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briefs

PSC approves Ky. Power rate hike

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Public Service Commission on Tuesday approved a settlement between Kentucky Power Co. and the state.

Residential customers would pay about \$11 more per month under the agreement and would increase the company's annual revenue by \$41 million, the PSC said in a written release.

The company, also known as American Electric Power Company, had requested an increase of about \$64.8 million.

The agreement also includes a fund that will assist low-income customers by charging all other customers 10 cents a month. The company has agreed to match the amount of money raised for at least two years. In a press release, the PSC praised the program.

"The majority of ratepayers will certainly have a higher degree of support and acceptance" of the fees if the company is using the money to help other customers, the statement said.

Kentucky Power serves about 175,000 customers in eastern Kentucky.

Teacher holds deciding about assault charge

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A John M. Stumbo Elementary teacher who pleaded guilty to felony charges of drug trafficking last month has opted to wait until after she is formally sentenced next week to decide on how she will handle a misdemeanor count of assault that was lodged against her by the mother of a student at the school.

Stephanie Tackett could receive up to

20 years when she is sentenced next week on two counts of trafficking in drugs. She entered a blind plea in the case after rejecting a plea offer from the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. She changed her mind about going to trial one week before her court date after reviewing taped evidence of the transactions that were recorded on audio and video.

Superintendent Paul Fanning formally accepted Tackett's resignation last week. In the letter she sent Fanning, Tackett said, "I do not plan to reapply for employ-

ment with the district within the next three years."

Tackett's attorney, Doug Adams, appeared on her behalf in district court on Monday and was granted a review of Tackett's case on April 28. He also informed the court that he is waiting for a decision on his motion to be granted a change of venue in the case.

Adams filed the change of venue motion in February and is asking the court to move Tackett's case to another county. In the motion, he asks for the

change noting widespread publicity generated about the case and reported in area newspapers and radio and television broadcasts. Adams also asks the court to set the matter in a county outside of the immediate area, noting that the stories about Tackett have been reported in neighboring counties.

The assault case charges Tackett with assaulting a student by flicking the child's wrist repeatedly with a rubber band when

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RAISING AWARENESS



Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner spoke at Allen Central Middle School on Tuesday and enlisted students to help explain how the courts deal with issues of child abuse as he invited area fifth- and sixth-graders to take part in a poster and essay contest designed to raise awareness of every child's right to be safe from violence.

Contest used to teach students about abuse

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

EASTERN — Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner visited Allen Central Middle School on Tuesday to tell area fifth- and sixth-graders about a poster and essay contest his office is cosponsoring that aims to raise awareness about every child's right to be safe.

The contest is his office's contribution to National Crime Victim's Awareness Month as well as Child Abuse Prevention Month

which are observed in April. The contest is also supported by the Department of Protection and Permanency, Mountain Comprehensive Care, Kentucky State Police and Big Sandy Child Advocacy Center.

This week Turner and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor joined Victim's Rights Advocate Kathy Lafferty and Michelle Sode, from the East Kentucky Branch of the Attorney General's office, in a three-day blitz of area elementary schools to get the word out about the contest.

They were also joined by Lisa Stumbo, a counselor, who has joined their office for the duration of the contest.

Last year, Turner's office held the event at Big Sandy Community and Technical College but this year the venue will be the Mountain Arts Center, where the prize winners in the contest will receive awards after their schools determine the best entries by fifth- and sixth-graders from all 13 county elementary

(See CONTEST, page five)

Man charged with stealing from stores

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — A Garrett man was arrested last week by Kentucky State Police detectives who responded to thefts at BC Hardware and the Red Top Market in Hueysville.

Jerry M. Moore, who also goes by the name Jerry Pack, was taken into custody three hours after the Red Top Market theft, where the owner reported that someone made off with 12 cartons of cigarettes and \$100 cash.

Detectives D. Shearer and Byron Hansford investigated both burglaries and learned that someone also stole several knives from BC Hardware. The owner of Red Top Market helped the

officers by informing them that a hat left at the scene belonged to Moore, whom he knew as Pack.

An employee at the store also helped with the investigation by observing that a green Toyota Camry was parked outside of the store at the time of the theft. The officers proceeded to Moore's residence and found a green Camry parked outside. They interviewed Moore and learned that he used to go by the name of Pack. He allegedly denied being involved in the thefts but gave consent to search his home.

The detectives found four cartons of cigarettes in the residence, with three being

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Cop assault case heard in court

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Paintsville man who was charged with assaulting a police officer in February saw his preliminary hearing scheduled for April 10 after appearing for his formal arraignment in district court Tuesday.

Brian Weffenstette, 37,

was released from custody following the initial incident on a \$500 cash bond. Weffenstette allegedly would not stop for a Prestonsburg Police Officer on Feb. 13 when the officer flashed his lights and pursued Weffenstette on U.S. 23. The chase remained at a safe speed onto Route 80,

(See ASSAULT, page five)

Fletcher urges changes to House-approved budget

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher, in his first Capitol press conference since a potentially life-threatening blood clot landed him in the hospital, griped Tuesday about changes the Kentucky House made to his proposed state spending plan.

While Fletcher's voice seemed shaky at times, his message to lawmakers was firm — he wants more money in Kentucky's "Rainy Day" fund, a reserve account similar to a state savings account. Fletcher said he did not agree with the House-approved budget plan in part because he believes it would leave the state short on cash flow in

case of emergencies such as tornadoes, floods or an outbreak of avian flu.

"I'm very concerned about the budget," Fletcher told reporters. "I don't see it being fiscally responsible."

Fletcher has been in and out of the hospital since mid-February. He was admitted on Feb. 12 after having abdominal pains that turned out to be a gallstone. Fletcher underwent a procedure to have the stone removed, followed by surgery to remove his gallbladder.

Fletcher stayed in the hospital until March 1 after he had a high fever and was diagnosed with a blood infection. And last Thursday, he was rushed to the hospital to remove a blood clot that had run from his

upper left arm into his chest. He was released Monday.

On Tuesday, the House passed an approximately \$18 million state spending plan that, among other things, would increase public school teachers' salaries and allot more than \$500 million for various university construction projects. That plan called for taking \$80 million out of the state's rainy day fund to help pay for some of its initiatives.

Since January, Fletcher had urged lawmakers to resist using any money from the fund, which could be tapped in a financial emergency.

However, House Appropriations Chairman Harry Moberly has said the gov-

ernor has exaggerated the need for a bulky balance in that fund. Moberly has said the state should tap the money instead of leaving other financial needs unfunded. Using the proposed \$80 million from it would not hurt the state's bond rating either, Moberly has said.

While the governor's been absent from Frankfort for a large chunk of the 2006 General Assembly, Fletcher said he was able to check on things from his hospital room.

"It's good to be back here," Fletcher said. "The First Lady (Glenna Fletcher) and I are glad to be away from the hospitals. It makes even the General Assembly look good."

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 53 • Low: 30

Tomorrow



High: 60 • Low: 37

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Obituaries

Rella Faye Bentley
Rella Faye Bentley, 62, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 11, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born May 3, 1943, in Garrett, she was the daughter of the late Richard Bentley and Edna Craft Bentley. She was formerly employed as a cashier/manager at a convenience store. She was a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Gina Sue Hall of Lexington; her loving companion, Jody Fannin of Prestonsburg; two brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 15, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Pastor Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Interment will be in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg.

Contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, or Hospice of Big Sandy.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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**Vernie Collins
Messinger**

Vernie Collins Messinger, age 99, of Martin, passed from this life on Sunday March 12, 2006, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born December 1, 1906, in Floyd County, the

daughter of the late Casel and Judy Howell Collins.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church at Minnie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Messinger.

Survivors include: three brothers: Preston Collins of Martin, Ed Collins of Shiloh, Ohio, and John Collins of Hollywood, Florida; one sister, Aretta Machowiz of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; many nieces and nephews; and a step-grandson, Thomas Jarrell.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 15, at 1:00 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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**James Willard
Sellards**

James Willard Sellards, age 63, of Allen, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2006, at Our Lady of The Way Hospital, in Martin.

He was born March 28, 1942, in Allen, the son of the late

James Sellards and Vanie Estep Sellards. He was a retired equipment operator, and an U.S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth Sellards of Gilbert, Arizona; a daughter, Melinda Richardson of Little Rock, Arkansas; two brothers, Carl Ray Sellards and Danny Sellards, both of Allen; three sisters: Margaret Holbrook of Betsy Layne, Thursa Sloan of Prestonsburg, and Sherri Cline of Allen; seven grandsons; and

one granddaughter.

Funeral services for James Willard Sellards were conducted Saturday, March 11, at 11:00 a.m., at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr. officiating.

Burial was in the Jones Cemetery, in Allen, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Foster Johnson would like to thank all the friends, neighbors, and family members who sent food, flowers, cards and prayers on the behalf of a loving brother-in-law.

Special thanks to the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church for their love and support. Special thanks to Chapter 169 DAV for the military service. Also special thanks to Hall Funeral Home, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Office.

THE FAMILY OF FOSTER JOHNSON

Card of Appreciation

The family of Forrest D. Lewis would like to thank all friends and relatives who provided support, encouragement, flowers, food, and cards. Your thoughtfulness helped to make a very difficult time easier.

Card of Thanks

The family of Geneva Rollins would like to express our gratitude to all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thank you all so much for the food, flowers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergyman Red Morris for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated.

THE FAMILY OF GENEVA ROLLINS

Card of Thanks

The family of Foster Johnson would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or spoke kind words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF FOSTER JOHNSON

Card of Thanks

The family of Kevin Darrell Johnson would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church, for their kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF KEVIN DARRELL JOHNSON

Card of Thanks

The family of Geraldine Scott Rench would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, and spoke kind words to our family. A special thanks to Clergyman Earl Martin, for his comforting words, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Jenny Wiley AARP 3528 officer election, installation
Jenny Wiley No. 3528, AARP, will conduct an election and installation of officers at a meeting to be held on Friday, March 17, at 6 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

PHS Class of '76
The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1976 will host their 30th reunion Aug. 4-5, 2006. Please contact one of the following individuals for more information: Leesa Powers, 886-8694 or email to: 8694powe@bellsouth.net; Navajo Austin, 886-9110 or email to: jododdie@hotmail.com; or Pat Lemaster, 889-0782. If emailing, please put "Class of 1976" in subject line of email message.

Operation Cookie Share and Soldier Care
Joint community service project for Floyd Countians. Those who purchase Girl Scout Cookies may also donate cookies to the local National Guard Armory or to blood donors at the Central KY Blood Center. Businesses are encouraged to donate a case or more. Call 1-800-475-2621 to learn more.

Easter Pageant
To be held April 2, at Jenny Wiley State Park. Each contestant will receive crown or trophy and Easter basket. Will also hold an Easter Egg Hunt. Call 789-7652 for more info., or email to: kyglitz@yahoo.com.

Opening Ranier Racing Museum
To be held Tuesday, March 21, at from 2-7 p.m., with ceremonies at 5:30 p.m., at the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau office (old P'burg post office). Refreshments and entertainment. Public cordially invited to attend.

Floyd County Fire Chiefs Assn.
Will meet on Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m., at the Allen Volunteer Fire Dept. All county Fire Chiefs, or designated representatives, are asked to attend. For more information, contact Roy Compton at 886-8191, or Gary Dotson at 886-1010.

FCCD meeting
The Floyd County Conservation District will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 21, at 10 a.m. This is an open meeting and the public is invited to attend. For more information, call 889-9800 or email to: conserve@bellsouth.net.

Hope in the Mountains
Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., beginning in Feb., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church. Meeting focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help

women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

2006 Hillbilly Days Car/Truck Show
The Good Ole Boys Rods & Cruisers Car Club of Pikeville will sponsor this show on Sat., April 22, at the BB&T Bank parking lot in downtown Pikeville. Trophies will be given out. For registration fee info., call Kaminski Robinson at 437-7695, after 6 p.m.

Prater Creek Baptist
March 25, 6 p.m., Biliter Family Comedy Night. Great fun, free admission. Call Pastor J.B. Hall at 874-3222 for more info. Prater Creek Baptist is located at Banner.

HRMC March Calendar
•Mar. 16, 23 - Kiwanis meeting. Meeting Room A, 12 p.m.
•Mar. 18, 19 - ACLS Provider class. Meeting Rooms A&B, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. (18th) and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (19th).
•Mar. 30 - Living Well with Diabetes Support Group. Meeting Rooms A&B, 5-6 p.m. For more information about these listings, call the Highlands Educational Services Dept. at 886-7424.

Maytown Center
•Monday nights - Volleyball, 7 p.m., co-ed activity, \$1. 7th grade thru adult. Followed by drinks, snacks, pool and ping pong until 9 p.m. Also, basketball from 6-7 p.m. FREE. Must be accompanied by an adult.
•Tuesday and Thursday - Basketball, 5-6 p.m., FREE if under 15. Must be accompanied by an adult. 8-10 p.m., ages 15 to adult, \$2.

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

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

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

Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."
"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075; David Kraus at 886-3082; or Nancy Johnson at 886-1156 for more info.

UNITE
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the FIRST Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.
•March 6th meeting: "Adolescent Treatment Initiatives. The Seven Challenges Curriculum." Michael D. Vance and David Baldridge, of the Big Sandy Treatment Foster Care Program will present. Parents, teachers, counselors encouraged to attend.

•"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US

23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.
Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

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

Spring 2006 Adult Ed and GED Schedule
Mondays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., BSCTCS Employment Services.
1-3:30 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Layne House, BSCTCS Employment Services.

Tuesdays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Weeksbury Comm. Ctr., Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC Employment Services.
1-3:30 p.m. - Weeksbury Comm. Ctr., David Craft Ctr., BSCTCS Employment Services.

Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., BSCTC Employment Services.
1:30-4:30 p.m. - Dixie Apts., Betsy Layne YSC, BSCTCS Employment Services.
2:30-5:30 p.m. - Floyd County Detention Center.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTCS Employment Services.
Thursdays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Allen FRYSC, Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTCS Employment Services.
1:30-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, BSCTCS Employment Services.
2:30-5:30 p.m. - Floyd County Detention Center.
6-8 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

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

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

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

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

Senior Employment
Too much time on your hands? Not enough money in your pocket? We can help! If you're 55 or older, call the Senior Community Service Employment Program, at 886-2929. A Big Sandy Area Community Action Program.

External Diploma Program
Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at

the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m.,

Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Community Center.

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

Newbee's Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

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

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

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m., Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center.

Green Acres: 1st Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Community Room.

Looking for a Support Group?
Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group

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

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

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

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

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What is Family Court?

In 1999, Family Courts were established in Kentucky. Floyd Family Court was one of the first in Kentucky, starting in July, 1999. Judge Julie Paxton was appointed to start this court and then elected in November, 1999, as your first family court judge.

Family Court hears and decides all cases involving children and families:

- child neglect and abuse
- custody
- visitation
- dissolution of marriage and division of property
- adoption
- termination of parental rights
- child support
- juvenile status cases: truancy, beyond control, and runaway

Judge Julie Paxton hears and decides over 2,700 cases in three counties each year involving all the above cases. All cases are decided on the facts presented in court and the law. All cases are heard fairly and without bias. Judge Paxton has 20 years of legal experience; seven as your Family Court Judge. She has constantly worked to improve access to family court, and to ensure that children are the first and foremost concern.

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EARLY-BIRD SPRING SPECIALS

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 2002 Land Rover Freelander SE pkg, leather, pwr. sunroof, automatic, alloy wheels. Loaded!	 2002 Toyota 4 Runner SR5, pwr. sunroof, automatic, alloy wheels, loaded. Sharp!	 2003 Mitsubishi Galant ES pkg., 4-door, automatic, Nice. Local trade!	 2005 Mitsubishi Outlander LS, AWD, automatic, CD player, pwr. windows, pwr. locks. Nice!
 2005 Nissan Altima 2.5, 4-door, automatic, rear spoiler, CD player. Sharp!	 2002 Pontiac Grand Prix GT, 2-door, auto., alloy wheels, CD player, pwr. windows & locks. Local trade!	 2004 Hyundai Sonata GLS, V-6, pwr. sunroof, auto., CD player, alloy wheels. Nice!	
 2005 Mazda 6 4-door, automatic, alloy wheels, rear spoiler, CD player. Sharp!	 2005 Chevy Cavalier 2-door coupe, auto., alloy wheels, rear spoiler, CD. Save!	 2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser 4-door, auto., alloy wheels, pwr. sunroof, CD player, pwr. windows. Nice!	

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Viewpoint

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Worth Repeating ...

"Speak out in acts; the time for words has passed, and only deeds will suffice."

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View

We're just phish to them

Been told lately, via jarring e-mail, that something is horribly amiss with your eBay, Amazon.com or some other account? There's nothing wrong with your account. Chances are that you don't even have one.

You've just been phished.

This is the term for when people fraudulently pose as representatives of companies, perhaps one with which you actually do business, to get you to click on their Web site or otherwise respond. The point is to finagle key information from you so that they can loot your real accounts, stealing your identity in the process.

Most savvy e-mail users know about these scams. Still, losses are estimated to be in the billions of dollars yearly.

But even if you are one of those savvy e-mail users, you are probably as weary as we are of having to delete all that spam. So wouldn't it be more than nice if someone or something fell on these phishing folks - many of whom ply their trade overseas but have electronic tentacles here - like a ton of bricks? Well, the good news is that there is something that offers at least a promise of this. This would be the Council of Europe's Convention on Cybercrime. Thirty-eight of the council's 46 members have signed it, and the United States is one of four non-council members who also have signed. Canada, Japan and South Africa are the others.

This convention document seeks to "harmonize" national laws to battle cybercrime - including the fraud and identity theft that occurs in phishing. Which is to say, making sure that countries have laws that properly define and criminalize cybercrime, allow cooperation between countries to detect and prosecute cybercriminals and develop a system that can pounce on these folks quickly, before they dismantle and set up shop elsewhere.

The flaw is that there are more than 42 countries in the world. That's the number that have signed the document as of December. This should be an international treaty that involves far more countries, perhaps using the United Nations as the vehicle to get that done.

The U.S. must do its part. The U.S. Senate can start by approving the Anti-Phishing Act of 2005, introduced last year by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt. It has yet to get a hearing.

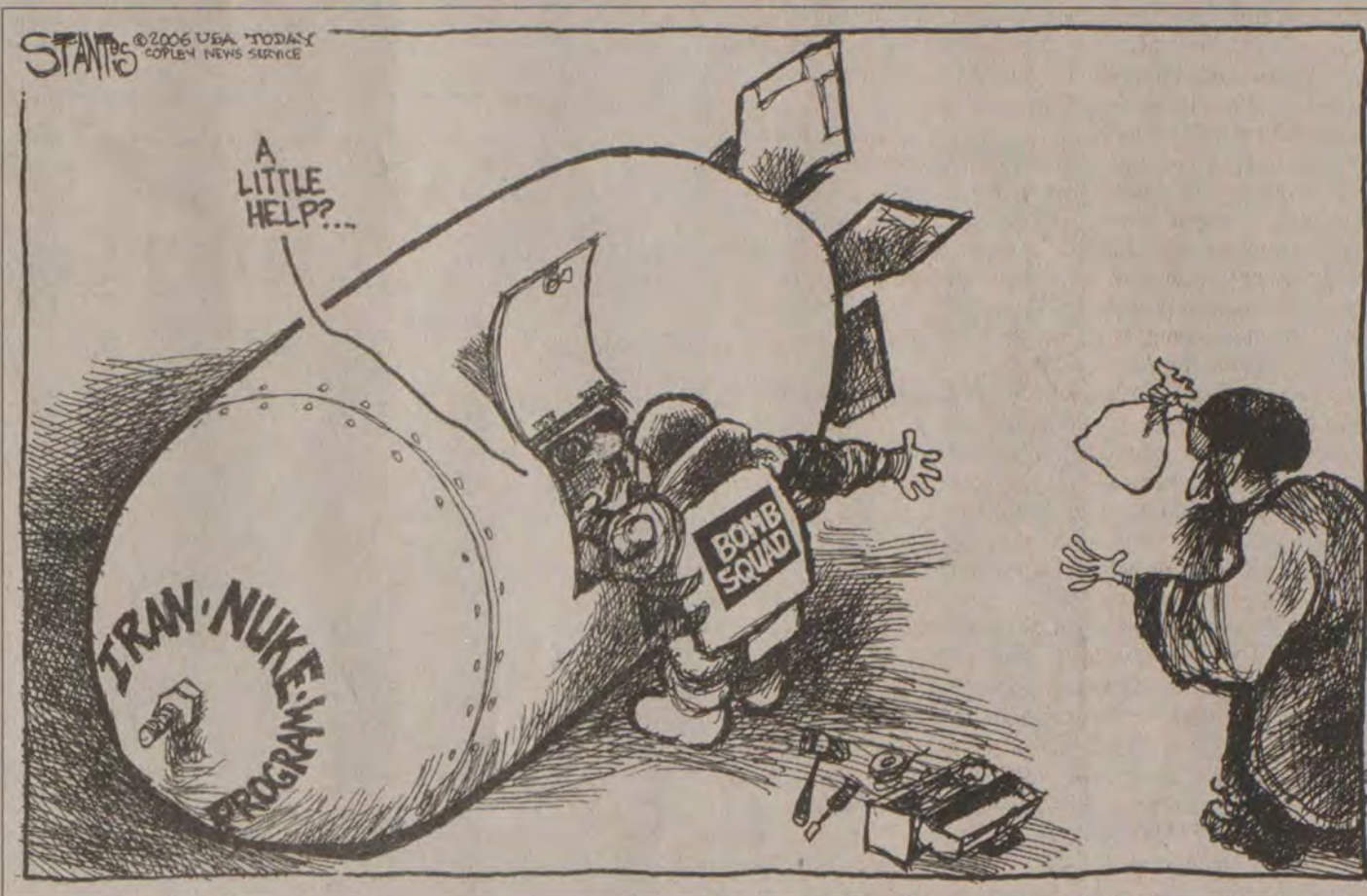
The convention asks nations to craft laws that enable phishers to be prosecuted. Yes, there are already laws that prohibit fraud and identity theft, and we're no big fans of duplicative laws. But it seems to us that this is new enough territory to require more specificity in the law.

Leahy's bill would enter two new crimes into the U.S. criminal code. One would prohibit the creation or purchase of Web sites for the purpose of scamming. The second targets the ubiquitous e-mails that fraudulently purport to represent legitimate businesses.

Needed ultimately are international agreements that permit the rapid sharing of data between international jurisdictions that, in turn, enables the rapid tracking and arrest of cybercriminals, including those who would phish. All this should occur, we hasten to add, without warrantless surveillance of normal e-mail communication or otherwise infringing on free speech rights.

The U.S. should lead the effort to ensure there is nowhere these e-mailers can hide. Simply, we're tired of being phished.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



Capitol Ideas

State looks for ways to upgrade 911 service

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Unlike most larger communities across Kentucky, Brownsville doesn't have the latest in 911 dispatching equipment.

The small town in largely rural Edmonson County simply hasn't had the money to pay for it, said Leland Renfro, director of the local ambulance service and dispatching center. In fact, Edmonson is among 24 counties in Kentucky that have only basic 911 service.

That means dispatchers have to take time to get precise directions from callers before they can let police or firefighters know where to respond in emergencies. They have no advanced technology to immediately pinpoint the locations of callers or to show the shortest route to get to their locations.

Legislation pending in the House budget committee would change that by appropriating a portion of the revenue from the state's cell phone surcharge to pay for improvements in dispatching centers. State Rep. Joe Barrows, D-Versailles, is sponsoring the legislation, which also is being pushed by Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration.

"We recognize the need to upgrade our 911 centers," said Jason Keller, spokesman for the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. "It's critical that our first responders have that information at hand as they're responding to the scene of an event."

The National Emergency Number Association identified 24 counties in Kentucky that have only basic 911 service. They're rural counties spread

across the state, from Martin County in the east to Carlisle County in the west.

A large number of the counties are in the Appalachian region, including Clay, Clinton, Elliott, Lewis, Magoffin, McCreary, Menifee, Owsley, Rockcastle, Wayne and Wolfe.

While they deal with basic service, larger, more prosperous communities use enhanced computerized systems that automatically give dispatchers the name and location of each caller. Some are even able to pinpoint cell phone callers who need help.

Renfro said those capabilities are important, especially if the caller has dialed 911 but is not able to communicate verbally, whether a stroke victim or a frantic child.

The legislation would provide state grants to improve 911 centers, part of which would be generated by closing a loophole in the state's tax on monthly cell phone bills. The loophole allows users of prepaid cell phones not to pay the monthly surcharge of 70 cents. Closing it would generate about \$1.2 million a year.

Fletcher's spokesman, Brett Hall, said the governor wants small counties that can't afford to upgrade their 911 systems to join with neighboring counties to provide the service. Under his plan, \$100,000 grants would be made available to counties that join forces to provide the service. Hall said small counties could better afford the cost by sharing it.

Hall said Fletcher has also asked for \$12.5 million in federal homeland security funds to help pay for the 911 improvements in Kentucky.

"Homeland security is not just chas-

ing down terrorists," Hall said. "We've had forest fires, floods and tornadoes hit this state in just the past few months. We've seen that having an emergency response system is critical."

In Edmonson County, Renfro said he is working with nearby Mammoth Cave National Park on a plan to upgrade 911 services. His dispatching center handles calls for park rangers along with the local police department, fire departments and ambulance service. He said anything the state can do to help would be appreciated.

Keller said the state needs to step forward to help the smallest counties upgrade. He said doing so will save lives.

"Obviously, our first responders have to know where the 911 call is coming from," he said. "There's always the potential that the person on the other end of the call can't tell an operator where they're located."

Barrows, the House majority whip, said he believes the legislation will be enacted in this session of the General Assembly.

Roger Hixson, technical issues director for the National Emergency Number Association, said 96 percent of the nation is covered by dispatch centers that have enhanced 911 capabilities. He said the remaining 4 percent may be the toughest to reach.

"The movement toward getting that to 100 percent is pretty slow," he said, "because the counties that haven't converted yet are typically low population and don't have a whole lot of money to do it."

Roger Alford is the Frankfort correspondent for The Associated Press.

Letters

End war on drugs

I hope the people of our republic and Christians have taken the time to study and have seen that the oppression of our rights is not the answer for addiction, seen that the real reason we have prohibition is the love of money and power-hungry politicians.

I feel, as an American, the way to end the dangers of addiction is to end the war against drugs. Meth is not a drug, but a poison, and anyone caught making it should be punished with a severe punishment, because the production endangers the lives of anyone close to their labs. Example: If a neighbor has a meth lab, it could blow up and put your life and property in harm's way. Meth producers should be charged with the max.

Ending the war on drugs and the lie of prohibition should lower the illegal taxation on us, the people. Lower taxes then

should make it possible, for once again, one parent to be with their children more of the time and still have a sustainable life. Any loving parent will educate their child or children about the dangers of drug abuse. It is said to say, but some parents do not pay much attention to their children, so with some of the savings from the end of the war on drugs, start a good educational program in our schools to teach the children about the uses of drugs and the dangers of drug abuse.

As a Christian, I would like to see a Christian faith-based rehab clinic. At this clinic, we would put our faith in Jesus, speak the truth and have a doctor for medical purposes. The truth we would speak is, "Anything can rule your life, and whatever rules your life is your Lord and you chose who or what will rule your life. If you will call on the name of the

Lord and surrender your life to Jesus. He will save your soul and set you free."

This would be financially possible if we end Satan's prohibition, because ending prohibition would end the war on drugs and should lower our taxation in many ways. Just a few examples would be lower cost of health insurance, medicine and Medicare. Farmers could then grow cannabis, which would help our economy and environment in many ways, because of all its uses. God told us to be fruitful, multiply, replenish and subdue the earth. Prohibition hinders this also.

In closing, I ask the people to study the Declaration of Independence and Constitution to see the illegal oppressions the Democrats and Republicans have put on us and adopt the Libertarian political form to get our freedom back. As a Christian, I pray that God's grace be with everyone and that my brothers and sisters adopt the Libertarian political form to protect the future for our children.

Gregory Shanley
Blaine

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Contest

schools. Turner used volunteers from the assembled students to act out the chain of events that ensue when a child is mistreated. The students who volunteered portrayed the roles of victim, law enforcement, commonwealth's attorney and defendant. The effort paid off with the students able to tell Turner after the display that the victim coming forward to talk about abuse was the key to making it stop.

The contest will allow fifth- and sixth-graders to digest materials provided by Turner's office, which offer facts and statistics about child abuse as well as what can be done to prevent it and who to go to when its suspected. The children will be given the opportunity to present information in an essay or poster format, with awards going to what is judged to be the best poster and essay from both grades at all 13 schools. From the winners, a panel will determine the first-, second- and third-place winners from the county, who will receive checks for \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively. The awards will be given out at a special presentation at the MAC on April

Assault

where Weffenstette finally pulled over at a Citgo station. Officer Brian Walker arrived at the scene to offer assistance and reported that Weffenstette became irate with the officers and began yelling at them. When he learned he would be cited for disorderly conduct Weffenstette, allegedly became more angry and threatened to whip the officers.

Officer Walker was allegedly elbowed in the face during a struggle and included Weffenstette's demeanor in his report which he summarized as "very short-tempered and it appears that he has little respect for law enforcement."

The entire incident was reportedly caught on Officer Walker's dashboard mounted camera and Walker also noted in his report that Weffenstette continued to exhibit hostile behavior at the jail, where he allegedly responded poorly to being fingerprinted.

Teacher

she was working at the school last August.

The student's mother was in court Monday. She said that she was grateful to County Attorney Keith Bartley for pursuing the case and mentioned that she had been invited to join in a protest regarding the school's principal that was staged last month. She reported that she declined the invitation and advised the potential protesters to pursue the matter via proper channels.

The chief figure in the protest, Holly Kidd, has claimed that the school's principal was abusive to her daughter when she suspected the child of bringing drugs into the school. Kidd objected to the subsequent investigation which supported the account of principal Deresa Ray and staged the protest following that event. Kidd was charged the same day with menacing when she had an altercation at the school.

Kidd also appeared in court Monday regarding a second case that was lodged against her following the protest, in which a man accused her of taking his property. The witness in that case appeared in court Monday and said he was dropping the charges and that Kidd had returned all of the items he claimed she had stolen.

Thefts

found in the bedroom and an additional carton turning up in Moore's freezer. The detectives noted that Moore then changed his story and allegedly admitted to stealing four cartons of cigarettes from Red Top Market.

Moore was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on April 6 for two charges of burglary. He was ordered to be held at the Floyd County Detention Center until he can post a \$4,000 cash bond.

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27 at 6 p.m. The awards presentation will be followed by a special memorial service for honoring victims who have lost their lives in Floyd County.

The contest has received support from local businesses and organizations, with contributions for prizes from First Commonwealth Bank, East Kentucky Science Center, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, the MAC, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Pizza Hut and Dairy Queen.

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Odds & Ends

■ **OSLO, Norway** — It almost seemed like a miracle to Haldis Gundersen when she turned on her kitchen faucet and found the water had turned into beer.

Two flights down, employees and customers at the Big Tower Bar were horrified when water poured out of the beer taps.

By an improbable feat of clumsy plumbing, someone at the bar in Kristiansund, in western Norway, had accidentally hooked the beer hoses to the water pipes for Gundersen's apartment.

"We had settled down for a cozy Saturday evening, had a nice dinner, and I was just going to clean up a little," Gundersen, 50, said Monday. "I turned on the kitchen faucet and beer came out."

Gundersen said the beer was flat and not tempting, even in a country where a half-pint can cost about \$3.75 in grocery stores.

Per Egil Myrvang of the local beer distributor said he instructed bartenders by telephone how to reconnect the pipes.

"The water and beer pipes do touch each other, but you have to be really creative to connect them together," he said.

Gundersen joked about having the pub send up free brew for her next party.

"But maybe it would be easier if they just invited me down for a beer," she said.

■ **KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii** — A woman says she has grown the world's heaviest mango, a more than 5-pound tropical fruit that is roughly the size of a human head.

Colleen Porter has a certificate from the Guinness Book of World Records for her 5-pound, 7-ounce mango. The fruit is a Keitt mango, which typically reach 2 to 3 pounds.

Virginia Easton-Smith, West

Hawaii agricultural extension agent for the University of Hawaii, who helped with the submission to Guinness, confirmed the record.

The fruit had to be weighed and documented two separate times by three people. Independent witnesses verified the weigh-ins.

Porter said she has been told a photograph of her mango is a "strong contender" to be included in Guinness' next edition, which goes on sale Jan. 1.

The mango was picked in mid-October and still sits in Porter's refrigerator.

Porter, who tends a small avocado and mango orchard, covered the fruit with a bag to prevent insects, birds and rodents from gnawing on it and kept vigil for two months. One day it just looked ready to pick.

"I climbed the ladder and when I touched it, it fell right into my hands," she said.

■ **GREENSBURG, Pa.** — Mark R. Miller hopes some female homebuyer is looking for a unique feature: him.

The 47-year-old says he's been too busy to get married. He helps parents find missing children through his charity, the American Association for Lost Children.

Miller has been running ads in newspapers and on the Web site www.townhousewithgroom.com for his two-bedroom town house, which includes a wooden deck, air conditioning and gas log fireplace. The asking price is \$95,000.

"I'd like to be married, and I was going to sell (the town house) on my own, so I thought, why not put the two together?" Miller said.

"Townhouse With Groom will provide assistance and encouragement to parents of missing children and aid me in finding the Love of my life," the ad states.

Miller came up with the idea after reading about a woman who sold her home through a "house with bride" marketing campaign. Any deal is subject to compatibility, his ad says.

Miller said he will donate to his charity any profit after satisfying the mortgage.

■ **LIVINGSTON, La.** — A motorcyclist was booked for reckless operation of a vehicle after state troopers clocked him zooming down a highway going 155 mph.

Brian Samuel Willis, 20, of Ponchatoula, also faces charges of flight from an officer and speeding, authorities said. The posted speed limit was 70 mph.

"He just said he didn't think he was going that fast and he didn't know we were behind him," Trooper Ryan Riley said. "He thought he was only doing 120 or 130."

A judge refused to set bond for Willis until Tuesday, Riley said.

"I think she is going to let him spend a few days in jail," he said.

■ **GREEN BAY, Wis.** — Truck driver John Withers says he "cried like a little girl" when his dog ran away.

