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Johnson receives \$1 million

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher presented more than \$1 million in funding Thursday to local officials for community development projects in Johnson County. The funds will be used to improve water infrastructure, renovate the courthouse, improve the senior citizens center and construct guardrails on a section of Route 201. Fletcher presented the checks following a speech to the Johnson County Chamber of Commerce at the Country Music Highway Museum in Paintsville.

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Study: Coal could face bleak future

by H. JOSEF HEBERT ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The coal industry faces a bleak future unless ways are developed on a commercial scale to capture and store carbon dioxide in the campaign against global warming, according to a study released Wednesday. The report by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology says coal, which accounts for half of the country's electricity production, will remain the fuel of choice to produce electricity

in the United States because it is relatively cheap and abundant. But if carbon limits are imposed to address climate change, that could change unless the government and industry develop a program to capture and store the tens of millions of tons of carbon dioxide that now spew from coal-burning smokestacks into the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide is the principal so-called "greenhouse" gas because as it concentrates in the atmosphere, it creates a blanket-like effect that many scientists believe is warming the earth.

While carbon dioxide is released in the burning of all fossil fuels, coal produces greater amounts of it because of the fuel's high carbon content. A central message of the MIT report is that carbon capture from coal burning is technically and economically possible, but that it has yet to be proven on the broad commercial scale that would be needed if limits on carbon emissions are imposed. The Democratic-controlled Congress is considering a number of proposals that would impose a cap on greenhouse gas emissions, primarily

carbon dioxide, along with various provisions aimed at reducing the economic cost. "Coal will continue to be used to meet the world's energy needs in significant quantities," said the MIT report. With carbon capture programs more coal would likely be used in 2050 than is used today but global carbon emissions would likely be only slightly more than today, the study said. The MIT report said its doubtful that either China or India will impose car-

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PROMOTING LEARNING



To demonstrate that learning doesn't have to be dull, participants from M-Power gathered for a day of fun activities recently at Paintsville's Ramada Inn. M-Power, administered throughout the five-county Big Sandy region by Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, helps youth identify and improve their educational, social and economical abilities by attending workshops and activities designed to be fun, but also beneficial. Pictured at left is Sheldon Clark High School student Brandon Francis with Brad Humphrey of The Life Values Institute, who conducted the workshop. The group picture above shows, Humphrey, center, and the students learning swing dancing. M-Power is open to eligible high school juniors and seniors in Johnson, Floyd, Pike, Martin and Magoffin Counties. For more information, contact your high school guidance counselor, or call the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program at (606) 789-3641 and speak with Rachelle Burchett, or call the BSACAP office in your county.



Tourism looking for ways to lure summer guests

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg Tourism held a meeting on Wednesday which focused mainly on getting ready for the 2007 summer season, when most tourists visit the area. Board members would like to see an increase in the collaborative efforts of local hotels and tourist attractions. Currently, hotels in the area offer packages to their guests that include rounds at Stonecrest golf course. However, members would like to finetune the system to make it easier for hotel personnel to schedule tee times for their customers. In other discussions, Jenny Wiley Theatre is still seeking money from Prestonsburg Tourism to fund a proposed sound system upgrade. JWT's Marty Childers says that the theatre is still working on raising the needed funds

through private donations and grants. The board seemed to be unsure of how much money they would be able to give to JWT and made the decision to have the budget committee take a look at the situation and let them know what they could afford to give at a later date. Childers asked the board to consider what the theater does for the community while they were considering the exact amount of the proposed grant money. The Floyd County Rescue Squad made a grant request to Prestonsburg Tourism to help fund their annual fishing tournament at Dewey Lake. They requested \$2,000, which board members say is double what they normally ask for. The board decided to approve the usual \$1,000 donation because they already had it in their budget for the year.

