Stasi — about to be recommissioned to bring their skills at maintaining border obstacles to the Rio Grande?

Hardly. There is an elementary moral distinction between a wall built to keep people out and one designed to keep people in. If West Berliners had been desperate to scale the wall to escape tyranny and take advantage of East Berlin's labor market and freedoms, there might be something to the Berlin Wall analogy. Of course, it was the opposite.

This and other subtleties got lost. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, accused Republicans of offering "the old Berlin Wall, again separating the north from the south." Does she think the wall kept South Berliners from escaping

into North Berlin? She went on to rewrite the history of the wall in a manner only the Politburo could appreciate, "It kept people out, and it kept people in." As if there was ever any danger of a mass exodus from West to East to take advantage of the workers' paradise.

One columnist warned, recalling President Reagan's famous speech at the Brandenburg Gate, "The very possibility of a Mexican president someday standing at the Laredo Gate calling out 'Mr. President, tear down this wall,' should concern anyone with historical perspec-

tive." Reagan issued his challenge because he knew West Germany represented a better, more just form of government, one that people would vote in favor with their feet. A Mexican president would call for the elimination of a border fence knowing that his government is corrupt and incompetent, depending on the social and economic safety valve of migration to the north.

The fence, with two layers separated by a road for border-control vehicles, would run for about 700 miles in five strategic areas where crossings are particularly frequent. A fence has worked in the San Diego area, where illegal-alien arrests have declined sharply since 1996, when construction began. Illegal crossings picked up elsewhere, which critics of the extended fence argue will happen again: A fence will only shift migration patterns.

Whatever the fence's ultimate effectiveness, comparisons to the Berlin Wall are offensive. Opponents of a border fence apparently consider any wall objectionable, whether it is an instrument of repression or a way for a nation of laws to see that those laws are obeyed.

Americans can reinforce and extend their border fence with a clean conscience.

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The Rich Lowry column

beyond the beltway

The state of the union is delusional

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

State of the Union addresses tend to be exercises in fantasy, filled with promises that can't be kept. President Bush's version last week managed to be all that and less.

He contrived to talk about the need to reduce our reliance on foreign oil without once mentioning the word "conservation." (I'm not sure his lips are capable of forming the word.) He proposed no tougher fuel standards for vehicles, no increased spending on mass transportation, nothing about how patriotic it would be to car-pool. I suppose he agrees with Vice President Dick Cheney that conservation is a personal virtue.

No, he beat the ethanol drum again and promoted hydrogen-powered cars, zero-emissions coal-fired plants, solar power, wind-power, everything but a perpetual motion machine.

It's too bad they can't find a way to harness the political speeches of the president and Congress. There's enough hot air and methane gas produced by them to light up the entire Atlantic seaboard.

But perhaps the most glaring omission was his failure to so much as mention global warming, let alone lay out a high-priority plan to deal with it.

It's time to get real: the jury is no longer out on global warming. It doesn't need any more study to see if it's happening. It's happening. The Arctic ice-cap is disappearing, glaciers are melting,

coral reefs are dying, storms around the world are becoming increasingly violent and average temperatures keep going up.

While there may be a cyclical element to this, the scientific community — with the exception of a few quacks and scientists on the payrolls of energy companies — is agreed that it's being hurried along by the burning of fossil fuels that release carbon dioxide into the air, producing a "greenhouse effect."

Yet the president continues to turn his back on this potentially cataclysmic problem and instead offers tax incentives to oil companies already bloated with profits.

Yet the part of the president's speech that was at greatest remove from reality was the section on democracy and the Middle East.

He seems to think, against all evidence, that our problems in the area are caused largely by a lack of freedom and democracy there and that all that's needed to make it better is a few elections. Has anyone told him about the elections in Palestine last month?

If it weren't for a lack of democracy in the Middle East we wouldn't have any allies there at all, other than Israel.

The most telling thing I've read on the Middle East recently was a "New Yorker" interview of a retired Israeli intelligence officer, a long-time observer of Middle East politics.

The officer, Shalom Harari, spent the day of the Palestinian elections watching a military ceremony on Egypt's state television network.

"Look at the wives of the generals," he said. "Many of them are wearing traditional head scarves. This was not so ten years ago. And this tells you where we are heading. When the women of Egypt's pro-Western military elite are dressed like that, you know that the Hamas victory is not about Palestine. It's about the entire Middle East."

He said he spotted the trend 20 years ago when Palestinian Islamists began winning student elections at the best universities of the West Bank. Now they rule parliament.

"In Jordan too," he said, "wherever there are free elections—trade unions, student unions, professional guilds—the Islamists have the upper hand...Throughout the Middle East, the Muslim Brotherhood is the main power with grassroots support. The Islamists are less corrupt. They are the ones with integrity and compassion. They are of the people and they speak for the people. Today in the Arab world, the choice is clear between democratically elected Islamists and Western-leaning dictators."

You don't need wiretapping to tell you something like that. All you need is someone who knows the area and knows what he's looking for. There's no evidence that President Bush has anyone like that around him.

The State of the Union is delusional.

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23	TBS	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Friends	Friends	*** "Planes, Trains and Automobiles"	*** "Turner & Hooch"						
4	NBC	News	News	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	XX Olympic Winter Games									
5	PBS	Clifford the Big Red Dog	Dragon Tales	Math Basics	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Comment on Kentucky	McLaughlin Group	Washington Week	NOW	Wilder: An American First	Ky. General Assembly	BBC World News	To the Contrary	Eye on Washington		
7	ABC	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC World News Tonight	Family Feud	Entertainment Tonight	Dancing With the Stars	In Justice	20/20							
15	WGN	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improvement	Home Improvement	Funniest Home Videos	*** "The Pelican Brief"	WGN News at Nine	Sex and the City	Becker	America's Funniest Home Videos						
10	CBS	News	News	News	CBS Evening News	Legends Suzuki	The King of Queens	Ghost Whisperer	Close to Home	NUMB3RS	News	Sports OverTime	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late Show			
11	FOX	Maury		Friends	Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	Trading Spouses	Close to Home	NUMB3RS	News	Sex and the City	The Bernie Mac Show	Malcolm in the Middle	Paid Program			
13	CBS	Dr. Phil		News	CBS News	News	Hollywood	Close to Home	NUMB3RS	News	Late Show-Letterman	Late Late Show					
46	ESPN	Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter	(Live)	NBA Basketball: All-Star Celebrity Game	(Live)	2005 World Series of Poker	2005 World Series of Poker	SportsCenter	(Live)	Gamenight	Baseball				
39	DSC	It Takes a Thief	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	The FBI Files	The FBI Files	The FBI Files	The FBI Files	The FBI Files	A Haunting	The FBI Files	The FBI Files	The FBI Files	The FBI Files	The FBI Files	The FBI Files	The FBI Files
21	TNT	Charmed	Charmed	Charmed	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	NBA Basketball: T-Mobile Rookie Challenge	Inside NBA	*** "The Year of the Yao"					
65	A&E	City Confidential	American Justice	American Justice	American Justice	American Justice	American Justice	American Justice	American Justice	Biography: William Shatner	American Justice	Biography: "The Brady Bunch"					
59	TNN	Maximum Exposure	Wildcat Police Videos	Wildcat Police Videos	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	*** "The Shawshank Redemption"	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.
53	NICK	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	All Grown Up	Danny Phant.	SpongeBob	Catscratch	Avatar	The X's	Danny Phant.	Danny Phant.	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Roseanne	Roseanne
46	USA	(3:00) PGA Golf: Nissan Open - Second Round	Olympic Ice	Olympic Ice	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit
40	FAM	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls
24	LIFE	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny
27	ESPN2	Best of Poker	2005 World Series of Poker	Horn	Interruption	Kickboxing	Kickboxing	Kickboxing	Kickboxing	Boxing: Alexis Division vs. Delvin Rodriguez	Quite Frankly With Smith	Obstacle	Obstacle				
72	AMC	(4:15) *** "The Man With the Golden Gun"	(1974, Action) Roger Moore, Christopher Lee	Hustle	*** "You Only Live Twice"	(1967, Action) Sean Connery, Akiko Wakabayashi	*** "For Your Eyes Only"	(1981, Action) Roger Moore, Carole Bouquet									
66	HGTV	That's Clever	Landscapers	Renovation	Weekend	Curb Appeal	House	HGTV's Dream Home 2006	Double Take	FreeStyle	House	House	Debbie Travis' Facelift	HGTV's Dream Home 2006			
61	SCIFI	The X-Files	"Our Town"	Stargate SG-1	"Revisions"	John Doe	"John Deaux"	Stargate SG-1	"The Scourge"	Stargate Atlantis	Battlestar Galactica	Stargate SG-1	"The Scourge"	Stargate Atlantis	Stargate Atlantis	Stargate Atlantis	Stargate Atlantis
41	HIST	The Lost Dinosaurs of Egypt	Modern Marvels	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam	Emery's Vietnam
33	TOC	Fishing	Hank Parker	Fall Flight	Pro Hunting	Backland	Am. Archer	Shooting	Guns	Get the Game	Outdoors	Quebec Adv.	Tracks-Africa	Prospecting	Hunt-America	Jim Houston	Brittingham
14	HBO	(4:30) *** "Napoleon Dynamite"	(2004, Jon Heder)	*** "Fat Albert"	(2004, Comedy) Kenan Thompson, Kyla Pratt	*** "I, Robot"	(2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan	Deadwood	"Childish Things"	Real Time	(Season Premiere) Angelina Jolie	"Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil"					
19	HBO2	(4:30) *** "Million Dollar Baby"	(2004) Precinct 13	Real Sports	The Sopranos	*** "The Peacemaker"	(1997, Suspense) George Clooney	*** "Bullet"	(1997, Drama) Mickey Rourke	*** "Alexander"	(2004, Historical Drama) Colin Farrell						
3	HBO3	(4:30) *** "The Color Purple"	(1985, Drama) Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover	*** "Yesterday"	(2004, Drama) Lelai Khamalo, Lile Mvelase	Six Feet Under	"The New Person"	Epitafios	*** "Alexander"	(2004, Historical Drama) Colin Farrell							
MAX	(4:15) *** "The Exorcist"	(1973, Horror) Ellen Burstyn, Linda Blair	*** "King's Ransom"	(2005, Comedy) Anthony Anderson	*** "Eight Legged Freaks"	(2002, Science Fiction) David Arquette, Karl Wuhrer	*** "The Day After Tomorrow"	(2004, Adventure) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal	Hotel Erotica	"Genie in a Bottle"							
29	DISN	The Emperor's	That's So Raven	Sister, Sister	Suite Life of Zack & Cody	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	"Twitches"	(2005, Fantasy) Tia Mowry, Tamara Mowry	Phil of the Future	Sister, Sister	Suite Life of Zack & Cody	That's So Raven	Phil of the Future	Kim Possible		
22	SHOW	Confessions	*** "Saved!"	(2004, Comedy-Drama) Jena Malone, Mandy Moore	*** "Paycheck"	(2003, Science Fiction) Ben Affleck, Aaron Eckhart	Sleeper Cell	"Family"	(TV) (In Stereo) *** "Walking Tall"	(2004, Action) The Rock, Johnny Knoxville	Filmmaker Showcase	The L Word	"Liesize"				
25	TMC	(4:45) *** "Captain Ron"	(1992, Comedy) Kurt Russell, Martin Short	"The Cactus Kid"	(2000, Adventure) Thomas Curtis, William R. Moses	*** "The Prophecy II"	(1998, Horror) Christopher Walken	*** "Control"	(2004, Suspense) Ray Liotta, Willem Dafoe	*** "Amityville II: The Possession"	(1982, Horror) Burt Young, James Olson						

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Daughter."

10 p.m. CBS
CSI: Miami

In the unique episode "Three-Way," Calleigh, Delko and Ryan (Emily Procter, Adam Rodriguez, Jonathan Togo) investigate the murder of a hotel cabana boy, and each has a very different version of what happened. In addition to three stories, there are also three suspects: a trio of wives on a girls weekend out whose penthouse suite is full of evidence linking them to the murder. But which one did it?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
8 p.m. ABC
A Charlie Brown Valentine

As "Peanuts" fans know, for about 40 years Charlie Brown has been pining for the little red-haired girl; Lucy has been trying to raise Schroeder's head from that Beethoven sheet music; and little Sally has tried every trick in the book to distract Linus from his security blanket, philosophical musings and Great Pumpkin fixation. This special finds several of the characters immersed in their child-sized romantic dilemmas.

8 p.m. CBS
The Price Is Right Million Dollar Spectacular

The venerable game show goes prime time again with this first of three weekly specials offering contestants bigger cash prizes. Bob Barker -- who else? -- presides over familiar games that have higher stakes, including the chance to spin the wheel for \$1 million. The other fixtures of the daytime version who turn up here are the models known as "Barker's Beauties."

8 p.m. NBC
XX Olympic Winter Games

Bode Miller's mouth has garnered plenty of attention lately. Tonight, he hopes his skiing does the talking in the men's combined final. He won silver in this event four years ago, losing gold to still-contending 34-year-old Kjetil Andre Aamodt of Norway. Also, coverage of figure skating continues with the men's short program featuring American Johnny Weir, and finals are contested in women's speed skating and women's singles luge.

8 p.m. SHOWTIME
Movie: Stage Beauty

Sort of a "Shakespeare in Love" in reverse, this period comedy casts Billy Crudup as an actor who takes advantage of a ban against women performing onstage in 17th-century England. He tackles female roles to great acclaim, but suddenly gets competition when his dresser (Claire Danes) decides to oppose the rule by going onstage herself. Tom Wilkinson, Rupert Everett and Hugh Bonneville also appear.

8 p.m. WB
Gilmore Girls

Lorelai, Luke, Rory and Logan (Lauren Graham, Scott Patterson, Alexis Bledel, Matt Czuchy) spend a weekend at Logan's family's place on Martha's Vineyard. Luke is cool to Logan at first but warms up after Logan bails him out of a Valentine's Day jam. The arrival of Logan's father (guest star Gregg Henry), who is upset with Logan for neglecting his business responsibilities, ends the outing on a sour note in the new episode "A Vineyard Valentine."

9 p.m. CBS
Dr. Phil Primetime Special: Love Smart

Based on his latest book of relationship advice, Dr. Phil McGraw zeroes in on two lonely hearts -- one with a very familiar face -- in this new special. His famous "patient" is singer and "American Idol" judge Paula Abdul, whose success, busy schedule and intense emotional makeup have kept her from finding a guy. McGraw also helps a womanizer who wants to settle down and counsels some of the women whose hearts he's broken.