So the Georgia man didn't hesitate to make the 1,050-mile drive when he heard his beloved pet had been found eight months later.

"I didn't cry, but I was very, very happy," Withers said of his reunion with Sir Charles Nugget, a 4-year-old chow mix.

Nugget ran away last summer when Withers was making a delivery in Lena. Since then, plenty of people spotted "a brown dog in a red collar," and many left out food but no one could catch the dog.

Then Withers got a phone call from Judy Fuller, the animal control officer in Little Suamico. She told him local folks were sure Nugget was the

dog that had been hanging around town lately but nobody could get close to it.

So Withers made the drive, bringing Moose Edward, his 55-pound lab shepherd mix.

Withers spotted Nugget on Thursday lying motionless under a parked truck. The dog wouldn't budge and instead watched Withers and Moose play in the snow for 25 minutes before emerging.

Except for a few briars and an extra-shaggy coat, Nugget looked the same, Withers said. Local residents had left everything from hot dogs to cooked venison to help the dog keep its weight up.

Withers had Nugget for about a year when he let the dog out for a bathroom break in Lena, but the dog ran off. Withers spent seven frantic hours looking for Nugget before finally pulling out of town with a heavy heart.

"I cried like a little girl — literally. I couldn't look at his picture. It made me cry. I couldn't look at his dog food. It made me cry," he said.

He contacted Lena Village Hall and left his phone number and a photo of Nugget with Police Chief Eric Anderson.

They made sure word was spread to area humane societies. But as time went by, Withers started to think he and his wife might never see Nugget again.

■ **McMINNVILLE, Ore.** — A newlywed who likes to cuddle up to her husband while he's driving can now do so without worrying about getting a ticket for a seatbelt violation.

Faith Miller of Willamina got a warning last summer from Sheriff's Deputy Darren Broome for wearing a lap belt instead of a shoulder harness.

Miller, who prefers to slide into the middle of the car's front seat, acknowledges she disregarded the warning.

"I just went back to sitting next to my husband," she told The McMinnville News-Register. "I have always sat next to him since we were married."

Then, just two days before Valentine's Day, the Millers crossed paths with Broome again.

This time, she got a citation for \$97, the first ticket Miller said she had ever received. She then began looking through Oregon's seat belt laws.

Miller found a provision requiring shoulder harnesses for

children, whenever one is available, but no comparable provision for adults. As far as she could tell, harnesses were recommended, but not required.

When Miller told Lt. Paul May at the sheriff's office about her findings, he did some research of his own and verified her findings, voiding the ticket.

■ **MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — A state lawmaker who says he got blocked in by another car decided to deflate one of the other car's tires.

State Rep. Albert Hall says he now regrets what he did — he later learned the driver was the wife of Rep. Allen Layson, a fellow Democrat.

Hall, who wiggled his way out, said he did not let the tire all the way down.

"I just wanted her to have to stop and put some air in her tire and trouble her a little, too," he said.

Hall, a House parking committee member, said people have been blocking him in or taking his spot throughout the legislative session. He said he has called wreckers to tow away cars parked in his spot.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 15, the 74th day of 2006. There are 291 days left in the year. This is the Ides of March — and the day the buzzards return to Hinckley, Ohio.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty year ago, on March 15, 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical play "My Fair Lady," starring Rex Harrison as Professor Henry Higgins and Julie Andrews as Eliza Doolittle, opened on Broadway.

On this date:

■ In 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

■ In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

■ In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

■ In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

■ In 1913, President Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.

■ In 1919, the American Legion was founded in Paris.

■ In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

■ In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second.

■ In 1975, Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis died near Paris at age 69.

■ In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives began a 90-day test to determine the feasibility of showing its sessions on television.

Ten years ago: The Liggett Group agreed to repay more than \$10 million in Medicaid bills for treatment of smokers, settling lawsuits with five states. (The settlement

came two days after Liggett, the nation's fifth-largest tobacco company, made history by settling a private class-action lawsuit alleging cigarette makers manipulated nicotine to hook smokers.)

Five years ago: Federal authorities confirmed that remains found on a Texas ranch were those of missing atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and two of her relatives. (David Waters, the key suspect in the slayings, was sentenced to 20 years in prison on a federal extortion charge in connection with the case.) Chechens hijacked a Russian plane after it left Turkey and forced it to land in Saudi Arabia. (Saudi special forces stormed the plane the following day; a flight attendant, a passenger and a hijacker were killed.) Actress Ann Sothern died in Ketchum, Idaho, at age 92.

One year ago: Former WorldCom chief Bernard Ebbers was convicted in New York of engineering the largest corporate fraud in U.S. history. (He was later sentenced to 25 years in prison.)

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Carl Smith is 79. Former astronaut Alan L. Bean is 74. Supreme Court Justice

Ruth Bader Ginsburg is 73. Jazz musician Cecil Taylor is 73. Actor Judd Hirsch is 71. Rock musician Phil Lesh is 66. Singer Mike Love (The Beach Boys) is 65. Rock singer-musician Sly Stone is 63. Rock singer-musician Howard Scott (War) is 60. Rock singer Ry Cooder is 59. Actor Craig Wasson is 52. Rock singer Dee Snider (Twisted Sister) is 51. Actress Park Overall is 49. Movie director Renny Harlin is 47. Model Fabio is 45. Singer Sananda Maitreya (formerly Terence Trent D'Arby) is 44. Rock singer Bret Michaels (Poison) is 43. Singer Rockwell is 42. Rock singer Mark McGrath (Sugar Ray) is 38. Actress Kim Raver is 37. Rock musician Mark Hoppus (Blink 182) is 34. Actress Eva Longoria is 31. Rapper-musician will.i.am (Black Eyed Peas) is 31. Rock DJ Joseph Hahn (Linkin Park) is 29. Rapper Young Buck is 25. Actor Sean Biggerstaff is 23. Actress Caitlin Wachs is 17.

Thought for Today: "People are, if anything, more touchy about being thought silly than they are about being thought unjust." — E.B. White, American author and humorist (1899-1985).

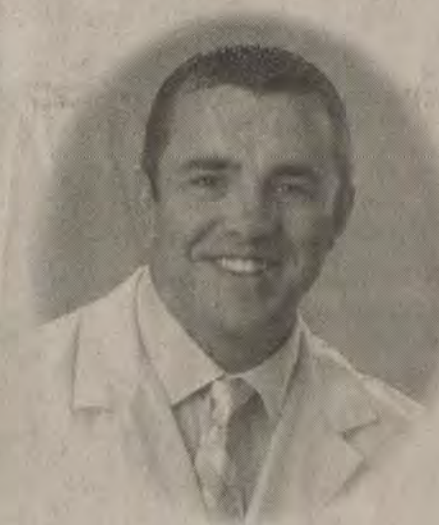
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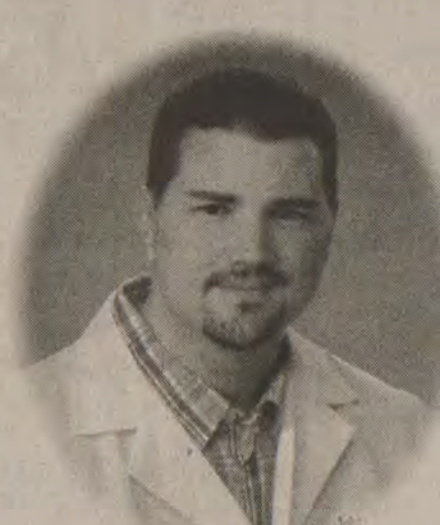
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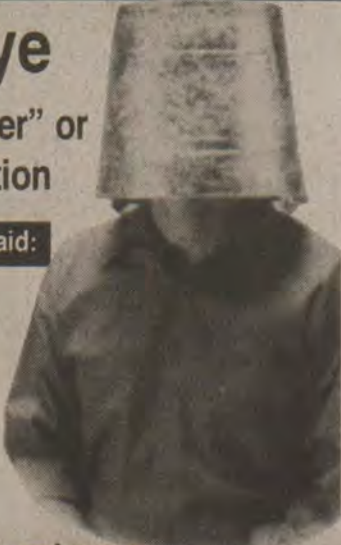
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Nine Cub Scouts graduated into the ranks for Boy Scouts during a ceremony held Feb. 25.

Scouting event highlights support and advancements

PRESTONSBURG — Local Cub Scouts from Pack 802 recently added more graduates to their ranks as nine advanced during the annual Blue Gold Banquet, held Feb. 25 at The Holiday Inn.

Over 100 Scouts and family members attended the dinner which highlighted not only the accomplishments of the Scouts, but their leaders, and supporters as well.

The evening began with an outstanding meal that was sponsored by The Holiday Inn and then moved to the night's ceremonies and recognitions. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Dr. James Adams on behalf The Holiday Inn and to The City of Prestonsburg for supporting the Scouts. Mayor Jerry Fannin and Councilwoman Donna Wells were on hand to receive the award for the City.

Ceremonies then turned to the unit's fifth-graders, graduating into Boy Scouting. The graduation or "crossover" into Boy Scouting from Cub Scouts is one of the greatest moments in the life of these young boys. The Scouts "crossover" a wooden bridge to symbolize the advancement into the next level of Scouting where they will continue to build on leadership skills and individual growth started as Cub Scouts. "We're very proud of them, and they have worked very hard to get this" said Cubmaster Todd Goodman. In addition to becoming Boy Scouts, the nine also earned Cub Scouting's highest achievement, the Arrow of Light.

With their graduations, Josh Dyer, J.D. Adams, Mitch Fields, Andrew Combs, Adam Castle, Tommy Osborne, Nick Hites, Jacob Elste and Nathan Armstrong become members of Troop 802. Both the Pack and Troop are chartered through the Fitzpatrick Baptist Church. Church Pastor Tommy Reed was also recognized for his efforts in Scouting, receiving the William Boyce Award for organizing a new unit, Troop 802, last year. Both groups of Scouts meet on Tuesday nights at the church, which is located on the Big Branch of Abbott. Any boy in the Prestonsburg area interested in Scouting is welcome to attend.

Next up for the Pack will be

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I am the son of Mary June (Frazier) Allen of Martin, and the late, Randall Lee Allen. My maternal grandparents were Thae and Ethel Frazier of Martin, who lived in Wheelwright, Kentucky, for several years, during which time my grandfather, Thae, assisted his half-brother "Doc" Osborne in his medical practice. In later years, Thae and Ethel moved to Martin, where he was employed by Our Lady of the Way Hospital as an X-ray technologist, my grandmother, Ethel, ran several retail businesses throughout her career, her last being Frazier's Jewelry Store. My paternal grandparents were Eugene and Jewell Allen, of Allen, Kentucky. My grandfather, along with my father, owned and operated the Mountain Printing Company in Allen for over seventy years. My great-grandfather, Rev. Alex Allen, served as a State Representative in the late nineteen twenties. He also began a newspaper circulation in the early twenties called "The Mountain Messenger." My two great uncles, Jack and Bill Allen, owned and operated the Allen Bus Company for many years, which provided transportation for local residents throughout Floyd County.

I was employed by CSX Railroad from 1977 until 2002, as a conductor and brakeman. After sustaining a severe leg injury, I regretfully had to retire. I am a member of the John W. Hall Masonic Lodge #950 in Martin. I am very proud to be an Eastern Kentuckian, and care very deeply about improvements and welfare of its citizens. I have talked to many people who long for better roads and bridge conditions for our county. I have a true desire to make our county an improved place to live and raise our families. I have no other agenda than to help make our community the best it can be.

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Bill would tax illegal drugs

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BOWLING GREEN — A bill before the General Assembly would require drug dealers to purchase tax stamps and require buyers to pay taxes on the illegal drugs they purchase or face tax evasion charges.

The measure would require drug dealers to buy a tax identification number from the Kentucky Department of Revenue, which is barred by law from sharing the information with law enforcement.

The state would be able to seize property during drug arrests of the person had not paid taxes under the measure.

The bill would allow the law enforcement agency making the arrest to receive 70 percent of the money with local prosecutors getting 7.5 percent and the rest would go toward the administrative costs of the program.

At least one drug task force is behind the measure, hoping it can raise money to support law enforcement.

"We're in a period where federal funding is drying up and this bill could help support drug task forces and all law enforcement agencies," said Tommy Loving, director of the Bowling Green-Warren County Drug Task Force.

State Rep. Stephen Nunn, R-Glasgow, one of the sponsors of House Bill 685, said the bill is designed to put teeth in the current law that requires people to pay tax on illegal substances.

Nunn said Tennessee has a similar measure and has "pretty good success" with it.

"This bill has a lot of potential," Nunn said.

Tennessee brought in \$1.7 million in its first year of collections, of which 75 percent went back to local law enforcement agencies, said Emily Richard.

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spokeswoman for the Tennessee Department of Revenue.

"It's been beyond our expectations," Richard said.

Drug dealers currently don't purchase the tax stamps, Loving said. The bill would make them subject to tax evasion penalties, he said.

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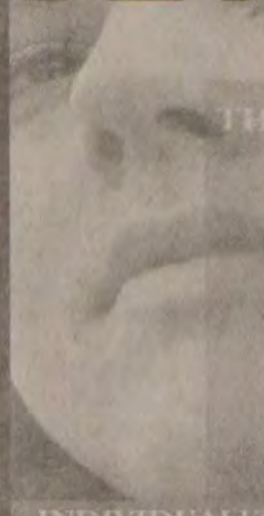
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Governor released from hospital

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Gov. Ernie Fletcher ended his second hospital stay in less than a month Monday, saying he felt better than he did after the first one and has a renewed awareness of the fragility of human life.

"I'm very thankful to go home," Fletcher told reporters before he left St. Joseph hospital in a car. "I'm ready to go back to Frankfort. Saying goodbye and being discharged once is enough. I didn't anticipate coming back."

Fletcher, 53, had been hospitalized since Thursday after being diagnosed with a potentially life-threatening blood clot. The first-term Republican governor underwent procedures last week to remove the blood clot.

Although doctors, using a suction catheter device, were able to dissolve all but a small fragment of the clot, Fletcher will be on blood-thinning medication for as long as four months to ensure another one doesn't develop.

As a result, he will have to take certain precautions to avoid even the slightest nicks or bruises. For example, the governor said he's switching from a straight razor to an electric one.

"Because the blood is thin, you've got to be cognizant of the fact that if you injure yourself, if you fall, cut yourself, you'll bleed more freely, bruise more easily," said Gary Grigsby, one of Fletcher's physicians at the Lexington hospital.

The governor was released March 1 from another Lexington hospital after an 18-day stay during which he had his gallbladder removed and suffered from pancreatitis and a blood infection.

Fletcher said he realized how serious the procedures were and even drew up a living will during his hospital stays. Before he left Monday, he stopped by the hospice ward to visit patients.

"We take so much for granted, our health, until we get in a situation where we have a lessening of it or a problem," Fletcher said.

Himself a physician, Fletcher said he suspected he might have a clot when his arm turned a bluish color Thursday. His wife, Glenna, rushed him to the hospital, so doctors were able to work on the clot while it was still fresh.

"I was very much aware that something serious could happen," he said.

On Monday, he signed a gubernatorial proclamation recognizing March as an awareness month for blood clots, which can be deadly if not detected early.

Glenna Fletcher and the governor's brother both contributed small amounts of their own blood Sunday in transfusions to help with his blood flow.






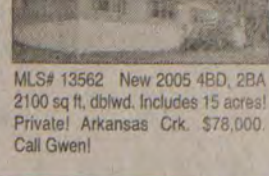

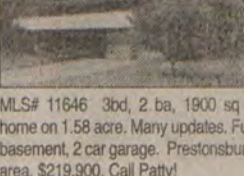
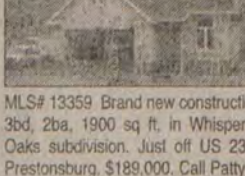


Although the governor says he feels better than he has in weeks, he will need to follow his doctors' orders — particularly with regard to limiting his travel.

Fletcher also said he remained somewhat active in tracking legislation such as the budget and primary seatbelt bills.

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Drugs

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Law enforcement officers will be asking for tax stamps on illicit drugs when they make an arrest, Loving said.

"You can bet drug dealers don't pay tax on what they earn," Loving said.

Loving said money collected from tax stamps or seizures would not initially provide all money for task forces, but it could supplement other funds.

"We don't anticipate seeing any impact of the bill until at least a year after it passes," he said. "It's not a cure-all."

Jim Devasher, director of the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force, said a tax would eventually pay for the task forces that make the majority of drug arrests.

Under the bill, the tax would not be enforceable unless law enforcement finds more than five grams of an illegal substance or an entire marijuana plant. Because of the size requirements, most arrests will not be subject to the law, Devasher said.

"We do make a lot of controlled buys of crack, but most aren't large enough," he said. "Five grams of crack is a lot of crack."

The bill would provide incentive for task forces to take on more large-scale drug traffickers and operators, said Chris Cohron, Warren County Commonwealth's Attorney. It also hands down an enhanced penalty for drug dealers beyond their prison sentence, Cohron said.

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Eagles end Betsy Layne's postseason run

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Junior Jamie McCarty scored a game-high 23 points and Johnson Central played some of its best basketball in the opening quarter and in overtime Friday night en route to a 65-61 win over the Betsy Layne Bobcats.

The two teams ended regulation deadlocked at 50-all.

Johnson Central got balanced scoring in the tournament triumph. Seniors Kyle Rice and

Tyler Whitaker tossed in 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Betsy Layne took a 28-25 lead into halftime and enjoyed a lead throughout a good deal of the season half. Johnson Central, which had defeated Pikeville 46-43 in a hard-fought first round game, outscored Betsy Layne 14-11 in the fourth quarter, forcing the game into an extra session.

Ryan Fannin and Jesse Meek each had six points and Justin Murray added five for the Golden Eagles. Johnson Central senior Sean

Music had two of the game's biggest points, knocking down a pair of free throws in the overtime period.

Johnson Central jumped out early on and outscored Betsy Layne 17-15 in the opening quarter.

Betsy Layne seniors Derek Case, Brandon Thacker and Brandon Kidd all ended their high school basketball playing careers with double figures scoring efforts. Case led the Bobcats with 16 points. Thacker – before fouling out in



photo by Guillermo Cuenca

Betsy Layne's Patrick Stapleton and Johnson Central's Jesse Meek went after a loose ball during Friday's semifinal.

(See EAGLES, page two)

15th Region Notebook

Golden Eagles stepped up at right time

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Johnson Central entered the preseason ranked second in the 15th Region behind favored Paintsville. Now, the Golden Eagles stand alone.

Johnson Central, the runner-up out of the 57th District, prevented Shelby Valley from making a second straight trip and a fourth trip in five years to the Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Tournament.

The Golden Eagles had a rather large following throughout the regional tournament.

"Our fans were great," said Johnson Central head coach Mark Starns. "We'd love to have 15,000 or more in Rupp Arena Wednesday."

Johnson Central claimed the regional tourney's spirit award. Fans greeted players at the Johnson County line and the school hosted a get-together once the team returned home.

EAGLE CLAWS

■ Johnson Central beat the same three teams – Pikeville, Betsy Layne and Shelby Valley – en route to the 2000 regional championship.

■ Starns became the second 15th Region boys' basketball coach in as many years to capture the regional championship in his first season at the helm of a program. Jason Booher grabbed the title in his first season with Shelby Valley last winter.

■ As a player, Johnson Central assistant coach Tommy McKenzie led the Golden Eagles to the 2000 15th Region title. He went on to play for the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team, earning all-conference honors.

"All of our coaches are an asset to our program," Starns commented. "These coaches have worked hard all season."

Starns got a healthy dose of state tournament experience when he was an assistant coach at Mason County and the Royals, led by current

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photos by Jamie Howell

Johnson Central won its first 15th Region championship since 2000, beating defending champion Shelby Valley on Saturday night. The Golden Eagles will begin play in the State Tournament today at 6:30 p.m. Below: Central senior Tyler Whitaker defended against Shelby Valley's Logan Bryant.

Central upends Valley Starns guides Golden Eagles to title in first season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – The clear consensus was all eight teams in this year's Boys' 15th Region Basketball Tournament had a shot at claiming the title. Johnson Central was one of those eight teams. Johnson Central saved its best basketball for last Saturday, beating Shelby Valley 59-56 in the regional championship game.

Senior Kyle Rice, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, led the Golden Eagles with a game-high 24 points. Rice was 10-for-14 from the floor and connected on four-of-five free throw attempts.

Shelby Valley got off to a great start and left the first quarter with a 19-9 lead. After struggling and getting in a 10-point deficit in the first period, Johnson Central managed to outscore Shelby Valley in each of the last three quarters.

"Our kids never gave up," said Johnson Central Coach Mark Starns. "This is a great win for Johnson Central High School and all of Johnson County."

Shelby Valley entered halftime leading Johnson Central

(See CENTRAL, page two)



ChampSearch to assist MSU in search for men's head basketball coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Morehead State University Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson announced today that Morehead State University will utilize the services of ChampSearch to assist them in their search for a new men's head basketball coach.

ChampSearch specializes in providing universities and professional franchises with premiere athletic director and coaching candidates for placement in college and professional athletic vacancies.

ChampSearch will be represented by John Kasser, president of the firm, and Dana Pump. Kasser has been an athletic director at several prestigious universities including California and Houston. Pump will head up the ChampSearch efforts in the search for MSU's new coach.

MSU had previously announced a search committee to be chaired by Hutchinson. Other members of the committee are Madonna Weathers, vice president for student life; Al Baldwin, assistant to the provost and member of the intercollegiate athletics committee; and Peggy Osborne, faculty athletics representative and associate professor of marketing.

"As we previously stated, we will find the best coach available and do so as soon as possible," Hutchinson said. "The selection process will be thorough so that we find the best fit for our institution and our men's basketball program. ChampSearch has recently worked with Tennessee and are currently assisting Ole Miss in their search for a men's basketball coach."

The application deadline is Friday, March 17. Details on the application process are posted on the MSU and NCAA Web sites.



photo by Jamie Howell

Kentucky basketball legends Geri Grigsby (McDowell) and King Kelly Coleman (Wayland) were honored and recognized prior to the start of Saturday's 15th Region boys' basketball championship.

Rice named 15th Region Tournament MVP

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Johnson Central senior Kyle Rice didn't want the 2005-06 season to come to an end without his team home in Johnson County and not headed to Rupp Arena and the State Tournament. Rice and his Golden Eagle teammates punched their tickets for the State Tournament Saturday night with a thrilling 59-56 win over defending 15th Region champion Shelby Valley. Rice scored a game-high 24 points in the regional championship game and for his efforts was named the tournament's most valuable player.

"We wanted this so bad," Rice said, following the championship win. "This was a team effort."

Rice also noted Johnson Central's never give up attitude. The Golden Eagles trailed by 15 points against Sheldon Clark in the opening round of the 57th District Tournament. Johnson Central trailed in each of its regional tournament games.

"This team is closer than any I've ever been a part of," Rice said. "Even when we were down by 15 points against Sheldon Clark we knew we would come back."

Johnson Central entered the regional tournament following a 57th District runner-up finish to rival Paintsville. Shelby Valley ended Paintsville's season by beating the Tigers in the opening round of the regional tournament.

Teammates Jamie McCarty, Tyler Whitaker, Jesse Meek and Sean Music joined Rice on the All-15th Region Tournament Team. Other all-tournament team honorees were Brad Lowe (Pike County Central), Tim Honaker (Pikeville), Brandon Kidd (Betsy Layne), Dustin May (Belfry), Cade Riddle (Shelby Valley), Mitchell Riddle (Shelby Valley), Jacob Bryant (Shelby Valley), Sean Leslie (Prestonsburg), Landon Slone (Paintsville) and Derek Case (Betsy Layne).



Kyle Rice

Season dates proposed for 2006-07 fall crossbow deer and turkey season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT – Three key legislators, the League of Kentucky Sportsmen, bowhunters groups, and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) have helped finalize proposed dates for the 2006-2007 crossbow hunting season for deer and wild turkey.

KDFWR Commissioner Jon Gassett, Commerce Cabinet Secretary George Ward, Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, Sen. Gary Tapp, R-Shelbyville, Rep. Tommy Turner, R-Somerset, The League of Kentucky

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Notebook

University of Tennessee star Chris Lofton, claimed the state championship.

Johnson Central is set to make its fifth trip to the state tournament. The Golden Eagles

first went in 1972. The program's lone state tournament win came in 2000.

The 15th Region boys' basketball race was wide-open throughout the 2005-06 season.

Looking ahead, Starns sees a similar wide-open race next season.

"Looking at the talent everyone has coming back, I think it'll be just as wide-open next season," Starns said.

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Eagles

the overtime period - scored 14 points. Kidd added 12 points for the Bobcats.

"Betsy Layne is a good basketball team," Johnson Central Coach Mark Starns said, following his team's semifinal win. "We set a goal at the beginning of the season to reach 'Championship Saturday' and we've done that."

Shelby Valley 59, Belfry 53: In Friday's other semifinal matchup, Shelby Valley held off Belfry in a rematch of last year's 15th Region Tournament championship game.

Shelby Valley outscored Belfry 12-7 in the opening period.

Jeremy Jackson knocked down three-pointers and led the Wildcats with 15 points. Cade Riddle also reached double figures for Shelby Valley, tossing in 12 points. Logan Bryant and Mitchell Riddle aided the Shelby Valley scoring effort with eight points apiece. Jacob Bryant and Jonah Justice chipped in with seven points apiece for the Wildcats.

Matt Maynard paced Belfry with a game-high 28 points. Dustin May dumped in nine points for the Pirates.

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15TH REGION TOURNAMENT
SEMIFINALS AT EAST KENTUCKY EXPO CENTER

**JOHNSON CENTRAL 65,
BETSY LAYNE 61 (OT)**

JOHNSON CENTRAL - Whitaker 11, McCarty 23, Fannin 6, Meek 6, Rice 12, Murray 5, Music 2.

BETSY LAYNE - Stapleton 4, Thacker 14, Kidd 12, D. Case 16, Klokocar 5, B. Case 2, Witt 8.

Johnson Central.....17 8 11 14 15-65
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**SHELBY VALLEY 59,
BELFRY 53**

SHELBY VALLEY - L. Bryant 8, M. Riddle 8, J. Bryant 7, Jackson 15, C. Riddle 12, E. Justice 4, J. Justice 7.

BETSY LAYNE - May 9, Maynard 28, Case 7, Bowman 4, C. Steele 4, Reed 1.

Shelby Valley.....12 15 17 15-59
Belfry.....7 15 15 16-53



photo by Jamie Howell

The All-15th Region Tournament team included five Johnson Central Golden Eagles.

Dates

Sportsmen, representatives of the United Bowhunters of Kentucky and the Kentucky Bowhunters Association and Louisville outdoor radio show host, Jim Strader, met in Frankfort this week to solidify the proposed dates.

"Crossbow season dates have been under debate for more than a year," said Gasset, "but now we have come to an agreement that I believe will provide the additional crossbow hunting opportunity many sportsmen want, and likewise addresses concerns of some bowhunters about a fully expanded season."

"This is a great example of how the sportsmen can interact with the Department, the League and our elected and appointed representatives to make the outdoor experience better for all sportsmen of Kentucky," said Ronnie Wells, President of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen. "I am most appreciative that the League of Kentucky Sportsmen was able to be at the center of the negotiations and play a part in achieving this just compromise. All the involved groups have pledged to work even more closely together on issues that may arise in the future. As a result the sportsmen and sports-women of Kentucky are more united and stronger than ever."

The proposed opening of the crossbow season for deer is October 1. It will continue through the third full weekend in October (early muzzleloader season) and then re-open with modern gun season and contin-

ue through the end of December.

Hunters would be allowed to use crossbows for wild turkey this fall during the same time frame, as well as during the October and December shotgun turkey seasons (as in past seasons). While the bag limit of four birds remains unchanged, a new restriction for 2006 fall turkey hunting limits the number of bearded birds hunters may take to no more than one with a beard length of three inches or longer regardless of whether a shotgun, bow or crossbow is used. Fall turkey hunters are limited to a total of four birds, two of which can only be taken during the fall shotgun season.

All proposed hunting, fishing and boating regulations passed by the KDFWR Commission

must gain approval from two legislative committees before becoming final. If the revised season dates and limit restriction passes legislative review, cross-bow hunting for wild turkey and white-tailed deer this season would be open for approximately 30 more days each in Kentucky than in previous years. (These increases may be slightly longer or shorter, depending on calendar shifts year to year.)

The legislative review process may take 60 to 90 days to complete. Hunters are urged to check with the KDFWR Information Center at 1-800-858-1549 in mid-June to learn these final season dates, or log onto the agency website at fw.ky.gov later this summer once season regulations are fully in place.

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photo by Jamie Howell

Shelby Valley got past county rival Belfry Friday night on its way to the 15th Region Tournament title game.

Central

33-27.

"Shelby Valley is a solid team, well-coached," Starns added.

Second-year head coach Jason Booher had Shelby Valley back in the regional championship game for a second straight season.

Rice was joined in double figures by a pair of teammates. Jamie McCarty added 14 points and Tyler Whitaker chipped in 10 for the Golden Eagles.

Johnson Central shot 51-percent (21-for-41) from the field and 40-percent (four-for-10) from beyond the arc. The Golden Eagles were 13-of-20 from the free throw line.

Outscoring Shelby Valley 17-10 in the fourth quarter, Johnson Central put the finishing touches on the championship win as McCarty drained two technical free throws following a technical foul that was assessed to Shelby Valley after a Wildcat player tried to call a timeout that wasn't available.

Jesse Meek, Ian Welch and Justin Blanton added three points apiece for the Johnson Central boys. Ryan Fannin rounded out the Golden Eagle scoring with two points.

Cade Riddle led Shelby Valley with 16 points, Jacob Bryant followed closely in the scoring column for the Wildcats, finishing the championship game with 15 points.

Mitchell Riddle and Jeremy Jackson each had nine points for Shelby Valley, the runner-up out of the 59th District.

The Golden Eagles made it into the 15th Region

Tournament Semifinals in 2005, falling to Belfry.

Johnson Central is scheduled to take on the champion out of the 7th Region this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the opening round of the Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Tournament. Tip-off for the tournament game is set for 6:30.

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**Johnson Central 59,
Shelby Valley 56**
15th Region Tournament
Championship at Pikeville

SHELBY VALLEY (18-13) - L. Bryant 2, M. Riddle 9, J. Bryant 15, Jackson 9, C. Riddle 16, E. Justice 3, J. Justice 2.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (19-11) - Whitaker 10, McCarty 14, Fannin 2, Meek 3, Rice 24, Blanton 3, Welch 3.

Shelby Valley.....19 14 13 10-56
Johnson Cent.....9 18 15 17-59

CENTRAL'S CHAMPIONSHIP RUN

- March 6 Pikeville, 46-43 (W)
(15th Region Tournament)
- March 10 Betsy Layne, 65-61 (W)
(15th Region Tournament)
- March 11 Shelby Valley, 59-56 (W)
(15th Region Tournament Championship)

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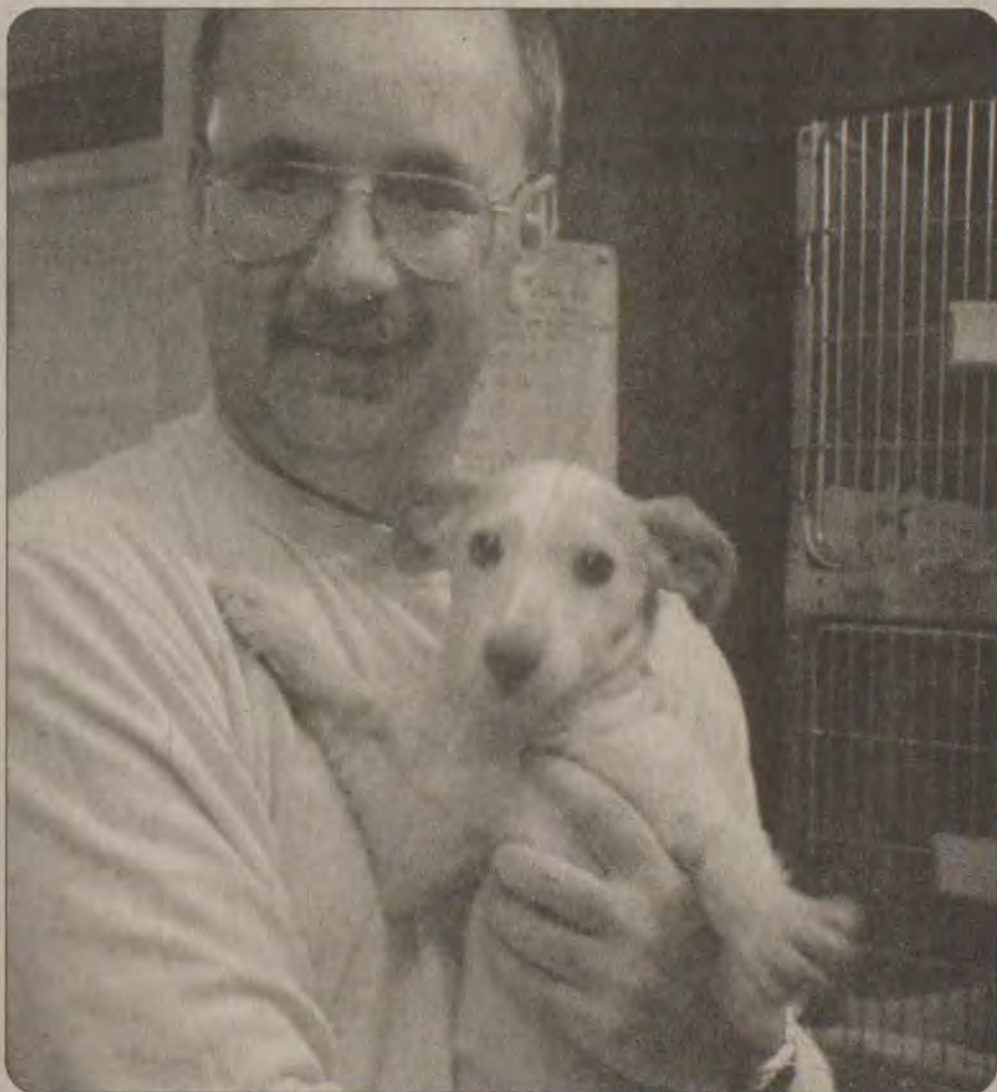
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Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Telephone: 606/886-9545

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"We fight for the underdog!"