School gives inspiration to troopers

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — With so many tragedies having taken place within Kentucky State Police Post 9 over the past several months, students at the Floyd County Area Technology Center felt that they could do something to help. On Thursday, the VICA Club presented KSP Post 9 with 80 Bibles they purchased for troopers to keep in their cruisers. The Bibles are made specifically for law enforcement officers. The school's principal, Lenville Martin, says that the officers at Post 9 have been very helpful and supportive of them over the years and he and the students wanted to do

something to show both their appreciation and condolences during what has been a difficult time for the post. "We felt we were compelled to do this," Martin said. Martin explained that not only did he and the students feel concerned about the officers well being over the last several months, but they know that being a police officer isn't a walk in the park. They witness things on a daily basis that most people couldn't bear. "They're not just mean guys, they're human too," Martin said while explaining that despite their tough appearance on the outside, law enforcement officers feel pain and sorrow just like everyone else.



Floyd County Area Technology Center Principal Lenville Martin and students presented Kentucky State Police Post 9 with 80 Bibles for officers to carry with them in their cruisers. A special lunch for those in attendance followed the presentation.

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# Floyd County Spelling Bee winners announced

Twelve Floyd County students competed during the District Spelling Bee held Feb. 26 at May Valley Elementary School. The champion and runner-up competed through 43 rounds. Duff Elementary student Kaylee Stumbo, a 4th grader is the district runner-up and Harmeet Bhagrath, an 8th grade student from Mountain

Christian Academy is the district champion. Patricia Watson, Writing Resource Teacher/Curriculum Coordinator coordinated the event.

School winners were:  
 ■ Chase Baldrige, 7th grade, J.D. Adams Middle School  
 ■ Monica Reed, 8th grade,

Allen Elementary  
 ■ Taylor Watkins, 8th grade, Betsy Layne Elementary  
 ■ Harmeet Bhagrath, 8th grade, Mt. Christian Academy  
 ■ Logan Burke, 8th grade, South Floyd Middle  
 ■ Jessey Denney, 5th grade, May Valley Elementary  
 ■ Jonathan Ward, 6th grade, J. M. Stumbo Elementary

■ Savannah Huff, 6th grade, McDowell Elementary  
 ■ Kaylee Stumbo, 4th grade, district runner-up, J.A. Duff Elementary  
 ■ Blake Baldrige, 5th

grade, Clark Elementary  
 ■ Toni Keens, 5th grade, Osborne Elementary  
 ■ Alexis Parsons, 7th grade, Allen Central Middle  
 ■ Johnathan Boyd, 5th

grade Prestonsburg Elementary School  
 The district winner advances on to state competition, March 17, at Churchill Downs in Louisville.



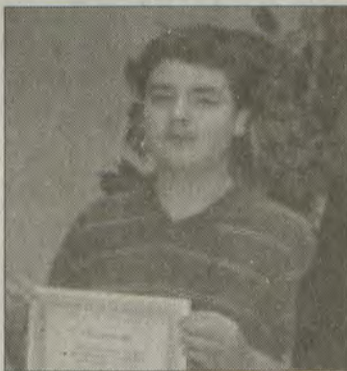
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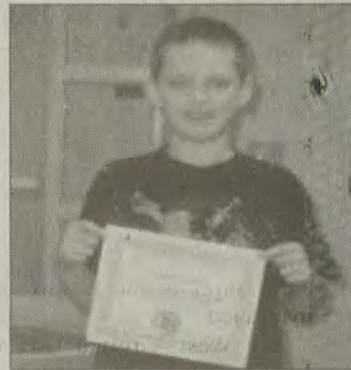
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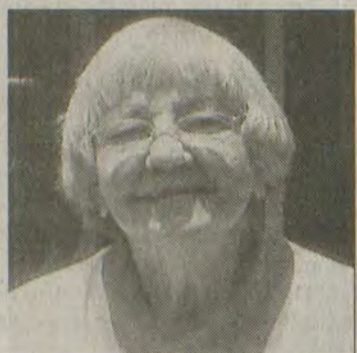
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## Obituaries



### Erika "Oma" Bales

Erika "Oma" Bales, 71, of Wellington, Kansas, died Tuesday morning, March 13, 2007, at the Summer Regional Medical Center, in Wellington, Kansas.

She was born September 17, 1935, the daughter of Diedrich and Antoinetta Baake Bruning in Bremerhaven, Germany. She attended the Kansas School of Cosmetology in Wichita and was a hairdresser for 10 years. She worked at Plessey Midwest Division from 1977 until 2000 when she retired to spend more time with her grandchildren. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Wellington. She enjoyed golf, playing cards with her friends and especially enjoyed caring for her grandchildren.