9 p.m. LIFETIME
Movie: Crazy Love

A woman (Reiko Aylesworth, "24") suffers a nervous breakdown and enters a mental institution, where she meets and falls in love with a fellow patient (Bruno Campos), a schizophrenic. They have lots of obstacles on their path to happiness, but don't discount the power of love. JoBeth Williams, Marla Sokoloff and singer Meat Loaf also star in this touching 2005 drama.

9 p.m. check local listings
PBS
Frontline

The new episode "The Meth Epidemic" traces the alarming rise in the abuse of methamphetamine, an illegal drug easily made from legal ingredients -- including ephedrine, found in many over-the-counter cold medicines. The report questions whether the government is doing enough to fight the spread of meth and whether the pharmaceutical industry -- whose easily available products are used in meth manufacture -- should take some responsibility.

9 p.m. WB
Supernatural

A boy reports seeing a man disappear into thin air, and Dean and Sam

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23	TBS	(8:00) *** "Analyze That"	(2002) Robert De Niro	*** "Rain Man"	(1988, Comedy-Drama) Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise					*** "Planes, Trains and Automobiles"	(1987, Comedy) Steve Martin, John Candy	*** "Turner & Hooch"	(1989, Comedy) Tom Hanks, Mare Winningham				
4	NBC	Tutenstein	Time Warp	Trading Spaces	Darcy's Wild Life	Flight 29	Endurance	XX Olympic Winter Games									
5	PBS	Dragon Tales	Calliou	Ciao Italia	Family Kitchen	Sewing With Nancy	Ntl Arts Studio	America Quilts	Martha's Sewing Room	Glass With Vicki Payne	One Stroke Painting	Joy of Painting	Mixed Media	Workplace-Skills	Workplace-Skills	GED Connection	GED Connection
7	ABC	Lilo & Stitch	The Emperor's	The Proud Family	That's So Raven	Exploration	Mountaineer Jammin'	College Basketball: DePaul at St. John's	(Live)	Lilo & Stitch	College Basketball: Iowa St. at Okla. or N.C. St. at Va.	PGA Golf: Nissan Open - Third Round					
15	WGN	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Happy Days	Home Improvement	The Cosby Show	Moesha	Soul Train	(In Stereo)	*** "Incognito"	(1997, Suspense) Jason Patric, Irene Jacob		
10	CBS	Saturday Early Show	(In Progress)	Little Bill	Blue's Clues	Blue's Clues	Paid Program	Scholastic Ball Report	Paid Program	Rebecca's Garden	College Basketball: Kentucky at South Carolina	(Live)	College Basketball: Tennessee at Alabama	(Live)			
11	FOX	Bratz	Winx Club	Winx Club	Mutant Turtles	Sonic X	G.I. Joe	*** "Dangerous Beauty"	(1998, Drama) Catherine McCormack, Rufus Sewell	College Basketball: Florida at Arkansas	(Live)	College Basketball: Tennessee at Alabama	(Live)				
13	CBS	Decision	Kidz Newz	Go Diego	Backyard	Dora-Explorer	Little Bill	Blue's Clues	Icon Media	Paid Program	College Basketball: Kentucky at South Carolina	(Live)	College Basketball: Regional Coverage				
46	ESPN	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	(Live)	College GameDay	(Live)	College Football All-Star Challenge	(N)	College Basketball: Charlotte at Fordham	(Live)	College Basketball: Charlotte at Fordham	(Live)	College Basketball: Charlotte at Fordham	(Live)			
39	DSC	Roswell	Crop Circles: Mysteries	Sasquatch: Legend	America's Loch Ness	Return to Area 51	Dive to Bermuda Triangle	Dive to Bermuda Triangle	The FBI Files								
21	TNT	*** "Snow Day"	(2000, Comedy) Chris Elliott	*** "Lethal Weapon"	(1987, Action) Mel Gibson	NASCAR Racing: Busch Series Hershhey's Kissables 300	(In Stereo) Live	*** "The Untouchables"	(1987, Crime Drama) Kevin Costner, Sean Connery								
65	A&E	Ask This Old	Ask This Old	Old House	*** "Lean on Me"	(1989, Drama) Morgan Freeman	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	American Justice			
59	TNN	3 Stoooges	3 Stoooges	SI Swimsuit Special	Trucks!	Trucks!	Horsepower	MuscleCar	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!	King of Vegas	King of Vegas	King of Vegas	King of Vegas	King of Vegas	King of Vegas	King of Vegas
53	NICK	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Oddparents	Oddparents	WWE A.M. Raw	Monk	"Mr. Monk and Little Monk"	Coach	*** "Breakdown"	(1997, Suspense) Kurt Russell, J.T. Walsh	*** "Mission: Impossible"	(1996, Adventure) Tom Cruise, John Voight				
46	USA	(8:00) XX Olympic Winter Games	(Live)														
40	FAM	Get Ed	Kong-Series	Rangers	Super Robot	Spider-Man	W.I.T.C.H.	*** "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey"	(1993) John Wood, Jane Seymour	"The New Swiss Family Robinson"	(1998) Jane Seymour	"Flight of the Navigator"					
24	LIFE	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	"Sophie and the Moonhanger"	(1996) Patricia Richardson	"Broken Silence"	(1998, Drama) Ariana Richards	*** "Night Sins"	(1997, Drama) Valerie Bertinelli	Premiere					
27	ESPN2	Beat	Bass Tech	Cisc. Highlight	BassCenter	Bass Tech	College Basketball: Teams TBA	(Live)	College Basketball: Teams TBA	(Live)	College Basketball: Teams TBA	(Live)	College Basketball: Teams TBA	(Live)			
72	AMC	Comanche Territory	*** "Kansas Raiders"	(1950, Western) Audie Murphy, Brian Anna Baneroff	*** "The Untouchables"	(1987, Crime Drama) Kevin Costner, Sean Connery											
66	HGTV	New Spaces	House Detect	Ground	Dream	Landscape	Garden-Yard	Curb Appeal	Outer Spaces	Decorating	Design Remix	Small Space	Mission	Parents	Designers'	Double Take	reDesign
61	SCIFI	*** "Creature"	(1998, Suspense) Craig T. Nelson, Kim Cattrall	*** "Chupacabra: Dark Seas"	(2005, Horror) Giancarlo Esposito	*** "Watchers II"	(1990, Horror) Marc Singer	Premiere									
44	HIST	Murders	Murders	Murders	Murders	Murders	Murders	UFO Files	UFO Files	UFO Files	UFO Files	UFO Files	UFO Files	UFO Files	UFO Files	UFO Files	UFO Files
33	TOC	Pro Team	Hank Parker	Bass Champs	Prospectng	Gold Fever	Boater	Off Road	USAC Thunder	Monsters of Destruction	Paintball	Inside RC	Four Wheeler	Hot Rod TV			
14	HBO	(8:00) *** "Elektra"	16 Blocks: First Look	*** "Jackie Chan's Who Am I?"	(1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Michelle Ferre	I Have Tourette's	*** "Chasing Liberty"	(2004, Romance-Comedy) Mandy Moore, Matthew Goode	*** "The Whole Ten Yards"	(2004, Comedy) Bruce Willis	*** "Elektra"	(2005, Action) Jennifer Garner					
15	HBO2	(8:30) "Airplane!"	(1980) PG	Countdown	*** "Ocean's Twelve"	(2004) George Clooney, Moore	*** "Being Julia"	(2004) Annette Bening	*** "Garden State"	(2004, Comedy) Zach Braff, Ian Holm	*** "Liberty Stands Still"	(2002, Suspense) Linda Fiorentino, Wesley Snipes	*** "L.A. Confidential"				
3	HBO3	(8:30) *** "The Goodbye Girl"	(1977, Romance-Comedy) Richard Dreyfuss	*** "Racing Stripes"	(2005, Comedy) Bruce Greenwood, Hayden Panettiere	*** "The Big Bounce"	(2004, Comedy-Drama) Owen Wilson	*** "Trial by Jury"	(1994, Suspense) Joanne Whalley-Kilmer, Amanda Assante	*** "The Rock"	(1996)						
MAX	Joe Versus the Volcano	*** "50 First Dates"	(2004, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler	*** "Barbershop 2: Back in Business"	(2004, Comedy) Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer	*** "Danny Deckchallah"	(2003, Comedy) Rhye Ifans, Miranda Otto	*** "Groundhog Day"	(1993, Romance-Comedy) Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell	*** "The School of Rock"	(2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack						
29	DISN	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	The Buzz on Maggie	American Drgn	The Emperor's	"Twitches"	(2005, Fantasy) Tia Mowry, Tamara Mowry	American Drgn	W.I.T.C.H.	Kim Possible	Kim Possible		
22	SHOW	(8:25) *** "My Life So Far"	(1999) Colin Firth	*** "Barbershop 2: Back in Business"	(2004, Comedy) Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer	*** "Danny Deckchallah"	(2003, Comedy) Rhye Ifans, Miranda Otto	*** "Groundhog Day"	(1993, Romance-Comedy) Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell	*** "The School of Rock"	(2003, Comedy) Jack Black, Joan Cusack						
25	TMC	(8:15) *** "The Night Before"	(1988) Keanu Reeves	*** "The Night Before"	(1988) Keanu Reeves	*** "Super Size Me"	(2004, Documentary) Morgan Spurlock	*** "Deception"	(1993, Adventure) Andie MacDowell, Liam Neeson	*** "PI"	(1998, Science Fiction) Sean Gullette, Mark Margolis	Englishman Who Went Up a Hill but Came Down Mtn					

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TV Listings

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(Jensen Ackles, Jared Padalecki) go to Minnesota to investigate. Sam is abducted, and the brothers' first assumption is that this is another supernatural occurrence. But they're wrong; the abductors are flesh-and-blood hunters looking for human quarry for their sport. Ryan Drescher ("Jeremiah") guest stars in the new episode "The Benders."

10 p.m.

CINEMAX
Movie: **Soul Food**

Mother Joe serves up generous helpings of wisdom along with the chicken at her Sunday family feasts. When she's incapacitated by a stroke, marital and financial conflicts among her three daughters and their husbands threaten to tear the family apart. A perceptive young grandson, who is able to connect with the matriarch even as she lies in a coma, helps put things back together. Vanessa L. Williams, Vivica A. Fox, Nia Long, Michael Beach, Mekhi Phifer and Brandon Hammond star in this warm 1997 drama.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6 p.m.

TCM

Movie: **An American in Paris**

Songs by George and Ira Gershwin underscore this tale of an artist caught between two women in postwar Paris. The thin story is merely an excuse for director Vincente Minnelli and choreographer-dancer-actor Gene Kelly to dazzle viewers with a piece of moviemaking so joyous and triumphant, the movie took the 1951 Academy Award for best picture over "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "A Place in the Sun." Leslie Caron costars.

8 p.m.

NBC

XX Olympic Winter Games

A full night of competition in Turin, Italy, features finals in five events. Croatia's Janica Kostelic won four alpine skiing medals in Salt Lake City, and may have added a fifth if she raced in the downhill. She gets her chance tonight. World Cup champion Jeremy Bloom is the man to beat in men's moguls, and in men's luge, Mark Grimmette and Brian Martin look to medal in a third-straight Olympics. Also, medals are determined in women's short track and nordic combined.

8 p.m. check local listings

PBS

Windsor Castle: A Royal Year

It's a family residence, a home and workplace for more than 400 people, and the world's largest inhabited castle. This new three-part miniseries offers highlights of a year in the life of Windsor Castle, including the Royal Ascot horse race and the wedding of Prince Charles and Camilla Parker-Bowles. In the first episode, "The Banquet," the staff gets ready for a state dinner for the French president and first lady.

8 p.m.

UPN

South Beach

Alex (Lee Thompson Young) becomes Arielle's (Odette Yustman) manager and takes extraordinary measures to keep her from being taken advantage of. Matt (Marcus Coloma) discovers Maggie's (Meghan Ory) singing talent and gives her CD to a music producer (guest star Ja Rule) but doesn't tell her. Chris J. Johnson also stars in the new episode "The S.B."

8 p.m.

WB

One Tree Hill

The opening of the students' time capsule opens a whole series of personal Pandora's boxes. Lucas and Mouth (Chad Michael Murray, Lee Norris) are forced into a confrontation with someone from their past. Brooke (Sophia Bush) faces embarrassment over things she exposed. Haley (Bethany Joy) comes to grips with the changes in Nathan (James Lafferty). The band Fall Out Boy returns, playing a benefit, in the new episode "Just Watch the Fireworks."

8:30 p.m.

CBS

Yes, Dear

Greg (Anthony Clark) realizes Kim (Jean Louisa Kelly) trusts Christine's (Liza Snyder) advice more than anyone else's in the new episode "Should I Bring a Jacket?" Christine has a similar revelation about Jimmy (Mike O'Malley): He listens to Greg. Armed with this knowledge, Greg and Christine make a pact: Each will use the other's influence over his or her spouse to get what he or she wants. It works until Christine backs out, and now Greg wants revenge.

9 p.m.

ANIMAL PLANET

Little Zoo That Could

You think your house is a zoo? Don't say that within earshot of Patti Hall, director of the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. With all the hurricanes that have battered that part of the country in recent memory, she's taken the facility's residents into her home on several occasions. This new series chronicles the efforts of Hall and her staff to get the zoo's animals to safety as hurricanes Ivan, Dennis and Katrina hit the area.

9 p.m.