Spurlock guides Hazard to 14th Region title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HINDMAN – Floyd County native Kevin Spurlock has the Hazard Bulldogs back in the Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament. Hazard completed a championship run Saturday night, beating Jackson City 57-50 in the 14th Region championship game at Knott County Central.

Justin Hicks led Hazard with a game-high 25 points. Hicks was one of eight Hazard players to score points. He was the only Bulldog to reach double figures in the regional championship victory.

Kyle Howard, Jordan Fugate and Drew Davidson led the way for Jackson City as each player reached double figures. Howard led Jackson City with 15 points while Fugate and Davidson added 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Hazard outscored Jackson City 12-6 in the fourth quarter.

Spurlock guided the Bulldogs to a All "A" Classic state title in his first season at the helm of the Hazard High boys' basketball program. Hazard will meet Madison Central Thursday in the State Tournament.

Hazard 57, Jackson City 50
14TH REGION TOURNAMENT
CHAMPIONSHIP AT KNOTT CO. CENTRAL

Jackson City (17-12) – Howard 15, Fugate 14, Watkins 2, Kilburn 3, Davidson 13, Flinchum 3.

Hazard (22-10) – Hicks 25, Williams 6, Osteen 5, Olinger 5, M. Campbell 2, Wallace 4, Bailey 4, P. Campbell 6.

Jackson City.....13 11 20 6-50
Hazard.....16 15 14 12-57

Red Devils edge Elliott for 16th Region championship

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Preseason favorite Russell put the finishing touches on a championship season Saturday night, beating Elliott County 56-52 in the 16th Region Tournament title game at Morehead State University.

Scott Gill led Russell with 18 points, Jon VanHoose added 14 points for the Red Devils.

The Red Devils doubled up Elliott County in the opening half, but didn't win easily. Russell controlled the first half, taking a 32-16 lead into the half

before holding on in the final two quarters.

Freshman Jonathan Ferguson led Elliott County with a game-high 19 points.

Russell 56, Elliott Co. 52
16th Region Tournament
Championship at Morehead at Morehead

Russell (18-13) – VanHoose 14, Lavender 5, Blair 6, Gill 18, Sizemore 9, Frazier 3, Turner 1.

Elliott Co. (23-8) – Et. Faulkner 5, Ev. Faulkner 5, Lewis 2, Ferguson 19, Weddington 15, Maynard 6.

Russell.....13 19 12 12-56
Elliott County.....9 7 16 20-52

15TH REGION BOYS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Belfry	21-9
Paintsville	21-10
Pike Co. Cent.	20-10
Johnson Cent.	19-11
Shelby Valley	18-13
Phelps	15-11
Prestonsburg	15-14
South Floyd	14-15
East Ridge	12-14
Betsy Layne	12-16
Pikeville	12-16
Sheldon Clark	10-16
Magoffin County	10-17
Lawrence County	10-18
Priest School	7-21
Allen Central	5-22
David School	0-28



photos by Guillermo Cuenca

Seniors Brandon Kidd (above) and Derek Case (below) were two of three Betsy Layne players to reach double figures in the season-ending loss to Johnson Central. Brandon Thacker (not pictured) also reached double figures scoring for the Bobcats.

Track Patriots compete at NAIA indoor national competition

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG – This past weekend, the University of the Cumberlands (formerly Cumberland College) had 110 athletes that competed at the NAIA Indoor National competition track meet in Johnson City, Tenn. Both the men and women competed well with the men placing 22nd overall and the women 31st.

Running in the preliminaries of the 600 meter run was Shelly Schnee, a junior from Milan, Ohio. Schnee ran a time of 1:35.95. Competing in the 800 meter run was Kelly Schnee, also a junior from Milan, Ohio,

who ran 2:19.36 in the prelims. Running in the 4x800 meter relay was Michelle Warnky (Westerville, Ohio), Vanity Vasquez (St. Cloud, Fla.), and Kelly and Shelly Schnee. The ladies qualified for finals with a time of 9:23.57. In the finals they placed sixth with a time of 9:22.94. Shari Reese, a senior from Knoxville, Tenn., jumped 5.66 meters in the long jump placing sixth overall.

Brett Ratliff, a sophomore from Pikeville, competed in the prelims of the 800 meter run with a finishing time of 2:00.32. Marius Cozmanciv, a freshman from Romania, ran a time of 8:40.85 in the prelims of the

3000 meter run and qualified for finals. In the finals, Cozmanciv ran 8:28.05 placing third overall. Josh Laughlin, a freshman from Detroit, ran a time of 15:54.77 in the 5000 meter run. Eric Tisdol (Eastman, Ga.), a freshman, competed in the high jump. Caleb Dodson, a sophomore from Valparaiso, Ind., competed in the pole vault and placed 18th with an effort of 4.60 meters.

The NAIA Indoor National Competition concluded the Patriots track indoor season. Cumberlands will open up with outdoor season on March 25 at the Clemson Relay in Clemson, SC.

Wittenberg 74, Transylvania 61

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio – Daniel Russ scored 12 points and had 13 rebounds as Wittenberg beat Transylvania 74-61 Saturday to advance to the NCAA Division III Semifinals.

The Tigers (29-3) never

trailed. The Pioneers (27-5) cut it to 32-31 on a 3-pointer by Joey Searle with 16:53 to play, but got no closer than two the rest of the way.

Wittenberg shot 10-for-18 in the second half and made 24-of-36 free throws in the second half. The Tigers shot 47 free throws for the game, compared

to 25 for Transylvania, and had a 40-23 advantage in rebounds.

Whitesburg native Bryan Howard scored 18 points to lead Transylvania. Marc Bain had 15 and Searle had 12. For Wittenberg, Kenny Brady scored 12 points, Billy Bowen had 11 and Dane Borchers added 10.

Union College women's team to host workout

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BARBOURVILLE – The Union College women's basketball team will host a workout for all unsigned senior girls' high school basketball players on Sunday, March 26 at 4 pm in Robison Arena.

The UC women's basketball

program will host its Second Annual Union College Team Camp June 8-9. Cost for this camp is \$150.00 per team (Varsity or JV) and \$120.00 per team (Middle School). Each team will be guaranteed six games (Varsity/JV) and 5 games (Middle School) with all games played on regulation full court

with licensed high school or college officials. Limited housing can be made available on campus if needed.

For more information, contact Tim Curry, head women's basketball coach at 606-546-1682 in the basketball office or by email at tcurry@unionky.edu.

Cards get a No. 1 Seed in NIT

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – The University of Louisville, selected as one of four No. 1 seeds, will play the winner of Northern Arizona and Delaware State in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament on Friday, March 17 at 7 p.m. ET in Freedom Hall.

Should the Cardinals advance, U of L would play the winner of the Clemson/Louisiana Tech matchup on March 20 in Freedom Hall at a time to be determined. The quarterfinal round would be played on March 22, however, the site is undetermined due to the availability of Freedom Hall. The

semifinals will be played on March 28 in Madison Square Garden in New York, with the championship game played there on March 30.

Northern Arizona posted a 21-10 record and were the regular season champions of the Big Sky Conference (12-2), falling 73-60 to Montana in the tournament championship game. NAU and U of L had one common opponent this season in UC Davis. NAU beat UC Davis 78-50, while the Cardinals won 81-58. Delaware State produced a 20-13 mark and won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference regular season title with a 16-2 league record. The Hornets fell 60-56 to Hampton for the MEAC tournament title. Both U

of L and Delaware State played Marquette during the regular season, with Delaware State falling 60-48 at Marquette and U of L beating Marquette 67-60.

The event marks U of L's first appearance in the NIT since 2002, when the Cardinals reached the second round of the tournament. This is the 50th anniversary of U of L's 1956 NIT Championship and the Cardinals also advanced to the national semifinals in 1985.

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KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen

Russell
Mar 15, 12:00 PM
at Rupp Arena, Lexington
Graves County

South Laurel
Mar 15, 1:30 PM
at Rupp Arena, Lexington
John Hardin

Johnson Central
Mar 15, 6:30 PM
at Rupp Arena, Lexington
Region 7

Shelby County
Mar 15, 8:00 PM
at Rupp Arena, Lexington
Christian County

Warren Central
Mar 16, 12:00 PM
at Rupp Arena, Lexington
Mason County

Apollo
Mar 16, 1:30 PM
at Rupp Arena, Lexington
Covington Catholic

Hazard
Mar 16, 6:30 PM
at Rupp Arena, Lexington
Madison Central

Boyle County
Mar 16, 8:00 PM
at Rupp Arena, Lexington
Pleasure Ridge Park

Mar 17, 12:00 PM
at Rupp Arena, Lexington

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Mar 17, 8:00 PM
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Mar 18, 10:00 AM
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Mar 18, 11:30 AM
at Rupp Arena, Lexington

Mar 18, 8:00 PM
at Rupp Arena, Lexington

Johnson passes Kenseth for last-lap victory

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — So far this season, Jimmie Johnson is doing just about everything right.

The Hendrick Motorsports driver has two victories and a second-place finish in the NASCAR Nextel Cup's three races.

Johnson was in the top five throughout the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, but led only the final lap Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

"That was a lot of fun, but I know how aggravating losing like that can be," Johnson said after a late caution flag gave him the chance to catch and pass Matt Kenseth in a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish.



Jimmie Johnson

Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet surged past Kenseth's No. 17 Ford on the outside after the two sped side-by-side through the third and fourth turns on the 1.5-mile oval for the final time. The winner crossed by finish line 0.115 seconds — about half a car-length — ahead as he led a lap for the only time in the race.

Johnson sympathized with Kenseth, noting he lost to Carl Edwards on the same kind of move last spring in Atlanta and then edged Bobby Labonte with an outside pass on the last lap last May at Charlotte.

But that experience definitely helped him strategize Sunday. "I was slowly catching Matt before that last caution," Johnson said. "I think we could have got up there to race with

him but, if it stayed green, I believe Matt had it in the bag. Then we got that last yellow.

"I thought long and hard about what I would do if I was protecting the lead. I knew I wanted to be on the outside. I faked kind of to the bottom and he kind of bought it."

Asked if he thought about trying to block Johnson's move to the outside, Kenseth said, "I was running in the groove where my car was the fastest. If I had to redo it right now, I don't think there was anything I could have done different."

Johnson won the season-opening Daytona 500 and finished second to Kenseth two weeks ago in California before taking his 20th career win Sunday. And he's doing it without crew chief Chad Knaus, banned by NASCAR for the first four races of the season after making unapproved modifications to Johnson's car in

Daytona qualifying.

With lead engineer Darian Grubb stepping in for Knaus, Johnson will head to Atlanta Motor Speedway next week with a 52-point lead over Kenseth in the standings.

It was Johnson's second straight win here, but this one was a lot harder than 2005 when he led 107 laps.

It appeared through most of the race that Kenseth was going to get an easy win after being handed a victory in California when front-runners Greg Biffle and Tony Stewart succumbed to late-race engine problems.

Kenseth, who won here in 2003 and 2004, led a race-high 146 laps and was out front and almost assured of victory before a collision between rookie Denny Hamlin and Kenny Wallace brought out the last of seven caution flags on lap 264 of the race scheduled to go 267 laps.

A dejected Kenseth told him crew by radio his engine didn't feel strong for the restart, but he was able to hold off Johnson for a lap and a half after the green flag waved for the final time on lap 269.

"Sorry, you guys won a race and I lost it," Kenseth said to his crew. "Can't do no more, I don't know."

After getting out of the car, Kenseth said, "Nobody likes to run second. We led all day. ... If I tried any harder, we were going to wreck. I just got beat."

All three Cup races this season have gone into overtime because of late-race cautions.

Local boy Kyle Busch, who ran second to Johnson last year, finished third, followed by Kasey Kahne, Jeff Gordon and Mark Martin.

Two-time and reigning Cup champion Stewart had his second straight disappointing finish after running fifth in Daytona.

He led 54 laps Sunday and stayed in the top five until the last few laps when he had a tire rubbing and fell back into the pack, finishing 21st.

Stewart became angry at Kyle Busch late in the race, reaching out the window and shaking his fist at the younger driver and bumping the rear of Busch's car at one point. The defending champ is 19th in the standings, already 236 points behind Johnson.

The 20-year-old Busch, who was criticized by Stewart at Daytona for being too aggressive on the race track, said he didn't feel he was doing anything wrong but would be glad to talk with Stewart about it.

"With about 40 laps to go, it's time to race and time to get after it and that's what I was doing," last year's top rookie said. "If I did something and aggravated Stewart, well I'm sorry."

RUN TO THE ROSES

Derby trail heats up this weekend, Brother Derek remains top contender

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — It's time to step up on the road to the Kentucky Derby.

The field for the May 6 Derby should begin to take shape Saturday with key preps in four states featuring many leading contenders, including Bluegrass Cat, Bob and John, Keyed Entry and Lawyer Ron.

Trainer Todd Pletcher leads the parade of 3-year-olds to post with highly regarded Bluegrass Cat in the Tampa Bay Derby and Keyed Entry in the Gotham Stakes at Aqueduct.

Bob Baffert, a three-time Derby winner, will get a good look at Bob and John in the San Felipe at Santa Anita in Arcadia, Calif., and Lawyer Ron seeks a fifth straight victory for trainer Bob Holthus in the Rebel at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Ark.

While a busy week commences as fields are finalized, last weekend was relatively

quiet on the Derby front. Cause to Believe won the California Derby at Golden Gate Fields to enhance his chances of running on the first Saturday in May. The colt's next stop is likely to be the Illinois Derby on April 8.

With none of the main contenders in action, there were no changes in this week's Run to the Roses' Top 10 list. Santa Catalina winner Brother Derek remains No. 1, with Bluegrass Cat second off four straight wins after a loss in his first career start.

In other Derby-related news: Achilles of Troy prepares for the Gotham under new trainer Frank Amonte, an assistant who takes over for Jennifer Pedersen. Ernie Paragallo of Parneck Stable, which owns the Whirlaway Stakes winning colt, and Pedersen ended their five-year run together last week.

Baffert may saddle as many as four starters in the San Felipe — Point of Impact, Point Determined and Sky Diving could join Bob and John.

"I need the race for them," Baffert said, "because an allowance race I wanted to go in didn't fill."

Brother Derek was "going easy" and walking around the shedrow last week while recovering from a minor cut on his left front foot, which occurred during the Santa Catalina.

Cause to Believe was not nominated for the Triple Crown races, but owner Peter Redekop is expected to pay a \$6,000 late nomination fee this month.

Barclay Tagg, trainer of 2003 Derby and Preakness winner Funny Cide, has a Derby prospect in Showing Up. The colt won a one-mile allowance race in record time (1:34.05) at Gulfstream Park on Saturday for his second win in as many starts.

Owner Lael Stable plans to fork over \$6,000 to make its colt a late nominee. Next stop for Showing Up is the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct on April 8.

Latent Heat and Your Tent or Mine are off the Derby trail with minor injuries.

This week's top 10, with Derby future wager odds:

1. Brother Derek (Dan Hendricks, trainer, Alex Solis, jockey): Clear-cut favorite after Santa Catalina win ... Winner in five of seven career starts ... Cut on colt's left front foot appears to be healing well ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby (April 8). ... Odds: 10-1.

2. Bluegrass Cat (Todd Pletcher, John Velazquez): Worked five furlongs in 1:01.40 at Palm Meadows on Sunday ... Has won four in a row — three stakes — after loss in first career start. ... Next start: Tampa Bay Derby (March 18). ... Odds: 11-1.

3. First Samurai (Frank Brothers, Edgar Prado): Still has some convincing to do after wild finish in winning Fountain of Youth via DQ. ... Next start: Blue Grass (April 15). ... Derby odds 16-1.

4. Bob and John (Bob Baffert, Victor Espinoza): Worked five furlongs in 58.80 on Friday at Santa Anita ... 2-for-2 this year, including win in

Sham Stakes (Feb. 4) ... Next start: San Felipe (March 18). ... Odds: 19-1.

5. Barbaro (Michael Matz, Prado): Undefeated in four races — 1-for-1 on dirt ... Will have eight-week layoff before next start. Next start: Florida Derby (April 1). ... Odds: 15-1.

6. Lawyer Ron (Bob Holthus, John McKee): Looks ready to go again after working five furlongs in 59.40 at Oaklawn Park on Saturday ... Colt is 5-for-5 on dirt after win in Southwest (Feb. 20). Next start: Rebel (March 18). ... Odds: 17-1.

7. Keyed Entry (Pletcher, Prado): Prado gets ride (Saturday) because regular rider John Velazquez will be aboard Bluegrass Cat ... Worked five furlongs in 59.00 at Palm Meadows on Sunday, the fastest of 38 horses clocked at the same distance ... Next start: Gotham (March 18). ... Odds: 21-1.

8. Corinthian (Jimmy Jerkens, Javier Castellano): Must be on better behavior for

next start ... Showed talent with huge run to pass First Samurai in stretch of Fountain of Youth, but was DQ'd to third for veering out and then impeding horses. ... Next start: Wood Memorial (April 8). ... Odds: 15-1.

9. Private Vow (Steve Asmussen, Shaun Bridgmohan): Worked six furlongs in 1:13.60 at Palm Meadows last Monday, and set to work again Monday before being shipped to Arkansas on Wednesday for 3-year-old debut ... Next start: Rebel ... Odds: 13-1.

10. Flashy Bull (Kieran McLaughlin, Rafael Bejarano): Ran strong race in Fountain of Youth despite outside post and wild finish ... Next start: Florida Derby. ... Odds: 32-1.

Keep an eye on: Achilles of Troy, Showing Up, Steppenwolf, Strong Contender, Sunriver.

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Perry has knee surgery

by DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kenny Perry will not be able to defend his title in the Bay Hill Invitational this week and will be off the PGA Tour for at least a month after undergoing knee surgery Monday morning to repair torn cartilage in his right knee.

"It's a bummer I don't get to defend at Bay Hill, but I wasn't going to do a good job being there," Perry said Sunday evening from his home in Franklin, Ky.

Perry said he hurt his knee at the season-opening Mercedes Championships at Kapalua, and continued playing despite feeling pain when he squat to read a putt or plucked his golf ball out

of the hole. He has missed two cuts in six starts this year, and his best finish was a tie for 12th in Phoenix.

"I thought I was just getting old," Perry said. "I didn't think nothing of it. But I decided this week to go get an MRI done. Now it all makes sense."

Perry, 45, discovered he has a tear in his meniscus. The surgery will be done by Michael Pagnani, the team physician for the Nashville Predators in the NHL.

A nine-time winner on the PGA Tour who has played in the last two Presidents Cup and the '04 Ryder Cup, Perry has remained relatively healthy throughout his 20-year career on tour. His first surgery means he will miss The Players Championship and the Masters.

Perry hopes to return in time for the Colonial the third week in May, where he is defending champion.

Along with his scoring, Perry noticed a huge change in his game. He is among the longest hitters on the PGA Tour, finishing ninth in driving distance last year with an average drive of 304.7 yards.

In six tournaments, he was 108th in driving distance at 285.4 yards.

Perry had planned to do a playing lesson with The Golf Channel on Monday night, and studying old video, noticed that he no longer was firing off his right knee.

"I've been protecting my right knee, and I've lost significant yardage off the tee," he said. "I can play, but I'm struggling so much that I'm not doing a good job of it. I'd rather get this taken care of and finish out the year."

KGA-PGA, Inc. Junior Golf Director changes announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Shannon Main, the KGA-PGA, Inc.'s Director of Junior Golf since 2000, has announced she will be leaving her position to take the position of Executive Director of the Integrity Foundation, an organization dedicated to special needs children. The KGA-PGA, Inc. thanks Shannon for her years of service and dedication to junior golf in Kentucky. Among the many accomplishments under the guidance of Main include the launch of the Mountain Dew Spring Series, the Aqua Fina Fall Series, and restructuring the Kentucky Junior Amateur Championships to include a separate competition for young women. She has also trained and assisted dozens of young people through the KGA-PGA, Inc.'s annual summer internship program. She will remain with the KGA-PGA, Inc.

through March 17th to assist in the transition of the position.

"Shannon truly cared about the children and families she served, and it showed in her actions and in the hours she put into the job," said Mark Hill, Executive Director.

In addition, the KGA-PGA, Inc. has announced that current Assistant Tournament Director Aaron Kincade has accepted an offer to become the Director of Junior Golf for KGA-PGA, Inc. effective March 17. Mr. Kincade has spent the past two years with the KGA-PGA, Inc. as a USGA P.J. Boatwright Intern and in his current position, focused primarily on tournament operations and administration. He distinguished himself in these positions both in his technical proficiency and skill and in his ability to work with and relate to others. He is a 2003 graduate of Purdue University (B.S., Management), and has

experience working with youth, including experience as an assistant basketball coach in Fortville, Ind.

The KGA-PGA, Inc. is an umbrella organization, formed in 1978 by the Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Section PGA to administer and manage the affairs of both organizations. Among the many benefits this cooperative arrangement has provided for golf in Kentucky is an active junior golf program, including services such as the Pepsi Junior Golf Tour, the Mountain Dew Junior Spring Series, the Aqua Fina Junior Fall Series, the Kentucky Junior Amateur Championships, the Tri-State Matches with Indiana and Tennessee, Rules of Golf education for coaches within the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, and operations oversight for the Kentucky High School Golf Championships.



Brandon Kinzer and the BK Motorsports team are scheduled to return to action March 25 at Cherokee Super Speedway in Gaffney, S.C.

Awards established in honor of Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame members

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Golf Association has announced the re-establishment of the Colonel Lee Read Award, which will be given to the low junior golfer scorer in the Kentucky State Amateur Championship. Colonel Lee Read, who was inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame in 1990, was a key figure in Kentucky golf administration in the 1940s and 1950s. In addition to service to the Kentucky Golf Association, Read served as President of the Southern Golf Association, and was very active with the United States Golf Association. His efforts and influence earned him the distinction as the Father of Junior Golf in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Golf Association has also announced the re-establishment of the Joe Dickson Award, which will be awarded to the low scorer, from a public facility, in the Kentucky State Amateur Championship. Dickson, who was inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame in 1994, served as a USGA Public Links Championship

Committee member for over a quarter century, and was instrumental in securing Shawnee Golf Course as host of the U.S.

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NCAA's field of 65 announced

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Duke was selected as a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament for a record-tying 10th time Sunday, while Connecticut and Villanova led the Big East's unprecedented eight teams in the field with top seeds of their own.

Memphis was the final No. 1 chosen among tournament's 65 teams.

Duke's 10th No. 1 selection matched North Carolina for the most ever. It is Connecticut's fourth top seeding and the first time for both Villanova and Memphis.

Eight Big East teams broke the conference's own previous record of seven, which it had shared with the Big Ten. The Big East did it in 1991; the Big Ten in 1990, 1994, 1999 and 2001.

"In terms of what we saw with the Big East, it created some very tough questions for us, specifically the imbalanced scheduling," committee chairman Craig Littlepage said of the 16-team conference. "At the end of this process we felt the eight teams that were selected were very good teams."

The other big winner appeared to be the mid-major teams.

This year's bracket features six teams each from the Big Ten and Southeastern Conference. The Atlantic Coast, Big 12, Missouri Valley and Pac-10 each had four teams chosen. The

Colonial Athletic Association also got two bids, and Utah State of the Western Athletic Conference, which was left out two years ago despite finishing in the Top 25, made it in this year as an at-large team.

Among the teams which had been mentioned as possible at-large teams but weren't selected were Cincinnati, Creighton, Florida State, Hofstra, Maryland, Michigan and Missouri State.

Not everyone, even among the mid-major conferences, was pleased.

"I thought it was a good day, but we'd hoped for a better day," Colonial commissioner Thomas Yeager said after champion North Carolina-Wilmington and at-large George Mason were on the bracket but Hofstra was excluded. "From my vantage point, I think the story wasn't that we got squeezed out by the real high profile teams but the questions revolve around teams that look like us."

Missouri State (20-8) may have had the biggest complaint after being No. 21 in the RPI ratings.

One question the committee did consider was whether Villanova should remain a top seed after the injury to Allan Ray in the Big East tournament. The committee has used injuries to seed teams in past years, such as moving Cincinnati down in 2000 when Kenyon Martin broke his leg in the opening game of its conference tourna-

ment. But after debating whether Ray would play and how healthy he might be Sunday morning, Littlepage said, the committee decided not to move the Wildcats.

"Our first hope was that he would return to full health, and yes, to his team, too," Littlepage said. "At the end, we felt like this was a good basketball team even without him, and he probably makes them a great team. So we felt they warranted a No. 1 seed."

Duke (30-3), assigned to the Atlanta regional, will open the tournament Thursday near home in Greensboro, N.C., against Southern University. Also at Greensboro, eighth-seeded George Washington (26-2), the only Division I team with less than three losses, faces ninth-seeded North Carolina-Wilmington.

The other teams in that part of the bracket will play at Jacksonville, Fla., with fifth-seeded Syracuse, the upset winner of the Big East tournament, against 12th-seeded Texas A&M, and fourth-seeded LSU facing Iowa.

The biggest surprise was George Washington, which many thought could possibly get a top-four seed before losing to Temple in the quarterfinals of the Atlantic 10 tournament.

"We felt their nonconference could have been a little more challenging, a little more rigorous," Littlepage said. "But we believe

their seed was a solid seed."

Texas is the No. 2 seed in the Atlanta regional. The Longhorns, who lost to Kansas in the Big 12 tournament championship game Sunday, will play Pennsylvania in Dallas in a doubleheader with seventh-seeded California against 10th-seeded North Carolina State.

The other games in that regional are at Auburn Hills, Mich., with sixth-seeded West Virginia against No. 11 Southern Illinois and third-seeded Iowa, the Big Ten champions, against No. 14 Northwestern State.

Memphis (30-3), which lost just one game in Conference USA this season, heads the Oakland Regional and will play Oral Roberts, which was last in the tournament in 1984, at Dallas in the first round.

The other game in that doubleheader will have eighth-seeded Arkansas against No. 9 Bucknell, which had the upset of last year's tournament, beating Kansas in the first round.

At Auburn Hills, fourth-seeded Kansas will play Bradley, while fifth-seeded Pittsburgh faces No. 12 Kent State.

UCLA was the No. 2 seed in the regional and the Pac-10 champions will play Belmont, making its NCAA debut, at San Diego and seventh-seeded Marquette faces No. 10 Alabama.

At Salt Lake City, third-seeded Gonzaga goes against

Atlantic-10 champion Xavier and sixth-seeded Indiana, playing under lame duck coach Mike Davis, plays San Diego State.

Connecticut, along with Duke the only teams to be ranked No. 1 this season, is the top seed in the Washington Regional. The Huskies (27-3), who were beaten by Syracuse in the Big East quarterfinals, will play Albany, which is making its first appearance, in Philadelphia. The other game in that doubleheader has eighth-seeded Kentucky against No. 9 UAB. Those teams met in the second round in 2004, with the Blazers stunning top-seeded Kentucky.

Washington, the fifth seed in the regional, plays Utah State in San Diego, while No. 4 Illinois, which lost in the championship game last season, faces No. 13 Air Force, one of the surprise at-large picks in the field.

"The questions that were asked were similar to 'Who is tough team?' and 'Who is a team you wouldn't want to play?'" Littlepage said. "We felt Air Force provided us with a very unique thing."

Tennessee was the second seed and the Volunteers will play Winthrop in Greensboro, where No. 7 Wichita State will face 10th-seeded Seton Hall. At Dayton, defending champion North Carolina is the third seed against Murray State, while sixth-seeded Michigan State goes against George Mason, which will play the game with-

out suspended guard Tony Skinn.

Villanova (24-4) is the top seed in the Minneapolis Regional. The Wildcats will open in their home city of Philadelphia against the winner of Tuesday night's opening-round game between Monmouth and Hampton. The other game in that doubleheader has eighth-seeded Arizona against No. 9 Wisconsin.

This will be the 27th tournament for Arizona coach Lute Olson, tying him with Dean Smith and Bob Knight for the most in NCAA history. It is Olson's 22nd straight appearance with Arizona, moving him within one of Smith's record set at North Carolina from 1975-97.

At Salt Lake City, fourth-seeded Boston College, which finished tied for second in its first season in the ACC, plays 13th-seeded Pacific and fifth-seeded Nevada faces No. 12 Montana.

Ohio State is the second seed and the Buckeyes play No. 15 Davidson in Dayton and No. 7 Georgetown faces Northern Iowa. The doubleheader at Jacksonville has third-seeded Florida, which repeated as Southeastern Conference tournament champions on Sunday, against No. 14 South Alabama, and sixth-seeded Oklahoma against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which reached the third round last season.

The Final Four is April 1 and 3 in Indianapolis.

Kentucky gets revenge match with UAB; Murray State faces defending champs

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Just two years after Alabama-Birmingham shocked Kentucky in the NCAA tournament's second round, the programs are headed for a rematch.

Kentucky was handed a No. 8 seed Sunday — its lowest since 1987 — and will seek revenge on the 9th-seeded Blazers Friday in Philadelphia.

"Their bench concerns me," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said of the Blazers. "They have great athleticism, speed, and their ability to turn you over is something that you have to be aware of. We've had our share of problems taking care of the basketball."

The Wildcats were a No. 1 seed in 2004 when they lost 76-75 in perhaps the crowning moment of Alabama-Birmingham's program. In fact, Kentucky is 0-2 in tournament games against the Blazers, also

falling in the second round in 1981.

"It's pretty interesting the matchup that we get," said UAB coach Mike Anderson. "I think the (selection) committee had a little fun with that matchup."

Beating the Blazers might seem a tall enough task for the Wildcats, but even a victory means a second round date with top-ranked and No. 1 seed Connecticut.

The road is no easier for the other entry from the state, Ohio Valley Conference champion Murray State. The Racers, a No. 14 seed, face defending national champion North Carolina Friday

in Dayton, Ohio. Those schools met in Round 1 of the tournament in 1995, when the Tar Heels prevailed.

"We look at it as a tremendous challenge, an opportunity to play one of the great programs in college basketball and see where we stack up," Murray

State coach Mick Cronin said.

Should either Kentucky or Murray State win its first two games and advance to the Sweet 16, the regional semifinals and final would be held in Washington.

With Connecticut, North Carolina and Illinois, which lost to the Tar Heels in last year's title game, that regional is arguably the most stacked of the four. However, Tennessee, which lost at home to the Wildcats in the final week of Southeastern Conference play, got a surprisingly high No. 2 seed in the Washington bracket.

Although Kentucky was named to the NCAA field for the 15th straight time, it was the Wildcats' roughest season yet under Smith, who began his tenure with a national title in 1998 but hasn't taken the team back to the Final Four since.

Starting center Randolph Morris was suspended for the entire nonconference schedule after his failed attempt to get drafted by a pro team. All season, Kentucky struggled with rebounding and inside scoring — a weakness that could be exposed by a taller NCAA powerhouse, such as Connecticut.

Kentucky endured two three-game losing streaks and started

SEC play with two straight home losses. Going into the final week, the Wildcats were in serious jeopardy of missing the tournament, but the victory at Tennessee and two SEC tournament wins, against Mississippi and Alabama, cemented their spot.

Even amid the success, the team had a few sluggish showings down the stretch, getting clobbered by Florida in the Rupp Arena finale and losing to South Carolina in the SEC semifinal round.

The Racers are no stranger to NCAA tournament appearances, having made it 12 times — most recently in 2004. Winning games in the tournament, however, has proven a tough test as they have lost their last 10 tournament games.

But Cronin points out only one current player has ever played in the tournament, despite only a two-year lag. Playing against North Carolina, second behind only Kentucky in all-time college victories, make the atmosphere particularly exciting for this Racers team.

"I was hoping I'd get to play against them before I graduate," said Pearson Griffith, a senior center. "I know of no player in America who wouldn't like to

play against North Carolina.

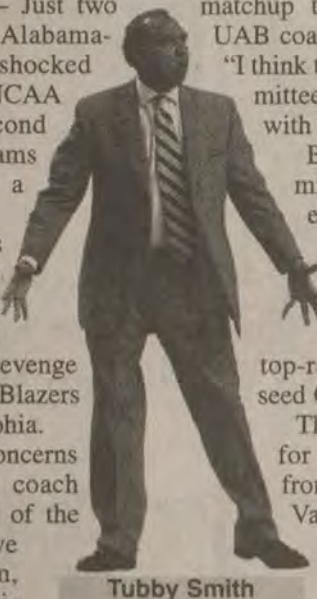
Two other Kentucky schools, Louisville and Western Kentucky, were denied NCAA bids but were picked for the 40-team National Invitation Tournament field.

A year after making the NCAA Final Four, Louisville nabbed a No. 1 seed in the revamped NIT system. The Cardinals Friday will host the winner of an opening round game between Northern Arizona

and Delaware State.

"I don't think you'll find a more competitive NIT field than the one I'm looking at with this one," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said Sunday night. "We relish the challenge."

Western Kentucky, seeded No. 6, got a matchup with No. 3 South Carolina, which ended Kentucky's SEC conference run in the semifinals. That game will be Wednesday at South Carolina.



Tubby Smith

"Their bench concerns me,"

SOUTH CAROLINA 65, KENTUCKY 61

SOUTH CAROLINA (18-14)—Tisby 1-2 0-0 2, Kinsey 6-14 3-4 18, Wallace 2-5 1-2 5, Kelley 5-11 0-0 13, Trice 3-6 1-2 7, Sheldon 4-6 0-0 12, Palacios 0-2 0-0 0, Balkman 4-7 0-2 8, Totals 25-53 5-10 65.

KENTUCKY (21-12)—Perry 1-7 2-2 4, Morris 5-11 2-3 12, Rondo 2-5 2-2 6, Sparks 3-7 0-0 9, Crawford 4-11 1-2 13, Stockton 0-0 0-0 0, Moss 3-7 0-0 8, Bradley 4-4 0-0 9, Obrzut 0-0 0-0 0, Alleyne 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0, Sims 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 22-55 7-9 61.