Surviving to honor her memory is her son, Mark Bales and wife Christy of Wellington; grandchildren: Blake Bales and Lauren Bales of Wellington; sister, Elfriede Samons of Minnie; former husband, Gene Bales of Wellington. Also surviving is: a niece, Rita and her husband, Kevin Daniels of Minnie; nephews: Jody and his wife, Lisa of Minnie, Tony Samons of Lexington and Holger Bruning of Germany as well as seven grand nieces and six grand nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Dieter and Herbert Bruning and brother-in-law, Grover Samons; nephews: Harald and Rolfe Bruning and niece, Hannelore Bruning.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 16, at the First Baptist Church in Wellington, with Reverend Tom Thompson officiating.

Visitation was Thursday evening, at the Hawks Funeral Home & Cremation Service of

Wellington. A memorial has been established with the American Legion Auxiliary and the First Baptist Church.

Interment will be in the Summer Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Contributions can be left with the Hawks Funeral Home, 704 N. Washington Wellington, KS 67152.

For further information or to send an online condolence, please visit:

[www.hawksfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawksfuneralhome.com)

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### Kathleen Allen Litton

Kathleen Allen Litton, 76, of Martin, died Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born September 28, 1930, in Magoffin County, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Minerva Prater Miller. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Trinity Chapel, in Martin.

She was twice married, first to Hatcher Allen, and later to Bill Litton. Both preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Ray Allen of Paintsville; three daughters: Ella Faye Burke of Prestonsburg, Alice Allen Stephens and Linda Sue Meade, both of Martin; two step-sons: Paul Ed Allen of Belton, and Alonzo Allen of Cedar Lake, Indiana; five step-daughters: Lorena Whitworth of Huntsville, Alabama, Amanda Lula Begley of Royalton, Berniece Risner of Crown Point, Indiana, Virginia Parker of Cedar Lake, Indiana, and Ruth Irene Baize of Salyersville; five brothers: Washington Miller, Tom Miller, Willard Miller, and Willis Miller, all of Michigan, and Dallas Miller of Tennessee; four sisters: Josephine Hoyt, Jana Williams, and Barbara Bogner, all of Michigan, and Glenna Elkins of West Liberty; six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Ray Miller; and seven stepchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 17, at 1 p.m.,

at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ellis Stevens and Johnny Ratliff officiating.

Burial will be in the Hatcher-Allen Family Cemetery, in Magoffin County.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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### Lois Petry Nemet

Lois Petry Nemet, 86, of Riverview, Michigan, formerly of Wheelwright, died Monday, March 12, 2007, following an extended illness.

She was born on March 4, 1921, in Logan, West Virginia, the daughter of the late Jake and Goldie Bailey Petry.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Nemet in 1997. She was of the Methodist faith, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Kaye Hall of Woodhaven, Michigan; her granddaughter, Jami, and her husband, Don Antosiewicz of Grosseille, Michigan, and a great-granddaughter, Kelly Kaye.

Funeral services will be held at Steen Funeral Home, Central Avenue Chapel, in Ashland, KY, at 11 a.m., on Saturday, March 17, with Reverend Donald Young officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Hill Burial Park.


Visitation will be at the funeral home on Friday evening, March 16, from 4:00 till 7:00.

Friends may make contributions to Arbor Hospice, 19145 Allen Road, Suite 110, Trenton, MI 48183.

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## Marriage Licenses

Michelle B. Johnson, 24, of Endicott to Benjamin Levi Spurlock, 29, of Endicott.

Misty Lynn Little, 31, of Prestonsburg to Steven Gregory Porter, 48, of Prestonsburg.

Angela Colleen Phillips, 40, of Prestonsburg to Terence W. Fitzner, 50, of Prestonsburg.

Natasha Gail Vanover, 19, of Melvin to Eric Michael Hamilton, 21, of Melvin.

Sasha Faye Crace, 18, of Prestonsburg to Jonathan David Endicott, 19, of Prestonsburg.