CBS

Criminal Minds

A delusional man takes his fellow train passengers -- including Elle (Lola

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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	NBC	Today Cont'd		Live With Regis and Kelly		Oprah Winfrey		News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		Be a Millionaire	Be a Millionaire	XX Olympic Winter Games	
4	PBS	Dragon Tales	Clifford's Puppy Days	Sesame Street		Calliou	Barney & Friends	Teletubbies	Mister Rogers	Varied Programs	Pre GED Connection	Reading Rainbow	Between the Lions	Zoom	Postcards From Buster	Cyberchase	Maya & Miguel
5	ABC	Maury		Montel Williams		The View		News	The Insider	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge Joe Brown	Judge Joe Brown
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	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		Guiding Light		Paid Program	The Andy Griffith Show
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	That 70s Show	My Wife and Kids	Jerry Springer	
13	CBS	Dr. Phil		Martha		The Price is Right		News	The Young and the Restless	Bold & B.		As the World Turns		Guiding Light		The Ellen DeGeneres Show	
46	ESPN	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	Varied	SportsCenter		Gamenight	Fastbreak	X-Games		Varied Programs				1st and 10	Burning
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31	TNT	Charmed		ER				Judging Amy		Judging Amy				NYPD Blue		Law & Order	Law & Order
65	A&E	Varied Programs				City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files				Varied Programs			
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.	
53	NICK	Dora-Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyard			Dora-Explorer	LazyTown	Max & Ruby	Dora-Explorer	Go Diego	LazyTown	Rugrats	Varied Programs		Stein
48	USA	XX Olympic Winter Games				Varied Programs											
7	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
24	LIFE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	The Nanny	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie			
27	ESPN2	Mike and Mike		Cold Pizza				Cold Pizza				Quite Frankly With Smith		Varied Programs		Poker	Varied
72	AMC	Movie Cont'd		Varied Programs													
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
61	SCIFI	Passions		Varied Programs													Ripley's Believe It or Not!
44	HIST	Varied Programs						Modern Marvels				Varied Programs					
33	TOC	Varied Programs						Paid Program	Varied Programs			Paid Program	Varied Programs		Paid Program	Varied Programs	
14	HBO	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs							Movie
15	HBO2	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs														
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28	MAX	Movie		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs
28	DISN	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	The Koala Brothers	Rolie Polle Olie	Doodlebops	Charlie & Lola	Rolie Polle Olie	Higglytown Heroes	JoJo's Circus	Lilo & Stitch	Brandy & Mr. Whiskers		Varied Programs		
22	SHOW	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs	Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs			
25	TMC	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs			Movie		Varied Programs				Movie		Varied Programs		Movie	Varied Programs

Glaudini) -- hostage in "Derailed." Hitchner and Gideon (Thomas Gibson, Mandy Patinkin) realize the only way to save them is to play along with their captor's unreal view of reality. They send in Dr. Reid (Matthew Gray Gubler), who does his best to prove to the man that he shares his mind-set -- or upset.

9 p.m.

LIFETIME

Movie: **Cake**

Heather Graham stars in this 2005 romantic comedy as a perpetually single travel writer who takes over the operation of her ill father's bridal magazine. To help her learn the ropes, her dad assigns her a mentor (David Sutcliffe) -- who happens to be the same guy she drunkenly hit on at a friend's wedding. Taye Diggs and Sandra Oh also star.

10 p.m.

CBS

CSI: NY

In "Young Blood," Mac and Flack (Gary Sinise, Eddie Cahill) investigate the murder of a man in the elevator of his apartment building. It turns out he liked his women young -- very young -- and one of them was with him the night he died, but she left the murder scene. Stella and Hawkes (Melina Kanakaredes, Hill Harper) aren't sure whether their victim, who is found in the lake in Central Park, was a trust-fund baby or homeless.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:30 p.m.

SHOWTIME

Movie: **Off the Map**

A family of three living off the land in 1970s New Mexico is shaken up by the arrival of an Internal Revenue Service agent. He's there on business -- the family hasn't filed tax returns in several years -- but after a reaction to a bee sting forces him to stay, he becomes quite taken with the trio, falling quietly in love with Mom and bonding with Dad over their mutual battles with depression. Joan Allen and Sam Elliott star in this 2003 drama.

8 p.m.

FOX

Movie: **Legally Blonde**

Reese Witherspoon shines in this fluffy but entertaining 2001 comedy. Her character, Elle, personifies all the California-girl stereotypes, which don't fit in with her Harvard Law School-bound boyfriend's plans. She applies to Harvard Law herself in an attempt to change his mind. Does she get in? Of course. Just because she's blond doesn't mean she's dumb -- one of this movie's easy-to-swallow morals. Matthew Davis and Holland Taylor also star.

8 p.m.

NBC

XX Olympic Winter Games

Russia's three-time figure skating world champion Yevgeny Plushenko has little left to accomplish in his sport ... besides winning Olympic gold. The silver medalist from four years ago is the odds-on pick in tonight's free skate. Other medal contenders include American Johnny Weir and Canadians Emanuel Sandhu and Jeffrey Buttle. Maine's Seth Wescott is the favorite in the snowboard cross final. The Games' newest sport is a four-man race down a slick and bumpy course.

8 p.m.

UPN

Everybody Hates Chris

Chris (Tyler James Williams) is burning up the Asteroids game at the corner store. But his self-proclaimed championship status is soon challenged by a new player. Back home, Julius and Rochelle (Terry Crews, Tichina Arnold) agree to cut back on

some of the little extras they enjoy to save money. And what would those little extras be? Well, we can tell you that the title of this new episode is "Everybody Hates the Lottery."

8 p.m.

WB

Smallville

Lee Thompson Young ("South Beach") guest stars in the new episode "Cyborg" as Victor -- half human, half machine -- who escapes from Luthor Corp, where he was being experimented on. Lana (Kristin Kreuk) accidentally hits him with her car, and when he's unhurt, she asks Clark (Tom Welling) to check him out. Michael Rosenbaum, Erica Durand and John Glover also star.

8:30 p.m.

UPN

Love, Inc

David (guest star Rick Fox) has a surprise for Clea (Holly Robinson Peete), and she has one for him, too. Remember last week's episode, in which she got frustrated by his mixed signals and started seeing someone else? Now she has to decide whether to tell David about that. Busy Philipps and Reagan Gomez-Preston also star in the new episode "Major Dad."

9 p.m.

WB

Beauty and the Geek

The girls ask the guys out on dates, and one couple's romantic sparks fly a little faster in this new episode. The challenge of the week is a sexy photo shoot, which tests the geeks' styling skills as well as their photographic abilities. As always, two couples go into the elimination room, and only one returns to the house. Mike Richards hosts.

9:30 p.m.

ABC

Crumbs

Mitch (Fred Savage) has doubts about his sexual orientation after going on a date with a woman; he thinks maybe he might not be gay after all. Billy (William Devane) tries to bond with Jody (Eddie McClintock) in an effort to show Shelley that he'll be a good dad. Jane Curtin, Maggie Lawson and Reginald Ballard also star in the new episode "Maybe I'm Tony Randall."

10 p.m.

CBS

Without a Trace

The squad searches for a young Korean-American woman who disappears while working the night shift at her folks' deli. Was it the fiancé she'd recently dumped? The new guy she'd taken up with? Or did she take off on her own, tired of the family pressure to embrace the old ways? The list of suspects expands quickly when it's learned she was very active in an online dating operation. Anthony LaPaglia stars in "Honor Bound."

10 p.m. check local listings

PBS

National Geographic

A civilization that evidently pre-dates Christ is the subject of "Dawn of the Maya," as archeologists find apparent remnants of the society in the jungles of Guatemala. A mask of a sun god -- carved into a temple pyramid -- remains remarkably intact after more than 2,000 years, offering clues to rituals that were performed by the Mayans in ancient cities like Cival and Tikal.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

8 p.m.

A&E

Biography

The episode "The Brady Bunch" is more than just clips and behind-the-scenes footage from the hit 1970s sitcom -- although it has plenty of both.

It also looks at the show's influence on the trends and values of its time and profiles a real blended family of eight to see how it stacks up against the Bunch. Among those interviewed are stars Florence Henderson, Susan Olsen, Barry Williams, Christopher Knight and Mike Lookinland.

8 p.m.

CBS

Ghost Whisperer

A woman mourning her fiancé's death tries to kill herself in "Mended Hearts." The deceased man, naturally, comes to Melinda (Jennifer Love Hewitt) for help to prevent this from happening again. To help the lady get some closure, Melinda sets her up to meet the person who received her betrothed's heart. Aisha Tyler, Sean Maher and David Conrad also star.

8 p.m.

NBC

XX Olympic Winter Games

One night after the men debuted snowboard cross, the women take the spotlight in the Olympic's newest sport. Fresh-faced 20-year-old Vermonter Lindsey Jacobellis is the world champion and favorite to take the gold, although anything can happen -- crashes included -- when you're flying down a mountain jostling for position against three other boarders. Also on tap: ice dancing, women's combined final, men's skeleton final and large-hill ski jumping.

8 p.m.

WB

What I Like About You

Linda Dano ("Another World") guest stars as Vic's (Dan Cortese) mom, who meets Val (Jennie Garth) for the first time in the new episode "The Other Women." Val is so eager to impress her mother-in-law that she inadvertently causes her to fall off the wagon. Holly and Vince's (Amanda Bynes, Nick Zano) relationship hits a turning point thanks to Holly's jealousy.

8:30 p.m.

WB

Living With Fran

A Halloween shocker awaits Fran (Fran Drescher) when she and Riley (Ryan McPartlin) crash a costume party in the new episode "Masquerading With Fran." Riley's ex-fiancée (guest star Meredith Monroe) is there, still unhappy about being jilted. The fact that Riley was engaged before is news to Fran, who wonders what else he hasn't told her. Back home, Allison (Misti Traya) must wait on Josh (Ben Feldman) to keep him from telling a secret.

9 p.m.

CBS

Close to Home

Blaming the victim is a well-established criminal defense strategy, and Annabeth (Jennifer Finnigan) is up against a master of the technique. In this case, though, it's not the victim -- a murdered 6-year-old boy -- being put "on trial" but his parents. The defendant's lawyer claims that their lifestyle and his client's relationship with the father led to the murder. Bruce Davison guest stars in "Parents on Trial."

9 p.m.

WB

Reba

Reba (Reba McEntire) tries to help Cheyenne and Van (JoAnna Garcia, Steve Howey) put their marriage on a more equal financial footing. But her advice backfires; now, instead of having Cheyenne track her expenses, Steve has her on an allowance. Jake (Mitch Holleman) makes some money of his own by breaking a school rule. Melissa Peterman also stars in the new episode "Money Blues."

9:30 p.m.

WB

Twins

Lee and Alan (Melanie Griffith, Mark Linn-Baker) decide to put some sizzle in their love life by renting a risqué movie, but when they get the video home, they discover it's the wrong one. Mitchee and Farrah (Sara Gilbert, Molly Stanton) have second thoughts about moving in together after they have their first fight as condo-mates in "Housing Crisis."

10 p.m.

CBS

NUMB3RS

A series of burglaries in an upscale neighborhood becomes a case for Don (Rob Morrow) and his team when one of the homeowners is killed. The thieves have been keeping track of residents through the global positioning systems in their cell phones. When Charlie (David Krumholtz) does the math, he uncovers an operation that goes far beyond simple home invasion in "



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CAR TALK:

Even if car burns oil, it still needs oil changes

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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.

If this man Kennedy isn't a candidate, he should be. He draws the crowds, endures all the pushing and pulling, keeps smiling and comes up with the right word. That requires talent, my friends. And stamina.

THE ITEM

Lenna Moore is concerned about our reputation for veracity. Housebound after an operation, he sends word, "Don't print it. They'll never believe you."

It's an innocent, little item, and we're going to print it, anyhow. It simply says that Bill May visited Lenna Moore, Monday.

But the invalid is still arguing. "Do you think anybody will believe a Democrat went to see me?"

ON THE OTHER HAND...

An item, I read reminds us men that if we let our wives have their own way to easily, they will think we don't love them. The trouble with that thesis is this; what they will say if we don't surrender, dear, may cause us to think they don't love us.

GUILTY—AS CHARGED

Somewhere out West, the other day, a court action was instituted which meets with my approval, if my approval amounts to anything, and I am sure it doesn't in this case, at this distance.

The parents of a teen-age girl were charged with manslaughter, voluntary or involuntary, I forget—should be voluntary—because they had caught the girl in a compromising situation with a boy. To punish her, they drove her, with her dog, out into the desert, gave her a gun and told her she must punish herself by killing her pet. The poor girl killed herself.

THE NECESSARY INGREDIENTS

Nichols Murray Butler, who for many years was president of Columbia University, had some rather striking ideas about education and culture and the like. Once he summed up his impressions to this effect:

"I have boiled down the importance of education to just two things—character and good manners. A man or a woman who can develop good character with good manners, is educated, because everything else will come. Without these two things, there is no use of having schoolhouses and teachers, because you cannot do anything with people who have not developed these two important things.

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If I had any ideas approaching the profundity of Dr. Butler, I would add them. That's why this column ends right here.

Miles

by ROY MINGO

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE TRAVELER'S SOUL"

One day about eight years ago in the departure lounge of a flight from New York's LaGuardia airport to O'Hare in Chicago, I spotted a young boy in tears and obvious emotional distress. His mother, at his side, also appeared upset. Being a parent, I was naturally curious if I could be of assistance.

As it turned out, the flight was full, and they couldn't sit together. The boy was terrified to be separated from his mother. Those were the days when the first-class cabins were not always full,



Pictured are several of the performers featured in the Big Sandy Stars Talent Showcase on Feb. 17: front row, from left to right, Amy Hall, Nellie Baldwin, Kelly Powers, Frances Branham, Jayme Sparks and Judith Valade; and, back row, Tim Collins, Nathan Woods, Tom Whitaker, Tony Blackburn, Melanie Stapleton and Ashley Hall. Not pictured are Mike Dixon, Laura Ford Hall, Kari Pate, Kelly Church and LeeAnn Helton.

BSCTC to hold talent showcase Feb. 17

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College will be holding its second annual Big Sandy Stars Talent Showcase on Friday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Gearheart Auditorium, in the Pike Building, on the Prestonsburg Campus.

Fifteen acts will perform a variety of talents, from singing, to dancing, to instrumental selections. These acts include the students, faculty, staff and community choir members of BSCTC.

Faculty and staff members performing include Tim Collins, Tom

Whitaker, Mike Dixon, Judith Valade, LeAnn Helton, Nellie Baldwin, Frances Branham and Laura Ford Hall.

Community choir members participating include Kelly Powers, Ashley Hall and Melanie Stapleton. BSCTC students competing include Tony Blackburn, Amy Hall, Kari Pate, Jayme Sparks, Kelly Church and Nathan Woods.

The public is welcome to attend the Big Sandy Stars Talent Showcase. The auditorium will open for seating at 6:30 p.m. and all seating is on a first come, first serve

basis. Tickets are \$3 each and all tickets are available at the door. All proceeds will benefit the BSCTC Music and Drama Club for funding for the music and drama programs at the college.

"I am looking forward to performing," said student performer Frances Branham. "The talent show gives students, faculty, and staff a great opportunity to use their gifts. I am excited about the event and encourage everyone to come to see what our college has to offer."

Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the Kentucky Coal Academy promoted the second group of coal miner trainees to the second phase of training on Feb. 7. In partnership with Excel Mining and Booth Energy, the second group of students finished the first eight-week classroom training session. These students will begin on-the-job training in coal mines this week. The second phase of their training will consist of eight weeks of regular workdays in the coal mines alongside experienced miners. The first cohort will rotate from on-the-job experience in the mines back into the classroom for the third phase of training, which consists of more in-depth training on simulators and other equipment. A third cohort will begin the first phase of training on Feb. 21.