Halftime—South Carolina 30-27. 3-Point Goals—South Carolina 10-24 (Sheldon 4-6, Kelley 3-6, Kinsey 3-8, Wallace 0-2, Trice 0-2), Kentucky 10-24 (Crawford 4-9, Sparks 3-5, Moss 2-4, Bradley 1-1, Thomas 0-1, Rondo 0-1, Sims 0-1, Perry 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—South Carolina 26 (Balkman 8), Kentucky 38 (Morris 9). Assists—South Carolina 13 (Kelley 4), Kentucky 15 (Rondo 8). Total Fouls—South Carolina 13, Kentucky 13. A—NA.

SEC TOURNAMENT NOTEBOOK

Gators now join Kentucky, Alabama with consecutive titles

by TERESA M. WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Florida Gators have joined some rare company with a second consecutive Southeastern Conference tournament title.

Only Kentucky and Alabama have ever won back-to-back titles, although Alabama won three straight between 1989 and 1991, while Kentucky is known for stringing together tournament championships with runs of three, four and even seven at a time with the last trio in 1997-1999.

Florida didn't win its first tournament title until 2005 when the Gators won in their 40th appearance. Now they

have two in two years after Sunday's 49-47 victory over South Carolina and are 2-4 in the title game.

"I'm just very, very thankful," Florida coach Billy Donovan said.

"More than anything else, the more and more I do this, so much of being able to get to the championship games is so much based on the guys you recruit's mentality. Just their mentality and their makeup."

Donovan lost David Lee from last year's championship team to graduation, but Matt Walsh and Anthony Roberson left early to test the NBA. That left the coach with only one senior in Adrian Moss.

"I don't know what's going

to happen here going forward, but in terms of competitiveness, toughness, ... play to win, emotion, unselfishness, all the things you can't see and evaluate, that's what's allowed us to come back has been those types of kids," Donovan said.

TOURNAMENT TEAM: Florida sophomore guard Taurean Green was named the MVP after scoring in double figures in each of the Gators' three games. He was joined on the all-tournament team by teammate Corey Brewer, who had a team-high 16 points in Sunday's championship game.

The rest of the team includes Tre Kelley and Renaldo Balkman of South Carolina and Glen Davis of LSU.

NO EXHAUSTION: The South Carolina Gamecocks refuse to blame the fatigue of playing four games in four days for their loss. Considering they took 19 more shots than Florida attempted, they might have been right.

"We fought to the end," junior forward Brandon Wallace said. "We pride ourselves on defense. We held them to 49 points. We held them under 50 points, so we did the job defensively."

Florida's three lowest point totals this season came against South Carolina, and the Gamecocks were even better on Sunday, holding the Gators to a season-low 49 points. That was 13 points worse than the 62 Florida had in a loss at South Carolina on Jan. 25.

Not bad against the nation's best shooting team that had been averaging 80 points per game. But the Gamecocks turned in their worst shooting performance as well, hitting only 18-of-60 for 30 percent.

"I don't think it was fatigue," senior guard Tarence Kinsey said. "It wasn't our night in the beginning. The shots were there. We took the shots with confidence. That's all you can ask for, is a player to take shots with

confidence."

GAMECOCKS SUPPORT: Dick Berry wasn't planning on coming to the Southeastern Conference tournament. Then South Carolina upset No. 14 Tennessee in the quarterfinals.

"I called him, and said, 'Let's go to Nashville,'" Berry said of his friend, Hal McMichael.

They jumped into a pickup truck for the nearly nine-hour trip from Orangeburg, S.C., and arrived in time for Saturday's semifinal victory over Kentucky. Even with the Wildcats' fans driving up prices, they found a pair for \$50 each.

"They were asking more," McMichael said. "We shopped around and got some at face value."

Sunday's tickets came even cheaper at \$25 each.

"Some Kentucky fans were leaving and going home and asked us if we needed tickets," he said.

game?"

"No, not really," Berry said with a laugh.

EMPTY SEATS: With Kentucky fans already home or back in their cars Sunday, thousands of empty seats were left at the Gaylord Entertainment Center. Scalpers had tickets by the handful outside and couldn't lure people even with cut-rate prices.

That's a huge dropoff from the last time Nashville hosted the SEC tournament championship in 2001. Kentucky played in that game and beat Mississippi, attracting the 11th largest crowd for a tournament championship with 20,225.

Attendance for the tournament was 183,122 or an average of 16,647 per game. That ranks 11th in attendance and well below the 203,489. Nashville had in 2001. The Georgia Dome has hosted seven of the biggest tournament crowds with Rupp Arena in 1993 second overall.

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This Week: **Suffragettes**

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The Other Great Tea Party



Most of our history books tell about the Boston Tea Party. That tea party was one of the events that led to the American Revolutionary War. But did you know there was another tea party that changed the lives of women in America?

Tea for a Change

One hundred and fifty years ago, in the small town of Seneca, New York, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and three other women got together for a different kind of tea party.

They sipped tea and talked about how unfair it was that they had to give all of their property and money to their husbands. They shared the belief that women, like men, should be able to own property, vote and get an education.

Before they parted that afternoon, the five women decided to have a meeting to discuss rights for women.

Held in July of 1848, their meeting was the first women's rights convention in the U.S. At that meeting, men and women signed a document called, **Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions**. By signing, these people agreed to the goals of what was becoming the women's movement.

SENTIMENT: How a person feels about an issue.

RESOLUTION: A promise or decision to make a change.



Standards Link: History: Students understand how events from long ago have made a difference in others' lives.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was one of the women who organized the first women's rights meeting in Seneca, New York.



At that time, most people in the United States did not think women should vote or have other rights. Before she died, Ms. Stanton helped get laws passed that allowed married women to own property.

Stanton died in 1902. The **19th Amendment**, which gives women the right to vote, was adopted on August 26, 1920. She never lived to see the day when women could vote.

“ will always be until she holds a of her own.”

— Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Use the code to find out what Elizabeth Cady Stanton once said.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the importance of individual actions and how heroes from the past made a difference.

A D E M N O P R S T U W

Equal Rights

Look through the newspaper for examples of rights that people have in the United States. Choose one right that is important to you. Tell why you selected that right. Do all people in the United States have this right? Why or why not?

Standards Link: Social Studies: Students enumerate the fundamental liberties ensured by the Bill of Rights.

Weekly Writing Corner

A Woman I Admire

Write about a woman you admire. Include three facts about this woman's life and explain why you admire her.

Although I don't know many women except for my family, I'd like to say that I admire freedom leader Rosa Parks. She fought for freedom because we should all be allowed to be brethren, dark and white. Why should there be and why was there a difference for colored people? We both bleed red blood. We both eat food from the rich earth. I'd just like to say, I admire anyone who stands up for freedom against those who don't.

Drake, 5th grade

A woman I admire is my mom. She went through a childhood much harder than mine but she made it. She lost her mother, which must be really hard. I admire her because she is very strong on the inside, where it counts.

Michael, 5th grade

My grandmother inspires me to work hard at what I believe in. I think she has a funny personality. She is very healthy and I hope I grow up to be like my grandma.

Katey, 3rd grade

The woman I admire is Oprah Winfrey. She has done so much. She has helped other people live their dreams, she donates to charity and helps people with problems. That is what I like about her.

Cassidy, 6th grade

The girl I look up to is my kindergarten teacher. She shows up happy and ready to teach. She can be strict but only if she needs to be. She's the funniest teacher too. Her name was Mrs. Eades and she really was a great teacher.

Jake, 5th grade

My hero is Amelia Earhart because she was courageous, strong and pretty. We also both love to be up in the air rather than on the ground.

Selena, 5th grade

Bethany Hamilton is my idol. She was attacked by a fifteen-foot shark while surfing. Now she has one arm and she surfs and plays basketball.

Cody, 5th grade

One woman I admire is Rosa Parks. It amazes me that someone like her could stand up to a police officer and make such a difference. She had a lot of courage to go to jail for what she believed in. Also, her actions got other people inspired to stop segregation. I hope to have as much courage as her when I am faced with a challenge like that.

Cameron, 6th grade

I admire a woman named Dorothea Lange. She was a great photographer and helped migrant workers. I like photography and making the world a better place — just like Dorothea Lange!

Amelia, 6th grade

Ever since I was little, I've only admired one famous person. Her name is Jane Goodall. For the past quarter century, Dr. Goodall has been living in the jungles of Gombe Game Reserve in Africa. She earned the J. Paul Getty Wildlife Conservation Prize for "Helping millions of people understand the importance of wildlife conservation to life on this planet." I admire her unique work ethic. She's the mother of many chimpanzees!

Summer, 6th grade

Number Cruncher

Sixty-eight women signed the Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions at the first American convention on women's rights in Seneca Falls in July 1848. But women were not the only ones to sign. Can you figure out how many men signed this document?

The number is not larger than 40.

The number is not divisible by 5.

The number does not contain two digits that are the same.

The number is not smaller than 24.

The number has one odd and one even digit.

The number does not contain the digit 9.

The sum of the two digits is not 7 or 9 or 11.

Check your answers at: www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Use strategies, skills and concepts in finding solutions.

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

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Who counts in the news?

Look at one page of today's newspaper. Count the number of times men's names appear. Now count the number of times women's names appear. Make a graph showing your results.

Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Summarize and display data in a graph.



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ANSWER: Because she's the fairest in the land.

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POISON OAK

Whap went Aunt Fannie, whap went Mom

by Clyde Pack

When it came to handing out punishment. Dad was the one I dreaded most. Mom's disciplining was usually a swat on the tail and a "Wait 'til your daddy gets home."



Clyde Pack

I remember once, though, when this pattern changed. It involved my cousin J. B. and my Aunt

Fannie Castle who were visiting from down on White House on a hot July day in the late 1940s.

Now, as a kid, I wasn't necessarily cowardly or anything, but I did exercise a bit of caution when it came to certain things. Like, for instance, even though others did, I wouldn't even attempt to ride the old spirited black mule that pastured in the head of Slaughter Pen Hollow. Nor, would I take too big a running go when I'd swing on the sea grass rope that someone's daddy, eons ago, had tied to the limb of the big elm that stood above the road in the head of Society Row.

My most fool-hardy act, though, caused Mom to literally stripe my boney legs.

J. B., little brother Joe, and I were kinda messing around a 30-inch-diameter culvert that was just above the last house in the hollow. We were yelling into it and listening to our voices echo, when, right out of the blue, J. B. asked, "How long is this thing, anyway?"

"Well," I said, "it's real long. It goes all the way under Claude Van Hoose's house, under ours, under George Reynolds, under Theodore Miller's, under Virgil Green's, and comes out way down behind Milt Ratliff's."

(See OAK, page three)

KIM'S KORNER

Out of the Mouth of One Special Babe

by: Kim Little Frasure

The past three weekends, my niece, Kennedy, and I have shopped till we dropped and laughed till it hurt. Kennedy was born with Biliary Atresia, a disease that affects the liver which could result in her having to have a liver transplant in her early teens.



Kim Little Frasure

But I, along with our entire family and a host of others, claim God's Miracle Healing Powers for this precious little girl and He has blessed her with such a loving personality and heart that it's absolutely breathtaking at times. If there were ever a "girlie girl" born, it is Kennedy. Never have I ever seen a three-year-old so into clothes, nail polish, and shoes in my life, and she loves it!

Never have I ever witnessed a three-year-old that thanks God for every little thing, either.

She does!

During Mom's birthday dinner a couple Sunday's ago, Kennedy said

(See KORNER, page three)



Lucy Anne England Biltz. A memorial scholarship was recently established in her name at Berea College, an institution that Lucy had dreamed of attending as a young girl, by her progeny.



Lucy left her home on Blue River at the age of 17, when her parents made the decision to travel north in search of a better living.

Berea College scholarship endowment honors native Floyd Countian

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

"One of the first questions a stranger is asked in the mountains is, 'Where you from?' We are oriented around places. We never forget our native places, and we go back as often as possible...It is one of the unifying values of mountain people." - Loyal Jones, "Appalachian Values."

"Mom never forgot her roots and was always proud of her Appalachian heritage. Floyd County, Kentucky, was always home for Mom and she jumped at the chance to return there with Dad or with one of us kids to visit with family, return to the family farm and pay respects to generations of family members scattered amongst mountaintop cemeteries," said Robert Biltz, one of eight children of Lucy Anne England Biltz, a daughter of the late Charlie and Nancy Reffitt England, formerly of Blue River.

Biltz, of Dayton, Ohio, also recalls that his mother would fairly "glow as she reminisced about days of an idyllic youth, playing in the hollers and hills of eastern Kentucky."

"The only regret I ever recall Mom voicing about her Kentucky years was that she never got to attend Berea College. She wanted to attend Berea College and teach," he said.

Lucy England was never afforded the opportunity to attend Berea College because her parents left their home in Blue River in 1937, in a tarp covered truck headed for a better life in north central Indiana. Lucy was 17 years old at the time and as her beloved Floyd County hills diminished in the distance behind her, so did her

dreams of attending the now internationally recognized educational institution.

By April, 1943, Lucy had met and married Robert F. Biltz. Settling in Pierceton, Lucy and Robert together built a marriage that lasted 63 years and produced 8 children, 23 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. Robert preceded his wife in death on October 8, 2005, just three months and eight days prior to Lucy's own passing this past January 16, 2006.

Lucy Anne England Biltz is remembered by family and friends as a generous, selfless woman who lived her life with grace and dignity, turning always to her Christian faith for support and guidance. "I remember that whenever Mom asked for something, it was never for her, but always for others. All she had to hear was there was a need and many became the beneficiaries of her time and generosity," said her daughter, Peggy Biltz-Rutledge, of Pierceton.

And though Lucy never became a teacher in the formal sense of the word, she is remembered by her family as one who never failed to pass along a lesson or relevant word of wisdom as a loving teacher in her own home. She, along with her husband, stressed the importance of education to her children and was proud to attend the many university graduation exercises that commenced in the wake of the many Biltz children and grandchildren who completed formal university programs of study during her lifetime.

Embracing a suggestion initially offered by granddaughter Lisa Biltz, currently a nursing student at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, to memorialize her grandmother through the creation of a scholarship

endowment to the school that she had earlier dreamed of attending, the Biltz family recently presented a very generous gift of \$100,000 to set up the Lucy Anne England Biltz Scholarship Fund at Berea College.

Berea College, says Director of Administrative Services, Dorothy Anglin, is an institution that has maintained its commitment to serving men and women of all races, primarily from the Southern Appalachian region, for the 150 years that it has been in existence. "With an inclusive Christian and liberal arts tradition, Berea has committed itself to educational excellence. Staying true to our motto, Berea welcomes 'all peoples of the earth' to join us in our educational mission of learning, labor, and service," Anglin said.

For a woman who lived her life, according to son Robert, teaching the virtue of tolerance to her family, a more fitting testimony of an esteemed life could not be given. "Mom taught us that being different does not make one better or worse than another. That being wealthy or poor is not the measurement of a person's worth...she treated everyone she met, black, brown, or white; Jew, Muslim or Christian, with dignity and respect."

"My mother had the ability to see the good in all people and situations...this optimism and good spiritedness may have been influenced by the 'hope' and 'opportunity' Berea stood for in even the harshest of times, The Great Depression," said Lucy's youngest son, Timothy Biltz, of Cary, North Carolina. "While I did not directly attend Berea College, after reading about its mission and values, it seems that I have through the teachings of my mother."

"One of the last conversations I had with my mother was of her recalling her very happy childhood in Floyd County. Even though she had entered the late stages of Alzheimer's; these memories came rushing back one afternoon and she wanted me to know. She always thought of Kentucky as her home and she was very proud of her heritage," he continued.

"It is the goal of my family to build the endowment fund to support a full scholarship for a deserving student majoring in the field of education at Berea College. I can think of no better legacy for my mother than for her to continue to provide hope, education, and religious values to deserving students," he said.

"Berea's success depends on the generosity of its many loyal donors, such as the Biltz family," Anglin said. "We are proud to assist the Biltz family in the establishment of this memorial scholarship."

Berea College graciously welcomes all donations toward its mission of education and service. "Berea's success depends on many loyal donors at any gift level," said Anglin.

To learn more about Berea College and its mission, you may contact Dorothy Anglin, Director of Administrative Services, at Berea College, CPO 2216, Berea, KY 40404; or by telephone at 859-985-3006.

Editor's Note: The quote attributed to Loyal Jones contained within this article is from his essay "Appalachian Values," one of his many writings on the subject of Appalachian culture. Loyal Jones is a 1954 graduate of Berea College and a former director of the Berea College Appalachian Center.

CRITTER CORNER

What spring brings – and what puppies are not

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Spring is here, and my columns are becoming as erratic as my life this time of year. I will try to press on in spite of this, and I want to run some ideas past you folks who read my ramblings.

When I complained about running out of ideas for articles, my friends Andrea and Kevin Thacker responded within a week by e-mailing me two pages of topics. One of the suggestions was for a "myth busting" series. What are some of the old wives' tales you've always heard about animals? Do some of them contain a grain (or more) of truth? For instance, Do cats really steal the breath from babies? Do Doberman Pinschers' brains eventually outgrow their skull so that they eventually become vicious? Are dogs' mouths really cleaner than humans'? Try to find me some that are really off-the-wall as well as some of the more common ones.

A second idea that I have been knocking around is a series of articles on dog breeds. I have seen an unusually large number of



This is "Ranger," a 7-month old Bulldog who traveled all the way from Moscow, Russia, to find his new "mommy," Amanda May, of Allen. Ranger, says Amanda, "loves stealing everyone's food from their plate. He goes everywhere with me and his everyday ritual includes a meal of Charlie's Chicken and a Dairy Cheer yogurt...Ranger has a best friend, "Barkley," a Shar Pei that belongs to Paula Gobie, of Prestonsburg. Ranger goes to play with Barkley every day." Sounds like a busy life to us! And, we love the cool eyewear!

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School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Character words for the month of March: "Caring" and "Citizenship"

■ Mar. 15 - Our Lady of the Way will present a program on nutrition to 6th graders.

■ Mar. 15 - Wulfe Brothers will perform "Taming the Wild West," 10 a.m.

■ Mar. 17 - Peer Mediation training in center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Mar. 21 - "Magic Me," weather permitting.

■ Mar. 20-24 - Spring Book Fair. Parent volunteers needed. Call 886-1297 if wish to volunteer.

■ March 27-31 - Spring Break for students. AMS wishes all students a safe holiday!

■ Sign-ups still going on for Beginner Sewing Classes. Stop by YSC if interested.

■ Lending Library available for students and parents in YSC.

■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

■ Mar. 15 - Parent meeting, 1:30 p.m. Topic: "Preparation for Testing."

■ Mar. 24 - "Spring Fling" Dance, 6 p.m.

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

Clark Elementary

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

Duff Elementary

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

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

May Valley Elementary

■ Mar. 20, 21 - Musical presentation for 5th grade.

■ Mar. 23 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in

library. Open to public.

■ Mar. 24 - Kindergarten registration, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Requirements for entry: Initial entry physical; updated immunization certificate; eye exam; birth certificate; social security card (for child).

■ April 17-28 - CATS and CTBS testing window.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

Mountain Christian Academy Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

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

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

■ Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.

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

■ Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

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

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

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

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

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

■ Apr. 10 - Family Resource

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

March 13 and 15, 1996

The City of Allen may be forced to dissolve its corporate charter if the remaining 195 people, or 52 percent of the 376 people who signed a feasibility survey indicating they want sewer service, do not sign a sewer project user's agreement by April 1...Floyd County unemployment rate soared to 10.5 percent in January following a December 1995, decline of more than one percentage point. The November rate was 7.8 percent and the December rate was 6.7 percent...A bill, which could increase the county clerk's salary and make them coextensive passed the House Senate Government committee, Tuesday. House Bill 717 would base clerk's pay on the population of the county, with Floyd County falling in the middle of the 9-part tier. It also bases pay on how many years of service the clerk has...Another scam apparently is underway in the area, but this time the perpetrator is using the name of the Kentucky State Police's canine unit, to solicit funds. The Kentucky State Police Post at Pikeville this week received a report that an individual tried to solicit donations from an area business for the post's canine unit...Trial for Tim Maynard of Pigeon Roost, in Martin County, accused of murdering 21-year-old Jeffrey Donald Nelson, is scheduled to begin in Martin Circuit Court, Monday...The Department of Corrections gave the new Floyd County Jail a certificate of occupancy on Thursday, March 7. The jail had been under construction since October 1994, but problems with water on the site and disputes with contractors put the project behind schedule...Planned improvements on state roads and county roads to be taken for the road system could highlight Friday's monthly fiscal court meeting. The court will recommend state roads to be improved during the next fiscal year...Delores Spurlock, 47, of Martin, after being on oxygen for ten years received a call Friday, from the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center that donor organs they needed for Spurlock were available. On January 16, Dr. Michael Sekela, heart, lung and heart/lung transplant surgeon, replaced both of Spurlock's lungs and her

heart...William Raye Riley, 26, of Fleming County, will face charges of second degree escape, March 20, in the Floyd County District Court. Riley fled the Otter Creek Correctional Facility in Wheelwright, February 21, where he was serving a 10-year sentence for a second degree manslaughter conviction...On March 19, the family resource centers of Floyd County and across the state, will be celebrating the things that make them work—their families...There died: Danny O'Neil Rowe, 57, of Prestonsburg, Monday, March 11, at Morgan County Appalachian Regional Hospital; John G. Hall, 81, of Banner, Friday, March 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Carl Edward Hall Sr., 65, of Beaver, Friday, March 8, at his residence; Marion Junior Tackett, 59, of Hillsboro, Saturday, March 9, at the Fleming County Hospital in Flemingsburg; Sarah Elizabeth Hammonds, 85, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, March 9, at Bethesda Oak Memorial Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio; Hazel Parsons, 66, of Fairborn, Ohio, formerly of Betsy Layne, Monday, March 11, at Hospice Center in Dayton, Ohio; Hazel Burchett Wells, 85, of Lancer, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Oliver Newman, 78, of Grethel, Monday, March 11, at his residence; Gurnis Slone, 46, of Garner, Thursday, March 7, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Floyd Warrix, 79, of Whitesburg, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, March 10, at Letcher Manor Nursing Home; Mary Mae Wallen, 84, of Martin, Monday, March 11, at her residence; Kearney Conley, 87, of Hueysville, Wednesday, March 13, at his residence; Octavia Parsons Hamilton, 85, of Harold, Wednesday, March 13, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Edith Johnson, 73, of Blue River, Tuesday, March 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Millie Lee West Spurgeon, 92, of Auxier, Wednesday, March 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Twenty Years Ago

March 19, 1986

Ray Brackett, who was the acting superintendent, was appointed as the permanent superintendent of Floyd County

Schools after a 4-1 vote at the board's special meeting in the Prestonsburg High School cafeteria...Superintendent Ray Brackett, was named to argue the case for Garrett on behalf of the Board of Education at a hearing scheduled for April by the state Department of Education...As a result of a Floyd Fiscal Court decision, last Thursday, insurance became available for homes or businesses that were built over abandoned mines...An appraisal was all that stood in the way before negotiations could begin on buying the property for the new bridge that would replace the old swinging bridge connecting the Goble-Robert addition with KY 1428...KCTV, Floyd County's only television station, was in the process of negotiations for Tel-Com Inc., to take over ownership from Keith Caudill...There died: Claude Halbert, 56, of Martin, died Wednesday; Zeola Lawson Yates, 83, of Harold, died Sunday...Ellis Tackett Jr., 55, of Beaver, died Wednesday...Opal Blankenship, 65, of Weeksbury, died Friday...Ethel Newsome, 61, of Weeksbury, died Thursday...Clarence Horn, 55, of Ligon, died Thursday...Matthew Adron Brett Combs, 14 months, of Garrett, died Thursday, of liver cancer...Anna Adams, 82, of Galveston, died Friday...Perry Taylor Prater, 69, of Hueysville, died Wednesday. He was a Garrett school bus driver and janitor...Delbert Slone, 64, of Pikeville, died Monday, and Phillip Roger Hamilton, 36, of Hunter, died Tuesday, when he was electrocuted at a Weeksbury mine.

Thirty Years Ago

March 17, 1976

Only 13 patients remained in the strike-threatened Highlands Medical Center, here, Tuesday afternoon, as preparations continued for its closing at 11 p.m. Sunday...Within a period of two days last week a Letcher County mine claimed the lives of 26 men, two of whom were residents of Floyd County...Results of the 15th Region basketball tournament, still underway here, became conclusive enough, Monday night, to guarantee one thing—and that is, Floyd County will have a team in the

state tournament next week...Railroad Commissioner Jimmy Gabe Turner said, this week, that he is hopeful his request that the Department of Transportation install warning signals at the railroad crossings at McDowell and Lackey, will be approved and acted on soon...Dammer (Peg) Gayheart, 66, of Price, was dead on arrival at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital at 2 a.m., Saturday, victim of injuries sustained when a car in which he was a passenger left the road and struck a sheer rock wall, near the Price tipple, on Left Beaver Creek...Sheriff's deputies poured more than 400 cases of illegal booze, confiscated during liquor raids over the past six months, down a drain in front of the Floyd County courthouse, Monday...There died: Mrs. Hannah Tackett, 90, of Beaver, Tuesday, March 9, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Bell Dory Hill, 85, of Melvin, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Alice Nance, 56, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Louisa Community Hospital; Ella Rea Layne Harmon, 53, at her home in Helena, Montana; Pearl Clemons, 62, of Bevensville, March 9, at UK Medical Center; Mrs. Easter Jones Daniels, 79, of McDowell, last Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Elizabeth Dingus Osborne, 72, Saturday, at the home of a nephew in Langley; Mrs. Alice Meade, 81, of Abbott Creek, Saturday morning, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Forty Years Ago

March 17, 1966

Studies of routes which US 23 may follow from Prestonsburg to Allen, seem to favor Route A—the route extending US 23 via the Mountain Parkway from Prestonsburg to Katy Friend fork of Middle Creek, up that valley to cross the mountain to Bull Creek, and on to Allen...The Kentucky Division of Forestry announced, this week, that an all-out campaign against forest fire law violations has been launched this week...Less than a week after he had

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Oak

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As we poked our heads back into it, we could see the dime-sized light from the opening in the other end.

"Ever crawl though this thing?," J. B. asked. "You crazy? It's plumb full of copperheads and water moccasins." I answered.

"You're just chicken," he said, as he scampered on all fours into the hole and disappeared.

"Am not," I said, as I scampered right behind him.

All I can figure is that I was, by some mysterious means, struck with temporary insanity. As J. B. and I headed for the light at the end of the tunnel, little rocks and pieces of broken glass biting into our hands and knees, I heard Joe yell behind us, "I'm tellin'!"

He was true to his word.

It must have taken us five or six minutes, and, when J. B. finally popped out the other end, Aunt Fannie popped him across the back with the longest switch I think I'd ever seen. Boy! I was

glad my mom would never do that to me.

Wrong! She, too, was there, with switch in hand. Whap!

Luckily, I'd managed to stand upright before she could get to me. It was my legs she got and not my back.

"J. B.," yelled Aunt Fannie, "you don't have a lick of sense!"

Whap! went Aunt Fannie.

Whap! went Mom.

Every time Aunt Fannie would whap J. B., Mom would whap me.

There's no doubt about it. If Aunt Fannie's arm hadn't given out, Mom would have beaten me to death.

Sure wish parents had "grounded" kids in those days.

My sweetheart will be celebrating her birthday tomorrow. Happy birthday, Wilma Jean.

Korner

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grace before we sat down to eat. She thanked God for her Mamaw, the boys at war, and even for Mamaw's birthday cake.

My brother and sister-in-law just moved this past weekend, and when I took Kennedy to her new home Saturday evening she walked in the door, looked up to the ceiling, and said, "Thank You, God for letting my Mommy and Daddy buy us this new house. I love it."

Well, I lost it, and the tears came streaming down. She said, "It's okay, Sissy Kim. Don't cry, everything is okay."

Lord, this child is so precious and so sweet I think my heart will burst at times.

She was so prissy with those little hands perched on each hip walking through her new home, checking it all out. Tilted that little black curly-haired head to the side and looked at me with those big beautiful blue eyes and said, "Yep, Sissy Kim. God is Good!"

Oh, I could just squeeze her so tight it hurts to think about it.

When I think about all my brother and sister-in-law have to endure on a daily basis with my nephew Colby's juvenile diabetes, Kennedy's illness, their careers, extended family, and then witness all they do with their church and church family and see what they've taught my

niece and nephew I am telling you, I am so proud of Scott and Cheryl and I love and admire them both so much.

In Kennedy's words (and I agree) she has the "best-est Mom and the best-est Dad in the world!"

And when it comes to her big brother, well, he's just the "best-est big brother ever!"

If we could all see the world through Kennedy's eyes, we'd sure love more, and, most importantly, be Thankful for everything in it. Even birthday cake!

God Bless our Precious Little Angels
Til Next Week...

School

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Center Advisory Council meeting, 6 p.m., in resource center. Meeting open to public.

Apr. 13 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Mountain Arts Center. (This is your day, parents!)

GED classes - Tuesdays (1-4:30 p.m.); Wednesdays (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.), at the Weeksbury Comm. Ctr. Questions? Call Kay Ross at

886-7334. Classes are FREE of charge.

Lost & Found is located in resource center. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become property of the FRC.

The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. For more information about center programs or functions, call 452-4553 and

ask for Cissy or Karen.

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

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

Yesterdays

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allegedly robbed a Baltimore, Maryland, bank of \$17,000, Jack Leslie Marson, 27, was a prisoner here, and most of the loot was in the hands of officers...Orders for strawberry plants in this county, have reached the 90,000 mark, according to Gene Ball, chairman of the Floyd County Extension Service...James D. Stephens, a former Army officer from Prestonsburg, picketed the Pentagon in Washington, Monday, dressed in his uniform, that of a lieutenant colonel, in an attempt to get a hearing on his complaint that he has been deprived of his benefits as a veteran...There died: Coett Handshoe, 55, of Hueysville, Thursday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Mona Smith, 57, March 11, at her home at Garrett; Mrs. James Campbell, 64, Tuesday, at her home at Endicott.

neighbor over a property line...Two Floyd County children, Nancy Sue Short, 6 years old, and her sister, Norma, 3, were burned to death, Tuesday night, when their grandparents' home on the head of Stone Coal Creek was destroyed by fire...Inez won the regional tournament here last Saturday night, defeating Cumberland, 40-23...Mrs. Belle Howard, 67, of Ashland, was seriously injured, Sunday, when struck by a hit-run driver as she was crossing the bridge between Prestonsburg and West Prestonsburg...There died: Mrs. Mary Hyde Ward, 61, at home in Prestonsburg, Saturday...Troy Burchett, 21, at home, at "Seng Factory," near here and March 5; Adam Bayes, 46, at his home at Brainard, Wednesday; Frank Roark, 82, of Stone Coal Creek, Sunday, at Jonah Lafferty's home at Garrett; Adam Patton, 45, of Lackey, Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Arthur McCoy, 29, of Wheelwright, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, Sunday.

Fifty Years Ago
March 15, 1956

"King Kelly" Coleman set a new state basketball tournament record, Wednesday night, with 50 points, as Wayland defeated Shelbyville in the opening game of the meet, 87 to 76...A second eastern Kentucky man-made lake, to be three times the size of Dewey Lake, will be created by the Buckhorn dam across the Middle Fork of the Kentucky River, just above the village of Buckhorn...Sheriff Gorman Collins said, this week, that chicken-fighting, a sport that has developed outside the law, is on its way out in Floyd County...The Floyd Fiscal Court, this week, petitioned the State Revenue Department to make an equalization of the county's property assessments, with the state bearing most of the cost...There died: Mrs. Rhoda Ollie Tackett, 75, Tuesday, at her home at Craynor; David C. Stephens, 79, native Floyd Countian, March 7, at his home at Tampa, Fla.; James Elias Kidd, 83, Wednesday, at the home of a son at Harold; Thomas Jefferson Lewis, 87, Monday, at his home at Ivel; Morgan Stumbo, 79, Wednesday, at his Price residence; Mrs. Farinda Spears, 79, Floyd native, last Thursday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Sixty Years Ago
March 14, 1946

John Wright, 57, native of the Pitts Fork section of Middle Creek, his wife, Mrs. Parrot Trusty Wright, 66, and 60-year-old William "Bill Buck" Robinson, formerly of Martin, were killed by shotgun blasts, Sunday afternoon, on the Wrights' farm near Ironton, Ohio. Cause of the triple slaying was a dispute with a

Seventy Years Ago
March 13, 1936

Edgar Aldridge, alias Tom Ledford, 25 years old, alleged auto thief and fugitive from the FBI, was shot and critically wounded as he resisted arrest by federal agents, Sunday night, at a miner's home at Drift...Plans whereby eastern Kentucky may richly profit from the growing of strawberries were laid, this week, at a meeting in Paintsville, of farmers and county farm agents from four Big Sandy counties...Martin Tackett, 21, of Mud Creek, was killed by a pistol shot, Sunday afternoon, at Harold...Joan May, two years old, of Brandy Keg, drowned late Saturday afternoon, in Johns Creek, near the home of her grandfather, Walker Spears...A revolver bullet wound in his head, sustained last Christmas Day, at Wayland, resulted Monday night, in the death at the Paintsville General Hospital of Guy Hall, 16-year-old McDowell youth...James Morell Sr., and his son, James Morell Jr., last week sold to B.F. and A.B. Combs, of Prestonsburg, their business property on First Avenue here...There died: Mrs. Anna May Richmond, 51, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington; Mrs. Harold McPeck, Saturday, at home at Garrett; Mrs. M. C. Lowe, 40, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, Sunday night.

Critter

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purchase/adoptions that did not work out recently because the breed chosen was a poor fit with the owners' lifestyle or expectations. Some of the most common problems have been with Jack Russell Terriers, Border Collies and Basset Hounds. What breeds would you like to know more about? I see this as a series not just on what the books say, but what that means in real life—terriers tend to dig, herding breeds chase things, whether it is sheep, kids or cars, and scent hounds are a nose with a dog attached to it.

So what do you think? I'd appreciate hearing further suggestions from you.

The Eastern Kentucky Kennel Club dog show is coming up March 25 and 26 at Johnson Central in Paintsville. We welcome you to join us for this event! (This also explains why my columns the next few weeks are not going to be any kind of literary milestones).

In closing, here is a short essay I found on a website called Taking the Lead, that I thought you might enjoy:

A PUPPY IS NOT

A PUPPY IS NOT A TOY:
A puppy is a living being who has a need for love and

proper care the rest of his/her life. He/she needs to be fed often while young. A young puppy is especially vulnerable to broken bones and other injuries from careless treatment.