Paula Mae Curtis, 23, of Flat Gap to Scottie Alan Stumbo, 24, of Hi Hat.

Billie A. Johnson, 36, of Bevinville to Lenny Newsome, 41, of Bevinville.

## Civil Suits Filed

Patrick Fannin vs. Olie Fannin, dissolution of marriage

ICG Addcar Systems LLC vs. M&D Pipeline, Inc., et al Branch Banking & Trust vs. Jamie Newsome

John Paul Combs vs. Margaret Combs, dissolution of marriage

Hospital of Louisa vs. April L. Meadows

Lindsey Johnson vs. Sharma Roman, motor vehicle accident

Connie Johnson vs. Tesse Perry, motor vehicle accident

Jennifer Harrison vs. Ronnie Endicott, petition for health care insurance

Jessica Thornsberry vs. Derek Farley, petition for health care insurance

Elite Recovery vs. Paul Hall

Janie Chaney vs. Tracy Keith Chaney

Damon Gayheart vs. Lesa Gayheart

Elizabeth Rose vs. Jeffery Rose

Cabinet for Families vs. Bryon Stumbo

Drusella Shepherd vs. Roger Sammons, petition for child support and health care insurance

Ky West Virginia Gas vs. Joe Garrett, et al

Joseph Collins vs. Freedom Financial

Discover Bank vs. John S. Harris

Midland Funding vs. Margaret Chaffins

DeMoris Martin vs. Rabon Flanary, et al

Kathleen Holland, et al vs. Andre Dawkins

Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. vs. Betty Tackett, et al

Rhonda Walker vs. Charles Walker Jr., dissolution of marriage

Suzanne Moore vs. Robert Moore, dissolution of marriage

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Rodney D. Conley

United Central Industrial Supply Co. vs. Northstar Contractors.

## Charges Filed

Christina Marie Lewis, 30, of Garrett; flagrant nonsupport.

Brian L. Boyd, 30, of Dana; alcohol intoxication.

Michael D. Kimmel, 32, of Pikeville; alcohol intoxication.

James Matthew Woods, 23, of Allen; unlawful transaction with a minor.

Jeremy Douglas Bryant, 18, of Wheelwright; possession of alcoholic beverage by minor.

Christy Lee Quillen, 31, of Isom; no operator's/moped license, use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

Karrie Tackett, 26, of Langley; public intoxication.

Tabitha A. Blomer, 26, Murray City, Ohio; alcohol intoxication.

Johnny R. Sexton, 28, of Isom; possession controlled substance, possession marijuana, alcohol intoxication.

Benjamin Akers, 22, of Harold; rear license plate not illuminated, possession marijuana, possession controlled substance, possession controlled substance/prescription not in original container, operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, no/expired registration receipt, failure to surrender revoked operator's license.

Virgil Halbert Jr., 49, of Langley; fourth-degree assault.

Danny Brewer, 34, of Crossville, Tenn.; possession of marijuana, use/possession drug paraphernalia, public intoxication.

Andrea Marie Castle, 19, of Thelma; desertion from armed forces; federal AWOL.

Randall S. Newsome, 19, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Raymond S. Schoolcraft, 40, of Prestonsburg; harassing communications.

Nathan D. Puckett, 26, of Salyersville; possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle.

Gina Lynn Green, 36, of Hazard; theft by unlawful taking.

John M. Poe, 30, of Blue River; public intoxication.

Carl E. Lackey III, 20, of Wheelwright; public intoxication, possession marijuana.

Carolyn R. Lawson, 25, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Jodi L. Stapleton, 21, of Banner; public intoxication.

Beverly M. Thacker, 32, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Harley D. Vanleer, 25, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication, criminal mischief.

Justin Spriggs, 20, of Drift; public intoxication.

Howard Blair, 34, of Oil Springs; alcohol intoxication.