The second group of students includes, front row, Derek Brown, Tim Hunter and Thomas Jenkins; second row, Steve Casdorff, Chris Tinsley, Dwayne Garza and Elmer Howard (Excel Mining); third row, Dennis Hatfield (Booth Energy), Ryan Hinkle, Tommy Bentley, Ricky Thomas, Josh Diamond and William Hunt; back row, Mark McKenzie, Adam Dalton, David Pinson, Marshall Mullins, James Preston and Daniel Webb.



and Nancy, the special service representative working with me that afternoon, seated mother and son up in first class.

In the short time we had to chat, we found out that Miles and his mom were returning to their home in Kansas City. They had spent the last two weeks at the Ronald McDonald House at Long Island Jewish Hospital. Miles is a surviving twin (his brother died at birth) and has had serious health problems with internal organs. In spite of his 31 major surgical procedures, his long-term prognosis was still in doubt. He would be back through LaGuardia many more times.

During his numerous trips, the friendship and bond between Miles' family and the special services staff grew closer, and we'd stop in on Miles

during his stays at Ronald McDonald. Miles particularly enjoyed his flights through LaGuardia, as it allowed him time to spend in our VIP lounge, where we have an entire wall filled with autographed pictures of the many celebrities who frequented our office. We soon added Miles' picture to the wall of fame.

Miles' hero, and the person he most admired, was country singer Garth Brooks. Miles would just sit and stare at Garth's picture.

One day, Mr. Brooks was traveling from LaGuardia to Nashville and was relaxing in the lounge waiting for his flight to depart. As he looked at the collection of photographs for any new additions, Garth inquired about the youngster with the big smile. We told him about Miles and the fact that he

was currently recuperating from yet another procedure at Ronald McDonald. We also told him how much Miles loved and admired him.

Mr. Brooks left the lounge and headed off to the gate where the rest of his party was waiting.

A few minutes later he was back with his guitar and penned a few words of encouragement inside the guitar case. He asked us to please deliver the guitar and his cowboy hat to Miles at the hospital.

That evening, Nancy and Sam took Garth's guitar and hat to Miles. It was

like the gift of life.

At first Miles couldn't believe that it was really a gift from his hero. As he comprehended that it was not a dream or a joke, he beamed a wide eternal smile. It was as if any discomfort he was having just disappeared.

On subsequent trips through LaGuardia, Garth would inquire about Miles, and about six months later he asked us to help him contact the family. Garth was going to be performing in Kansas City, and he wanted Miles to be his

(See SOUP, page ten)

**MOVIES FROM
THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'Dr. Jekyll vs.
The Werewolf'**

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

Paul Naschy was a one-man horror film industry in Spain throughout the 1970s. Like Britain's Hammer Studios, Naschy set about remaking all of the classic Universal monster movies with a higher gore quotient and a dash of eroticism.



Tom Doty
Staff Writer

Naschy, who also wrote most of the films, played every role he could, from Frankenstein's monster to Dracula and even the Mummy. By far his favorite character was the Wolfman, who he has played more than any other actor, with 16 films to date.

The thing that separates Naschy's films from Hammer's remakes is that Naschy never skimped on the gore and always trotted out a bevy of frequently underdressed lovelies. He also had a wild imagination and often pitted his wolfman character against other monsters such as vampire women and even Bigfoot.

This film marked Naschy's fifth appearance as a Polish nobleman, named Waldemar, who is cursed with the mark of the werewolf. As the film starts, he has moved to his ancestral home in order to isolate himself and protect innocents, though the denizens of a neighboring village are fair game for his hairy counterpart.

The story begins with a middle-aged man returning to Waldemar's remote village to show off his trophy wife, Justine, and revisit the family cemetery. You know that Justine is arm candy because her husband parades her around in a miniskirt while there is obviously six inches of snow on the ground. His own comfort is never in doubt, as he's trussed in a fur coat big enough to smuggle the Harlem Globetrotters in.

First thing they do is check into an inn that is run by a wise old manager who constantly warns people to stay away from places. He tells them the cemetery is cursed, but they go anyway. Turns out that ghosts are the least of their problems, as they are jumped by three Slavic toughs who fatally stab the husband and then attempt to assault Justine.

Waldemar shows up just in time to save her and throttle the thugs like they were telemarketers. It's a graphic struggle that culminates with him crushing one guy's skull with a conveniently placed rock.

The two bond and he shares the news that he's a werewolf after introducing her to his housekeeper/guardian, who the villagers think is a witch.

Meanwhile the surviving thug

(See LAGOON, page ten)



Knowing the difference

by PAMELA THACKER

When Information Technology professionals begin the confusing jargon of PC (Personal Computer) talk, we tend to get confused. Knowing the difference between the following will help you to understand and eliminate some of the most common problems your computer may have. While the words Trojan, worm, and virus are used interchangeably, they are not the same. Viruses, worms, and Trojan Horses are all malicious programs that can cause damage to your computer. There are differences between the three, and knowing those differences can help you to better protect your computer from their often damaging effects.

A computer virus attaches itself to a program or file so it can spread from one computer to another, leaving infections as it travels. Like human viruses, computer viruses can range in severity; some viruses cause only mildly annoying effects while others can damage your hardware, software, or files. Almost all viruses are attached to an executable file, which means the virus may exist on your computer but it cannot infect your computer unless you run or open the malicious program. It is important to note that a virus cannot be spread without a human action (such as running an infected program) to keep it going. People continue the

spread of a computer virus, most unknowingly, by sharing infected files or sending e-mails with viruses as attachments in the e-mail.

A worm is similar to a virus by its design. Worms spread from computer to computer, but unlike a virus, it has the ability to travel without any help from a person. A worm takes advantage of file or information transport features on your system, which allows it to travel unaided. The biggest danger with a worm is its ability to replicate itself on your system, so rather than your computer sending out a single worm, it could send out hundreds or thousands of copies of itself, creating a huge devastating effect. One example would be for a worm to send a copy of itself to everyone listed in your e-mail address book. Then, the worm replicates and sends itself out to everyone

listed in each of the receiver's address book, and the manifest continues on down the line. Due to the copying nature of a worm and its ability to travel across networks the end result in most cases is that the worm consumes too much system memory (or network bandwidth), causing Web servers, network servers, and individual computers to stop responding. In more recent worm attacks such as the much talked about Blaster Worm, the worm has been designed to tunnel into your system and allow malicious users to control your computer remotely.

A Trojan Horse is full of as much trickery as the mythological Trojan Horse it was named after. The Trojan Horse, at first glance, will appear to be useful software but will actually do damage once installed or run on your computer. Those on the receiving end of a Trojan Horse are usually tricked into opening them because they appear to be receiving legitimate software or files from a legitimate source. When a Trojan is activated on your computer, the results can vary. Some Trojans are designed to be more annoying than malicious (like changing your desktop or adding silly active desktop icons), or they can cause serious damage by deleting files and destroying information on your system. Trojans are also known to create a backdoor on your computer that gives malicious users access to your system, possibly allowing confidential or personal information to be compromised. Unlike viruses and worms, Trojans do not reproduce by infecting other files nor do they self-replicate.

The first steps to protecting your computer are to ensure your operating system (OS) is up-to-date. This is essential if you are running a Microsoft Windows OS. Secondly, you should have anti-virus software installed on your system and ensure you download updates frequently to ensure your software has the latest fixes for new viruses, worms, and Trojan Horses. Additionally, you want to make sure your anti-virus program has the ability to scan e-mail and files as they are downloaded from the Internet. This will help prevent malicious programs from even reaching your computer. If this isn't enough protection, then you may want to consider installing a firewall as well. Knowing the difference, and how to protect your computer from these harmful "bugs", is crucial to the performance of your computer.



This column will be appearing weekly to answer many of your computing questions/problems. Just email or call us and we will publish your questions and our response. We will answer your questions as quickly and precisely as possible. This column will be written by Information Technology program students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College that also belong to the IT club. To send us your questions, please email us or call: Kathryn Miller kmiller0045@stu.kctcs.edu (606)886-3863 Ext. 81259 We look forward to hearing from you! Have a great week!



Lagoon

rounds up two replacement goons and heads back to Waldemar's after observing the tradition of ignoring the innkeeper who warns them that a beast lives there. They show up at the castle during a full moon and Waldemar once again takes out the two backup guys. This time he does it in full tilt werewolf style by tearing out chunks of their flesh with his canines.

The main thug escapes again and decides to gather up the villagers (and some silver bullets) for the next assault. He manages to inspire the town's peasants by bringing them the head of Waldemar's housekeeper.

The sight of villagers with torches is enough to motivate Waldemar and Justine to get out of town, so they hop into her sports car and zoom off at a law-abiding 12 miles per hour.

Now the film abruptly shifts locations, with the pair arriving in swinging mid-1970s London. Justine goes to see her ex-boyfriend Dr. Henry Jekyll (grandson of the two-faced madman) and asks him to cure Waldemar. He agrees to see him at his clinic and arranges to have him come on the first night of the full moon (what a genius).

Waldemar arrives before dark but he gets trapped in an elevator with a nurse whom he promptly devours when the moon rises. Jekyll reschedules the appointment but decides to do it at his home because of the previous incident (make that super-genius).

He tells Waldemar his master plan, which involves injecting him with the Hyde formula and then allowing Hyde to take over before administering a cure that he has developed but not tested (this guy's genius is off the scales now folks).

Surprisingly, Jekyll's plan works, but he is stabbed by his hatchet-faced and very ambitious nurse, who wishes to exploit the Hyde/Wolf in future experiments. She gives Waldemar another dose of the Hyde serum and the film hits dizzying heights as the Hyde/Wolf escapes and trawls London's disco scene, where he encounters a pack of extras who gyrate to 1970s tunes like they've been snake bit.

Simultaneously, Justine finds Jekyll, who is just about dead but manages to speak a half-page of dialogue as he informs her that the experiment is a wrap and she better make use of some silver bullets he's packed away in case things went wrong (at least he was aware of his limitations). Justine decides it's lock-and-load time as the wolfman breaks into the home for a final smackdown. What follows is mass carnage with nobody left alive for a sequel, though Waldemar would be resurrected for future installments.

This one works because it is out there. Naschy deserves most of the credit, though he is not your average leading man. He resembles the lost love child of John Belushi and Lou Ferrigno (of TV's "The Hulk"). Naschy does manage enough screen presence to be the most believable cast member. Jekyll doesn't fare so well and we never get to see him go all Hyde on anyone and — let's face it — he gets done in by a nurse, for crying out loud.

The make-up is very good and totally mimics (rips off?)

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Lon Chaney Jr.'s wolfman transformations. That said, Naschy has plenty of fun staging those sequences, with the highlight being a bit in a nightclub where he advances through his changes under a strobe light to transform him into a disco werewolf.

The dubbing is also appropriate, with each performer emoting like there's not gonna be a paycheck tomorrow if they don't oversell every line.

All this and the DVD only costs \$1 at (at the Dollar Tree) and came with a bonus werewolf feature starring Bradford Dillman as a Cajun wolfman putting the bite on the bayou. This is fun stuff and Naschy just made another one last year, so who knows when this cycle will end?

Best line: "The newspapers are full of stories about a 'new' sadistic murderer on the loose." 1972, rated R.

Soup

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guest. Not only was Miles seated in the front row, but he and Garth also had a lengthy private meeting backstage after the performance.

Although Miles would undergo many more treatments after that special evening, his broad smile greeted us with every subsequent visit, the face of an ailing boy transformed by the joy of a stranger with a guitar.

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Even if car burns oil, it still needs oil changes

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI



CLICK & CLACK
Talk Cars

Dear Tom and Ray:
I have a 1992 Nissan 240 SX coupe. It's bruised and battered yet soldiering on, with 177,600 miles on it. Its color now can best be described as Forlorn Black. It burns about a quart of oil every 1,000 miles or so, and besides, I'm running low on drain-plug gaskets. Am I safe to continue "changing" the oil this way? — David

RAY: Well, normally, I'd say no. But given how little is at stake here — a '92 240 SX — you have my blessing, David.

TOM: The real answer is, no, David. When you replace only the oil you burn, some of the

oldest oil never gets removed from the engine. It's not like you can decide to burn only the oldest, dirtiest oil every 1,000 miles. The engine burns some of everything that's in there — including the newest stuff.

RAY: So, if you had used this "method" from day one, for example, at least some small amount of oil from the day you bought the car would still be in the crankcase today. As you can

guess, that oil wouldn't be lubricating your engine very well. In fact, it probably would have turned into congealed crud sometime during Clinton's second term, and be hardened onto the engine walls or oil passages by now.

TOM: So, I know it seemed like a great timesaving revelation at the time, David, but it's not. If you do the math, you'll see that unless you can choose which oil to burn, you'll always be burning some of the brand-new oil you just put in your car and always leaving some of the very old crud behind. And it's just not as good as draining out all the oil every 5,000 or 7,500 miles and filling the engine with nice, clean, new stuff.

RAY: So buy some new drain-plug gaskets, David. Unless you think the 25 cents apiece that they cost is more than you want to put into the car at this point.

Shop should be held accountable for cut brake lines
Dear Tom and Ray:

My local repair shop is trying to get me to pay almost \$900 for a new brake line on my Volvo S80. The brake line failed because the transmission cut it. I lost my brakes and ended up hitting a bush in my driveway — thank goodness that was it! A month prior, the shop had forgotten to put back four large bolts that hold the engine, transmission and front suspension to the unit body. I think that while the transmission was clunking around from them leaving the bolts out, the line was damaged. But they aren't up. So who do I call for a professional opinion? Yes, I have pictures of the loose sub-frame. What's your opinion of who should pay for the brake line? — Steve

TOM: The shop should pay for it.

RAY: I don't think Volvo even made the S80 until 1999 or thereabouts, so the car can't be more than seven years old. I can't remember seeing a Volvo in the shop with a bad brake line after only seven years. Fifteen years, maybe.

TOM: Besides, when the brake lines do fail, they fail because they corrode. So you can see the stainless-steel line rotting or rusting away — you don't see it cut.

RAY: I think it's pretty clear that their negligence in forgetting to tighten the sub-frame is what led to the rupture of the brake lines. Now, if they deny that they left the sub-frame loose, that's another matter. But if you have photographic proof that the bolts were missing and a repair order that shows that they had reason to remove those bolts a month earlier, I'd say you have pretty darned good circumstantial evidence.