A PUPPY IS NOT A TEACHING AID:

A puppy should not be obtained to instill a sense of responsibility in children. It is unfair to place an animal's entire well being in the hands of children. Feeding, grooming, house-breaking and discipline training of an animal should be the principal responsibilities of adults. Responsibility training of children is better left for household tasks, where a helpless animal's needs are not at stake.

A PUPPY IS NOT CHEAP:

The purchase price or adoption fee for a pet is a mere pittance compared to the cost of food, supplies, licensing fees and veterinary care for routine and emergency treatment over the dog's life, as well as damage to personal property, which is bound to occur.

A PUPPY IS NOT A GIFT:

Animal shelters and pounds are overrun with dogs who were acquired for the wrong reasons or without sufficient investiga-

tion or personal commitment.

A PUPPY IS NOT SELF-CLEANING:

Dogs can neither groom themselves nor clean up after themselves (accidents, shedding), and therefore impose additional workload in a household.

A PUPPY IS NOT AN ADULT DOG:

Having neither the physical nor the mental abilities of an adult dog, a puppy cannot wait long periods of time before relieving himself/herself, differentiate between what is a toy and what isn't, nor distinguish between digestible and dangerous objects. They require patience; understanding and supervision just as with human infants and young children. A puppy doesn't mature into an adult dog for at least two years. If you work and don't have time for training and play, get an older dog.

A PUPPY IS NOT A PUPPY FOREVER:

But he/she will need your love and care forever. Be sure that you understand the short-term and life long commitment involved before succumbing to the charms of a cute little puppy.



Toby Tackett, a fourth grade student at W.D. Osborne Elementary, was recently named a winner in the "Design-The-Sign" 2006 Highway Safety poster contest, sponsored by the Highway Safety Liaison's office, located in the Big Sandy Area Development District office. Pictured here with Toby are his parents, Tommy and Kim Tackett, and Jamie Pinson, Regional Transportation Planner, Big Sandy Area Development District. Not available for the photo was Toby's art teacher, Teresa Evans.



OLM students recognized

Special certificates of appreciation were presented to students at Our Lady of the Mountains School who exemplify the 2006 theme for Catholic Schools Week: "Character. Compassion. Values." Pictured, front row, are: Sara Saffari, Maisy Gray, John Walker Phelps, Billy Joe Patton, Hailey Wells, and Genny Gardner. Middle row: David Sanders, Will Callahan, Ariana Arnett, and Angelik Hall. Back row: Juliana Cybriwsky, John Cybriwsky, Kathryn Sanders, and Elizabeth Hardt. Not pictured are Juliana Bryant and Zoee Cybril.

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The FLOYD COUNTY TIMES does not knowingly accept false or misleading advertisements. Ads which request or require advance payment of fees for services or products should be scrutinized carefully.

160-Motorcycles

For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

170- Parts

FOR SALE truck parts, motors, ford, 361 - 391- 370- 429. Chevy 366- 4 & 5 speed transmission-lots Mt. Sterling, KY 859-494-4659.

180-Trucks

FOR SALE: 1997 Ford Ranger. New paint, bedliner & cover like new. 285-3252, 9-5.

190- Vans

FOR SALE: 1998 Ford Windstar Van. v6, Auto, all power, excellent shape. \$3500. 606-686-3082.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

210-Job Listing

COMPANY SEEKING career oriented person with computer skills & 2 years office experience. Benefits available. Send resume to PO BOX 553, Allen, KY 41601.

RECEPTIONIST Inez, KY

Local manufacturing firm seeks full-time receptionist. Duties will include answering multi-line phone system, order office supplies, fill orders and perform other clerical duties as needed. Prior receptionist duties w/multi-line responsibilities required. Starting pay of \$6.50/hr. Knowledge of Excel, Word, Access beneficial. Medical benefits avail. after 90 day intro. period. Please send resume to resume@clarkvault.com or fax to Ms. Kendy A. Troiano at 614-299-2324. EOE

MOUNTAIN MANOR of Paintsville is taking applications for a LPN (7p - 7a) position. Excellent wages and benefits. Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Ave, Paintsville, KY from M-F between 8 am - 4:30 pm.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS available in

Winchester, KY, opportunity for full time employment. Clean work environment, good pay and benefits. Interviews and applications accepted on Mondays at Fairfield Inn in Mt. Sterling, right off exit 110. Or call now at 800-501-6072.

FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK has an immediate opening for an **Accounting Servicing Clerk**. The purpose of the position is to assist with various bookkeeping functions including document imaging, customer records, account maintenance, phone inquiries and related. one year of related experience preferred. Interested applicants please forward resumes to First Commonwealth Bank, 311 N Arnold Ave, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 by Friday March 17, 2006. Equal Opportunity Employer.

220-Help Wanted

INTERNIST: Internist for Southeastern Kentucky medical practice. Send resume to K. Nunnery, Big Sandy Health Care, 1709 KY RT 321, Suite 3, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Must refer-

ence job code #7798.

HOUSE KEEPER NEEDED Seeking dependable, trustworthy housekeeper. Must be willing to take care of animals. 25-30 hrs per week. Located 10 miles from P-burg on Mtn Prkwy If interested, call 886-8761. Leave message if no answer or cal 432-2225, ask for Joann. References required.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT Steam Cleaning company needs employees. Must have valid driver's license and up to date surface mining papers. Call Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 606-886-1759.

AVON REPS NEEDED: \$10 to sign-up. CASSIE - 886-8737, WANDA - 285-9486, MELISSA - 886-2649.

MERCHANDISE

410- Animals

AKC REGISTERED LAB Female - gold-9 months old. Moved, need to sell. asking \$200. 606-437-4274.

420- Appliances

FOR SALE Gas Range- white. 889-0036.

460- Yard Sale

FLEA MARKET Wolfpen Branch RT 1091 Buckingham Call 452-9651 in Floyd County

480-Miscellaneous

LIMITED EDITION ART PRINTS Private art studio

440- Electronics

TWO LAPTOPS FOR SALE
 1: Dell Inspiron 8600 mint condition.
 2: Compaq Presario 700 mint condition.
 Please call 606-886-2352

445-Furniture

FOR SALE Sofa & love seat. Good condition. Call 886-8001. if no answer, leave message.

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY

Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunk beds, and lots more! Call 606-874-9790.

RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER

Going out of business sale. Everything must go! Come in now for big savings. Call 377-0143.

REAL ESTATE

510- Comm Prop

FOR SALE OR LEASE Professional building. 5000 sq ft. Located at Garrett. 606-438-6104.

530-Homes

HOUSE FOR SALE located in County Oaks Subdivision at Harold. 3BR, 2BA, hardwood and ceramic tile, attached 2 car garage, storage building. Serious inquiries only. 606-478-9993.

550-Land/Lots

FOR SALE 35 acres. Jamie Rowe. Call 886-1968.

570- Mobile Homes

FOR SALE 2002 MH 16x80 vinyl siding, shingled roof. 3 BR 2 BA, fireplace, CH/A, asking \$20,000. 886-2644.

580- Notices

pool, attached pool-house w/half bath, 25 plus acres. Asking \$141,500 Shown by appt only. 606-886-0812.

FOR SALE: 3 BR 2 BA CH/A newly remodeled behing Porter School in Oaklawn Estates. 889-9747 or 886-8003.

FOR SALE 4BR 2.5 BA, brick, great location. Allen, KY. 874-2 8 2 1 www.owners.com/TP J8326

HOUSE FOR SALE 3 BR brick Goble Roberts Addition. Call 886-2818 for details.

A foreclosure! 4 BR 2 BA only \$23,100! For listings 800-429-7008 ext B183.

HOUSE FOR SALE 2BR 1BA. Van Lear. 606-587-2522 or 606-587-1169.

FOR SALE by owner 3BR 1.5 BA Ranch style w/inground

Final clearance 2004 lot models and 2005 models now available! If you are serious about purchasing a new home you need to be with experienced staff to

Mechanic Position
 Diamond May Coal Company, a subsidiary of Progress Energy, is seeking qualified applicants with proven acceptable work performance records and mining experience, for their operation in Knott Co., Ky. Requirements: Must own Truck w/boom & tools and with a minimum of 3 years of experience. Current MSHA and Kentucky training and mining certification requirements. Competitive wages and excellent benefit package offered. Applications interested who meet the requirements, contact Velva Varney @ our Sassafras office or call 1-606-435-7018
 EOE/DF/MF

Medical Imaging Group, LLC
 Seeking a **FULL-TIME/PART-TIME MRI TECHNICIAN**
 Competitive wages offered.
 Please fax résumés to 606-789-4815, or call 606-789-3815 to set up an appointment.

Brandeis
Machinery & Supply Company is seeking qualified territory machine sales and product support sales representatives for eastern Kentucky
 Sales experience is a must for these positions. Qualified candidates must be proven professionals capable of representing our product lines throughout our area. Mining equipment sales and parts sales experience is preferred. Excellent compensation and benefits.
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 Excellent pay.
 Call M-F, between 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
606-285-9358

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PRIME LOCATION
 New Metal Building has two commercial spaces for lease. Spaces are 1,600 sq. ft. each. Located next to Parkway Pharmacy at Minnie, Ky., in Floyd County
 Call 606-377-2032
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 Likes Meeting New People
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 Responsible
 Someone Who Wants to Work
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 The Salyersville Independent
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 Local home oxygen company is seeking FT CSR. Medical billing experience a plus. Must be detail oriented, reliable, and computer literate (fluent in Word & Excel & type 50 wpm).
 Please fax résumé to: 606-218-6131

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Staff Writer/Reporter
 Someone Looking for a Career in Newspaper.
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Salyersville Health Care Center
An Extencicare Facility
 Is seeking an exceptional Registered Nurse to join our caring team as unit manager of the Subacute Unit. The qualified candidate must be licensed in Kentucky, have knowledge of long-term care, and have three years experience, preferably in a supervisory position.
 Salyersville Health Care Center offers competitive benefits and salary.
 Please call Melinda Burke, Director of Nursing Services, or April Gayheart, Staff Development Coordinator, at 606-349-6181, e-mail mburke@extencicare.com or apply in person at:
 Salyersville Health Care Center
 571 Parkway Drive
 Salyersville, KY 41465
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Call Tonya to place your ad today!
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 Jenny Wiley State Resort Park focuses on recruiting qualified individuals who are committed to providing quality customer service, professionalism and stewardship. Below are some of the classifications for which we are recruiting:
 * Lifeguards
 * Housekeeping Staff
 * Lawn Maintenance
 * Restaurant Staff
 * Kitchen Staff
 * Recreation Staff
 * Boat Dock Staff
 * Gift Shop Staff
 * Front Desk Clerks
 * Campground Staff
 Application can be obtained at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, 75 Theatre Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. For additional information, contact the Business Office at 606-889-1790.
 The Kentucky Department of Parks does not discriminate on the basis of race, color national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services it provides. Upon

Nurses
 Caney Creek Rehabilitation Complex, an outstanding mental health Personal Care Home, located in Knott County, recognized throughout Kentucky for its program innovation and treatment success, has positions available for RNs and LPNs. CCRC offers competitive salary and excellent fringe benefit plan. If you are interested in joining our distinguished team, send a letter of interest and résumé to CCRC, Human Resources Dept., 115 Rockwood Lane, Hazard, KY 41701.
 For additional information contact Charles Boggs at (606) 368-2802, fax No. (606) 435-0817, or visit our website at www.krccnet.com. EOE/AA

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES
 (line ads)

NUMBER OF LINES	NUMBER CONSECUTIVE ISSUES					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
3	5.10	9.18	12.24	14.28	15.30	15.30
4	6.80	12.24	16.32	19.04	20.40	20.40
5	8.50	15.30	20.40	23.80	25.50	25.50
6	10.20	18.36	24.48	28.56	30.60	30.60
7	11.90	21.42	28.56	33.32	35.70	35.70
8	13.60	24.48	32.64	38.08	40.80	40.80
9	15.30	27.54	36.72	42.84	45.90	45.90
10	17.00	30.60	40.80	47.60	51.00	51.00
11	18.70	33.66	44.88	52.36	56.10	56.10
12	20.40	36.72	48.96	57.12	61.20	61.20
13	22.10	39.78	53.04	61.88	66.30	66.30
14	23.80	42.84	57.12	66.64	71.40	71.40
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Add the Shopper or Internet for \$2.00 per week, or add both for \$3.00!

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580- Misc.

STEEL BUILDINGS Last chance for all 2005 prices before steel goes up. Save thousands! 3 sizes left: 25x48 and 20x26. Call TODAY to take advantage. 1-800-222-6335 ext. 1558.

RENTALS

610 Apartments

APT FOR RENT All utilities paid \$450/mo. 4 miles from P-burg. Call 886-6061 til 5 or 886-0480.

DALEWOOD TOWNHOUSE 1BR w/garage. Oak floors & cabinets. Nice, 2 miles up Abbott. 886-0893.

NEWLY BUILT Townhouses for rent. 2BR 1.5 BA 1 car garage. \$700/mo. 886-6186 or 886-8286.

FOR RENT Nice 2 BR townhouse apt 1BA, stove, refrigerator, W/D hook-up, city limits at 23 and 80. \$485/mo plus utilities. \$275 deposit. No pets. One year lease. 606-237-4758.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR at Park Place Apartments. \$100 off first month's rent! Deposit to be paid in three installments. Offer good through 3-31-06. Rent starts @ 1BR- \$280-\$309, 2BR- \$304-\$345. Call 886-0039.

1-2 BR FURNISHED Apts. Clean. In Prestonsburg. 886-8366.

2 BR 1 1/2 bath Townhouse also 1 bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg. NO PETS call 606-886 8991

Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

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STORAGE UNIT 10 x 30 - \$80
10 x 20 - \$60
10 x 10 - \$40
All sizes available. Located on RT 1428 between Lancer & Allen. 874-4511.

BUILDING FOR LEASE 30x60 metal storage building on RT 80. 886-8366.

FOR RENT: 3 Room office suite. \$600 month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V.

630-Houses

FOR RENT 3 BR house w/ 2 car garage located in New Allen, KY. Nice neighborhood. \$650/mo. Call 886-1428. After 5:00 pm call 874-2843 or 874-6700.

HOUSE FOR RENT newly remodeled. 248 University Drive. Security deposit & 2 year lease required. No pets. References needed. House of Neeley. 886-3565.

HOUSE FOR RENT 3 BR house with attached two car garage, front porch &

blacktop driveway on 1/2 acre lot. Two full BA, utility room for w/d hook-up, city water, electric heat, furnished kitchen, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, wood burning fireplace. No indoor pets. Located on Left Fork of Little Paint Road, route 1100 off US 23, near the exit to Highlands Regional Hospital. Call 886-6626 or 886-9860.

HOUSE FOR RENT nice 2BA bi-level at lvel. Hardwood floors, upstairs, nice deck area. Serious inquiries only. 606-478-9260.

Stop Renting! buy a 4 BR 2BA only \$11,500. For listings 800-429-7008 ext B930.

640- Land/Lots

TRAILER LOT FOR RENT if interested call 886-9479. Located at Left Fork of Abbott.

Trailer lot for rent on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

Trailer Lot For Rent, Large Yard. Call 886-8366

For Rent : newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

650- Mobile Homes

FOR RENT 3BR MH 874-2818.

FOR RENT 2 BR all electric MH newly remodeled, conveniently located in Grethel, KY. \$250/mo. 587-1004.

MH FOR RENT Very nice 3BR 2BA located near Cliffside Apts. CH/A, garbage, water, & sewage provided. \$477/mo \$300 deposit. 606-874-2166 cal before 4:30 pm

SERVICES

745- Misc.

TAKING CONTRACTS on lawn & handyman services. Call 285-0049 or after 8pm 791-8926 will also do car detailing.

770-Repair/Services

CARPENTRY WORK all types. New construction or remodeling. Garages, decks, etc. Concrete work & siding. Free estimates. Call 886-8896.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF BOND SALE

The Floyd County (Kentucky) School District Finance Corporation, will until 11:00 a.m. E.S.T. on March 23, 2006, receive in the Offices of the School Facilities Construction Commission, 229 W. Main Street, Suite 102, Frankfort, Kentucky, competitive bids for \$10,540,000 of its School Building Revenue Bonds, Series of 2006, dated March 1, 2006, maturing March 1,

2007, through 2026. Specific information in Preliminary Official Statement available from Ross, Sinclair & Associates, LLC, a tax exempt but NOT bank eligible, Book Entry, Reed & Johnson, Bond Counsel, Louisville, Kentucky.

FLOYD COUNTY (KENTUCKY) SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION By s/ Dr. Paul Fanning Secretary

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. (836-5486 NW)

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.8 mile west of Tram, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 8.74 surface acres, and will underlie 541.01 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 549.75 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.7 mile from Camp Branch County Road and US 23, and located 0.1 mile south of Amy Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Sidney Justice. The operation will underlie land owned by Sidney Justice, Bee Rickman Estate, Appalachian Land Company, Green Kidd Estate, Ruth Boyd, Kate Cade Heirs, Nora Louise Watkins, Frank Justice Estate, Floyd Rickman, Jamesetta and Pete Wilson Jr., and George Lackey, et al.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 05-CI-00863 ANNA PFLIEGER, TRUSTEE... PLAINTIFF VS. ADAM CASTLE, SINGLER, ANDREW CASTLE, SINGLE;

COURTNEY CASTLE JONES, SINGLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ADAM CASTLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANDREW CASTLE; AND UNKNOWN SPOUSE COURTNEY CASTLE JONES, IF MARRIED SINCE LAST INFORMATION KNOWN TO PLAINTIFF DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 14th of November, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 30th day of March, 2006, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described surface property, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL NO. 1 Being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Steeles Creek; a tributary to Right Beaver Creek, containing 1/2 acres, more or less, which is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point near the Hack Moore House at a cherry tree, thence a straight line to the branch, a distance of fifty (50) feet, thence up the branch seventy (70) feet to a marked rock, thence a straight line up the hill to an apple tree, thence up the hill fifty five (55) feet to a post; thence straight around the hill a distance of seventy two (72) feet to an iron stake, thence down the hill a distance of one hundred seventeen (117) feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL NO. II: Being certain tracts or parcels of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Steel's Creek a tributary of Right Beaver Creek, containing 30 acres, more or less, which are more particularly described as follows: #1 Tract Beginning at a marked rock at Hack Moore house; thence up the hill to an elm tree up the hill with fence to the top of point; thence round the round hill to a marked oak tree to a white oak and hickory; thence down the hill with said Carter Martin's line to a black pine tree or stump of black pine or Wa-whoc; thence around said hill with palen fence to a corner at R.D. Mans line; thence down the hill with R.D. Mans line to the branch;

thence up the branch to the beginning. Tract #2 Beginning at a beech tree corner of Denis Dials line; thence up the hill with said Denis's line to a marked hickory; thence up the hill with said Hack Moore's line to the top of point corner of Elk Horn Coal Co. line; thence running with Elk Horn Coal Co., line to a corner of William Collins; thence down the hill with the said line to a corner of Epp Newsom line; thence round the hill with said line to a corner; thence down the hill with said line to the beginning.

#3 Tract Beginning on a pine bush on the right-hand side of Steels Creek, a corner to Martha Collin's land; thence running up the hill on the right hand side of drain to a marked dogwood bush with Warden Collins line; thence around the hill with a ledge of rocks to a stake a corner of Warden Collin's line, thence running a straight line down the hill to a marked stone a corner to Martha Collins line; thence with said land around the hill with a ledge of rocks to a stake corner of Warden Collins line; thence running a straight line down the hill to a marked stone a corner to Martha Collins and thence with said land around the hill to the beginning, containing (2 acre) more or less.

Being the same property in which Marie Moore inherited an undivided interest pursuant to the affidavit of descent of her father, Hack Moore, which appears of record at Deed Book 509, Page 744, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being the same property which was devised in Trust for and on behalf off Marie Moore, pursuant to the Will of Dortha Moore of record at Will Book R. Page 71, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk; and being the same property conveyed to Hack Moore (now deceased) and Dortha Moore (now deceased) from W. J. and Cicely Turner by deed dated, April 3, 1979 and of record at Deed Book 113, Page 25, from Curtis Moore by deed dated April 1, 1940 and of record at Deed Book 43, Page 260, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

By deed of record at Deed Book 510, Page 1, dated July 19, 2004 and by Court approved deed dated May 20, 2005 of record at Deed Book 513, Page 393, Floyd County Clerk's Office, the Dortha Moore Testamentary Trust became the owner of 93.75% undivided interest in said property. The outstanding interest owner, the Defendants herein, own a combined 6.25% as heirs at law of Lanny Castle of record at Deed Book, Page 750, who was

an heir at law of Ina Mae Kooken whose affidavit off descent is of record at Deed Book 509, Page 744, all of record in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgement.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2006, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the master commissioner.

Any announcement made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: Hon. Martin L. Osborne 119 East Court Street, 2nd Floor Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 02-CI-00452 JEWEL BAYS, RICKY BALS, BONNIE MULKIE, JUANITA

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1, 2, 3, 4 Bedrooms available for extremely low-income people at Highland Heights Apts. In Goble-Roberts Addn., and Cliffside Apts. on Cliff Road, Prestonsburg. Computerized learning centers offer social/educational programs for children and adults. All utilities included at Highland Hgts., utility allowance at Cliffside. Call (606) 886-0608, 886-1927, or 886-1819. TDD: 1-800-648-6056. Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion and familial status.

SPRADLIN AND KENNETH BAYS...PLAINTIFFS VS. PHYLLIS WYATT AND GEORGE WYATT, HER HUSBAND; DALE SHAHEEN AND LIS SHAHEEN, HIS WIFE; LARRY SHAHEEN AND DONNA SHAHEEN, HIS WIFE; AMY SHAHEEN AND HER UNKNOWN SPOUSE; SARAH SHAHEEN; CHRIS SHAHEEN AND HIS UNKNOWN SPOUSE; RAYANNA SHAHEEN, A MINOR; TRACIE HORTON; AND GARY BAYS...DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 21st of November, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Court-house Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on **Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 2006,** at the hour of **9:00 a.m.**, the following described surface property, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the Left Fork of Abbott Creek, and being part of the same land conveyed to the Parties of the First Part by Cecil Puckett and Susie Puckett, his wife, by deed dated July 31, 1948, recorded in deed book 138, at page 496, Floyd County Court Clerk's office, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the Left Fork of Abbott Creek and being part of the same land conveyed to the Parties of the First Part by Cecil Puckett and Susie

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 1-BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR PERSONS 62 AND OLDER

Located behind Wendy's and Pizza Hut in Prestonsburg. All utilities are included and the rent is based upon gross monthly income. Several activities, such as line dancing, crafts, bingo, movies, hair salon and church services. The apartments are furnished with a refrigerator, stove, emergency alarm system, and air conditioner. For more information, please call Highland Terrace at 606-886-1925, or come by the office for an application. Highland Terrace does not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status or disability.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT 1, 2, 3, 4 Bedrooms available for extremely low-income people at Highland Heights Apts. In Goble-Roberts Addn., and Cliffside Apts. on Cliff Road, Prestonsburg. Computerized learning centers offer social/educational programs for children and adults. All utilities included at Highland Hgts., utility allowance at Cliffside. Call (606) 886-0608, 886-1927, or 886-1819. TDD: 1-800-648-6056. Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion and familial status.

Puckett, his wife by deed dated July 31, 1948, recorded in deed book 138, at page 496, Floyd County Court Clerk's office, and described as follows:

Beginning at the mouth of drain at the Myrtle school house on line of G. W. Adams; thence up the drain to the top of the hill to T.R. Prater line; thence with T.R. Prater line to Jim Puckett line; thence with his line down to the creek to a Beech tree; thence up the drain to the forks of the drain; thence up the right fork of said drain to a White Oak on top of point; thence with Sandy Valley Grocery Company line back to the creek; thence with the creek to the beginning.

The following tracts are hereby excepted from the above description.

That certain tract described in the deeds from Grantors to Ricky Bays and Debbie Bays, his wife, dated March 2, 1978, recorded in deed book 233, at page 469; November 17, 1980, recorded in deed book 251, at page 589. Deed from Grantors to Ethel Spears and Elite Spears, her husband, by deed dated July 5, 1979, recorded in deed book 240, at page 204, Floyd County Court Clerk's office.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of

twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2006, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the master commissioner.

Any announcements made on the date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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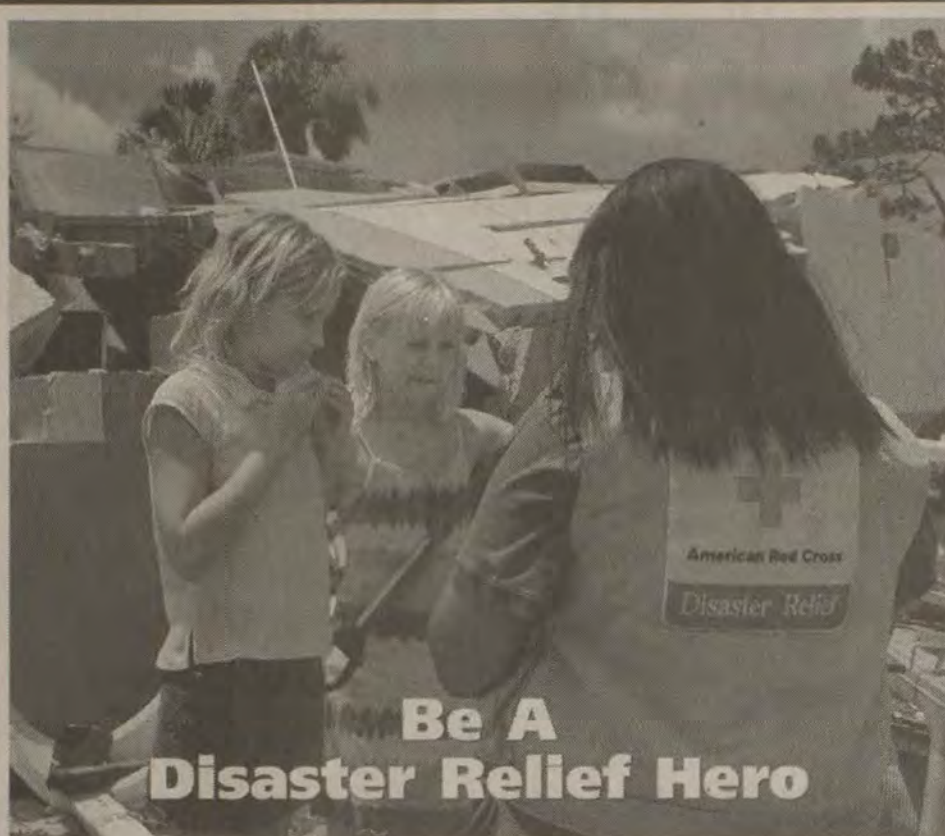
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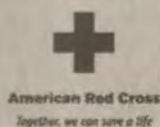
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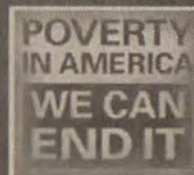
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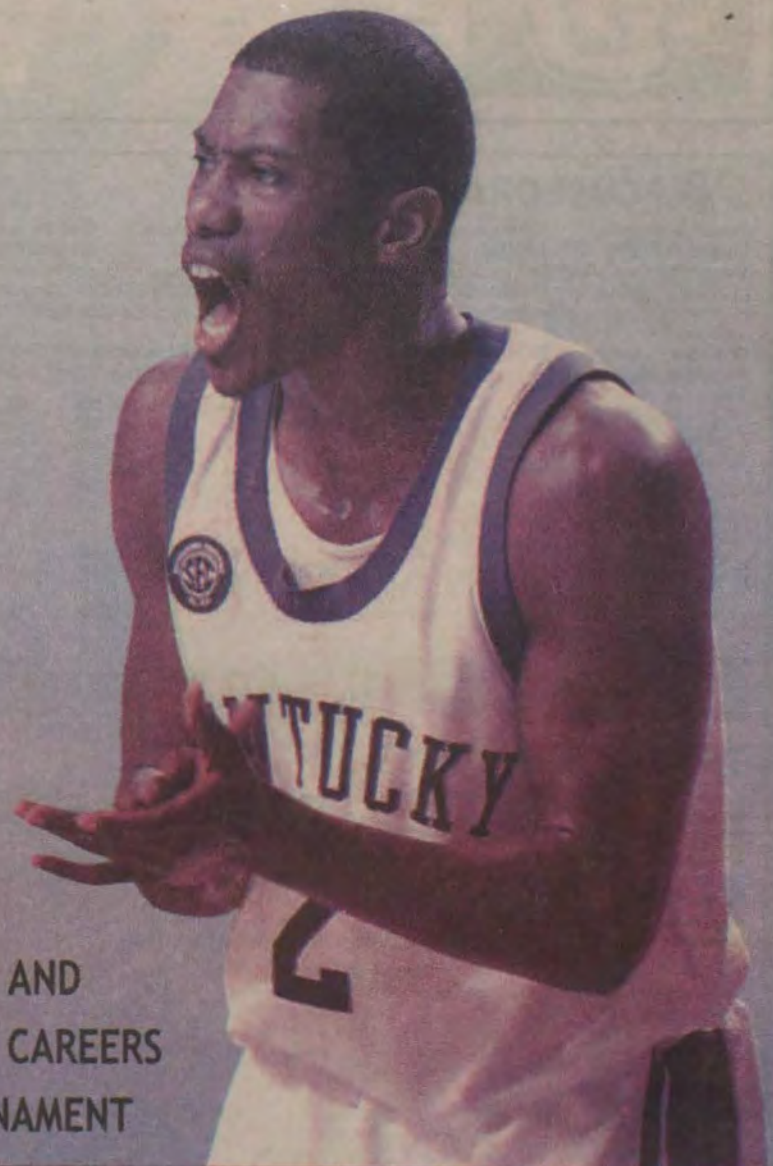
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DUKEBLUEDEVILS

Coach: Mike Krzyzewski Conference: Atlantic Coast Location: Durham, N.C. Website: goduke.com
 Record: 30-3 (14-2) RPI Rank: 1 Sagarin Rank: 1 RPI Schedule Rank: 2

Skinny: The Blue Devils have two of the nation's best players in seniors Shelden Williams and J.J. Redick, who form a deadly inside-outside combination. Duke ran through a depleted ACC this season, but they've got the talent - including the role players around their stars - to beat anybody in the nation. They didn't spend all that time at No. 1 for nothing, and you know Redick wants to go out with nothing less than a title in his final year.

Best Wins: vs. Texas (97-66); N.C. State (81-68); at North Carolina (86-83)
Notable Losses: at Florida State (74-79); at Georgetown (84-87)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
4	J.J. Redick	SG	6-4	190	Sr.	28.0	2.7*
15	Sean Dockery	G	6-2	185	Sr.	8.4	2.9*
3	Greg Paulus	PG	6-1	185	Fr.	6.4	5.3*
2	Josh McRoberts	F	6-10	230	Fr.	8.4	4.8
23	Shelden Williams	F	6-9	250	Sr.	18.8	10.1
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
21	Demarcus Nelson	F	6-3	195	So.	7.1	3.4
13	Lee Melchionni	F	6-6	205	Sr.	6.1	3.6

#1 DUKE (30-3) vs. #16 SOUTHERN (19-12)

SOUTHERNJAGUARS

Coach: Rob Spivey Conference: Southwestern Athletic Location: Baton Rouge, La. Website: gojagsports.com
 Record: 19-12 RPI Rank: 133 Sagarin rank: 206 RPI Schedule rank: 248

Skinny: Southern won the SWAC tournament to earn a bid in the field of 65, but moving on will be tough. The Jaguars rely on three seniors in the starting lineup for stability on the floor, and the duo of Chris Alexander and DeForre Riley-Smith can both score inside and out. Three-point shooting is one weakness of first-year head coach Rob Spivey's team, but defense is a strong suit.

Best Win: Louisiana Tech (63-47)

Notable Losses: at Mississippi Valley State (64-70); at Alabama State (59-63); at Grambling State (75-80 OT)



Starting five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Ppg.	Rpg.
10	Chris Alexander	G	6-1	185	Sr.	15.4	3.4
33	DeForre Riley-Smith	G/F	6-6	210	Jr.	11.0	3.7
32	Peter Cipriano	F	6-9	225	Sr.	9.9	8.6
53	Jerrid Campbell	C	6-8	240	Sr.	6.5	6.2
25	Steffon Wiley	G	6-1	180	Fr.	4.3	1.5
Key reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Ppg.	Rpg.
30	Alvin Mott	G/F	6-6	205	Sr.	7.0	3.2
55	Ralph Hishaw	F	6-7	210	So.	6.5	4.2

GEORGEWASHINGTONCOLONIALS

Coach: Karl Hobbs Conference: Atlantic 10 Location: Washington, D.C. Website: GWsports.com
 Record: 26-2 (16-0) RPI Rank: 36 Sagarin Rank: 21 RPI Schedule Rank: 244

Skinny: The Colonials have been one of the feel-good stories of the college season, and they've made a year out of winning tight games. GW owns three overtime victories during the regular season and scored a four-point win at Xavier, a three-point win at Massachusetts and a two-point victory at St. Joseph's. The Colonials feature great balance on both ends of the floor and are enjoying one of those special seasons every team hopes for.

Best Wins: vs. Maryland (78-70); at Charlotte (83-69); Charlotte (86-85 OT); La Salle (77-65)
Notable Losses: at N.C. State (58-79); vs. Temple (53-68)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
2	J.R. Pinnock	G	6-5	207	Jr.	14.9	5.3
21	Pops Mensah-Bonsu	F	6-9	240	Sr.	13.1	7.1
25	Carl Elliott	G	6-4	220	Jr.	11.3	4.0*
3	Mike Hall	F	6-8	230	Sr.	11.0	7.4
1	Omar Williams	F	6-9	190	Sr.	7.9	4.8
							#Injured, questionable for tourney * Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
33	Maureece Rice	G	6-1	215	So.	12.6	3.0*
23	Regis Koundjia	F	6-8	218	Jr.	5.3	3.2

#8 GEORGE WASH. (26-2) vs. #9 UNC-WILMINGTON (25-7)

UNC-WILMINGTONSEAHAWKS

Coach: Brad Brownell Conference: Colonial Location: Wilmington, N.C. Website: UNCWSports.com
 Record: 25-7 (15-3) RPI Rank: 28 Sagarin Rank: 49 RPI Schedule Rank: 101

Skinny: No UNC-Wilmington team has ever won as many games in a season as this one has, and the Seahawks did it by beating the best competition the Colonial had to offer. That's no small task considering the league has three Top-50 RPI teams. This team was going to be in the Big Dance regardless, but by winning their conference tournament they are coming into the tournament hot, with a senior-laden lineup that would love to score some upsets.