## Inspections

Christ United Methodist Church, Allen, regular school inspection. Violations noted: Waste receptacles in boys' restroom on school side not properly covered. Score: 98

The Piarist School, Martin, regular school inspection. Violations noted: Several student desks in moderate disrepair. Score: 98

The David School, David, regular school inspection. Violations noted: Stair way off main hallway in need of cleaning. Score: 98

The David School, David, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of effective hair restraints, dishwashing facility not properly operated, operators not providing chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed. Score: 96

Christ United Methodist, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Score: 99

Sharon's Pizza, David, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in al refrigeration and freezing units storing

potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, operators not providing chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair. Score: 94

Mountain Christian Academy, Martin, regular school inspection. Violations noted: Girls gym restroom counter top in disrepair, commode not operable in main buildings upstairs restroom, light not operable in main buildings upstairs hallway. Score: 94

Allen Central High School, Eastern, regular school inspection. Violations noted: Main restroom soap dispenser in disrepair in men and women's restroom, floor tile in disrepair in youth services center room, student desk in disrepair in several classrooms. Score: 94

Mountain Christian Academy, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not constructed properly. Score: 97

Allen Central High School, Eastern, regular inspection. Violations noted: Floors not in good repair, unauthorized personnel in the food preparation area. Score: 98

Velocity Market, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in al refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, improper storage of single service articles, toilet facilities dirty, toilet facility not in good repair, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair, lighting not provided as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 89

Duff Elementary, Eastern, regular school inspection. Violations noted: Floor and wall tile in disrepair in restroom 1304, ceiling tile showing evidence of leaks in primary wing hallway. Score: 96

Duff Elementary, Eastern, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, nonfood contact surfaces not properly maintained, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not constructed properly. Score: 95

Midland Food Services, Prestonsburg, follow up inspection. Violations noted: Lack of effective hair restraints, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 98

Taco Bell, Prestonsburg,

regular inspection. Violations noted: Sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not in good repair, lighting not provided as required. Score: 94

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Guest View

## Editorial roundup

*The Courier-Journal of Louisville, Ky., on the dismissal of eight U.S. attorneys:*

The growing scandal involving the Bush administration's politically motivated dismissals of eight United States attorneys should shock any American who cares about the integrity and independence of the federal justice system.

But it should surprise no one.

This administration and its congressional enablers have made clear all along that laws and the workings of the courts are, at the least, a nuisance to be ignored if they get in the way. ...

Both houses of Congress, now under Democratic control, are launching hearings that have already elicited eye-opening testimony from six of the former U.S. attorneys. The inquiries must dig deep.

Meanwhile, President Bush should take two steps.

First, he should fire Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. Whether Mr. Gonzales is the instigator of this travesty or merely the unprincipled executor of White House political demands, this debacle is further evidence of his unsuitability for his critically sensitive post.

Then, the president can answer this question: If the eight prosecutors were dismissed for failing to respond to Republican political concerns, can Americans assume that his other U.S. attorneys do fulfill a partisan agenda?

*Daytona Beach (Fla.) News-Journal, on the new Medicaid rule:*

If someone demanded today that you prove you are in this country legally, could you do it? Could you put your hands on the necessary documents? Do you even know what you need to prove citizenship or legal residence?

The more affluent you are, the more likely it is that you answered "yes." Many middle-class Floridians have passports, and most have their birth certificates, Social Security cards and other identification safely tucked away. But for those at the lower end of the economic spectrum, the challenges can be greater. Families who move frequently often lose birth certificates and other documentation in the process. Replacing these documents takes time and knowledge that many families don't have.

As a result, many low-income Americans aren't getting the help they need. Last year, Congress enacted a law intended to keep non-citizens from accessing Medicaid. The Bush administration went a step further: Its rule implementing the new law requires positive proof of citizenship in the form of a passport or birth certificate and government-issued photo ID. ...

There are better alternatives. In a report issued in September, the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities noted that many states have the ability to perform electronic records checks to determine citizenship status. ...

In the meantime, congressional leaders should take a look at the system and recognize that there's no reliable evidence that Medicaid was being abused. This requirement is hitting hardest against impoverished people, many of whom are unable to speak for themselves, and that's ample evidence to repeal this rule of unintended consequences.

*San Antonio Express-News, on banning on classified leaks:*

The First Amendment is under assault in the U.S. Senate. Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., wants to make it a crime for a newspaper to publish any classified information leaked by lawmakers or congressional staff from reports submitted to Congress.