TOM: You can always take them to small-claims court. But before you do that, go to a Volvo dealer and ask for his opinion. Ask him to examine the car and tell you whether the damage appears to be from normal wear and tear or from some sort of repair-shop error. Get his opinion in writing. And offer to pay him his regular labor rate for his time — that's only fair.

RAY: Assuming he agrees with us, take your written "evidence" from Volvo, along with your 6-by-9-inch color, glossy photos of the loose sub-frame with the circles and arrows on the back to your local shop, and see if you can persuade the owner to do the right thing.

TOM: He won't like the idea of eating the cost, but tough. He screwed it up. When you screw something up, you have to make it right. Trust me. This is something with which I have extensive experience!

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Minimum wage plan's fate uncertain with new obstacles

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A plan that would give an 85-cent raise to the bottom rung of Kentucky wage earners might not come to fruition this year, the bill's sponsor said Thursday.

Its passage has become more of a long shot after a growing number of amendments have been attached to it. One proposal would allow universities and public schools to pay construction workers less than the state's prevailing wage.

"I'm not 100 percent sure what will happen," said Rep. J.R. Gray, the bill's sponsor.

Kentucky's minimum wage hasn't changed in nearly 10 years; the last time it was increased was 1997. Gray's proposal would boost Kentucky's minimum hourly wage from \$5.45 to \$6 an hour this year and \$6.50 the next.

However, the bill has been sent back to the House Labor and Industry Committee, and its fate is uncertain, Gray said. Still, Gray said he thought there was "a great number of people in the House" that would favor his minimum wage proposal.

"I have every hope that it would pass because it's something that is desperately needed by the working people out in the state, especially the people who are not afforded the benefits of a good union contract," Gray said. "You've got a bunch of these people that are working for the minimum wage that are falling through the cracks and they're having such a hard time making it."

Rep. Jim DeCesare, R-Bowling Green, filed the amendment that would eliminate the state's prevailing wage law on school construction projects.

State law requires govern-

ments to pay an average of union-scale wages on public building projects. Gov. Ernie Fletcher has supported its elimination, and his current budget proposal bases some spending on the assumption lawmakers would repeal it.

Fletcher released a study last week that claimed without a prevailing wage law, Kentucky

would save nearly \$40 million on 21 projects proposed in his state spending plan.

DeCesare said he proposed separate legislation that would repeal the prevailing wage for education projects. He attached the plan as an amendment to Gray's minimum wage plan to get it up for a vote, DeCesare said.

"Kentucky has some fiscal problems and we need to be getting the most bang for our buck," DeCesare said.

DeCesare said he opposed increasing the minimum wage. Employees that don't want to work for minimum wage can seek other employment, he said.

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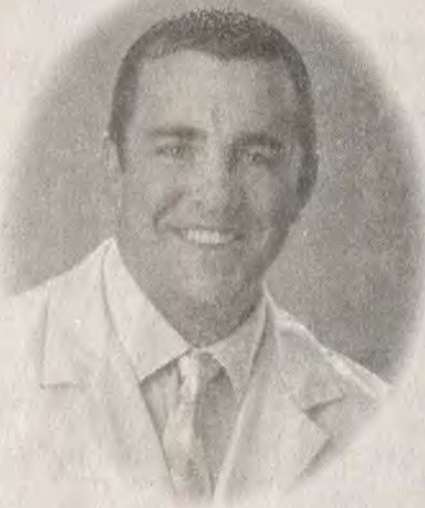
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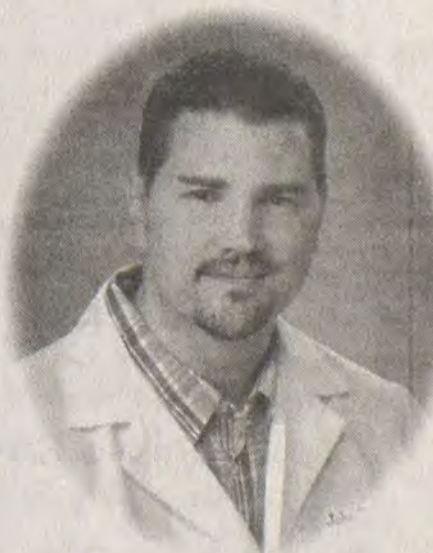
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Weather predictions move highway crews into action

PIKEVILLE — Highway District 12 maintenance crews pre-treated all state roads in anticipation of winter weather that was forecast to begin Friday night.

Darold Slone, operations branch manager, said that 15,000 gallons of salt brine were placed on all state routes in the district's seven counties. Salt brine keeps snow from bonding with the pavement, which makes plowing and clean up faster and easier.

The district has on hand 40,000 gallons of liquid calcium, 42,000 gallons of salt brine, and 20,000 tons of rock salt. The total value of these materials is close to \$1 million.

In addition, there are 190 equipment operators and

mechanics who hold CDL licenses and are trained to work in snow and ice. District 12 has 57 snow and ice removal trucks, and Slone said that several area mining companies have offered the use of graders at no cost to the state.

Keith Hill, who works at Johnson County Maintenance, said that "everything's in top condition," pointing out that road and bridge surface temperatures will be checked through the day and evening.

"All crews are prepared for around the clock shifts," Hill said. "Danl Hall [chief district engineer] and Darold made the perfect call for the anti-icing operation we did yesterday district-wide. We are ready to clear a path through the snow and ice

if it comes as predicted."

At 11 a.m. Friday, the Kentucky Transportation Operations Center in Frankfort notified all districts that precipitation had already moved into the far western counties of the state. Temperatures were all above freezing at that time, with no reported problems. However, a Winter Storm Watch was in effect from Friday evening through Saturday night for all seven counties in District 12. A Winter Storm Watch means that there is a potential for significant snow accumulations that may impact travel.

By late Saturday night snow accumulations were expected to reach seven to 11 inches in higher elevations.

"We are ready. Our equipment is ready. Our supplies are at peak volume, and we are prepared to work 24/7 — as long as it takes — to make sure that our roads are in the best condition possible during this weather event," Slone said.

Condition reports on major routes are available by calling 511 or by logging onto the 511 travel and traffic information website at 511.ky.gov. Road conditions are described in the following manner:

■ **Wet Pavement** — The

roadway is wet. Ice could form as temperatures drop.

■ **Partly Covered** — The roadway is partly covered with snow, slush, or ice. Markings may be obscured.

■ **Mostly Covered** — The roadway is mostly covered with snow, slush, or ice. Roadway markers may be difficult to see because of packed snow and rutting conditions.

■ **Completely Covered** — The roadway is completely covered with snow, slush, or ice and marking are completely obscured.

■ **Impassable** — Roadway conditions are not suitable for travel unless required for an emergency.

"If we get the snow as predicted," Slone said, "we ask that people stay off the roads except in the case of true emergencies. Give our snowplow operators time to work. If you must get out, don't try to challenge or pass a snow plow. Be cooperative. When the operator has a chance to get off the road to let traffic by, he will. We want everyone to be safe out there and arrive alive at their destination. We want to thank people in advance for using caution and common sense when driving in adverse weather conditions."

Stumbo-Tackett Wedding



Annice Lee Welch and John M. Stumbo III, request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Jessica Lee, to Adam Craig Tackett. Jessica is the granddaughter of Windell and Lola Jean Stratton, and the late John M. and Pauline Stumbo. Craig is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul David Tackett, grandson of Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, and the late Walker and Mearle Tackett.

The ceremony will be held on Saturday, the eleventh of March, two thousand and six, at half after two o'clock in the afternoon, at St. Martha Catholic Church in Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

The gracious custom of open church wedding will be observed.

Election

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"This is the fourth time that Mr. Webb has tried to knock me out of being on the ballot," Isaacs said Friday, alleging that Webb and another man have asked him to pull his candidacy. "I don't appreciate that. As far as I'm concerned, this is still America and I'm still free. If he wants to look for a needle in a haystack, that's fine. My son, as far as I know, is a registered

voter."

Isaac, who worked as a correctional specialist with the military police in the late 1970s, contends that Webb is "running a dictatorship." He says he decided to run for office because he wanted to investigate financial and other operations at the jail.

Webb was unavailable for comment.

Explain

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explanation as to whether Weiss is licensed to practice in the state.

Donahue Hamilton appeared last and gave a frank account of where he got his methadone saying, "I got them off the street, your honor." Caudill noted that by his own admission Hamilton had violated the terms of his bond.

Caudill then called on Hamilton's mother, who was in the courtroom and had posted his bond.

"Your son just admitted under oath that he violated the terms of his bond," the judge told her. Caudill then reassured her that she wouldn't lose her property because her son is in custody.

Caudill then went on to praise Hamilton for his honesty, saying, "You have done one thing in

your favor. You stood up and admitted this." Caudill then said that he wasn't officially revoking anyone's bond at this point and would save judgment for his regular motion hour on Friday.

Hamilton and the Vances were indicted on May 18 of last year for drug trafficking charges involving marijuana, Oxycontin and cocaine. Donahue Hamilton is charged with two counts of trafficking in eight or more ounces marijuana. Ella Vance was charged with two counts of trafficking involving cocaine and Oxycontin. Ronald Vance was indicted on three counts of trafficking in marijuana.

Wendell "Dougie" Vance received the most charges, with three counts of trafficking, one count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one count of being a persistent felony offender.

Wage

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"I'm still a firm believer in market dictating wages," DeCesare said. "Government dictated wages don't sit well with me."

Mike Jupin, executive director of South Louisville Community ministries, said it would be "a huge disappointment" for low-income families

and workers if lawmakers did not raise the state's minimum wage. Any increase helps people pay their rent, grocery or utility bills each month, Jupin said.

"All those things keep going up in cost," Jupin said. "And if a minimum wage job doesn't go up, you just keep getting further and further behind."

Hope in the Mountains to Host Meetings

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays at 9 a.m., beginning Feb. 6, offering information about community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Hope in the Mountains will begin assessing the needs of women and offering them information on available resources through weekly meetings at the site. At which time family members are welcome to come, and learn what resources are available to them. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from an addictive lifestyle and become self-respecting and contributing members of society. Part of this process involves family support and education about the disease of addiction, as awareness determines a person's success with making life changes. All those seeking information and education about addiction are welcome to attend. We are located at the junction of U.S. 23 and Route 80 at Watergap, behind the Trimble Chapel Church. Our contact number is 874-2008 or 788-01006.

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Spat over high school athletics in Kentucky stirs theatrics, squabbles

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — It's a burning question that has sparked fierce debate, multiple trips to the state Board of Education and the help of a retired Supreme Court justice: Which Kentucky high schools should get to play for which sports trophies?

"This is a theater of the absurd," Brad Lyman, head of Kentucky

Country Day, a Louisville private school, said last month as he watched two days of task force meetings unravel without any compromise.

For years, Kentucky public and private schools alike have faced off in postseason tournaments. But after last year's dominance by the private schools, the public schools garnered enough votes to split the playoffs. That move was resisted by the governing body for high school athletics, aware

private schools generate substantial revenue despite their limited numbers.

Kentucky's Board of Education kicked the issue back to the schools. The schools gave it to a task force. The task force hired former state Supreme Court Justice James Keller as moderator. But so far, nothing has been resolved.

"We can't let this fester forever," board member David Tachau said this month before state officials sent the

matter back to the drawing board — and more task force meetings.

Every proposal floated was perceived as compromising one type of school to boost another. It may just be amateur sports, but in Kentucky, this borders on civil war.

"Let the oranges get together and compete for their state championship and let the apples get together and compete for theirs," said Mark Swift, athletic director at Paul G. Blazer High

School in Ashland.

Often cited is the case of O.J. Mayo, arguably one of the most touted high school basketball players since LeBron James. Mayo currently plays high school ball in Cincinnati, where he lives, but from sixth through eighth grades, he was flashing his talents on a court in Ashland, Ky., because Kentucky's rules let athletes play up

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Waterman
claims
KIAC POW
awardby STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College sophomore K.J. Waterman, a 6-4 forward from Charleston, W.Va., claimed the KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) Men's Basketball Player of the Week Award for the week of Jan. 30-Feb. 5.

Waterman, who last season put up big numbers for the Eagles in the AAC (Appalachian Athletic Conference), put together back-to-back 10-rebound games during the week of Jan. 30-Feb. 5. Three of Waterman's 17 points in a game versus new conference rival Mid-Continent came on a three-pointer he drained to tie the contest and send it into overtime.

Waterman currently leads Alice Lloyd in scoring with a 13.2 points per game average. Last season, Waterman averaged 14 points and 6.8 rebounds for the ALC squad. The West Virginia native has helped the Eagles to several big wins this season, including an 83-79 win Nov. 29, 2005 over non-conference rival Pikeville College.

The Eagle men's basketball team has regular-season games remaining versus Asbury (Feb. 14), Mid-Continent (Feb. 17) and Spalding (Feb. 18). Alice Lloyd will travel to Asbury before returning home to host both Mid-Continent and Spalding.

At press time, the Eagles were on the road in Louisville against host Asbury.

Indiana University-Southeast will host the KIAC Tournament Feb. 23-25. This year's NIAA National Tournament will be played at Point Lookout, Mo., March 8-14.



K.J. WATERMAN



photos by Guillermo Cuenca

IN MOTION: Betsy Layne's Mane Klokocar lofted a technical free throw that found its way through the hoop Tuesday during a pivotal 58th District game versus rival South Floyd. The high school basketball regular-season is winding down with several teams looking to make long postseason runs.

BOYS' HIGH
SCHOOL BASKETBALLGAMES ON TAP...
TUESDAY'S MATCHUPS

Belfry-Allen Central
Fairview-Morgan County
Greenup Co.-Portsmouth West, Ohio
Harlan-Pineville
Hazard-Letcher County Central
Johnson Central-Pike County Central
June Buchanan-Oneida Baptist Institute
Lee County-Montgomery County
Paintsville-Betsy Layne
Perry County Central-Wolfe County
Phelps-Piarist School
Prestonsburg-Breathitt County
Raceland-East Carter
Rose Hill Christian-Boyd County
West Carter-Russell
Williamson, W.Va.-Shelby Valley
(Home teams listed first)

photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg High School girls' basketball coach Jack Pack gave instructions during his team's game Tuesday against Floyd County rival Allen Central.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
BASKETBALLAdams outlasts
South Floyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT — Less than 48 hours before the start of the Floyd County Tournament, Adams Middle went on the road to South Floyd Middle Thursday night and pulled off a 36-31 win over the Raiders in a key A-team boys' basketball game.

Eighth-grader Michael Burchett led Adams with a game-high 21 points. Burchett was very accurate and effective from the outside, connecting on four three-point field goals.