Best Wins: vs. Hofstra (78-67); Hofstra (77-68); George Mason (69-63)

Notable Losses: College of Charleston (77-81); at East Carolina (69-82)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
2	T.J. Carter	G	6-3	195	Jr.	13.3	4.2
3	John Goldsberry	PG	6-3	185	Sr.	11.2	5.1*
41	Todd Hendley	F	6-9	230	So.	10.5	4.1
34	Mitch Laue	F	6-7	235	Sr.	7.9	4.3
42	Beckham Wyrick	F	6-6	225	Sr.	6.5	5.4
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
22	Temi Soyebó	G	6-0	170	Jr.	3.3	3.2
32	Vladimir Kuljanin	C	6-10	255	So.	5.9	3.3
31	Dejan Grkovic	F	6-8	230	Jr.	3.2	2.1

SYRACUSEORANGE

Coach: Jim Boheim Conference: Big East Location: Syracuse, N.Y. Website: suathletics.com
 Record: 23-11 (7-9) RPI Rank: 17 Sagarin Rank: 27 RPI Schedule Rank: 1

Skinny: The 'Cuse looked like it would be watching the tournament from the couch after getting blasted by nearly 40 points at DePaul in the final week of the season, but a Big East Tournament championship saved the Orange's season and guaranteed them a chance at redemption in the Big Dance. A Jekyll and Hyde team, no one is quite sure what to expect from Syracuse.

Best Wins: vs. Connecticut (86-84 OT); at Cincinnati (77-58); West Virginia (60-58); vs. Georgetown (58-57); vs. Pittsburgh (65-61)
Notable Losses: Bucknell (69-74); Seton Hall (61-68); Cincinnati (65-82); at Georgetown (53-68); at DePaul (69-108)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
3	Gerry McNamara	G	6-2	182	Sr.	15.8	5.6*
23	Eric Devendorf	G	6-4	175	Fr.	12.0	2.4*
34	Demetris Nichols	F	6-8	212	Jr.	14.2	5.9
33	Terrence Roberts	F	6-9	228	Jr.	10.5	7.8
13	Darryl Watkins	C	6-11	258	Jr.	6.4	7.2
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
30	Josh Wright	G	6-2	175	So.	4.5	1.8*
42	Louie McCroskey	G	6-5	208	Jr.	4.1	3.6
24	Matt Gorman	F	6-9	236	Sr.	3.0	2.4

#5 SYRACUSE (23-11) vs. #12 TEXAS A&M (21-8)

TEXAS&MAGGIES

Coach: Billy Gillispie Conference: Big 12 Location: College Station, Texas Website: aggriathletics.com
 Record: 21-8 (10-6) RPI Rank: 44 Sagarin Rank: 40 RPI Schedule Rank: 65

Skinny: The Aggies got hot when it counted, with their seven-game winning streak to close the regular season - including wins against Colorado and Texas - boosting their tournament resume big time. In three of the team's six Big 12 losses, the Aggies had a chance to win on a last-second shot but failed. The question now is are stars Acie Law, Joseph Jones and company the real deal who just fell short a few times, or are they unable to come through in crunch time.

Best Wins: Colorado (61-58); Texas (46-43)

Notable Losses: at Pacific (56-63); at Oklahoma State (77-79); at Kansas State (54-58)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
1	Acie Law	G	6-3	185	Jr.	16.0	3.8*
30	Joseph Jones	F	6-9	250	So.	15.5	6.7
22	Dominique Kirk	G	6-3	180	So.	6.9	3.4
42	Marlon Pompey	F	6-8	225	Jr.	5.8	3.4
10	Chris Walker	G	6-5	210	Sr.	3.8	2.3
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
23	Josh Carter	G	6-5	175	Fr.	7.4	2.6
44	Antana Kavaliauskas	C	6-10	250	Jr.	6.1	3.2
12	Eddie Smith	G	6-2	185	Sr.	4.1	1.7

LSUTIGERS

Coach: John Brady Conference: Southeastern Location: Baton Rouge, La. Website: lsusports.net
 Record: 23-8 (14-2) RPI Rank: 13 Sagarin Rank: 12 RPI Schedule Rank: 13

Skinny: LSU quietly ran all over the Southeastern Conference, becoming just the sixth team not named Kentucky to win at least 14 conference games since the league split into divisions in 1991-92. The Tigers are young, but have superior talent in the frontcourt with Glen Davis, Tyrus Thomas and Tasmir Mitchell. LSU flamed out last year in the dance but that experience might be the catalyst to having a more lasting run this time around.

Best Wins: at West Virginia (71-68); at Arkansas (63-58); Tennessee (88-74); Alabama (68-57); Kentucky (71-67)

Notable Losses: Houston (83-84); Northern Iowa (50-54); at Cincinnati (72-75)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
14	Garrett Temple	G	6-5	180	Fr.	5.0	2.9*
2	Darrel Mitchell	G	5-11	176	Sr.	18.0	4.8*
1	Tasmir Mitchell	F	6-7	235	Fr.	11.1	5.5
12	Tyrus Thomas	F	6-7	200	Fr.	12.7	9.3
0	Glen Davis	F	6-9	310	So.	18.3	10.0
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
35	Darnell Lazare	F	6-8	229	Jr.	6.8	3.4
15	Magnum Rolle	F	6-10	200	Fr.	2.0	2.3
4	Ben Voogd	G	6-1	180	Fr.	1.1	2.0*

#4 LSU (23-8) vs. #13 IONA (23-7)

IONAGAELS

Coach: Jeff Ruland Conference: Metro-Atlantic Athletic Location: New Rochelle, N.Y. Website: iona.edu/gaels/
 Record: 23-7 (13-5) RPI Rank: 63 Sagarin Rank: 60 RPI Schedule Rank: 161

Skinny: If you haven't heard about Iona you will be surprised at how good this team is when it plays in the tournament. The Gaels have as talented a backcourt as you'll find in sensational scorers Steve Burt and Ricky Soliver, who have played together since their high school days. Iona won road games at Iowa State and Fresno and nearly knocked off Kentucky behind its perimeter play.

Best Wins: at Iowa State (89-72); at Fresno (70-69)

Notable Losses: Manhattan (68-87); St. Peter's (72-76); Marist (81-87); Siena (76-82)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
15	Steve Burt	G	6-1	190	Sr.	25.2	3.4
14	Ricky Soliver	G	6-3	175	Sr.	16.2	4.4*
13	Marvin McCullough	G	6-0	180	Sr.	6.7	4.6*
33	Kiril Wachsmann	F	6-7	240	Sr.	11.8	8.7
4	Gary Springer	F/C	6-9	230	So.	5.6	4.8
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
30	Anthony Bruin	F	6-7	235	Jr.	7.1	4.8
34	Kenny Jackson	G	6-4	190	Jr.	4.0	1.7

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WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Coach: Jim Beilein **Conference:** Big East **Location:** Morgantown, W.Va. **Website:** www.wvu.edu/Athletics/
Record: 20-10 (11-5) **RPI Rank:** 35 **Sagarin Rank:** 22 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 28
Skinny: West Virginia was an eyelash away from crashing the Final Four a season ago and with nearly everyone back you would expect the Mountaineers to make another legitimate run at college basketball's big stage again this postseason. The Mountaineers have a wonderfully effective offense and when they are hitting the long range shots they are nearly unbeatable. But you know what they say, live by the three, die by the three, and West Virginia certainly fits that mold.
Best Wins: at Oklahoma (92-68); at Villanova (91-87); at UCLA (60-56); at Georgetown (69-56); Pittsburgh (67-62)
Notable Losses: at Seton Hall (64-71); Marshall (52-58); at Syracuse (58-60); at Cincinnati (75-78)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
1	J.D. Collins	G	5-10	180	Sr.	5.0	3.9*
5	Johannes Herber	G	6-6	215	Sr.	9.5	4.6*
20	Mike Gansey	F	6-4	205	Sr.	17.7	5.7
21	Frank Young	F	6-5	220	Jr.	7.6	3.3
34	Kevin Pittsnogle	C	6-11	250	Sr.	19.1	5.8
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
3	Patrick Beilein	G	6-4	205	Sr.	7.9	2.3
14	Darris Nichols	G	6-2	180	So.	3.1	1.4*

#6 WEST VIRGINIA (20-10) vs. #11 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (22-10)

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS SALUKIS

Coach: Chris Lowery **Conference:** Missouri Valley **Location:** Carbondale, Ill. **Website:** siusalukis.com
Record: 22-10 (12-6) **RPI Rank:** 29 **Sagarin Rank:** 44 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 59
Skinny: Southern Illinois has a history of putting up a fight in the Big Dance, and the Salukis' defense is stingy enough to give opponents fits. Playing in the tough Missouri Valley should have SIU battle tested. The combination of guards Jamaal Tatum and Tony Young can wear teams down on the perimeter, while big Randal Falke has the size and quickness to be a force in the paint. The Salukis stumbled a bit down the stretch but seem to be back to playing quality basketball.
Best Wins: Wichita State (58-49); Missouri State (66-64); at Creighton (74-67); vs. Northern Iowa (55-46); vs. Bradley (59-46)
Notable Losses: at Evansville (59-64); vs. Monmouth (68-80); at Alaska-Anchorage (64-72); Indiana State (54-63)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
14	Randal Falke	F	6-7	230	So.	8.8	7.7
32	Matt Shaw	F	6-7	225	So.	9.8	5.6
3	Jamaal Tatum	G	6-2	175	Jr.	15.1	3.3*
10	Bryan Mullins	G	6-1	185	Fr.	5.8	3.3*
15	Tony Young	G	6-0	190	Jr.	11.8	2.9
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
24	Wesley Clemmons	G	6-3	195	Fr.	3.7	2.3
23	Jamaal Foster	F	6-10	210	So.	2.2	2.9

IOWA HAWKEYES

Coach: Steve Alford **Conference:** Big Ten **Location:** Iowa City, Iowa **Website:** hawkeyesports.com
Record: 25-8 (11-5) **RPI Rank:** 10 **Sagarin Rank:** 14 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 33
Skinny: Iowa was the only team to finish undefeated at home in the Big Ten, a sign of veteran leadership getting the job done. In order for Iowa's senior laden squad to get the job done in the tournament, they'll need the inside-outside combination of Jeff Horner and Greg Brunner to be on their games. Erik Hansen provides a fearsome shot blocking presence in the paint as well. That being said, the Hawkeyes don't have one "star" that can take over a game if they find themselves in trouble.
Best Wins: N.C. State (45-42); Illinois (63-48); at Indiana (73-60); vs. Kentucky (67-63); vs. Ohio State (67-60)
Notable Losses: at Northwestern (48-51); at Minnesota (61-74); at Iowa State (60-72)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
35	Mike Henderson	G	6-2	190	Jr.	7.8	4.1
2	Jeff Horner	G	6-3	185	Sr.	13.1	5.7*
1	Adam Haluska	G	6-5	210	Jr.	14.1	4.6
44	Greg Brunner	F	6-7	245	Sr.	14.2	9.7
34	Erik Hansen	C	6-11	220	Sr.	6.7	2.6**
* Assists per game ** Blocks per game							
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
23	Doug Thomas	F	6-8	245	Sr.	4.6	4.6
11	Tony Freeman	G	6-1	185	Fr.	3.7	1.7*
5	Alex Thompson	F	6-9	225	So.	2.2	2.4

#3 IOWA (25-8) vs. #14 NORTHWESTERN STATE (25-7)

NORTHWESTERN STATE DEMONS

Coach: Mike McConathy **Conference:** Southland **Location:** Natchitoches, LA **Website:** nsudemons.com
Record: 25-7 (15-1) **RPI Rank:** 66 **Sagarin Rank:** 86 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 210

Skinny: You're forgiven if you don't have any idea what state Northwestern State is in, but the Louisiana university went on the road and stole victories over three teams from power conferences, which means this team is a scary match up. Making their second consecutive appearance in the Big Dance with a veteran roster.
Best Wins: at Mississippi State (76-75); at Oklahoma State (68-64); at Oregon State (72-61)
Notable Losses: at Missouri (72-81); at Hawaii (76-80); at Sam Houston State (73-80)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
12	Luke Rogers	G	6-1	198	Jr.	9.5	2.9*
3	Tyronne Mitchell	G	6-1	185	Jr.	7.9	5.0*
23	Jermaine Wallace	G	6-3	198	Sr.	9.6	2.9
30	Clifton Lee	F	6-7	219	Sr.	13.9	6.5
2	Byron Allen	C	6-7	275	Sr.	7.7	3.5
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
22	Kerwin Forges	G/F	6-4	255	Sr.	6.1	1.4
33	Colby Bargeman	F	6-5	185	So.	5.7	2.5
1	Jermaine Spencer	F	6-7	218	Jr.	5.6	3.4

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CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

Coach: Ben Braun **Conference:** Pac-10 **Location:** Berkeley, Calif. **Website:** calbears.com
Record: 20-10 (12-6) **RPI Rank:** 54 **Sagarin Rank:** 52 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 63
Skinny: The Bears have a couple of very good players in All-Pac-10 selections Leon Powe and Ayinde Ubaka. Powe is also a candidate for All-America honors. Yet Cal has inexplicably lost some games to bad teams only to come back and beat the best the Pac-10 had to offer. Cal was the only Pac-10 team to beat every member of the league this season and has done it with tough defense, holding opponents to 63 points per game.
Best Wins: at UCLA (68-61); Washington (71-69); Arizona (75-66)
Notable Losses: at Eastern Michigan (65-67); vs. DePaul (65-68); Oregon State (64-72)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
44	Leon Powe	F	6-8	240	So.	20.0	9.9
1	Ayinde Ubaka	G	6-3	200	Jr.	14.6	3.9*
15	Richard Midgley	G	6-3	195	Sr.	9.2	2.6
35	DeVon Hardin	C	6-11	235	So.	8.0	6.9
2	Omar Wilkes	G	6-4	185	So.	7.5	1.3
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
24	Theo Robertson	G	6-5	240	Fr.	5.7	2.6
33	Jordan Wilkes	C	6-11	225	Fr.	2.4	1.3
20	Martin Smith	G	6-0	175	Sr.	2.3	1.0

#7 CALIFORNIA (20-10) vs. #10 N.C. STATE (21-9)

N.C. STATE WOLFPACK

Coach: Herb Sendek **Conference:** Atlantic Coast **Location:** Raleigh, N.C. **Website:** gopack.com
Record: 21-9 (10-6) **RPI Rank:** 50 **Sagarin Rank:** 23 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 68
Skinny: There was a time when it seemed like Herb Sendek's Wolfpack had second place in the ACC and a high NCAA Tournament seeding locked up. That was before they lost four of their final six regular-season games, including three in a row. N.C. State was in serious slide mode heading into the ACC Tournament, but between the team's veteran leadership and Sendek's Princeton-style back-cutting offense, the Pack could start notching wins again in March.
Best Wins: Maryland (62-58); at Boston College (78-60); George Washington (79-58)
Notable Losses: at Georgia Tech (68-71); at Wake Forest (63-76)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
13	Cameron Bennerman	G	6-4	205	Sr.	13.5	3.1
33	Cedric Simmons	C	6-9	233	So.	12.1	6.6
14	Engin Atsur	G	6-4	200	Jr.	11.7	3.6*
3	Ilian Evtimov	F	6-8	222	Sr.	11.0	3.9
22	Tony Bethel	G	6-1	185	Sr.	9.6	2.7*
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
40	Andrew Brackman	F	6-10	235	So.	8.3	3.9
11	Gavin Grant	F/G	6-7	212	So.	7.7	4.9
34	Ben McCauley	F	6-9	235	Fr.	2.3	1.0

TEXAS LONGHORNS

Coach: Rick Barnes **Conference:** Big 12 **Location:** Austin, Texas **Website:** texassports.com
Record: 27-6 (13-3) **RPI Rank:** 7 **Sagarin Rank:** 4 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 46
Skinny: Not a lot of teams can boast beating two No. 1-seeds during the regular season. Well, the Texas Longhorns can, having dispatched top talent during a mid-season hot stretch. It just took them a while to find their groove after getting blown out in a hyped-up early season matchup with Duke. P.J. Tucker was the Big 12's player of the year, and frontcourt mate LaMarcus Aldridge provides plenty of offense and defense. The rest of the supporting cast is just as impressive on this balanced team.
Best Wins: vs. West Virginia (76-75); vs. Iowa (68-59); at Memphis (69-58); Villanova (58-55); Kansas (80-55)
Notable Losses: Duke (66-97); at Oklahoma State (60-81)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
2	P.J. Tucker	F	6-5	225	Jr.	15.1	9.0
23	LaMarcus Aldridge	F	6-10	237	So.	15.4	8.9
1	Daniel Gibson	G	6-2	190	So.	13.8	3.1*
22	Brad Buckman	F	6-8	235	Sr.	10.3	7.2
12	Kenton Paulino	G	6-1	185	Sr.	9.4	3.2*
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
5	A.J. Abrams	G	5-10	155	Fr.	6.0	1.5
32	Connor Atchley	C	6-9	225	Fr.	2.6	1.5
40	Mike Williams	F	6-7	230	So.	2.2	2.9

#2 TEXAS (27-6) vs. #15 PENN (20-8)

PENNSYLVANIA QUAKERS

Coach: Fran Dunphy **Conference:** Ivy League **Location:** Philadelphia, Pa. **Website:** pennathletics.com
Record: 20-8 (12-1) **RPI Rank:** 97 **Sagarin Rank:** 95 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 168
Skinny: When you're looking for the NCAA Tournament team out of the Ivy League, it's almost certainly going to be Penn or Princeton. The Quakers took it this year by virtue of playing very well at home. On the road, however, was a totally different story. Given that this team struggles away from home, and a couple of key players (Steve Danley and Friedrich Ebede) have had nagging injuries down the stretch, it's hard to see Penn giving a high seed too much trouble.
Best Win: Princeton (60-41)
Notable Losses: at Fordham (63-78); at Columbia (57-59); Colorado (60-78)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
2	Ibrahim Jaaber	G	6-2	170	Jr.	18.6	3.5
24	Mark Zoller	F	6-7	220	Jr.	12.5	7.3
14	Eric Osmundson	G	6-5	200	Sr.	9.8	2.6*
3	Steve Danley	PF	6-8	225	Jr.	9.1	5.1
13	David Whitehurst	G	6-3	195	So.	6.2	2.5
* Assists per game							
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
1	Brian Grandieri	G	6-4	190	So.	5.7	4.6
33	Friedrich Ebede	F/G	6-6	190	Sr.	5.2	3.2
31	Tommy McMahon	F/G	6-7	210	Fr.	2.9	1.0*

MEMPHISTIGERS

Coach: John Calipari **Conference:** Conference USA **Location:** Memphis, Tenn. **Website:** gotigersgo.com
Record: 30-3 (13-1) **RPI Rank:** 3 **Sagarin Rank:** 5 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 26
Skinny: Memphis should be an interesting case study in the NCAA Tournament. The Tigers blew through their Conference USA schedule with only one loss and also own non-conference wins over four tournament teams, but you wonder whether playing in a weak conference will be a detriment come the pressure-packed moments of the tournament. If that's the case, Memphis' superior athleticism could be the difference maker.
Best Wins: at Alabama (87-76); vs. UCLA (88-80); Gonzaga (83-72); Tennessee (88-79); UTEP (66-56)
Notable Losses: Texas (58-69); at UAB (74-80)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
35 Darius Washington	G	6-2	195	So.	13.8	3.6*
3 Chris Douglas-Roberts	G	6-6	180	Fr.	9.0	3.5
10 Rodney Carney	F	6-7	205	Sr.	18.0	4.2
4 Shawne Williams	F	6-9	225	Fr.	13.3	6.4
32 Joey Dorsey	F	6-9	265	So.	6.8	7.2
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
12 Antonio Anderson	G	6-6	190	Fr.	7.4	3.0*
2 Robert Dozier	F	6-9	205	Fr.	5.9	5.5
42 Kareem Cooper	C	6-11	285	Fr.	5.1	3.2

#1 MEMPHIS (30-3) vs. #16 ORAL ROBERTS (21-11)

ORALROBERTSGOLDENEAGLES

Coach: Scott Sutton **Conference:** Mid-Continent **Location:** Tulsa, Okla. **Website:** orugoldeneagles.com
Record: 21-11 (14-3) **RPI Rank:** 131 **Sagarin Rank:** 122 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 240
Skinny: Oral Roberts has rolled over the talent in the Mid-Continent, but getting far in the NCAA Tournament won't be easy. Coach Scott Sutton led the Golden Eagles to their first Big Dance in 22 years on the backs of three seniors and a pair of juniors, and the team's balance is difficult to defend. Forward Caleb Green can score inside and out, but he's at his best on the low block when he can set up close to the basket. Guard Ken Tutt provides a nice complement to Green on the perimeter.
Best Wins: vs. USC (68-48); at Chicago State (85-72)
Notable Losses: at Louisiana-Lafayette (74-96); at IUPUI (75-80)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
14 Jonathan Bluiitt	G	5-9	165	Sr.	7.0	4.2*
45 Mikcey Michalec	C	6-11	270	Sr.	6.8	4.4
1 Ken Tutt	G	6-1	200	Jr.	13.2	2.2
4 Larry Owens	F	6-7	210	Sr.	12.1	7.9
30 Caleb Green	F	6-8	240	Jr.	21.2	8.8
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
2 Chris Rouse	G	6-2	200	Sr.	8.4	1.1
52 Yemi Ogunoye	F	6-9	215	So.	2.8	2.9

ARKANSASRAZORBACKS

Coach: Stan Heath **Conference:** Southeastern **Location:** Fayetteville, Ark. **Website:** hogwired.com
Record: 22-9 (10-6) **RPI Rank:** 45 **Sagarin Rank:** 19 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 87
Skinny: A rousing late-season run of high-profile victories insured that Arkansas would not be on the outside looking in again and probably helped save Coach Stan Heath's job in the process. The Razorbacks knocked off Florida, Tennessee and Alabama in the span of 10 days and were as hot as anyone in the country heading into postseason play. Don't miss Ronnie Brewer either, he's one of the nation's top unknown players, a star in the making.
Best Wins: vs. Kansas (65-64); Missouri State (79-75); Florida (85-81); at Tennessee (73-69); Alabama (65-63)
Notable Losses: at Mississippi State (67-69); at Ole Miss (70-73)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
4 Dontell Jefferson	G	6-4	190	Sr.	3.8	4.9*
24 Jonathon Modica	G	6-4	212	Sr.	15.5	4.3
10 Ronnie Brewer	G/F	6-7	220	Jr.	18.2	4.7
5 Danan Townes	F	6-10	250	So.	10.4	5.6
51 Steven Hill	C	7-0	250	So.	3.2	3.6
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
15 Eric Ferguson	G	6-1	203	Sr.	7.9	2.4*
21 Charles Thomas	F	6-8	243	So.	9.3	4.6
33 Vincent Hunter	F	6-10	218	So.	3.7	2.1

#8 ARKANSAS (22-9) vs. #9 BUCKNELL (26-4)

BUCKNELLBISON

Coach: Pat Flannery **Conference:** Patriot League **Location:** Lewisburg, Pa. **Website:** bucknellbison.com
Record: 26-4 (14-0) **RPI Rank:** 43 **Sagarin Rank:** 43 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 192
Skinny: Bucknell turned some heads last year in the Big Dance, and it served notice early this season by winning at Syracuse. A victory a couple of weeks later over another Big East opponent, this time DePaul, put the Bison squarely on the map. Losses to Villanova, Duke and Northern Iowa could be a sign of what Bucknell can actually do against NCAA Tournament-caliber talent, but a strong showing in going undefeated in the Patriot League regular season has the Bison flying high.
Best Wins: at Syracuse (74-69); St. Joseph's (63-51); at DePaul (57-52)
Notable Losses: at Santa Clara (68-77); at Northern Iowa (61-65 2OT)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
5 Abe Badmus	PG	6-0	187	Jr.	7.2	3.5
12 Kevin Bettencourt	G	6-2	180	Sr.	12.0	2.7
3 Charles Lee	G/F	6-3	221	Sr.	12.7	6.1
1 Darren Mastropolo	F	6-8	239	So.	3.7	3.6
32 Chris McNaughton	C	6-11	238	Jr.	12.7	4.7
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
4 Donald Brown	F	6-6	220	Jr.	6.4	4.6
14 Jason Vegotsky	G	6-2	187	Fr.	4.4	0.6

PITTSBURGHPANTHERS

Coach: Jamie Dixon **Conference:** Big East **Location:** Pittsburgh, Pa. **Website:** pittsburghpanthers.com
Record: 24-7 (10-6) **RPI Rank:** 11 **Sagarin Rank:** 11 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 40
Skinny: Pittsburgh is a bit of a hard team to figure in this tournament because it didn't really step out and play anyone in the non-conference portion of the schedule (except for a win over Wisconsin), yet remained highly ranked for much of the year. A tough, defensive-minded team led by seemingly 30-year-old guard Carl Krauser, Pitt is always a difficult out in a one-game situation because of the way they will defend in the halfcourt.
Best Wins: Wisconsin (73-64); at Louisville (61-57); Syracuse (80-67); West Virginia (57-53)
Notable Losses: at St. John's (50-55); at Marquette (82-84); Seton Hall (61-65)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
11 Carl Krauser	G	6-2	220	Sr.	15.7	4.5*
4 Ronald Ramon	G	6-1	180	So.	7.9	2.6*
14 Levon Kendall	F	6-9	220	Sr.	6.9	5.4
0 John DeGroat	F	6-6	220	Sr.	3.2	1.8
33 Aaron Gray	C	7-0	270	Jr.	14.1	10.5
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
23 Sam Young	F	6-6	210	Fr.	8.0	4.1
2 LeVance Fields	G	5-10	190	Fr.	5.9	2.4*
1 Keith Benjamin	G	6-2	190	So.	5.3	3.0

#5 PITTSBURGH (24-7) vs. #12 KENT STATE (25-8)

KENTSTATEGOLDENFLASHES

Coach: Jim Christian **Conference:** Mid-American **Location:** Kent, Ohio **Website:** kentstatesports.com
Record: 25-8 (15-3) **RPI Rank:** 49 **Sagarin Rank:** 66 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 96
Skinny: It's been four years since Kent State made a Cinderella run to the Elite Eight before losing to Indiana, but the Golden Flashes are back with a veteran team that won a tightly packed Mid-American Conference. Any time a team comes into the tournament with 25 wins or more you had better take them seriously, especially given the MAC's history of scaring the daylights out of boys from the power conferences.
Best Wins: at Miami (Ohio) (53-46); at Ohio (73-60); Akron (63-57); Butler (80-76)
Notable Losses: Delaware State (56-65); at St. Mary's (59-61)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
25 Armon Gates	G	6-1	185	Jr.	6.8	2.2
23 DeAndre Haynes	G	6-2	185	Sr.	13.2	3.9*
13 Jay Youngblood	G	6-5	200	Sr.	14.9	3.6
21 Mike Scott	F	6-6	170	So.	6.7	4.8
2 Nate Gerwig	C	6-9	260	Sr.	6.7	4.0
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
42 Kevin Warzynski	F	6-8	245	Sr.	10.0	5.1
5 Omni Smith	G	6-3	-	Jr.	8.2	2.1
11 Jordan Mincey	G	5-10	-	Fr.	1.8	1.4*

KANSASJAYHAWKS

Coach: Bill Self **Conference:** Big 12 **Location:** Lawrence, Kan. **Website:** kuathletics.com
Record: 25-7 (13-3) **RPI Rank:** 25 **Sagarin Rank:** 10 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 64
Skinny: Coach Bill Self wasn't getting much scoring back from his previous year's squad, but somehow the Jayhawks managed to make do - and then some. Despite losing three of its first five games of the year, Kansas bounced back behind fantastic freshman Brandon Rush and the rest of this young bunch, which features no one older than a sophomore in the starting lineup. This team has evolved all season from afterthought to contender, but we'll see how the newbies hold up in the NCAA's.
Best Wins: vs. California (69-56); Kentucky (73-46); at Texas A&M (83-73); Oklahoma (59-58)
Notable Losses: vs. Saint Joseph's (67-70); Kansas State (55-59); at Missouri (86-89)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
25 Brandon Rush	G	6-6	202	Fr.	14.1	6.0
15 Mario Chalmers	G	6-1	182	Fr.	10.9	3.8*
3 Russell Robinson	G	6-1	196	So.	8.8	4.2*
30 Julian Wright	F	6-8	218	Fr.	8.5	4.5
24 Sasha Kaun	C	6-11	246	So.	8.0	5.5
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
33 C.J. Giles	C	6-10	235	So.	6.6	5.1
32 Darnell Jackson	F	6-8	240	So.	6.5	4.9
1 Jeff Hawkins	G	5-11	180	Sr.	4.7	1.9

#4 KANSAS (25-7) vs. #13 BRADLEY (20-10)

BRADLEYBRAVES

Coach: Jim Les **Conference:** Missouri Valley **Location:** Peoria, Ill. **Website:** bubraves.com
Record: 20-10 (11-7) **RPI Rank:** 34 **Sagarin Rank:** 37 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 47
Skinny: The Braves have been up-and-down for most of the season, but coach Jim Les has gotten his team on track since mid-February. A seven-game winning streak rebuilt this ballclub's confidence when it needed it most, and a season of playing against difficult competition in the MVC should have the Braves prepared to put up a good fight. Forward Marcellus Somerville has great quickness and can knock down the three, while center Patrick O'Bryant has the size and bulk to control the paint.
Best Wins: at DePaul (75-60); Northern Iowa (68-60 OT); Missouri State (86-76); Southern Illinois (72-60); at Creighton (54-47)
Notable Losses: at Loyola (Ill.) (72-86); at Drake (73-75); at Indiana State (63-75); at Butler (60-70)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
15 Marcellus Somerville	F	6-7	225	Sr.	15.5	6.8
13 Patrick O'Bryant	C	7-0	260	So.	13.1	8.2
5 Tony Bennett	G	6-0	175	Sr.	11.0	3.3
10 J.J. Tauai	G	6-3	205	Jr.	1.7	1.8*
20 Daniel Ruffin	G	6-10	165	So.	7.9	5.3*
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
22 Lawrence Wright	F	6-4	195	Sr.	10.3	5.6
4 Will Franklin	G	6-0	170	Jr.	4.6	2.8*
21 Zach Andrews	F	6-8	216	Jr.	6.0	5.2

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INDIANAHOOSIERS

Coach: Mike Davis **Conference:** Big Ten **Location:** Bloomington, Ind. **Website:** iuhoosiers.com
Record: 18-11 (9-7) **RPI Rank:** 33 **Sagarin Rank:** 24 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 19
Skinny: Indiana enters the post-season playing some of its best basketball of the season and will be a tough match-up for any team because of its four-guard offensive set. The Hoosiers will rely on a mix of three-point shooting and a heavy dose of senior Marco Killingsworth in order to find success in the Big Dance, but Killingsworth will have to avoid silly fouls or else the Hoosiers' thin depth in the frontcourt will rear its ugly head. One big key for Indiana will be its rebounding.
Best Wins: vs. Kentucky (79-53); Ohio State (81-79); Illinois (62-60); Michigan State (78-71)
Notable Losses: at Indiana State (67-72); at Minnesota (42-61); at Penn State (68-71)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
22 Marshall Strickland	G	6-2	195	Sr.	12.4	3.6
51 Earl Calloway	G	6-3	162	Jr.	4.8	2.1*
20 A.J. Ratliff	G	6-2	183	So.	3.5	1.5
24 Robert Vaden	G/F	6-5	224	So.	13.6	5.7
5 Marco Killingsworth	F	6-8	268	Sr.	17.4	7.8

* Assists per game

Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
10 Roderick Wilmont	G	6-4	200	Jr.	8.7	3.9
11 Errek Suhr	G	5-8	151	Jr.	3.9	1.1*
33 Lewis Monroe	G	6-5	192	Sr.	3.5	2.5*

#6 INDIANA (18-11) vs. #11 SAN DIEGO STATE (24-8)

SANDIEGOSTATEAZTECS

Coach: Steve Fisher **Conference:** Mountain West **Location:** San Diego, Calif. **Website:** goaztecs.com
Record: 24-8 (13-3) **RPI Rank:** 56 **Sagarin Rank:** 63 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 118
Skinny: The Aztecs won the Mountain West title outright and can be explosive on the offensive end, but the question is how they will deal with the more intense atmosphere of the NCAA Tournament. Head coach Steve Fisher knows how to win the Big Dance - everybody remembers his great Michigan teams of the early 1990s - but he will have to push his team's play to another level to do any damage. Junior Brandon Heath can take over games and is as unselfish as any guard you will find in the Tournament.
Best Wins: Air Force (61-51); BYU (88-61)
Notable Losses: vs. Illinois-Chicago (63-66); at San Diego (80-90); Washington State (49-60); Utah (65-67)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
1 Brandon Heath	G	6-4	198	Jr.	18.4	3.5*
3 Richie Williams	G	5-9	158	Fr.	6.4	3.5*
33 Kyle Spain	F	6-5	218	Fr.	9.9	5.9
34 Mohamed Abukar	F	6-10	216	Jr.	14.7	4.6
42 Marcus Slaughter	F	6-9	220	Jr.	16.9	10.6

* Assists per game

Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
15 John Sharper	G	6-0	190	Sr.	8.6	1.6
20 Trinaime Davis	C	6-7	235	Sr.	4.0	2.0