Leaking or publishing the information would be a crime if the action were deemed "prejudicial to safety or interest of the United States."

Kyl's attack on the First Amendment came in the form of an amendment proposed to a bill designed to enact recommendations made by the 9-11 commission. That legislation is scheduled for a vote next week.

The Newspaper Association of America noted that administrations often classify information to cover up mistakes or hide their actions rather than for national security purposes.

In an example cited by the NAA, under Kyle's amendment, if a classified report stated a particular port was vulnerable because officials failed to provide enough security, the local newspaper would be committing a crime by blowing the whistle on that governmental solvable shortcoming.

A balancing act is required to protect national security and vital press and free speech privileges.

Kyl's amendment tips the balance too far against the First Amendment. It must not become law.



Guest Column

### Stop them!

by SHELDON RICHMAN

What is going on in America?

The Bush administration's own National Intelligence Estimate says the situation is so bad in Iraq that the term "civil war" is inadequate to describe it.

A government inspector confirms what we already knew: that serious doubts about Iraq's putative weapons of mass destruction and connections to al-Qaeda were shunted aside in favor of neoconservative wishful thinking. (Yes, "wishful"; the neocons had long wanted to go to war against Saddam Hussein.)

Another government inspector says the administration pads its anti-terrorism statistics, counting as accomplishments cases merely involving illegal drugs and immigration infractions.

The British, the administration's most loyal ally, want out of Iraq — and this is spun as a good sign. (Is this administration delusional or does it just think we're morons?)

In Afghanistan the war goes badly for the United States and NATO while the Taliban reconstitutes itself.

Nevertheless, the administration appears to be moving closer to war with Iran.

And now a federal appeals court says Congress, in deference to President Bush, can suspend habeas corpus for noncitizens by majority vote, making a mockery of the U.S. Constitution. (For what it's worth, the document says that habeas corpus may be suspended only during an invasion or insurrection.) The president has free rein to declare "aliens"

unlawful combatants and jail them forever, not to mention torture and perhaps kill them.

In other words: the government routinely lies to us; the executive branch arrogates extraordinary freedom-smothering powers to itself, and its undertakings abroad are a shambles.

This has all the markings of a late-stage collapse of empire. It can't happen too soon. The big questions are: (1) how many people will this administration kill in its final two years, and (2) what will survive of Americans' liberty?

Yes, there's another question, which the New York Times raised in an editorial the other day: will the Democrats who now control Congress do anything to constrain the wild elephant at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue? We've heard the talk, Dems. Now let's do something. There's plenty of opportunity. They could start by passing a bill introduced by Senators Patrick Leahy and Arlen Specter to repeal the habeas-corporus section of the Military Commissions Act, the infamous law that lets the president seize noncitizens anywhere in the world, proclaim them suspected terrorists, hold them indefinitely without access to the courts, and even send them off to foreign torture chambers.

Do President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney have no idea of what made the founding of this country unique? It was the people's deeply held belief that arbitrary rule by the state is an evil to be resisted at all costs. Even early America's conservative elements, who hoped to remain in the British Empire, finally went over to the revolutionists' side when King George III accelerated his

arbitrary decrees governing the American people. Nothing indicts Bush-Cheney as profoundly as their displayed contempt for habeas corpus. I have no doubt that if they thought they could get away with it, they'd suspend it for citizens too.

Note well: the Constitution does not distinguish citizens from noncitizens. If the gang-run-amok in the White House can suspend habeas corpus for aliens, it can do so for the rest of us.

The threat to Americans from terrorism is minuscule compared with the threat from these megalomaniacs. Passing the Leahy-Specter bill is a no-brainer.