The Blackcats, without eighth-grade stand-out Austin McKinney, who following a foot injury was lost for the season, found themselves deadlocked at 16-16 with the Raiders when the game hit halftime. After three quarters, neither team held an advantage. With the game knotted at 23-23 at the end of the third period, Adams saved its best for last.

Anthony Hallam came up big from the free-throw line late in the fourth quarter. Adams led 34-31 in the fourth quarter with just six seconds remaining when Hallam knocked down both ends of a bonus free-throw situation.

Tyler Hall added seven points for the Blackcats. Hallam and Sherman Hackworth rounded out the Adams scoring with four points apiece.

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Hawks roll
past Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Host Pike County Central won its third straight game Thursday night, drubbing rival Pikeville 87-50. The Hawks outscored Pikeville 21-6 in the first quarter and never looked back.

Pike Central went into halftime with a comfortable 47-27 lead.

Senior Brad Lowe paced Pike Central with a game-high 32 points. Lowe was one of four players in double figures for the Hawks.

Tyler Hamilton followed with 14 points for the Hawks. Eric Slone and David Hess also reached doubled figures scoring, finishing with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Tim Honaker led Pikeville with 15 points. Matt Clevenger joined Honaker in double figures with 13 points.

The Hawks also finished strong, outscoring Pikeville 22-5 in the final period.

Pike Central will finish out the season with games versus Johnson Central, Betsy Layne, South Floyd and Paintsville.

Pike County Central, led by Lowe, remains one of the 15th Region's top boys' basketball teams.

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Bristol Dragway sets dates for
open house, driver's meeting

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — In preparation of the 2006 Sunoco Bracket Racing Series, Bristol Dragway will host an Open House on Saturday, March 4 from noon to 5 p.m.

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

Several area racers, including a strong contingent out of Pike County, complete at Bristol Dragway.

Non-renewed pit parking spaces, which measure 16' x 80', will be sold for \$125 on the day of the Open House. Bracket Club memberships will be sold to each class for \$40. As part of a membership, racers will receive a goody bag that includes a Dragway t-shirt, NHRA

rulebook, Bristol Dragway rules and policies, a Bracket Club membership card and a Bracket Club membership sticker. Being a member of the Bracket Club qualifies racers to special award purses throughout the 17-race season.

Chassis certification will be available at the Open House and requires a scheduled appointment. To schedule an appointment, call Richard Keesling at 276/706-0007.

Following the Open House, Bristol Dragway will host three test and tune sessions for all classes on Friday, March 10 from 5-10 p.m., Friday, March 31 from 5-10 p.m., and Friday, April 7 from 5-10 p.m. Cost for each test and tune session is \$20. A non-points Bracket Race will be held on Saturday, March 11 with the season opener

(See BRISTOL, page two)



photo courtesy of Bristol Dragway
Bristol Dragway recently honored 2005 track champions.

Clark, Cards
up to No. 32

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The No. 32-ranked University of Louisville men's tennis team is scheduled to play host to No. 44 Virginia Tech (7-0) today at 10:30 a.m. The Cardinals (4-2) entered Friday's match against No. 60 Indiana having won 43 consecutive regular season matches at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center, dating back to the 2002 season.

"I hope my players remember what they experienced last year and use it as motivation

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Jeremy Clark

Hawks

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PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL 87, PIKEVILLE 50
 PIKEVILLE (7-12) – Honaker 15, Robertson 5, Clevenger 13, Adams 8, Champlin 3, Harmon 4.
PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL (15-7) – Lowe 32, C. Slone 6, Hamilton 14, E. Slone 13, Hess 10, Ratliff 3, Williamson 5, Varney 2, Gross 2.
 Pikeville.....6 21 18 5-50

Pike Central...21 26 18 22-87

PIKE CENTRAL HAWKS UPCOMING GAMES

Feb. 14 at Johnson Cent. 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 17 Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
 Feb. 21 South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 24 at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.

Dove Field Lease Program enrolling farmers through Friday

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT – Kentucky farmers can earn extra cash in the "Dove Field Lease Program" offered by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Initiated in 1998, the Dove Field Lease Program has been successful not only in providing expanded public hunting opportunities, but also in generating important new income for Kentucky farmers.

Fields planted in the spring specifically as prescribed for dove hunting (sunflowers, mil-

let, etc.) next fall can generate as much as \$2,500 for a landowner when leased to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife for public hunting. An idle or fallow field planted to winter wheat might also qualify. By working with your local wildlife biologist, any field intended for silage production anyway can easily become a dove-hunting field.

"Larger fields up to 20 acres are preferred, however fields of all sizes will be evaluated and considered for the program," said program coordinator Rocky Pritchett.

Area farmers interested in the program should contact their Kentucky wildlife biologist or Natural Resources Conservation Service liaison no later than Friday.

Contact information for wildlife biologists and conservation service liaisons are listed on the department's web site, fw.ky.gov. Click on "wildlife," then on "contacts." People without Internet access may call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549 for the name and telephone number of the nearest biologist or liaison.

Kentucky's enthusiasm invigorates Equestrian Games organizer

by JEFFREY McMURRAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON – Michael Stone's hunch that Kentucky is the right host for the 2010 World Equestrian Games was confirmed this week during cab rides to and from a Lexington mall.

"Both the taxi drivers – going and back – knew all about the games," said Stone, the Switzerland-based sports director of FEI, equine sports' world governing body. "The enthusiasm here is invigorating."

Stone and two other FEI officials spent the week at the Kentucky Horse Park – their first visit since awarding the games to the Lexington site. Although the next games are set for this August in Germany, FEI is determined to make the

Lexington games the grandest ever because it's the first time since their inception in 1990 that they'll be held outside Europe.

With four and a half years still to go, plans are far from finalized for what will be the largest sporting event in Kentucky history, but Stone says it's remarkable how close they are.

"If we had to run the games here tomorrow, we could run the games here tomorrow because of the facilities and the expertise that's available," Stone said. "But everything can be improved."

Facility improvements will likely be the subject of a future visit. This one, however, was aimed at lining up potential sponsors.

When someone floated

Toyota as a possibility, Stone joked, "If they have enough money, yeah, no problem."

There also is the logistical concern of transporting some 850 horses. Lexington's airport is small, so it's not feasible for them all to arrive the same day – or even the same week.

FEI officials are planning how to handle that. They predict many participants will arrive earlier in the summer creating a boon for a new kind of horse sport in Kentucky, which is primarily known for its thoroughbred racing.

"From our perspective, it's going to be great the U.S. team is not going to have to fly all the way across the ocean to participate," said John Nicholson, the horse park's executive director. "We get kind of a free pass this time."

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With its middle school star, Rose Hill High School, which has an enrollment of barely 70, advanced to the Sweet 16 basketball championship – an annual spectacle that is one of few such tournaments in the nation pitting high schools of all types and sizes against each other for one true state title.

Public schools now seem less inclined to go the separation route, but it was a sentiment that picked up steam in December when private Roman Catholic schools captured the football titles in three of the state's four divisions.

Louisville Trinity was crowned champion in Class 4A, the largest division, beating rival Louisville St. Xavier for the title in one of the state's most talked-about games. Those schools, after all, are the big draws around town.

While parents and alumni may complain, many coaches, players and boosters insist the powerhouse schools should stay on the schedule and be featured in the tournament.

Mike Bewey, working a concession stand last month at DuPont Manual public school in Louisville, said sales at a typical junior varsity game would only be a couple hundred dollars. When Trinity or St. Xavier visit, receipts can top \$6,000.

"Revenue-wise it would be very difficult to give up that money," Bewey said.

In the event of a split, there's a legitimate chance that money would disappear.

Rather than participate in new tournaments under the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, the larger private schools might form their own. That means Trinity and St. Xavier would still meet in their annual game, but the public schools wouldn't share in the proceeds.

Andy Listerman, acting ath-

letic director at Lexington Catholic, says his school's recent success has made it next to impossible to schedule public schools from the area. He calls it an unwritten "boycott."

"You never heard this 10 or 15 years ago when private schools weren't winning everything," Listerman said.

Kentucky isn't the first state to go through this. Neighboring Tennessee got the same complaints from public schools in 1997 when it voted to split its high school tournaments into two divisions. Under the Tennessee plan, a private school has the option of remaining in Division 1 – the category set aside for public schools – provided its athletes don't receive any financial aid, even need-based. The others go to Division 2.

"They've made the adjustment and are pretty well satisfied," said Bernard Childress, assistant executive director for the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association.

Bruce Howard, spokesman for the National Federation of State High School Associations, says several states – including Georgia, Virginia and Texas – have a separate governing body for public and private schools and therefore separate tournaments.

Only New Jersey has completely separate tournaments under the same association, Howard said, but there a tournament of champions determines an ultimate victor after the other tournaments have ended.

Howard says his organization, which facilitates activities in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., isn't trying to influence how states set up their postseason, but he acknowledges some concern academic interests are getting trampled.

"Certainly from our perspective, when you start getting so

engrossed in athletic prominence and excellence and not focused on academics first, that's not a good thing," Howard said.

One proposal floated in Kentucky would create a "feeder" system, aligning certain private middle schools with private high schools. Barring a physical move by a student athlete's family, students would have to declare by sixth grade which feeder system they want to join or risk being deemed ineligible to play sports for a year or more once they reach high school.

But some parents complain only a small handful of elite athletes eyeing a major college or professional sports track will be able to make that decision so early. Most students attend private school for another reason – religion, activities, a reputation for a certain academic subject – and simply want to play sports for recreation at a school that will let them start.

"We're not seeing the forest through the trees," Board of Education member Dorie Combs said. "It's not about winning tournaments. It's about playing."

Although private school officials insist they're following state law and not recruiting students solely based on their athletic ability, they don't deny recruiting for other reasons.

After all, getting students to attend is their business – and separate tournaments would be bad for it.

"I've got to recruit people to my school," Lyman said. "I've got to pay all the bills. I don't get any government money, but I'd have to say, 'Here is my sports program. Once the season is over, it's over, and there's no chance to compete for that golden ring.'"

Associated Press writer Malcolm C. Knox in Louisville contributed to this report.

Adams

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South Floyd featured only one player in double figures in the scoring department. The Raiders, despite playing on their

home hardwood, couldn't grab any momentum late in the game.

The Floyd County Tournament got underway yesterday at South

Floyd High School. Results of the opening-round games were unavailable at press time.

Clark

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to get them fired up for a big challenge ahead," Louisville head coach Rex Ecarma commented.

Senior Jeremy Clark began play this week 4-2 in dual

matches for the Cardinals. The Prestonsburg high School graduate makes big strides for the Cards – both in singles and doubles competition.

Freshman Robert Rotaru,

heading into the Indiana match, led the team with a 12-5 overall record. The doubles team of Clark and Jakob Gustafsson, ranked No. 47 in the ITA rankings, was 4-2 as the Cards' top seed.

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scheduled for Saturday, April 1.

A Bracket Club driver's meeting will take place in the infield media center of Bristol Motor

Speedway on Saturday, February 25 at 10 a.m. The meeting will include announcements and changes for the upcoming season

as well as an allotted time for driver input. Attendees are requested to enter through the South Entrance off 11E.

Lindsey Wilson picked to win MSC tennis titles

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – The Lindsey Wilson College men's and women's tennis teams were predicted to repeat as Mid-South Conference champions according to the MSC preseason coaches' poll released Tuesday.

The men's team earned 25 points and garnered five first place votes. Last season, the Blue Raiders finished 22-3 overall and 4-0 in the Mid-South Conference. Their season ended in the NAIA quarterfinals with a loss to the College of Santa Fe (N.M.).

Georgetown College was picked to finish second with 21 points and received the other first place vote. Coaches could not vote for their own team.

Campbellsville University (15) was tabbed third, University of the Cumberlands fourth (13), Lambuth University (11) fifth and Pikeville College (5) was sixth.

On the women's side, Lindsey Wilson collected 25 points and five first place votes. The Blue Raiders were 16-6 last season and 4-0 in the Mid-South. Southern Nazarene

(Okla.) University ended the Lindsey Wilson season in the NAIA first round.

Georgetown was second in the poll with 19 points and the other first place vote. Cumberlands finished third with 15 points.

Campbellsville and Lambuth tied for fourth with 13 points. Pikeville was sixth with five points.

The conference tournament is scheduled for April 20-21 at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center on the Belknap campus of the University of Louisville.



LADY RAIDER BASKETBALL – LEFT: South Floyd junior Heather Dean went up with a jump shot Tuesday during the 58th District road game at Betsy Layne. RIGHT: Lady Raider Chelsie Tuttle squared off for a free throw shot in the same game.



What 1992 horror film opens with a young couple foolishly chanting the name of a legendary killer into a bathroom mirror?

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West Virginia star gets Pitt-snogled in loss to biggest rival

by ALAN ROBINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Pitt's man-to-man defense kept pushing Kevin Pittsnogle farther beyond the 3-point line, and he kept missing in what might have been the worst game of his career.

West Virginia can only hope it was.

The Mountaineers' leading scorer got increasingly frustrated with having a Pitt defender's hand in his face on every shot, and an unaccustomed amount of bumping and pushing that got



Kevin Pittsnogle

him off his game. So much so that one of college basketball's best long-distance shooters put up zeros all around — no points, no 3-pointers, no impact against a rival he dominated last season.

With Pittsnogle failing to score for the first time this season, No. 9 West Virginia's season-long Big East Conference winning streak ended with a 57-53 loss to No. 14 Pittsburgh on Thursday night.

The only surprise was the Mountaineers, despite shooting 34 percent (18-of-53) and 22.2 percent from 3-point range (6-

of-27), were within a 3-pointer of tying it until Pitt's Carl Krauser scored five of his eight points in the final minute.

"I don't like the way we handled a lot of things, but we're going to learn from this game," coach John Beilein said of the Mountaineers' first loss in nine Big East Conference games.

What some opponents might have learned was a game plan for shutting down Pittsnogle.

The 6-foot-10 senior scored 27 and 22 points against Pitt last season as West Virginia twice rallied from double-figure deficits to sweep the season series. But he went 0-for-12 overall and 0-for-6 from beyond the arc before fouling out with nearly seven minutes remaining. Pittsnogle hadn't scored

fewer than eight points this season and hadn't been shut out since an 84-46 loss to Villanova last season.

"They frustrate you," Beilein said of the Panthers (18-3, 7-3 Big East), who lost their previous two. "They're quick and they're good defenders."

With West Virginia's defense keying on Krauser, Ronald Ramon made four 3-pointers and finished with a season-high 16 points, and freshman reserve Sam Young scored all 10 of his points in the second half.