MARQUETTEGOLDENEAGLES

Coach: Tom Crean **Conference:** Big East **Location:** Milwaukee, Wis. **Website:** gomarquette.com
Record: 20-10 (10-6) **RPI Rank:** 30 **Sagarin Rank:** 31 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 23
Skinny: It's been three years since Dwyane Wade put Marquette on his shoulders and led it to the Final Four with the perfect cast of supporting characters. Now the Golden Eagles are back with a new collection of talent that is thriving despite the loss of sensational point guard Travis Dwyer last season. Tom Crean has long been considered one of the bright young coaches in the game and he has proven it this season.
Best Wins: Connecticut (94-79); at Seton Hall (67-63); Georgetown (57-51); Pittsburgh (84-82)
Notable Losses: Winthrop (64-71); at Nebraska (74-84); at Rutgers (84-91)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
1 Dominic James	G	5-11	175	Fr.	15.6	5.2*
22 Jerri McNeal	G	6-3	185	Fr.	11.1	4.5
32 Joe Chapman	G/F	6-4	210	Sr.	6.4	2.5
20 Steve Novak	F	6-10	220	Sr.	17.3	5.9
41 Ousmane Barro	F	6-10	235	So.	3.7	2.8

* Assists per game

Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
23 Wesley Matthews	G	6-5	200	Fr.	8.2	4.1
5 Dan Fitzgerald	F	6-9	200	Jr.	5.3	2.6
43 Ryan Amoroso	F	6-8	242	So.	5.8	4.2

#7 MARQUETTE (20-10) vs. #10 ALABAMA (17-12)

ALABAMACRIMSONTIDE

Coach: Mark Gottfried **Conference:** Southeastern **Location:** Tuscaloosa, Ala. **Website:** rolltide.com
Record: 17-12 (10-6) **RPI Rank:** 57 **Sagarin Rank:** 57 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 12
Skinny: Playing in the weak SEC West certainly helped Alabama run up some wins in conference play, but the Crimson Tide had head-scratching losses to Ole Miss, Georgia and Mississippi State as well. Still, credit what Alabama did to hang around and earn an invite after losing best player Chuck Davis to a blown out knee in the first conference game. From that point on Ronald Steele took over and became the league's top point guard.
Best Wins: at Kentucky (64-68); LSU (67-62); Tennessee (92-79); Florida (82-77)
Notable Losses: at Temple (58-68); Notre Dame (71-78); Ole Miss (61-71); at Georgia (79-88); at Mississippi State (58-71)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
22 Ronald Steele	G	6-2	185	So.	14.3	4.0*
2 Brandon Hollinger	G	5-9	160	Fr.	2.6	1.3
21 Evan Brock	F	6-9	205	Sr.	3.9	2.6
35 Richard Hendrix	F	6-7	265	Fr.	9.7	8.0
33 Jermareo Davidson	C	6-10	213	Jr.	14.0	9.0

* Assists per game

Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
12 Alonzo Gee	F	6-5	210	Fr.	7.7	3.3
23 Jean Felix	F	6-7	205	Sr.	8.2	2.1
44 Justin Janus	G	6-5	210	So.	5.9	1.7

GONZAGABULLDOGS

Coach: Mark Few **Conference:** West Coast **Location:** Spokane, Wash. **Website:** gozags.com
Record: 27-3 (14-0) **RPI Rank:** 9 **Sagarin Rank:** 18 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 105
Skinny: The Zags survived two serious challenges in their conference tournament to earn the automatic berth into the Dance, but they have a lot of proving to do this year. Gonzaga has had trouble advancing past the first weekend in recent seasons, a trend it must end while possible National Player of the Year Adam Morrison is still in Spokane. This team has a lot of talent, led by Morrison's array of offensive moves.
Best Wins: vs. Maryland (88-76); vs. Michigan State (109-106); Oklahoma State (64-62); Stanford (80-76)
Notable Losses: at Washington (95-99); at Memphis (72-83)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
5 Derek Raivio	G	6-3	175	Jr.	11.0	2.7*
4 Pierre Altidor-Céspedes	G	6-0	181	So.	4.6	2.9*
3 Adam Morrison	F	6-8	205	Jr.	28.8	5.6
32 Sean Mallon	F	6-9	218	Jr.	6.9	4.4
13 J.P. Batista	F/C	6-9	269	Sr.	19.5	9.3

* Assists per game

Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
25 David Pendergraft	G	6-6	218	So.	3.0	4.2
2 Jeremy Pargo	G	6-2	215	Fr.	2.4	2.1*
20 Larry Gurganious	F	6-5	195	Fr.	1.6	1.6

#3 GONZAGA (27-3) vs. #14 XAVIER (21-10)

XAVIERMUSKETEERS

Coach: Sean Miller **Conference:** Atlantic 10 **Location:** Cincinnati, Ohio **Website:** goxavier.com
Record: 21-10 (8-8) **RPI Rank:** 81 **Sagarin Rank:** 56 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 112
Skinny: Xavier came out of nowhere in the A-10 tournament to grab the conference's automatic bid, and now the Musketeers hope to continue to put up the good fight in the Big Dance. The Musketeers have adjusted well to the loss of seniors Brian Thornton (injury) and Dedrick Finn (dismissal) during the season, and head coach Sean Miller has done a stellar job of blending new parts into the lineup when needed. Xavier's biggest problem is a lack of big-game experience.
Best Wins: at Cincinnati (73-71); at St. Joseph's (62-58); vs. Charlotte (59-55); vs. St. Joseph's (62-61)
Notable Losses: Saint Louis (54-59); at Saint Louis (47-61); at Dayton (62-66)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
1 Josh Duncan	F	6-9	230	So.	9.0	4.1
3 Justin Cage	F	6-6	225	Jr.	10.0	5.5
15 Justin Doellman	F	6-9	210	Jr.	11.1	6.8
14 Johnny Wolf	G	6-2	185	Fr.	3.4	1.9*
34 Stanley Burrell	G	6-3	205	So.	14.1	3.2*

* Assists per game

Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
52 Will Caudle	F/C	6-9	240	Sr.	4.8	1.8
11 B.J. Raymond	G/F	6-6	212	Fr.	3.5	1.5

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UCLABRUINS

Coach: Ben Howland **Conference:** Pac-10 **Location:** Los Angeles, Calif. **Website:** uclabruins.com
Record: 27-6 (14-4) **RPI Rank:** 8 **Sagarin Rank:** 15 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 27
Skinny: This might be the best Bruins squad since their national-title team of 1994-95. And despite plenty of youth on the roster, Ben Howland had his team ready to dominate the Pac-10. Four of UCLA's six losses on the season came against teams ranked in the Top 25. Arron Affalo and Jordan Farmar, despite both being just sophomores, are one of the best backcourt tandems in the country. And we all know how dangerous strong guard play can be in the Big Dance.
Best Wins: vs. Nevada (67-56); at Arizona (85-79); Arizona (84-73); at California (67-58)
Notable Losses: at Southern Cal (68-71); West Virginia (56-60)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
4 Arron Affalo	G	6-5	210	So.	17.1	4.5
1 Jordan Farmar	PG	6-2	180	So.	14.0	5.5*
23 Luc Mbah a Moute	F	6-7	215	Fr.	8.8	8.4
21 Cedric Bozeman	G	6-6	207	Sr.	7.9	3.2
15 Ryan Hollins	C	7-0	225	Sr.	5.5	4.2

* Assists per game

Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
2 Darren Collison	G	6-0	155	Fr.	5.6	1.8
20 Michael Roll	F/G	6-5	205	Fr.	3.7	1.0
12 Alfred Aboya	F/C	6-8	242	Fr.	3.9	2.5

#2 UCLA (27-6) vs. #15 BELMONT (20-10)

BELMONTBRUINS

Coach: Rick Byrd **Conference:** Atlantic Sun **Location:** Nashville, Tenn. **Website:** belmont.edu/athletics
Record: 20-10 (15-5) **RPI Rank:** 113 **Sagarin Rank:** 178 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 207
Skinny: To say the Atlantic Sun schedule didn't really prepare Belmont for the NCAA Tournament is a wild understatement. The Bruins finished well in their league, but didn't beat a single team in the top 150 in RPI. The one thing they do have going for them is balanced scoring, with four players averaging in double figures. That, and they shot 50 percent from the field this season, but again, look at the competition.
Best Wins: at Chattanooga (93-79); vs. Lipscomb (74-69)
Notable Losses: at Kennesaw State (87-91); at Florida Atlantic (59-66); Gardner-Webb (67-69)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
4 Josh Goodwin	G	6-2	200	Jr.	12.5	3.7
5 Boomer Herndon	C	6-11	260	Jr.	14.9	7.5
10 Brian Collins	G	6-4	175	Sr.	10.9	4.4*
11 Dan Oliver	F	6-6	215	Sr.	3.8	2.8
24 Justin Hare	G	6-3	185	So.	15.9	4.0

* Assists per game

Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
20 Andy Wicke	G	6-3	185	Fr.	8.6	2.3*
30 Matthew Dotson	F	6-8	215	Fr.	5.3	2.8
45 Andrew Preston	C	6-10	210	Jr.	6.3	2.6

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CONNECTICUTHUSKIES

Coach: Jim Calhoun **Conference:** Big East **Location:** Storrs, Conn. **Website:** uconnhuskies.com
Record: 27-3 (14-2) **RPI Rank:** 4 **Sagarin Rank:** 2 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 50
Skinny: The single most talented team in the field, the tournament might be Connecticut's to lose. When the Huskies are engaged and focused they are nearly unbeatable, but the tournament is a one-and-done proposition so they can be beaten. A look at the Huskies' roster shows the perfect mix of size on the interior, a superior individual talent (Rudy Gay) and great guard play, the perfect recipe for success.
Best Wins: vs. Arizona (79-70); vs. Gonzaga (65-63); LSU (67-66); Pittsburgh (80-76); at West Virginia (81-75); Villanova (89-75)
Notable Losses: at Marquette (79-94); at Villanova (64-69)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
5 Marcus Williams	G	6-3	205	Jr.	10.5	8.6*
33 Denham Brown	F	6-6	220	Sr.	9.4	4.2
22 Rudy Gay	F	6-9	220	So.	15.9	6.8
11 Hilton Armstrong	F/C	6-11	235	Sr.	10.0	6.8
21 Josh Boone	F/C	6-10	237	Jr.	10.4	6.9
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
31 Rashad Anderson	G/F	6-5	215	Sr.	13.6	3.1
4 Jeff Adrien	F	6-6	225	Fr.	6.7	5.3
24 Craig Austrie	G	6-3	185	Fr.	3.7	3.0*

#1 CONNECTICUT (27-3) vs. #16 ALBANY (21-10)

ALBANYGREATDANES

Coach: Will Brown **Conference:** America East **Location:** Albany, N.Y. **Website:** albany.edu/sports
Record: 21-10 (13-3) **RPI Rank:** 119 **Sagarin Rank:** 155 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 245
Skinny: This team got an early season taste of big-time competition, losing to Florida and UCLA. But as far as beating anyone of any note, the Great Danes have certainly not been all that great. Still, it was a record-setting season for these relative newcomers to Division I-A, and they'll be hyped up for their first trip to the NCAA Tournament. But even with America East Player of the Year Jamar Wilson, it's hard to imagine jitters not getting the best of the Danes.
Best Wins: Binghamton (70-65); at Binghamton (52-51)
Notable Losses: Sacred Heart (61-63); Harvard (48-61); at New Hampshire (71-78); at Vermont (63-65)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
31 Jamar Wilson	G	6-1	185	Jr.	17.3	3.8*
34 Brent Wilson	F	6-8	240	So.	10.7	4.5
4 Lucious Jordan	G	6-2	207	Sr.	8.0	3.3
12 Kirsten Zoellner	C	7-1	280	Sr.	7.5	5.0
11 Levi Levine	F	6-6	220	Sr.	7.5	3.8
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
21 Brian Lillis	G/F	6-5	220	So.	4.6	4.2
14 Jon Iati	G	5-9	175	So.	6.7	1.1
1 Jason Siggers	G/F	6-4	190	Jr.	5.0	1.8

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WASHINGTONHUSKIES

Coach: Lorenzo Romar **Conference:** Pac-10 **Location:** Seattle, Wash. **Website:** gohuskies.com
Record: 24-6 (13-5) **RPI Rank:** 38 **Sagarin Rank:** 20 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 104
Skinny: The Huskies are entering the tourney pretty hot, having won their final eight games of the regular season. UCLA might have won the conference title in the regular season, but Washington beat the Bruins twice. A big reason why is Brandon Roy, a senior guard who does just about everything for the Huskies. He is among the league leaders in 10 of 13 statistical categories in the Pac-10. The lineup is a blend of senior leadership and freshman spark, so Roy's got plenty of help.
Best Wins: Gonzaga (99-95); at UCLA (69-65); UCLA (70-67); at Arizona (70-67)
Notable Losses: Washington State (71-78); at Washington State (64-77); vs. Oregon (73-84)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
3 Brandon Roy	G	6-6	210	Sr.	19.6	4.1*
24 Jamaal Williams	F	6-6	240	Sr.	13.3	4.7
15 Bobby Jones	F	6-7	215	Sr.	10.5	4.8
40 Jon Brockman	F	6-7	245	Fr.	9.0	6.9
5 Justin Dentmon	G	5-11	185	Fr.	8.1	3.6
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
20 Ryan Appleby	G	6-1	170	So.	8.3	1.4
42 Mike Jensen	F	6-8	250	Sr.	5.6	3.2
0 Joel Smith	G	6-4	205	So.	4.0	2.1

#5 WASHINGTON (24-6) vs. #12 UTAH STATE (23-8)

UTAHSTATEAGGIES

Coach: Stew Morrill **Conference:** Western Athletic **Location:** Logan, Utah **Website:** utahstateaggies.collegesports.com
Record: 23-8 (11-5) **RPI Rank:** 47 **Sagarin Rank:** 69 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 97
Skinny: The Aggies surprised some by earning a Big Dance invite, and they did it behind forward Nate Harris and guard Jaycee Carroll. Harris is athletic and does a good job of getting to the basket, while Carroll, a sophomore, is a decent passer. Center Cassiano Matheus is a huge presence on the low block, but he isn't as strong on the glass as he could be if he were stronger. Backup swingman Durrall Peterson provides solid minutes.
Best Wins: Oral Roberts (72-67); at Oral Roberts (75-64); at Nevada (59-53)
Notable Losses: at Fresno State (96-99); at New Mexico State (86-93)



Starting five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Ppg.	Rpg.
4 Nate Harris	F	6-7	225	Sr.	17.1	7.5
20 Jaycee Carroll	G	6-2	175	So.	16.5	2.5*
3 Cassiano Matheus	C	6-10	235	Sr.	9.1	6.1
30 Chas Spicer	F	6-7	215	Jr.	7.9	2.8
2 David Pak	G	6-2	200	Sr.	7.7	4.7*
* Assists per game						
Key reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Ppg.	Rpg.
24 Durrall Peterson	G/F	6-3	210	Jr.	7.3	3.3
21 Chris Session	F	6-6	215	Jr.	2.8	2.9

KENTUCKYWILDCATS

Coach: Tubby Smith **Conference:** Southeastern **Location:** Lexington, Ky. **Website:** www.ukathletics.com
Record: 21-12 (9-7) **RPI Rank:** 41 **Sagarin Rank:** 33 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 20
Skinny: In past years Kentucky has been able to sit back, relax and basically pick its destination on Selection Sunday, but that certainly wasn't the case in this wacky year for the Cats. No one knows what UK team will show up in the Big Dance - the team that beat Tennessee on the road or the team that was swept by Vanderbilt. Either way, this doesn't appear to be a year when the Cats have the makeup of a team poised for a stirring tournament run.
Best Wins: vs. West Virginia (80-66); Louisville (73-61); at South Carolina (79-66); at Tennessee (80-78)
Notable Losses: vs. Indiana (53-79); at Kansas (46-73); Vanderbilt (52-57); Florida (64-79)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
13 Bobby Perry	F	6-6	219	Jr.	6.0	3.5
32 Joe Crawford	G	6-4	210	So.	10.5	4.1
33 Randolph Morris	C	6-10	266	So.	13.5	5.8
4 Rajon Rondo	G	6-1	171	So.	11.9	4.7*
22 Patrick Sparks	G	6-0	180	Sr.	9.0	3.4*
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
2 Ravi Moss	G	6-2	190	Sr.	6.3	3.1
3 Ramel Bradley	G	6-1	179	So.	8.1	1.3*
23 Sheray Thomas	F	6-7	230	Jr.	4.5	3.6

#8 KENTUCKY (21-12) vs. #9 UAB (24-6)

UABBLAZERS

Coach: Mike Anderson **Conference:** Conference USA **Location:** Birmingham, Ala. **Website:** uabsports.com
Record: 24-6 (12-2) **RPI Rank:** 32 **Sagarin Rank:** 45 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 123
Skinny: Because Conference USA has been a woeful conference outside of the top few teams, getting a bid without winning the postseason tournament was looking dicey. UAB took care of that by upsetting Memphis during the last week of the season in an incredible environment. The Blazers play a very difficult style of pressing basketball that is (40 minutes of) hell to prepare for if you haven't seen it before. Just ask No. 1 seed Kentucky from a few years ago.
Best Wins: Oklahoma State (90-71); Memphis (80-74); Houston (82-79)
Notable Losses: Western Kentucky (76-92); at Minnesota (68-69); at UTEP (37-65)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
5 Marvett McDonald	G	6-2	170	Sr.	15.0	2.7*
0 Squeaky Johnson	G	5-10	180	Sr.	7.5	6.2*
42 Derrick Broom	G	6-5	200	Sr.	3.7	1.4
15 Frank Holmes	F	6-9	210	So.	6.7	4.8
21 Lawrence Kinnard	F	6-8	210	Fr.	6.0	2.7
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
24 Wen Mukubu	G/F	6-5	215	Jr.	9.3	4.6
4 Paul Delany III	G	6-2	200	So.	8.5	3.3
44 Brandon Tobias	F	6-7	220	Sr.	4.9	2.5

ILLINOISFIGHTINGILLINI

Coach: Bruce Weber **Conference:** Big Ten **Location:** Champaign, Ill. **Website:** fightingillini.com
Record: 25-6 (11-5) **RPI Rank:** 14 **Sagarin Rank:** 7 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 60
Skinny: Illinois will be a trendy pick to make a run deep into the tournament, and Dee Brown and James Augustine are the main reasons why. The two seniors lead the way for last year's national runner-up, and in order to make a run this year Brown will need to find his perimeter shot while Augustine will have to avoid the foul problems that have plagued him much of his career. Great defense is a staple of Illinois; if they can get big efforts on offense from their role players, they could go far.
Best Wins: at North Carolina (68-64); Georgetown (58-48); Iowa (71-59); at Michigan State (75-68)
Notable Losses: Penn State (65-66); at Michigan (64-72)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
11 Dee Brown	G	6-0	185	Sr.	14.7	5.6*
33 Rich McBride	G	6-3	205	Jr.	9.9	2.1*
42 Brian Randle	F	6-8	215	So.	8.2	5.4
55 Shaun Pruitt	F	6-10	240	So.	6.5	5.3
40 James Augustine	F	6-10	235	Sr.	13.4	9.1
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
31 Jamar Smith	G	6-3	175	Fr.	7.9	1.7
3 Chester Frazier	G	6-2	190	Fr.	1.4	2.0*
41 Warren Carter	F	6-9	215	Jr.	4.7	2.9

#4 ILLINOIS (25-6) vs. #13 AIR FORCE (24-6)

AIRFORCEFALCONS

Coach: Jeff Bzdelik **Conference:** Mountain West **Location:** USAF Academy, Colo. **Website:** airforcesports.com
Record: 24-6 (12-4) **RPI Rank:** 51 **Sagarin Rank:** 54 **RPI Schedule Rank:** 173
Skinny: A lack of quality opponents nearly cost the Falcons a trip to the Big Dance, but in the end their crisp discipline earned them a bid. Head coach Jeff Bzdelik, a former NBA head coach, knows how to choke the most out of the talent on his roster, and Air Force hangs with major college talent despite lacking size and depth. The combination of Hood and Burtschi can be tough to contain, and the versatility of swingman Dan Nwaelele makes him the perfect third option in the offense.
Best Wins: San Diego State (65-62); BYU (75-59)
Notable Losses: at Wyoming (50-55); at New Mexico (59-62)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
14 Antoine Hood	G	6-1	180	So.	14.8	3.7
21 Jacob Burtschi	F	6-6	225	Jr.	12.7	6.1
34 Dan Nwaelele	G/F	6-5	205	Jr.	11.8	2.7
5 Matt McCraw	G	6-2	185	Jr.	10.7	2.9
54 John Frye	C	6-10	215	Jr.	5.9	3.3
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
12 Tim Anderson	G	6-3	183	So.	4.5	2.0
10 Andrew Henke	G	6-6	200	Fr.	2.4	1.0

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VILLANOVAWILDCATS

Coach: Jay Wright Conference: Big East Location: Philadelphia, Pa. Website: villanova.com
 Record: 25-4 (14-2) RPI Rank: 2 Sagarin Rank: 3 RPI Schedule Rank: 6

Skinny: Villanova is perhaps the most entertaining team in the country to watch with their four-guard lineup that spreads the floor then slices and dices opponents who have matchup problems galore. The Wildcats split with Connecticut, proving they are a worthy Final Four contender, but they could have problems if they meet a team that has the right mix of perimeter talent and a bona fide big man in the paint.

Best Wins: Oklahoma (85-74); Connecticut (69-64); Georgetown (75-65); at Bucknell (79-60); at Syracuse (92-72)
Notable Losses: at Connecticut (75-89); West Virginia (87-91)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
2 Randy Foye	G	6-4	205	Sr.	20.2	5.4
14 Allan Ray	G	6-2	205	Sr.	18.9	4.2
12 Mike Nardi	G	6-2	165	Jr.	11.7	2.2*
1 Kyle Lowry	G	6-0	185	So.	11.5	4.6
50 Will Sheridan	F	6-8	243	Jr.	5.2	6.1
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
20 Jason Fraser	F	6-9	227	Sr.	3.8	3.8
33 Dante Cunningham	F	6-9	220	Fr.	2.2	3.9

#1 VILLANOVA (25-4) vs. #16 MONMOUTH/HAMPTON

MONMOUTH HAWKS

Coach: Dave Calloway Conference: Northeast Location: West Long Branch, N.J. Website: monmouth.edu/athletics
 Record: 18-14 (12-6) RPI Rank: 145 Sagarin Rank: 188 RPI Schedule Rank: 186

Skinny: It's the Hawks' second trip to the NCAA Tournament in three years, but no Northeast Conference team has ever won a tourney game in 23 tries. It's hard to imagine a huge upset finally coming for a team that started the season 2-7, including six straight losses. Monmouth squeaked its way into the Big Dance on a last-second layup from senior guard Chris Kenny but should exit in considerably more decisive blowout fashion.

Best Wins: Fairleigh Dickinson (96-89); at Central Connecticut (61-57)
Notable Losses: Rider (67-75); Mount St. Mary's (54-64); Robert Morris (75-87)

HAMPTON PIRATES

Coach: Bobby Collins Conference: Mid-Eastern Location: Hampton, Va. Website: hamptonu.edu/athletics
 Record: 16-15 (10-8) RPI Rank: 284 Sagarin Rank: 272 RPI Schedule Rank: 330

Skinny: For a long time this season, it looked like Hampton might not even have a winning record, much less its third NCAA Tournament bid in the past six years. Coach Bobby Collins didn't think his team was playing up to its potential, but they stepped up when it counted. But that still doesn't change the fact that this team lost six of its last seven before the MEAC Tournament, including games against teams with bottom-of-the-barrel RPI rankings.

Best Wins: Delaware State (60-56); Radford (73-69)
Notable Losses: Longwood (66-69); at Norfolk State (51-52); Coppin State (72-79)

ARIZONAWILDCATS

Coach: Lute Olson Conference: Pac-10 Location: Tucson, Ariz. Website: arizonaathletics.com
 Record: 19-12 (11-7) RPI Rank: 22 Sagarin Rank: 42 RPI Schedule Rank: 5

Skinny: It was quite an up-and-down season for Lute Olson and the Wildcats. On the bubble. Off the bubble. It was hard what to make of this team. But despite some midseason troubles, this team had enough big wins to justify going to the NCAA Tournament. Plus, the backcourt team of Hassan Adams and Mustafa Shakur should be enough to scare any team in the country, assuming both guys are on their game. When they are, look out.

Best Wins: vs. Kansas (61-49); at Washington (96-95); California (60-55)
Notable Losses: at Oregon State (65-75); at Oregon (68-73); at Southern Cal (70-77)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
21 Hassan Adams	G	6-4	220	Sr.	17.3	5.1
3 Marcus Williams	F	6-7	205	Fr.	12.4	4.4
55 Ivan Radenovic	F	6-10	244	Jr.	11.4	6.3
15 Mustafa Shakur	G	6-3	190	Jr.	10.7	4.6*
54 Kirk Walters	C	6-10	241	Jr.	6.5	3.8
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
13 Chris Rodgers	G	6-4	205	Sr.	9.4	2.4
30 J.P. Prince	G	6-6	180	Fr.	2.4	2.2
24 Fendi Onobun	F	6-6	239	Fr.	3.7	1.8

#8 ARIZONA (19-12) vs. #9 WISCONSIN (19-11)

WISCONSIN BADGERS

Coach: Bo Ryan Conference: Big Ten Location: Madison, Wis. Website: uwbadgers.com
 Record: 19-11 (9-7) RPI Rank: 23 Sagarin Rank: 35 RPI Schedule Rank: 8

Skinny: The Badgers had to deal with several key losses, because of injuries and other reasons, yet Bo Ryan's team managed to find a way to finish fourth in the Big Ten. Their defense should keep them in any game, and star Alando Tucker is a match-up problem for just about anybody in the country. They also should be strong on the glass, with four players 6'7" or taller. But without strong contributions from Tucker and Kammron Taylor, it's hard to see this group getting past the round of 32.

Best Wins: Iowa (66-52); Ohio State (78-73); Michigan State (82-63); Marquette (77-63)
Notable Losses: North Dakota State (55-62); at Purdue (62-70); at Wake Forest (88-91)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
23 Kammron Taylor	G	6-2	175	Jr.	14.8	3.1
4 Ray Nixon	G/F	6-7	220	Sr.	6.3	1.6
42 Alando Tucker	F	6-6	210	Sr.	19.3	5.7
32 Brian Butch	F	6-11	240	Jr.	10.1	6.0
5 Jason Chappell	F	6-10	240	Sr.	4.6	4.5
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
45 Joe Krabbenhoft	G/F	6-7	217	Fr.	3.6	4.1
22 Michael Flowers	G	6-2	185	So.	5.8	3.3

MARCH 16 & 18; SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

NEVADAWOLFPACK

Coach: Mark Fox Conference: Western Athletic Location: Reno, Nev. Website: nevadawolfpack.collegesports.com
 Record: 27-5 (13-3) RPI Rank: 19 Sagarin Rank: 28 RPI Schedule Rank: 102

Skinny: The Wolf Pack has a flexible roster with seven players who have started at least half of Nevada's games. Mark Fox's crew can put a lineup on the floor capable of matching up with any team in the country. Nevada is led by forward Nick Fazekas who can score with his back to the basket, but also has range that extends beyond the three-point arc. Fazekas and company are making their third straight NCAA Tournament appearance, falling to Illinois by 12 in the second round last season.

Best Wins: at Kansas (72-70); Hawaii (73-55); at Utah State (75-57)
Notable Losses: at St. Mary's (80-89); at Fresno State (77-87)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
22 Nick Fazekas	F	6-11	235	Jr.	21.8	10.3
05 Marcellus Kemp	G	6-5	210	So.	14.4	3.2
03 Kyle Shiloh	G	6-3	195	Jr.	8.8	2.2*
34 Demarshay Johnson	F	6-9	210	Jr.	5.1	4.3
11 Ramon Sessions	G	6-3	200	So.	4.6	5.0*
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
02 Mo Charlo	F	6-7	210	Sr.	10.3	5.3
33 Chad Bell	C	7-0	268	Sr.	2.7	2.8
01 Lyndale Burleson	G	6-3	185	Fr.	2.2	1.5*

#5 NEVADA (27-5) vs. #12 MONTANA (23-6)

MONTANAGRIZZLIES

Coach: Larry Krystkowiak Conference: Big Sky Location: Missoula, Mont. Website: montanagrizzlies.com
 Record: 23-6 (10-4) RPI Rank: 60 Sagarin Rank: 92 RPI Schedule Rank: 190

Skinny: Montana got to the 20-win plateau for the first time in nine seasons thanks to an offense that ran as smoothly as possible. The Grizzlies were second in the nation in assists with 18.3 per game. That helped them to the sixth-best field-goal percentage in the nation on the way to averaging 80 points per game. Coach Larry Krystkowiak is now 5-0 in Big Sky tournament games, so it's clear he gets his team prepared for big games.

Best Wins: Stanford (88-69); Northern Arizona (96-83); vs. Northern Arizona (73-60)
Notable Losses: at Boise State (69-90); at Weber State (67-72)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
34 Andrew Strait	F/C	6-8	245	So.	16.7	6.6
12 Kevin Criswell	G	6-2	200	Sr.	16.5	4.4
44 Virgil Matthews	G	6-3	195	Sr.	10.0	4.0*
11 Matt Dlouhy	F	6-6	205	Jr.	7.7	3.8
2 Jordan Hasquet	F	6-9	245	Fr.	7.6	4.1
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
22 Matt Martin	G	6-0	180	So.	6.7	2.4*
30 Mike Chaves	F/G	6-7	220	So.	4.6	2.3
10 Bryan Ellis	G	5-10	170	Jr.	4.2	1.9

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

Coach: Al Skinner Conference: Atlantic Coast Location: Chestnut Hill, Mass. Website: bceagles.com
 Record: 26-7 (11-5) RPI Rank: 21 Sagarin Rank: 16 RPI Schedule Rank: 98

Skinny: In Boston College's first season in the ACC, the team started out looking like a flop, losing its first three conference games. Since then, the Eagles have certainly righted the ship, thanks to two of the ACC's best players, Craig Smith and Jared Dudley. Boston College finished third in the ACC, beating some of the league's heavyweight stalwarts along the way. This is a very good team that is playing well together at the right time of the year.

Best Wins: at North Carolina (81-74); at N.C. State (74-72); at Miami (65-61)
Notable Losses: at Georgia Tech (58-60); at Virginia (58-72)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
1 Craig Smith	F	6-7	250	Sr.	17.6	8.7
3 Jared Dudley	F	6-7	225	Jr.	16.3	6.8
23 Sean Marshall	G/F	6-6	212	Jr.	12.0	4.1
11 Louis Hinnant	PG	6-4	190	Sr.	7.1	4.2*
32 John Oates	F	6-10	255	So.	3.2	2.3
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
4 Tyrese Rice	G	6-0	183	Fr.	9.3	1.4
00 Marques Haynes	G	6-3	185	Fr.	2.6	1.0
51 Sean Williams	F	6-10	230	So.	3.0	3.1

#4 BOSTON COLLEGE (26-7) vs. #13 PACIFIC (24-7)

PACIFIC TIGERS

Coach: Bob Thomason Conference: Big West Location: Stockton, Calif. Website: pacifictigers.com
 Record: 24-7 (12-2) RPI Rank: 86 Sagarin Rank: 79 RPI Schedule Rank: 213

Skinny: If you are looking for the experienced, talented team from an unheralded conference that could make some noise this season, look no further than the Pacific Tigers. The Tigers are making their third straight NCAA Tournament appearance with a veteran starting lineup that is mixed with three freshmen coming off the bench. This is a team that knows how to win and could be a major player on the first weekend.

Best Wins: at Western Kentucky (91-75); Fresno State (99-63); Texas A&M (63-56)
Notable Losses: at Oregon (62-84); at Santa Clara (60-63); UC-Riverside (71-83); at UC-Irvine (61-70)



Starting Five	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
2 Johnny Gray	G	6-1	180	Sr.	14.8	3.0*
3 Mike Webb	G	6-1	180	Sr.	10.4	2.8
13 Christian Maraker	F	6-9	235	Sr.	17.2	8.9
30 Anthony Esparza	F	6-5	200	Jr.	7.2	4.3
51 Michael White	C	6-7	240	Jr.	7.4	3.4
* Assists per game						
Key Reserves	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
5 Steffan Johnson	G	6-1	170	Fr.	6.5	2.5*
21 Anthony Brown	F	6-8	225	Fr.	5.7	4.9
42 Joe Ford	G/F	6-6	200	Fr.	1.0	1.0

MARCH 16 & 18; JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

OKLAHOMASOONERS

Coach: Kelvin Sampson Conference: Big 12 Location: Norman, Okla. Website: soonersports.com
 Record: 20-8 (11-5) RPI Rank: 15 Sagarin Rank: 36 RPI Schedule Rank: 24
Skinny: There's plenty of talent on this roster, as evidenced by junior Michael Neal entering the lineup and earning the league's Newcomer of the Year award despite playing on a team with four all-conference selections. The guards can all score, even premier assist man Terrell Everett, and the Sooners hit the glass hard, outrebounding all but four opponents this season. When they keep the turnovers under control, this team is as tough as they come.
Best Wins: Texas (82-79); at Texas A&M (45-44); Alabama (68-56)
Notable Losses: Missouri (69-71); at Nebraska (58-59)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
21	Taj Gray	F	6-9	238	Sr.	14.4	7.7
2	Michael Neal	G	6-3	191	Jr.	13.0	2.6
3	Terrell Everett	PG	6-4	188	Sr.	12.3	6.6*
34	Kevin Bookout	PF	6-8	259	Sr.	11.1	6.8
15	David Godbold	G	6-5	217	So.	5.3	3.1
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
24	Nate Carter	G/F	6-6	220	Jr.	6.4	3.4
20	Austin Johnson	G	6-3	166	Fr.	2.9	2.1
32	Taylor Griffin	F	6-7	232	Fr.	3.2	2.9

#6 OKLAHOMA (20-8) vs. #11 UW-MILWAUKEE (21-8)

WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEEPANTHERS

Coach: Rob Jeter Conference: Horizon League Location: Milwaukee, Wisc. Website: uwmpanters.collegesports.com
 Record: 21-8 (12-4) RPI Rank: 53 Sagarin Rank: 68 RPI Schedule Rank: 94
Skinny: Does the glass slipper still fit? First-year coach Rob Jeter and the Panthers will find out. Jeter installed a new offense, a swing attack similar to the one used by his former boss Bo Ryan at Wisconsin. Critics said Jeter shouldn't tamper with Bruce Pearl's successful style that took Milwaukee to the Sweet 16 last season. However, the players adapted quickly and captured their third Horizon Championship in four years. The senior trio of Josh Tucker, Boo Davis and Adrian Tigrert will make the Panthers a tough out again.
Best Wins: Hawaii (58-52); at Montana (78-74); Butler (64-59); vs. Butler (87-71)
Notable Losses: at UW-Green Bay (77-84); at Wright State (54-59); Illinois-Chicago (86-94)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Ppg.	Rpg.
13	Josh Tucker	F	6-5	220	Sr.	16.4	6.1
24	Boo Davis	G	6-3	190	Sr.	16.2	4.9
44	Adrian Tigrert	F	6-7	240	Sr.	12.9	7.4
02	Chris Hill	G	5-10	160	Sr.	7.9	2.8*
21	Jason McCoy	F	6-9	190	Sr.	4.2	4.0
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Ppg.	Rpg.
03	Avery Smith	G	6-3	175	So.	4.8	1.9
04	Mark Pancratz	G	6-3	185	Sr.	1.6	1.6
50	Derrick Ford	C	6-10	240	Sr.	2.5	2.0

FLORIDAGATORS

Coach: Billy Donovan Conference: Southeastern Location: Gainesville, Fla. Website: gatorzone.com
 Record: 27-6 (10-6) RPI Rank: 16 Sagarin Rank: 8 RPI Schedule Rank: 75
Skinny: The Gators lost Matt Walsh, David Lee and Anthony Roberson last season yet somehow became a much better team in the process. That's because Florida has a collection of talented players who care more about team success than scoring totals and national accolades, and it has showed in the Gators overachieving a bit this season with four sophomore starters.