Maybe having nearly a dozen of the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers players in the crowd served to give Pitt a lesson: No matter how badly the offense is going, a good defense can carry a team a long way.

Pittsnogle wasn't the only Mountaineers regular slowed by Pitt's defense. West Virginia's five starters were a combined 12-of-42, and only Mike Gansey (12 points) and reserve Patrick Beilein (11) scored in double figures.

"We got out on their shooters and didn't give them a lot of open looks," said 7-footer Aaron Gray, who had 16 points and eight rebounds despite committing seven turnovers. "We think we're a good man-to-man team."

To a man, the Mountaineers (17-5, 8-1) agreed after losing for only the second time in 17 games.

"Every game, they're going to try to take Kevin and I out of the game," Gansey said.

Except not many teams get this kind of result. West Virginia had scored so few points only once this season, a 58-52 loss to state rival Marshall that followed a road win at UCLA.

No. 19 Ohio State 94, No. 22 Michigan 85: At Ann Arbor, Mich., Jamar Butler scored a career-high 20 points for the Buckeyes' first win at Crisler Arena since 2002.

The victory moved Ohio State (17-3, 6-3) into a three-way tie with Michigan State and Illinois for second place in the Big Ten. The three trail Iowa by a half-game.

Courtney Sims had 26 points and a career-high 16 rebounds for the Wolverines (16-5, 6-4), who lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

Murray State races past Eastern

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Murray State men's basketball team held Eastern Kentucky to 21 points in the second half enabling the Racers to notch a 62-45 win Thursday night in McBrayer Arena. The victory was the seventh straight for Murray State (17-5, 14-2 OVC) while the Colonels (10-13, 7-8) dropped their fourth consecutive game.

After missing his first career game at Eastern Monday night, senior Jason McLeish bounced back to lead all scorers with 16

points. Sophomore Darnell Dials was one rebound shy of a double-double (10 points, nine rebounds).

For Murray State, Keith Jenifer connected on 6-of-10 (60 percent) shots from the field to finish with 15 points while Justin Orr added 13 points and seven rebounds.

Junior Julian Mascoll ignited the crowd of 3,100 fans right before halftime with a dunk to even the score at 24-all heading into intermission. A free throw by senior Matt Witt then gave Eastern a slim 30-28 advantage with 15:06 remaining in the

contest. However, Murray responded with an 11-0 run to take control of the game. The Colonels were forced into four turnovers and only attempted two shots in the scoreless drought.

After senior Alonzo Hird netted an old-fashioned three-point play to get EKV back within six points, 39-33, the Racers rolled off 10 more points to end any thoughts of an Eastern victory. Murray State held the Colonels to 21.1 percent shooting (4-of-19) in the second stanza and Witt (18.9 ppg) to a season-low six points.

Murray State outlasts Lady Colonels

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Three players scored in double-figures, with freshman Jayme Thiem tallying a career-best 16 points, as the Eastern Kentucky women's basketball team fell to Murray State 79-71 tonight in McBrayer Arena. The loss drops the Lady Colonels' record to 6-16, 6-9 in the OVC while the Lady Racers improve to 8-14, 7-8 in the league.

Thiem equaled her career-high with four three-point field goals and added three assists and two steals. Sophomore Ashley Cazez also scored 16 points while senior Laura Shelton added 12. Junior Fatai Hala'api'api posted her second

straight double-figure rebounding game with 10 boards.

The Lady Colonels struggled early, turning the ball over on their first three possessions, but took their first lead of the game five minutes into the game off a fast-break lay-up from Cazez. The teams exchanged leads four times during the opening eight minutes of play before the Lady Racers went ahead for the duration with 11:48 remaining in the half.

Eastern came back to knot the score at 30 just under six minutes on the clock but Murray State ended the half with a 9-5 run, taking a 39-35 lead at the break.

The Lady Racers shot the ball well in the first half, going 17-29 (.586) from the field, but Eastern controlled the boards,

holding a 21-13 advantage in rebounding.

Shortly into the second half, the Lady Colonels cut their deficit to just one off consecutive three-point field goals from Thiem and Cazez but Murray State quickly rebuilt their lead to seven with 13:37 remaining in regulation.

Eastern Kentucky fought back though, getting back within one point two separate times, but was unable to overtake the Lady Racers.

The Lady Colonels committed 23 turnovers while making just nine steals.

Junior Joi Scott scored a game-high 27 points, her seventh 20-plus point game, and added nine rebounds for the visitors.

SEC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Kentucky 75, South Carolina 71

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Samantha Mahoney scored 17 points to lead Kentucky to a 75-71 victory over South Carolina on Thursday.

Mahoney sank two free

throws with 13 seconds to secure the win for the Wildcats (16-6, 5-4 Southeastern Conference).

The Lady Gamecocks' Lea Fabbri hit a 3 to cut the lead to 73-71, but South Carolina had to foul with 13 seconds left.

Demetress Adams led South Carolina (12-9, 3-6) with a season-high 18 points on 7-of-8 shooting. Stacy Booker added 11 points for the Gamecocks.

The Wildcats' Carly Ormerod scored 12 points and Nastassia Alcius had 11.

Petrino offered Raiders job but turned it down

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville coach Bobby Petrino was offered the Oakland Raiders' head coaching job but turned it down, a Louisville football spokesman said Thursday.

Rocco Gasparro, Louisville assistant sports information director, said Petrino would not have any comment.

A call to the Oakland Raiders was not immediately returned.

"An offer was extended, but he decided to stay at Louisville," Gasparro said.

Last week, during a news conference announcing new recruits, Petrino denied any interest in the NFL, saying he wanted to stay at Louisville.

This would mark the third time in as many seasons Petrino

has been courted for another head coaching job. He met with officials from Auburn following the 2003 season and with LSU officials following the 2004 season.

Petrino is 29-8 in three seasons with the Cardinals. Louisville went 9-3 last fall, losing to Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl. Louisville finished 19th in the final poll.

Eagles trip up Southeast Missouri

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Quentin Pryor scored 20 points, including 16 in the first half, to lead Morehead State to a 62-59 Ohio Valley Conference win over Southeast Missouri Thursday evening in Johnson Arena.

MSU, now 4-17 overall and 3-12 in the OVC, also got 13 points from Quinton Smith and 10 points from Ryan Allen. The Eagles have won their last two games.

Southeast Missouri, now 6-16 overall and 3-13 in the

league, lost its ninth straight game. The Redhawks got a game-high 21 points from Roy Booker and 11 points from Waylon Francis.

"We stood around a great deal and didn't play as well in the second half," said Eagle Coach Kyle Macy. "But, it's a sign that we're making progress when we talk about not playing well in the context of a win, not a loss."

The Eagles led 39-29 at halftime and hit 57.1 percent from the field (16-of-28) in the first half. They built their lead to as many as 12 points early in the

second half, but then went cold from the field. MSU hit only 22.7 percent from the field (5-of-22) after intermission and allowed the Redhawks to cut the lead to one point inside the last minute of the game. After MSU had missed four consecutive free throws in the last 13 seconds, Smith made two charity tosses with just under two seconds remaining to secure the victory.

MSU won the rebound battle, 36-to-29, with freshman center Clinton Reisz pulling down a game-high nine rebounds.

SEMO shuts down MSU women

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State women's basketball team hit just two field goals in the second half against visiting Southeast Missouri Thursday night at Johnson Arena, and SEMO took advantage of the Lady Eagles' shooting woes to coast to a 58-43 OVC win. The Lady Eagles fell to 10-11 and 5-9 in the league with their seventh straight loss.

Trailing just 33-31 at the

half, Morehead State could not get anything to fall in the second 20 minutes, registering just 12 points. Overall, MSU was held to just 21 percent (11-of-52) from the field.

MSU sophomore Megan Gearhart was a bright spot for the Lady Eagles as she notched a team best 15 points, including three treys, while LaKrisha Brown totaled 12 rebounds. However, the Redhawks completely shut-down Brown's offensive game

as she was held scoreless for the first time in her MSU career. The Lady Eagles also did a better job at the free throw line where they tossed in 18-of-22.

Southeast Missouri's Tatiana Conceicao outscored MSU alone in the second half with 13 points as she totaled a team best 17 on the night. Simone Jackson poured in 13, while Natalie Purcell chipped in 10. SEMO shot 39 percent for the game (23-of-58).

Pelphrey-coached Jags remain on top of Sun Belt, despite loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOBILE, Ala. — The University of South Alabama men's basketball team dropped a 59-53 decision to Louisiana-Lafayette on Thursday at the Mitchell Center. USA fell to 16-6 overall and 7-3 in the Sun Belt Conference, while Louisiana-Lafayette improved to 8-14 and 4-7 in conference play. Ragin' Cajun Michael Southall had a game-high 26 points and Jaguar senior Michael Phillips had 14 points off the bench to lead the Jaguars.

South Alabama, coached by Paintsville native John Pelphrey, remains atop the Sun Belt Conference's West Division.

The Jaguars jumped out to an early 7-2 lead through the first three minutes of the game, but a 21-4 run over the next 12 minutes put the Cajuns up 23-11 with 5:45 to play in the half. ULL built the lead to as many as 15, but a mini-run by the Jaguars at the end of the half cut the deficit to 32-21 at intermission.

USA tied the season low for points in a half with 21. The Jaguars scored 21 points in the opening half of a 55-52 win on

Dec. 3. USA also was a season low 25.9 percent from the field on 7-of-27, including 1-of-13 from beyond the arc. ULL was 11-of-24 from the field for 45.8 percent and 9-of-12 from the line.

The Jaguars had just three players score in the first half with Phillips coming off the bench for nine points. Southall paced the Cajuns with 12.

ULL opened the lead to 15 points with 14:16 to play in the game, but the Jaguars continued to fight hard and erased the deficit in under four minutes going on 15-0 run capped by a layup by senior Chey Christie.

The Cajuns quickly regained the lead for good on a tip-in by Southall with 10:12 to play. The Cajuns extended the lead to six points, but the Jaguars would not go quietly as they cut the deficit to two points three different times and had it to one point with 22 seconds left at 55-54. USA fouled sending Ed Turner to the line and he calmly knocked down a pair.

Sophomore Demetric Bennett had a good look at a game-tying trey, but it rimmed out with 16 ticks left. ULL salted the game away at the free throw line for the 59-53 win.

Phillips was a team-high

five-of-nine from the field and four-of-seven from the line for 14 points. He pulled down a team-high seven rebounds. Senior Mario Jointer also was in double figures with 10 points. USA shot a season-low 30.5 percent for the game on 18-of-59 from the floor. The Jags were 5-of-28 from beyond the arc and 12-of-18 from the line.

Southall had a game-high 26 points on 7-of-10 from the field and 12-of-15 from the line. He was the only Cajun in double figures. As a team, ULL was 18-of-40 from the field for 45 percent. The Cajuns were 3-of-19 from beyond the arc and 20-of-27 from the line.

USA has a couple of days off before finishing its homestand against New Orleans on Monday at 7:05 p.m. in the Mitchell Center.



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Driving schools return to Ky. Speedway in March

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — Five driving schools will provide race enthusiasts with 65 opportunities to experience the high-speed thrill of stock car racing on the Kentucky Speedway 1.5-mile tri-oval this spring, summer and fall.

The Richard Petty Driving Experience (RPDE), Jeff Gordon Racing School, Dale Jarrett Racing Adventure, Fast Track Driving School and SpeedTech Auto Racing School will give fans a chance to ride in, drive and, in some cases, pass other students in a NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series style car.

"Driving schools will run thousands of laps between March and October to give fans a taste of what professional competitors experience on our track during our race events," Kentucky Speedway Executive Vice President and General

Manager Mark F. Cassis said. "The Jeff Gordon Racing School and SpeedTech Auto Racing Schools are the new additions to our line-up and will help bring our school activity to an all-time high."

The Jeff Gordon Racing School will be first on the track March 24-26 and the Richard Petty Driving Experience will close the school season Oct. 26-29. The RPDE will operate on 36 dates this year, the most of any school.

Those interested in learning more about driving schools can visit the Fan Zone page of this Web site and click on driving schools. Specific dates and contact information for each school is available.

The 2006 Kentucky Speedway season opens May 13 and will feature four race weekends. Main events will feature ARCA RE/MAX Series, NASCAR Busch Series,

NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and Indy Racing League IndyCar Series races. Support events will spotlight the new USAC Silver Crown Series, ARCA RE/MAX Series, USAC Ford Focus Midget Car Series and IRL Indy Pro Series. All race weekends will include a race day concert with top country music talent.

Season ticket plans and single-race tickets are on sale now and can be reserved online now by clicking the Tickets icon in the top left corner of this page or through <http://www.tickets.com>. Tickets also can be reserved by phone at 888-652-RACE (7223). Fans also can reserve tickets through Tickets.com outlets including Meijer stores as well as the speedway ticket offices at 2216 Dixie Hwy., Ste. 200, in Ft. Mitchell, and the speedway Fan Center off of Interstate 71 Exit 57 and Ky. Hwy. 35 in Sparta.



The very popular Richard Petty Driving Experience is one of the many driving schools that visit Kentucky Speedway.

NASCAR IN THE PITS

Johnson, Knaus: NASCAR's team to beat in 2006

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Shortly after Jimmie Johnson's second failed attempt to win the Nextel Cup championship, car owner Rick Hendrick summoned his driver and crew chief.

There was a rumor crew chief Chad Knaus wanted out. Word of his desire to leave popped up during the season finale, when Johnson still had a shot at the title. Despite denials from the Hendrick camp, the talk wouldn't go away.

Johnson and Knaus maintained they had no idea where these tales of turmoil originated. By the time the meeting was over, Hendrick was satisfied all was well with his No. 48 team.

"Jimmie and I have never been more committed to each other, to the team and to winning a championship than we are right now," Knaus said.

That commitment should make Johnson the favorite to finally break through and claim his first NASCAR championship. He's come agonizingly close three times already, finishing second in the points in 2003 and 2004 and fifth last year.

His 2003 run gave the team the confidence it needed to go after a title. It opened 2004 as the team to beat, winning eight races while spending most of the season atop the standings. But a late-season swoon forced Johnson to fight his way back into contention. He ultimately fell eight points shy of the title in NASCAR's closest championship race.

Then 2005 was supposed to be Johnson's year. He came out surging, leading in points for 17 weeks. But again his team faltered, and ultimately wasn't as solid as champion Tony

Stewart and his Joe Gibbs Racing team. Johnson wound up fifth in the standings after blowing a tire during the finale.

Who's to say things will be different this year? Knaus, for one.

Knaus is widely considered the best crew chief in the garage right now, a title that can be both satisfying and stigmatizing.

He's driven and demanding. He's confident in a way that rivals consider cocky. And he's so creative that NASCAR has had to close loopholes in the rule book that Knaus has exploited.

A protege of Ray Evernham's, Knaus learned much of what he knows today from working under Evernham as an original member of the "Rainbow Warriors," the crew that pushed Jeff Gordon to three of his NASCAR championships. To this day, Evernham's imprint can be found in the way Knaus does things — to the point where he's often chided and referred to as "Little Ray" around the garage.

There are worse things to be called. After all, Evernham molded Gordon into a champion, won three titles, then parlayed that success into his own three-car empire.

But in the midst of losing yet another title, Knaus realized something in him and his inherited style had to change if he and Johnson were ever going to make it that final step.

"I think the worst thing that could have happened to me last year was that we led the points so early for so long, and I didn't want to give it up," he said. "I tried really hard to make sure we maintained that pace all year long and I got really tired."

When things started to go wrong, cracks appeared for the first time in the four-year rela-

tionship between Johnson and Knaus.

"I think last year at times it was really frustrating and people could see that," Johnson said. "But we were frustrated because we weren't getting the results that we wanted. I'll always respect Chad for his dedication and that frustration that came up. He just wanted to win and be up front and win the championship."

This season, Knaus may put his ego aside a bit. It's no longer important for him to lead the standings for months on end. Knaus now realizes that when all is settled, no one remembers how many weeks a driver was out front if he wasn't No. 1 at the end.

So he promises to pace himself and the No. 48 team this year.

"My goal is to maintain a top 10 position in the points through the first 13 races," he said. "From that point on, I want to make sure we are running in the top five. I want to end the first 26 races in the top five in points, and then go into the Chase. Once there, we can turn it on."

The new approach addresses the setbacks of the past three seasons.

"I think it was just such familiar territory to be leading the championship for so long, to be considered by everyone in our environment to be the championship contender, and in our hearts believing it," Johnson said. "And then to get to the very end and to watch it just slip by, you are like 'Why?' It is just so draining."

"So we are going to look at this year a little different than we did the last, and hopefully have everything in place to win."

As also-rans of the last three championships, Johnson and Knaus have nothing to lose.

NOTEBOOK

Sold out Daytona 500 has biggest purse

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASCAR star Carl Edwards seems to make everything look easy.

First it was winning in a Nextel Cup car and now it's acting.

The Roush Racing driver, in California to help promote the Cup race at California Speedway on Feb. 26, took part this week in the filming of FOX's hit show "24." He even has one speaking line in the episode that will air Monday, April 3.

"First I have to thank California Speedway for setting this up, this is a lot of fun," said Edwards, who finished third in the 2005 Cup points. "I definitely think acting is something I'd like to do more of. I had such a blast being on the set of '24.'"

"The best part was they gave me a line to read. The cameras started to roll and as I was walking over to shake the other character's hand I realized my palms were a little sweaty, which doesn't happen very often."

Kiefer Sutherland, who plays the lead character, Jack Bauer, on the show, wasn't in the scene with Edwards, but still critiqued his performance.

"I watched a couple takes and he was moving faster than our average extra," Sutherland said. "Our teamsters right now are so excited about having Carl here it's unbelievable. Most of our guys come all the way from Georgia, Oklahoma, Kentucky and are huge NASCAR fans, so they've been waiting for this day for a while. I would have loved to have done a scene with him and we still might someday."

When asked if he would like to try his hand at racing,

Sutherland said, "My line of work is inherently less dangerous than his. Yeah, I wouldn't mind taking (a race car) for a spin but I certainly wouldn't even get it to half the speed those guys do racing."

Edwards said he believes Sutherland would do just fine in a race car.

"I invited him out to the race at California in a few weeks to get a behind-the-scenes look at what we do," Edwards said. "I know I was in awe of everything that it takes to put together a production like '24.'"

"I would love to return the invitation and allow him to come into our world. I even told him he could talk to me on our team radios, which I think sparked his interest."

INCENTIVE CLAUSE: Terry Labonte is only a part-time driver in NASCAR's Nextel Cup Series these days, but he's still got the will to win.

Labonte will drive in the season-opening Daytona 500 for the new Hall of Fame Racing team, whose ownership includes Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman.

As an incentive for Labonte, who has never won at Daytona but owns 22 career wins, Staubach has offered to give his 1963 Heisman Trophy to Labonte for a Daytona 500 victory.

"That's how important this race is to me," Staubach said.

"I'm excited about it. I've never been involved with a sport where I didn't have some control," he added. "So I'm going to be there at Daytona, and scared to death, yelling for car 96, make sure it comes around the track and finishes. It's the

beginning of a great adventure and we're looking forward to it."

Asked if he really believes the new team can win its first race, Staubach said, "I'd say anything is possible with the experienced people we have."

Labonte, who plans to retire at the end of 2006, said he would love to take possession of the big trophy — at least for a while.

"Am I going to take it? Heck, yeah, I'm going to take it," Labonte said. "I'm going to take it for two weeks and carry it around to all my buddies and get my pictures made with it, and then I'm going to give it back to him."

SOLD OUT: Reserved seats for the Daytona 500 are sold and Daytona International Speedway has announced the event will pay more than \$18 million, the biggest purse in the history of stock car racing.

The posted awards for the stock car portion of Dayton's Speedweeks, which end Feb. 19 with "The Great America Race," will be \$18,029,052. The previous record was \$17,623,980 last year.

The winner of this year's season-opening Daytona 500 will collect a minimum of \$1,438,155. The second, third, fourth and fifth-place finishers will receive a minimum of \$1,034,175, \$741,325, \$589,500 and \$461,925, respectively.

Last place in the 43-car field will be worth at least \$224,665.

Speedway officials said last week that all the grandstand seats — more than 167,000 — have been sold, with only infield general admission tickets remaining. A crowd of more than 200,000 is expected.

Rookies in NASCAR's Nextel Cup Series

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A glance at the rookie drivers competing in NASCAR's Nextel Cup Series in 2006 in alphabetical order:

Clint Bowyer, No. 07 Jack Daniel's Chevrolet, Richard Childress Racing:



Clint Bowyer

Bowyer, 26, Emporia, Kan., finished second to NASCAR Busch Series champion Martin Truex Jr. in 2005. He had two poles, two wins and 22 to 10 finishes in 2005. Joins veteran teammates Kevin Harvick and Jeff Burton in Cup Series and will also run full time again in the Busch Series. Drove one previous Cup race, starting 25th and finishing 22nd in the spring race at Phoenix.

Chad Chaffin, No. 92 Front Row Motorsports Chevrolet:

Chaffin, 37, Smyrna, Tenn., a regular last season in

NASCAR's Craftsman Truck Series, is a late addition to the chase for Cup Rookie of the Year. Finished 43rd, completing just 14 of 312 laps last November in Phoenix, in his only Cup start. Has two truck wins, both in 2004 when he finished a career-best 10th in the points.

Denny Hamlin, No. 11 FedEx Chevrolet, Joe Gibbs Racing:

Hamlin, 24, Midlothian, Va., finished fifth in the Busch Series and ran in seven Cup races in 2005. Won a pole

and had three top 10 finishes, including a seventh and two eighths in his late-season Cup tryout. Will team with reigning and two-time Cup champion Tony Stewart and fellow rookie J.J. Yeley in Cup. Hamlin joins 2002 rookie Ryan Newman as the only first-year drivers to compete in the Budweiser Shootout at Daytona. Hamlin

qualified for the nonpoints race by winning the pole last November in Phoenix. Plans to run both Cup and Busch full-time in 2006.

J.J. Yeley, No. 18 Interstate Batteries Chevrolet, Joe Gibbs Racing:

Yeley, 28, Phoenix, came from the U.S. Auto Club, where he is one of only two drivers to sweep the midget, sprint and Silver Crown championships in a single season, joining Gibbs teammate Tony Stewart in that achievement. ... Has driven in six Cup races over the past two seasons, with his best a 25th-place finish last fall at Dover. Replaces 2000 Cup champion Bobby Labonte, who moved to Petty Enterprises. Also plans to run Busch Series full time.

Brent Sherman, No. 49 Schwan's Home Service/Serta/Hickory Farms Dodge, BAM Racing:

Sherman, 31, North Barrington, Ill., replaces long-time NASCAR star Kenny Schrader, who moved to the Wood Brothers team. Sherman

is the only 2006 rookie who has not run in at least one Cup race. He finished second in the 2004 ARCA stock car series and ran 24 Busch races last year. He had one top 10 in Busch, a ninth-place finish at Talladega in April.

Reed Sorenson, No. 41 Target Dodge, Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates:

Sorenson, 20, Peachtree City, Ga., joins fellow rookie David Stremme and Casey Mears on the Ganassi team. The youngest of the 2006 rookie candidates had two poles and two wins on the way to a fourth-place finish last year in his first full season in Busch. He also ran two Cup races, with a best finish of 28th in the season-finale in Homestead. Sorenson will also run Busch series full-time in 2006.

David Stremme, No. 40 Coors Light/Lone Star Steakhouse Dodge, Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates:

Stremme, 28, South Bend, Ind., is a three-year veteran of

the Busch Series. He won top rookie honors in 2003 despite racing in only 18 of 34 events, the fewest ever by a Rookie of the Year. Stremme finished 13th in the Busch points last season after a 10th-place finish in 2004. In four Cup starts last year, his best finish was 16th at Chicagoland Speedway.

Martin Truex Jr., No. 1 Bass Pro Shops Chevrolet, Dale Earnhardt Inc.:

Truex, 25, Mayetta, N.J., won Busch Series championships in 2004 and 2005, the first to accomplish that feat

since boss and teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr. in 1998 and 1999. Truex won six races in each of his championship seasons. He ran two Cup races in 2004 and added seven more last year. His only top 10 finish was seventh last May in Charlotte.



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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to notify Mary Jo Halbert, her unknown spouse and/or their heirs; Zella Mae Pruitt and Paul Pruitt and/or their heirs; Joe Smith, his unknown spouse and/or their heirs; Helen Frazier, her unknown spouse and/or their heirs; Thomas L. ("Tommy") Smith, his unknown spouse and/or their heirs; and Joan Isaacs and Martin Isaacs and/or their heirs; that a civil suit has been filed against them in Floyd Circuit Court, styled Kentucky Oil & Refining Company, Inc. vs. Joe Smith and Unknown Spouse and/or the heirs of Joe Smith and the heirs of Joe Smith's Unknown Spouse; Mary Jo Halbert and Unknown Spouse; Helen Frazier and Unknown Spouse of Helen Frazier and Unknown Heirs of Helen Frazier and Unknown heirs of Unknown Spouse of Helen Frazier; Thomas L. Smith and Unknown Spouse and/or heirs of Thomas L. Smith and heirs of Unknown Spouse of Thomas L. Smith; Joan Isaacs and Martin Isaacs, her husband and/or Unknown heirs of Joan Isaacs and Martin Isaacs; and Zella Mae Pruitt and Paul Pruitt, and assigned Civil Action No. 06-CI-00103. The basis of this suit is a Petition for Declaration of Rights, action filed against each of the named defendants by Kentucky Oil & Refining Company, Inc. The Complaint alleges that each of the named defendants are heirs of the late Emily Layne, and that said heirs failed to execute a deed of conveyance of a certain tract of land located in Betsy Layne, Kentucky, that was purchased by Kentucky Oil & Refining Company, Inc. from said heirs on or about February 28, 1980, and therefore Kentucky Oil & Refining Company, Inc. is seeking a declaratory judgment from the Court that said heirs, have absolutely no ownership interest in said tract of land. The named defendants identified above, and/or their respective heirs shall have up to and until March 21, 2006, within which to file a written Answer to said lawsuit with the Floyd County Circuit Clerk, if they desire to assert any interest that they may claim in the property. If

these Defendants do not appear in the pending lawsuit or otherwise present a defense to the claims asserted against them within that time period, then a judgment may be entered against them. Clyde Combs, Jr., Esq. Warning Order Attorney P.O. Box 1746 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5427 AMENDMENT NO. 5

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.70 mile northwest of Grethel, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 695.66 acres of underground area, for a total area of 1876.06 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.31 mile east of Drift, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The operation is approximately 1.80 mile east of KY's 122 junction with the Simpson Branch County Road, and located 0.10 mile southeast of Simpson Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by Jamie Ray and Lisa Powell, Edith Huff, Dorothy Huff Hamilton, John M. and Leslie K. Caudill, Lula Bradley, May Beverly Estate, Willa Faye Dennison, Nellie F. Hall, Alex and Alverta Samons, Clinis Hall, Eugene Hamilton, Alma Land Company, Lizzie Hayes Estate, Tony Jr., and Alden Nettie Hall, Mary Francis Stone, Arthur Mitchell, Roland Moore, Dorothy Martin, Madge & Cecilia Denney, Edith Cook Skeens, Roland Caudill, Sallie Hall Hutchinson, Ted and Helen Stumbo, William E. and Helen Hall, Boobie & Audrey Hall, Vernon

& Anna R. Hall, Billie Joe and Janie M. Gayheart, Penny Sizemore Heirs, Denzil Ray Hall, and Ray Turner.

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

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0307 AMENDMENT NO. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.6 miles north of Emma, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 313.07 acres of surface disturbance, of which 11.77 acres overlie area mining area making a total area of 414.46 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.70 mile 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, E. L.

and Bertha Cline, Rebecca Jarrell, Charles Michael Harris, Rex Reynolds, Tom and Melissa Reynolds, Albert and Janet Ratliff, Johnny and Patricia Huffman, Taubee and Renisa Branham, Michael Hunt, Ransom and Betty Hunt, Billy Yonts, and Maxine Crider. The operation will use the area method of surface mining.

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 Mine Permits, No. 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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5274 MAJOR REVISION NO. 4

1. In accordance with KRS 350.055,

notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for a Major Revision to a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1 1/2 mile southeast of Grethel, in Floyd County. The Revision will add 1.80 acre of surface disturbance, and underlie an additional 2.87 acres, for a total of 1406.93 acres within the revised permit boundary.

2. The proposed major revision is approximately 1.5 mile southeast from Rt. 979's junction with Branham Creek Road, and located 0.2 mile east of Branham Creek. The latitude is 37°28'24". The longitude is 82°37'53".

3. The proposed major revision is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7

1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be added by the major revision is owned by K.C. Rogers. The area added by the major revision will underlie land owned by K.C. Rogers.

4. The major revision proposes the addition of face areas for mining the Elkhorn No. 2 and Elkhorn No. 3 seams.

5. The major Revision has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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