Best Wins: vs. Syracuse (75-70); at Miami (77-67); Kentucky (95-80); LSU (71-62); at Kentucky (79-64)
Notable Losses: at South Carolina (62-68); South Carolina (68-73); Tennessee (72-76)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
11	Taurean Green	G	6-0	177	So.	14.0	5.1*
12	Lee Humphrey	G	6-2	192	Jr.	10.2	2.0*
2	Corey Brewer	F	6-8	185	So.	12.5	5.0
42	Al Horford	F	6-8	235	So.	11.6	7.5
13	Joakim Noah	F/C	6-11	227	So.	13.3	6.2
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
15	Walter Hodge	G	6-0	170	Fr.	4.6	1.0
4	Adrian Moss	F	6-9	247	Sr.	3.6	2.1
32	Chris Richard	F	6-8	255	Jr.	6.6	3.7

#3 FLORIDA (27-6) vs. #14 SOUTH ALABAMA (24-6)

SOUTHALABAMAJAGUARS

Coach: John Pelphrey Conference: Sun Belt Location: Mobile, Ala. Website: southalabama.edu/athletics/
 Record: 24-6 (12-3) RPI Rank: 65 Sagarin Rank: 90 RPI Schedule Rank: 206
Skinny: Kentucky fans know all about South Alabama coach John Pelphrey even if they know nothing about his team. The Jaguars demolished Sun Belt Conference tournament favorite Western Kentucky to reach the dance, a place where Pelphrey participated in the legendary 1992 Duke-Kentucky Regional Final. The Jaguars are an up-tempo, balanced team that could be a tough draw against the right kind of opponent.
Best Wins: at Southern Miss (75-51); Houston (66-62); vs. Western Kentucky (95-70)
Notable Losses: at Purdue (65-87); at Alabama St. (75-78); at Denver (60-69)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
11	Carlos Smith	G	6-0	180	Jr.	7.2	3.0*
3	Chey Christie	G	6-4	185	Sr.	9.1	4.1
2	Mario Jointer	G	6-2	195	Sr.	13.5	4.4
1	Michael Phillips	F	6-6	215	Sr.	8.1	3.6
13	Leandro Buboltz	F	6-7	225	Jr.	4.3	2.1
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
10	Demetric Bennett	G	6-5	210	So.	8.9	3.7
35	Richard Law	F	6-6	200	Sr.	11.2	4.4
33	Jason McGriff	F	6-9	230	Jr.	6.0	4.3

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GEORGETOWNHOYAS

Coach: John Thompson III Conference: Big East Location: Washington D.C. Website: guhoyas.collegesports.com
 Record: 21-9 (10-6) RPI Rank: 37 Sagarin Rank: 17 RPI Schedule Rank: 76
Skinny: Under the direction of a familiar name - John Thompson III - the Hoyas are back on the national scene after fading from the spotlight over the years. The Hoyas will bring those legendary gray uniforms to the Big Dance with a balanced team that has been battle tested in the rough and tumble Big East. How that plays in the tournament remains to be seen but having Georgetown back in the postseason is good for college basketball.
Best Wins: at Oregon (71-57); at UTEP (76-64); Duke (87-84); Pittsburgh (61-58); Syracuse (68-53)
Notable Losses: Vanderbilt (61-68); at Marquette (51-57); at South Florida (56-63)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
2	Jonathan Wallace	G	6-1	188	So.	8.5	3.3*
0	Ashanti Cook	G	6-2	185	Sr.	9.4	2.4
1	Brandon Bowman	F	6-9	223	Sr.	10.9	5.1
32	Jeff Green	F	6-9	235	So.	11.8	6.4
55	Roy Hibbert	C	7-2	283	So.	12.2	6.4
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
20	Darrel Owens	G/F	6-7	215	Fr.	8.6	3.1
21	Jessie Sapp	G	6-3	205	Fr.	3.2	1.6

#7 GEORGETOWN (21-9) vs. #10 NORTHERN IOWA (23-9)

NORTHERNIOWAPANTHERS

Coach: Greg McDermott Conference: Missouri Valley Location: Cedar Falls, Iowa Website: unipanters.com
 Record: 23-9 (11-7) RPI Rank: 24 Sagarin Rank: 32 RPI Schedule Rank: 34
Skinny: Northern Iowa features good senior leadership and has held its own vs. the so-called "major" college teams this season. Wins over Iowa and LSU prove the Panthers can hang with the big boys, and Northern Iowa has proven it knows how to pull out the close wins. Eight wins over the RPI top 50 should make the Panthers a team that can't sneak up on opponents, and great balance on offense should make UNI very dangerous.
Best Wins: Iowa (67-63); at LSU (54-50); at Missouri State (57-42); Southern Illinois (71-65 2OT); Bucknell (65-61 2OT)
Notable Losses: at Indiana State (61-60); Bradley (49-71); vs. Southern Illinois (46-55)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
32	Grant Stout	F	6-8	230	Jr.	12.2	9.1
2	Eric Coleman	C	6-6	230	So.	11.7	7.1
11	John Little	G	6-0	195	Sr.	7.1	1.8
12	Ben Jacobson	G	6-3	205	Sr.	14.2	4.0
23	Brooks McKowen	G	6-2	195	Jr.	5.8	2.6
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
5	Erik Crawford	G	6-4	215	Sr.	9.8	4.1
13	Adam Viet	G	6-3	195	So.	3.8	0.5

OHIOSTATEBUCKEYES

Coach: Thad Matta Conference: Big Ten Location: Columbus, Ohio Website: ohiostatebuckeyes.com
 Record: 25-5 (12-4) RPI Rank: 5 Sagarin Rank: 9 RPI Schedule Rank: 31
Skinny: While the Buckeyes are a veteran squad, they lack experience in the Big Dance, something that is rarely mentioned. They'll need consistent contributions in the post from Big Ten Player of the Year Terrence Dials, and in order to make a run at the Final Four, their yearlong trend of hitting the three-point shot with reckless abandon needs to continue. Even on an off night offensively, their tough defense will keep them in games, making them a very dangerous and legitimate title contender.
Best Wins: Louisiana State (78-76); Illinois (69-53); at Michigan State (79-68)
Notable Losses: Michigan State (59-62 2OT); at Indiana (79-81); at Wisconsin (73-78)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
23	Je'Kel Foster	G	6-3	210	Sr.	13.3	4.5
14	Jamar Butler	G	6-2	200	So.	10.1	4.7*
12	Ron Lewis	G	6-4	195	Jr.	11.4	3.4
0	J.J. Sullinger	G/F	6-5	215	Sr.	9.7	6.5
34	Terrence Dials	F/C	6-9	260	Sr.	15.3	8.0
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
40	Matt Sylvester	F	6-7	230	Sr.	7.9	2.9*
3	Ivan Harris	F	6-7	215	Jr.	4.1	0.8
32	Sylvester Mayes	G	6-1	190	Jr.	4.2	1.9*

#2 OHIO STATE (25-5) vs. #15 DAVIDSON (20-10)

DAVIDSONWILDCATS

Coach: Bob McKillop Conference: Southern Location: Davidson, N.C. Website: davidson.edu/athletics/
 Record: 20-10 (10-5) RPI Rank: 93 Sagarin Rank: 123 RPI Schedule Rank: 160
Skinny: While the Wildcats haven't played the most daunting schedule in the world coming out of the Southern Conference, they have faced off with a couple of ACC heavyweights, Duke and North Carolina, losing both. But those games against big-time programs, combined with coach Bob McKillop's experience at the helm, make Davidson a team opponents will at least have to respect. They wanted into the NCAAs last year after a great season but got upset in the conference tourney, so they'll be hungry.
Best Wins: Massachusetts (66-63); Missouri (82-73)
Notable Losses: at Illinois-Chicago (67-76); Western Carolina (70-77); at Georgia Southern (73-76)



Starting Five		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
32	Brendan Winters	G/F	6-5	205	Sr.	16.6	4.7
22	Ian Johnson	F	6-9	225	Sr.	15.9	6.3
12	Kenny Grant	PG	6-2	195	Sr.	6.5	6.5*
5	Boris Meno	F	6-8	220	So.	5.5	6.5
4	Matt McKillop	G	6-1	180	Sr.	6.2	1.3
							* Assists per game
Key Reserves		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	PPG	RPG
15	Thomas Sander	F	6-8	220	So.	6.7	5.8
34	Jason Morton	G	6-2	185	Sr.	11.1	2.8
2	Jason Richards	G	6-2	190	So.	4.7	2.0

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Confidence up as Cats head for NCAA Tourney

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Only in this strangest of basketball seasons could Kentucky come up short of winning the SEC Tournament championship, being knocked out by the East Division's No. 5 seed no less, and walk off the court to resounding cheers.

Only this year could Kentucky be sitting at 21-12, unranked in the polls, and feeling good about itself heading into the NCAA Tournament.

An amazing elixir, this three games in three days at Nashville's Gaylord Entertainment Center.

"This was a setback in our goal to win the SEC Tournament," sophomore Randolph Morris said of Saturday's semifinal loss to South Carolina. "But I think we've got some momentum going into the NCAA Tournament."

"We are a lot more confident," senior Brandon Stockton added. "We're playing a lot harder and taking some pride in playing Kentucky basketball. We've had some struggles being up and down during the season. But everybody is starting to play together much more than we were during the season. We've come a long way."

Kentucky ended its regular season with a resounding 79-64 home court loss to Florida on Senior Day. Moreover, UK opened the tourney against Ole Miss understanding that a loss might cost the Cats an NCAA Tournament invitation.

But while in Nashville, Kentucky overcame a sluggish start to turn back Ole Miss and 290-pound bruiser Dwayne Curtis 71-57. One day later, the Cats played its most inspired game of the year and blistered Alabama 21-3 down the stretch for a 68-61 victory. On the third day, UK lost 65-61 to South Carolina in a game that went down to the final seconds.

"Three games in three days definitely helped us because playing games doesn't do anything but help you get better. It exploits all your weaknesses," senior Ravi Moss said. "And the teams that we played here really helped us. We played teams with a big inside presence and a team like South Carolina that is really athletic all over the court. We got good looks at the different ways we are going to have to play in the NCAA Tournament. I think we can still be pretty confident going into the tournament."

It's not just the games, but the intense battles that will assist the Cats in the NCAA.

"We responded well in this tournament," forward Bobby Perry said. "We really came together. We bounced back. And we're going to need that type of play in the NCAA Tournament to stay alive. Games are going to be close and we've just got to find a way to win. I think we learned a lot about ourselves this week."

Kentucky, it would seem, is finally maturing.

"We're realizing that one or even a few people can't win ball games for us," sophomore Ramel Bradley said. "We have to have everybody into the game, energy from people on the bench and everybody on the court has to be into it. We need everybody that we have."

"So I'm not going to look too much at this loss. I'm going to focus on things we've been doing as a team, things that have been helping us win ball games and look for it to carry over to the NCAA Tournament," Bradley said. "We're playing better basketball as a team."

It may have taken 30 regular season games, but Kentucky is finally coming together. In fact, there is no doubt they improved their NCAA seeding despite losing on Saturday. But are the Cats peaking in time for postseason or because of



UK center Randolph Morris slams home two of his 12 points in Saturday's semifinal loss to South Carolina. Morris also had nine rebounds in the game.

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postseason?

"It's desperation," Moss said. "We had to come together because it's one-and-done from now on. We felt that way coming into this tournament. South Carolina is just an extremely hot team, and we didn't do the job and cool them off. But I don't think that takes anything away from us. I think we're playing the way we need to be playing this time of year. We feel better. Guys are more comfortable falling into their roles. Everybody is adapting."

All that remains is to take that good feeling as deep into NCAA play as possible.

"This is the fun time," Moss said. "The season is such a long haul. In a basketball season, you've got the out-of-conference games first. They're tough and you have to travel. Then you've got the in-conference games where you get beat up every night. It's just a long grind. When you come to postseason tournament, it's just a better feeling. This is the best time of the year."

"I still feel good about this team's chances," Moss said. "I still feel good about this team, period."

►►► Darrell Bird is general manager of The Cats' Pause.

Cats open with UAB

MATT MAY
The Cats' Pause

When the CBS television crew finally got around to announcing the Washington D.C. bracket on Sunday evening – the third of four brackets in the NCAA Tournament – you almost knew things weren't going to turn out all that well for Kentucky's basketball team.

Sure enough, the Cats were seeded No. 8 meaning they have to face the most even first round match in theory and then the top seed in the second round. Both of those matchups look to be as difficult as you can get with the Cats squaring off against NCAA Tournament nemesis UAB in Friday's opener and then No. 2 overall seed Connecticut in a possible second round game.

"We'll respond fine," UK coach Tubby Smith said. "At this time of year, your focus is on who the next opponent is. After the brackets come out, all you can do is play your best. You can't worry about where you are seeded."

The road to the Final Four will be as difficult as any UK has faced in recent memory. The Cats haven't lost in the first round since 1987 when, ironically, they were a No. 8 seed and lost to No. 9 seed Ohio State. Only three times since then has UK not advanced to the Sweet 16 (1994, 2000 and 2004). Of course, one of those early exits was to UAB just two years ago when the top-seeded Cats were bounced by a single point in a thrilling game in Columbus, Ohio.

"(UAB is) a team that's having a great year," Smith said. "I want to congratulate them on the year they had. Of course we played them two years ago, and it was a good game up in Columbus. A couple of players they had then are still with them. They do a great job. I have the utmost respect for Mike Anderson. His teams always play hard, and play aggressive. Their up-tempo style of play is one that can be disruptive. Marvett McDonald has had an outstanding season."

In that game UK had a tough time dealing with the full-court pressure defense UAB likes to play under coach Mike Anderson, who is a disciple of former Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson. Although the Blazers can be a difficult team to prepare for on short notice, having faced them two years ago should at least give UK a working knowledge of what the Blazers like to do.

It should also be noted that UAB plays a style that has typically worked to UK's strengths this season. Just two weeks ago Tennessee tried to pressure the Cats the length of the court and UK's guards – predominantly Rajon Rondo – carved up the Volunteers' defense for easy buckets at the rim in an 80-78 road victory.

"They have great athleticism, speed, and their ability to turn you over is something that you have to be aware of," Smith said. "We've had our share of problems taking care of the basketball, so that's something that concerns me. We'll get busy preparing the proper way."

UK's seeding could certainly be questioned, especially given Southeastern Conference rival Arkansas received a No. 8 seed despite the fact the Cats beat them and advanced further in the conference tournament than the Razorbacks did. However, Smith did not seem concerned with the Cats' placement.

"I feel that the SEC got a very good draw," Smith said. "The teams that got in certainly deserved to get in. We had a chance to get seven teams if South Carolina could have won today. It would have been interesting to see what the committee would have done had the Gamecocks won the SEC Tournament."

SCOUTING REPORT: A LOOK AT THE STARTING LINEUP AND BENCH FOR UAB



POINT GUARD
CARLDELL "SQUEAKY" JOHNSON

Kentucky fans will remember Squeaky Johnson as one of the key players in UAB's shocking upset over top-seeded UK two years ago in the second round. The 5-foot-10 senior guard is the catalyst for everything UAB does, averaging 6.2 assists per game, while scoring 7.5 points, hitting 50 percent of his three-pointers and producing 80 steals on the season. UK must cut off Johnson to have a chance against the Blazers.



WING GUARD
DERRICK BROOM

Broom played just one minute against UK in 2004, but the senior guard has become a valuable player for UAB despite his very modest averages of 3.7 points and 1.4 rebounds per game. Broom only averages 13 minutes a game, but has kept his starting slot and should make for an interesting matchup with UK's Joe Crawford on the wing.



SMALL FORWARD
LAWRENCE KINNARD

Kinnard is the kind of long, athletic frontcourt player that has given UK problems this season, but he doesn't exactly have statistical averages that will wow you. Kinnard is averaging 6.0 points and 2.7 rebounds a game. He could be a tough guard for Bobby Perry and Sheray Thomas, who will both be giving up several inches to Kinnard.



POWER FORWARD
FRANK HOLMES

One spot where UK could have a decided advantage when they get into the halfcourt offensive sets is in the post, where UAB's Frank Holmes will be giving up several inches and about 50 pounds to the Cats' Randolph Morris. Holmes averages 6.7 points, 4.8 rebounds and is shooting 56 percent from the field.



BENCH

There will be two players coming off UAB's bench that UK fans should at least have heard of before. The second-leading scorer for UAB is Wen Mukubu (left), who transferred from Arkansas and is averaging 9.3 points and 4.6 rebounds a game. Paul Delany (8.5 points, 3.3 rebounds) and Brandon Tobias (4.9, 2.5 rebounds) are the next two most effective players off UAB's bench.

All Eyes On ...



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SHOOTING GUARD:
MARVETT McDONALD

Height: 6-2
Class: Senior

Weight: 170
Hometown: Memphis, Tenn.

McDonald is the perfect player for Mike Anderson's run and gun style, an athletic scoring guard who can move all over the floor. The Memphis native and junior college transfer is the only player on the Blazers' roster who is averaging double digits, sitting at 15.0 points per night heading into the Big Dance. McDonald also hits just a shade under 37 percent of his three-pointers and has produced 44 steals for the Blazers.

"Our seed was about what we had expected."

After the Cats' loss to South Carolina in the semifinals of the SEC Tournament several players voiced their opinions that UK was playing its best basketball of the season and could be poised to be a dangerous team in the Big Dance. Certainly a potential game with perhaps the nation's most talented team in Connecticut isn't what UK had hoped for, but Smith concurred with his players that they have their best chance of producing an upset now than at any point in the season, especially if the defense holds up.

"We know we didn't play up to our full potential," Smith said. "I think we learned a lot about ourselves. We had some players see the floor who haven't been playing much lately, guys like Shagari (Alleyne) and Rekalin (Sims). Their play was a bright spot over the weekend."

"I thought had we been able to make it to the championship game we might have gotten a higher seed. We're playing the right way, although we didn't do some things at the end of the game against South Carolina. We didn't execute the proper way. We didn't guard the three very well down the stretch. We had been defending extremely well before the South Carolina game. Rebounding seems to be improving. I like the way we're playing right now."

Whether that will be enough to make the second weekend of the dance will be known soon enough, but for UK it's one game at a time from this point on.

Game at a Glance

When: Friday, March 17

Where: Wachovia Center, Philadelphia, Pa.

TV: CBS

Radio: Big Blue Sports Network

Series: UAB leads 2-1

Last Meeting: Mar. 21, 2004 - UAB 76, UK 75 (NCAA - 2nd Round)

Coach: Mike Anderson is certainly familiar with Kentucky's basketball program after spending several years as the top assistant under Nolan Richardson at Arkansas, one of UK's main rivals in the SEC during that time frame. Anderson has been sensational at UAB, producing at least 20 wins in each of his four seasons and an overall record of 89-40 during that time. Anderson has guided UAB to three consecutive NCAA Tournaments, reaching the second round twice and the Sweet 16 once.

Did You Know?

Kentucky and UAB have only one common opponent this season, with both teams having knocked off Central Florida. UK needed a last second jumper from Rajon Rondo to beat UCF at home, while the Blazers outlasted the Golden Knights by seven. UAB also owns a winning lifetime record against UK, having won two of the three meetings.



KENTUCKY'S SEEDING IN NCAA TOURNAMENT

UK's history of seeding in the NCAA Tournament. Bracket has been seeded since 1979:

No. 1 seed

- 1980 - Lost to 4 seed Duke 55-54 in Sweet 16.
- 1984 - Lost to 1 seed Georgetown 53-40 in Final Four.
- 1986 - Lost to 11 seed LSU 59-57 in Elite Eight.
- 1993 - Lost to 1 seed Michigan 81-78 in OT in Final Four.
- 1995 - Lost to 2 seed North Carolina 74-61 in Elite Eight.
- 1996 - Won NCAA title 76-67 over 4 seed Syracuse.
- 1997 - Lost to 4 seed Arizona 84-79 in OT in NCAA championship.
- 2003 - Lost to 3 seed Marquette 83-69 in Elite Eight
- 2004 - Lost to 9 seed UAB 76-75 in second round

No. 2 seed

- 1981 - Lost to 7 seed Alabama-Birmingham 69-62 in second round.
- 1988 - Lost to 6 seed Villanova 80-74 in Sweet 16.
- 1992 - Lost to 1 seed Duke 104-103 in OT in Elite Eight.
- 1998 - Won NCAA title 78-69 over 3 seed Utah.
- 2001 - Lost to 6 seed Southern Cal 80-76 in Sweet 16.
- 2005 - Lost to 5 seed Michigan State 94-88 in 2OT in Elite Eight.

No. 3 seed

- 1983 - Lost to 1 seed Louisville 80-68 in OT in Elite Eight.
- 1994 - Lost to 6 seed Marquette 75-63 in second round.
- 1999 - Lost to 1 seed Michigan State 73-66 in Elite Eight.

No. 4 seed

- 2002 - Lost to 1 seed Maryland 78-68 in Sweet Sixteen.

No. 5 seed

- 2000 - Lost to 4 seed Syracuse 52-50 in second round.

No. 6 seed

- 1982 - Lost to 11 seed Middle Tennessee 50-44 in first round.

No. 8 seed

- 1987 - Lost to 9 seed Ohio State 91-77 in first round.

No. 12 seed

- 1985 - Lost to 1 seed St. John's 86-70 in Sweet 16.

SEEDS IN THE NCAA FINAL FOUR

Seeds of teams to reach the Final Four. Seeding of tournament began in 1979:

year	champion	others in Final Four
1979	Michigan State (2)	Indiana State (1), DePaul (2), Pennsylvania (9).
1980	Louisville (2)	Iowa (5), Purdue (6), UCLA (8).
1981	Indiana (3)	Virginia (1), LSU (1), North Carolina (2).
1982	North Carolina (1)	Georgetown (1), Louisville (3), Houston (6).
1983	North Carolina State (6)	Houston (1), Louisville (1), Georgia (4).
1984	Georgetown (1)	Kentucky (1), Houston (2), Virginia (7).
1985	Villanova (8)	St. John's (1), Georgetown (1), Memphis (2).
1986	Louisville (2)	Duke (1), Kansas (1), LSU (11).
1987	Indiana (1)	Nevada-Las Vegas (1), Syracuse (2), Providence (6).
1988	Kansas (6)	Arizona (1), Oklahoma (1), Duke (2).
1989	Michigan (3)	Illinois (1), Duke (2), Seton Hall (3).
1990	Nevada-Las Vegas (1)	Duke (3), Georgia Tech (4), Arkansas (4).
1991	Duke (2)	Nevada-Las Vegas (1), North Carolina (1), Kansas (3).
1992	Duke (1)	Indiana (2), Cincinnati (4), Michigan (6).
1993	North Carolina (1)	Kentucky (1), Michigan (1), Kansas (2).
1994	Arkansas (1)	Arizona (2), Duke (2), Florida (3).
1995	UCLA (1)	Arkansas (2), North Carolina (2), Oklahoma State (4).
1996	Kentucky (1)	UMass (1), Syracuse (4), Mississippi State (5)
1997	Arizona (4)	Kentucky (1), Minnesota (1), North Carolina (1)
1998	Kentucky (2)	North Carolina (1), Stanford (3), Utah (3).
1999	UConn (1)	Duke (1), Michigan State (1), Ohio State (4).
2000	Michigan State (1)	Florida (5), North Carolina (8), Wisconsin (8)
2001	Duke (1)	Michigan State (1), Arizona (2), Maryland (3)
2002	Maryland (1)	Kansas (1), Oklahoma (2), Indiana (5)
2003	Syracuse (3)	Kansas (2), Texas (1), Marquette (3)
2004	Connecticut (2)	Georgia Tech (3), Duke (1), Oklahoma State (2)
2005	North Carolina (1)	Illinois (1), Louisville (4), Michigan State (5)

2007 Final Four in Atlanta

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First and Second Rounds

Thursday-Saturday, March 15 & 17

- ▶ HSBC Arena, Buffalo, New York
- ▶ ARCO Arena, Sacramento, California
- ▶ Spokane (Wash.) Memorial Arena
- ▶ Veterans Mem. Coliseum, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Friday-Sunday, March 16 & 18

- ▶ United Center, Chicago, Illinois
- ▶ Nationwide Arena, Columbus, Ohio
- ▶ Rupp Arena, Lexington, Kentucky
- ▶ New Orleans Arena, New Orleans, Louisiana

Regionals

Thursday-Saturday, March 22 & 24

- ▶ Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas
- ▶ HP Pavilion, San Jose, California

Friday-Sunday, March 23 & 25

- ▶ Continental Airlines Arena, E. Rutherford, N.J.
- ▶ Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis, Missouri

Final Four

Saturday-Monday, March 31 & April 2

- ▶ Georgia Dome, Atlanta, Ga.

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First and Second Rounds

Thursday-Saturday, March 20 & 22

- ▶ Arrowhead Pond, Anaheim, Calif.
- ▶ Pepsi Center, Denver, Colo.
- ▶ Qwest Center Omaha, Omaha, Neb.
- ▶ MCI Center, Washington, D.C.

Friday-Sunday, March 21 & 23

- ▶ BJCC Arena, Birmingham, Ala.
- ▶ Alltel Arena, North Little Rock, Ark.
- ▶ RBC Center, Raleigh, N.C.
- ▶ St. Pete Times Forum, Tampa, Fla.

Regionals

Thursday-Saturday, March 27 & 29

- ▶ Charlotte Arena, Charlotte, N.C.
- ▶ America West Arena, Phoenix, Ariz.

Friday-Sunday, March 28 & 30

- ▶ Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.
- ▶ Reliant Stadium, Houston, Texas

Final Four

Saturday-Monday, April 5 & 7

- ▶ Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas

First and Second Round Sites listed above are not tied to a region.
The NCAA Committee can assign teams to the first round sites regardless of region.

Future NCAA Final Fours

year	city	arena	year	city	arena
2007	Atlanta	Georgia Dome	2009	Detroit	Ford Field
2008	San Antonio	Alamodome	2010	Indianapolis	RCA Dome
			2011	Houston	Reliant Stadium

PAST NCAA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

Year	Champion	Score	Runner-up	Year	Champion	Score	Runner-up
1939	Oregon	46-33	Ohio State	1972	UCLA	81-76	Florida State
1940	Indiana	60-42	Kansas	1973	UCLA	87-66	Memphis State
1941	Wisconsin	39-34	Washington State	1974	N.C. State	76-64	Marquette
1942	Stanford	53-38	Dartmouth	1975	UCLA	92-85	Kentucky
1943	Wyoming	46-34	Georgetown	1976	Indiana	86-68	Michigan
1944	Utah	42-40	Dartmouth	1977	Marquette	67-59	North Carolina
1945	Oklahoma St.	49-45	New York U.	1978	Kentucky	94-88	Duke
1946	Oklahoma St.	43-40	North Carolina	1979	Michigan State	75-64	Indiana State
1947	Holy Cross	58-47	Oklahoma	1980	Louisville	59-54	Vacated
1948	Kentucky	58-42	Baylor	1981	Indiana	63-50	North Carolina
1949	Kentucky	46-36	Oklahoma St.	1982	North Carolina	63-62	Georgetown
1950	CCNY	71-68	Bradley	1983	N.C. State	54-52	Houston
1951	Kentucky	68-58	Kansas State	1984	Georgetown	84-75	Houston
1952	Kansas	80-63	St. John's	1985	Villanova	66-64	Georgetown
1953	Indiana	69-68	Kansas	1986	Louisville	72-69	Duke
1954	LaSalle	92-76	Bradley	1987	Indiana	74-73	Syracuse
1955	San Francisco	77-63	LaSalle	1988	Kansas	83-79	Oklahoma
1956	San Francisco	83-71	Iowa	1989	Michigan	80-79	Seton Hall
1957	N. Carolina	54-53	Kansas	1990	UNLV	103-73	Duke
1958	Kentucky	84-72	Seattle	1991	Duke	72-65	Kansas
1959	California	71-70	West Virginia	1992	Duke	71-51	Michigan
1960	Ohio State	75-55	California	1993	North Carolina	77-71	Michigan
1961	Cincinnati	70-65	Ohio State	1994	Arkansas	76-72	Duke
1962	Cincinnati	71-59	Ohio State	1995	UCLA	89-78	Arkansas
1963	Loyola (Ill.)	60-58	Cincinnati	1996	Kentucky	76-67	Syracuse
1964	UCLA	98-83	Duke	1997	Arizona	84-79	Kentucky
1965	UCLA	91-80	Michigan	1998	Kentucky	78-69	Utah
1966	Texas-El Paso	72-65	Kentucky	1999	UConn	77-74	Duke
1967	UCLA	79-64	Dayton	2000	Michigan State	89-76	Florida
1968	UCLA	78-55	North Carolina	2001	Duke	82-72	Arizona
1969	UCLA	92-72	Purdue	2002	Maryland	64-52	Indiana
1970	UCLA	80-69	Jacksonville	2003	Syracuse	81-78	Kansas
1971	UCLA	68-62	Vacated	2004	Connecticut	82-73	Georgia Tech
				2005	North Carolina	75-70	Illinois

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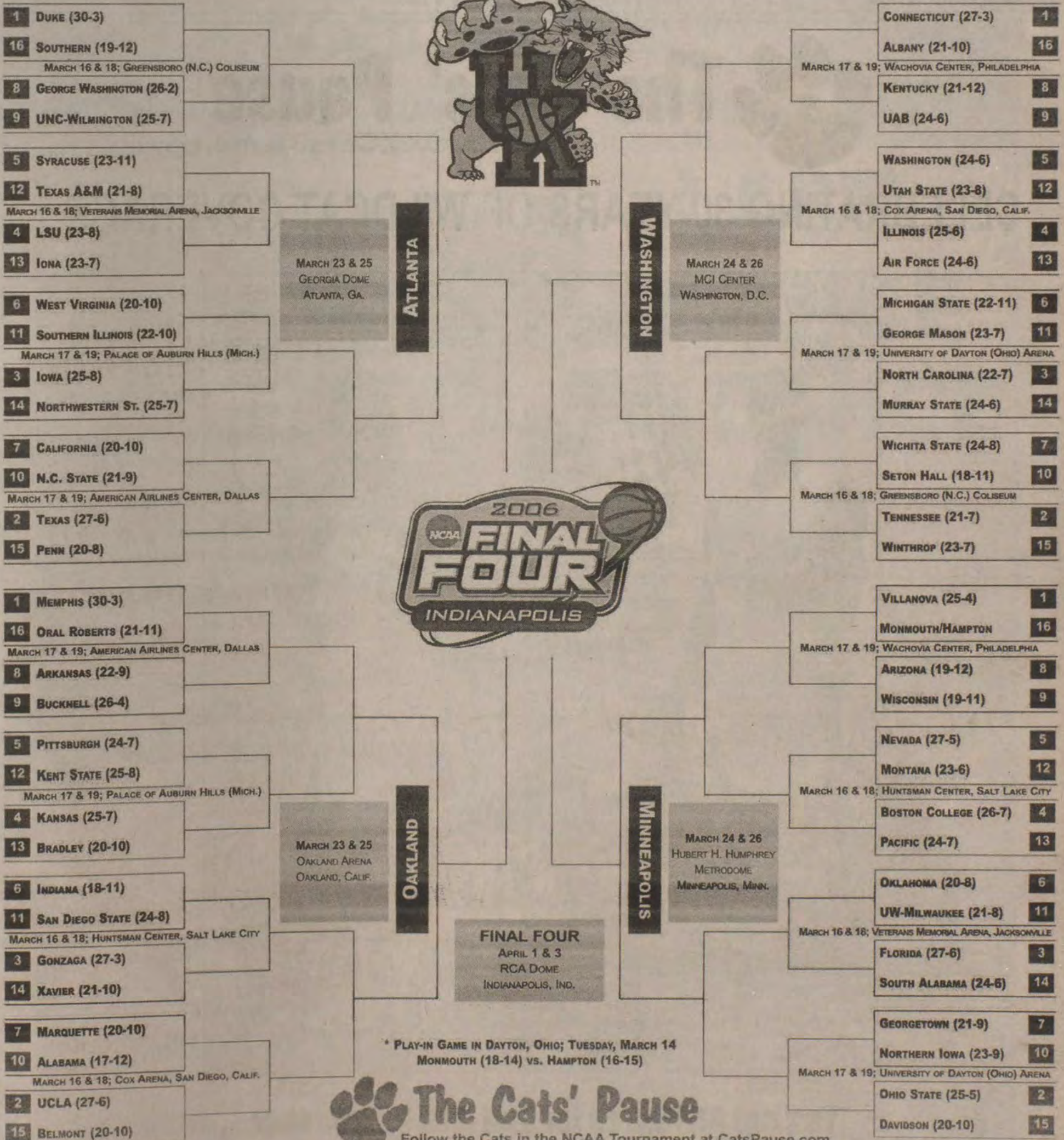


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