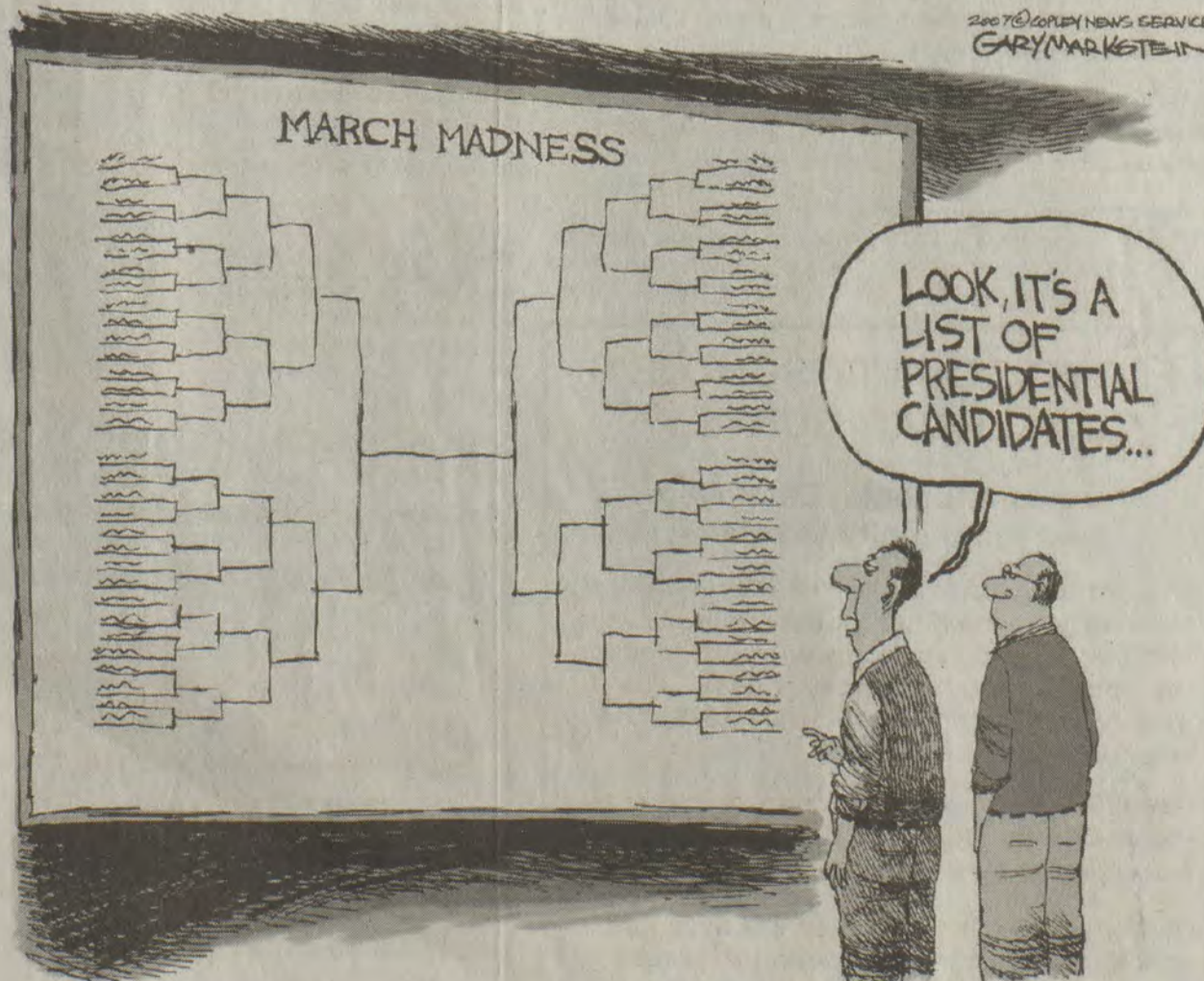
The Times goes on to say, "The Bush administration's assault on civil liberties does not end with habeas corpus. Congress should also move quickly to pass another crucial bill, introduced by Senator Christopher Dodd, Democrat of Connecticut. That measure, among other steps, would once and for all outlaw the use of evidence obtained through torture."

Another no-brainer. Note to the administration: 24 isn't a reality show. That such a bill is necessary just shows the utter contempt with which this administration holds simple decency.

Democrats, right now you're all we've got. Stop this administration before it kills, tortures, and imprisons again.

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# Despite cool visual effects, '300' is overbearing and laughably self-serious

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**  
AP MOVIE CRITIC

The ultraviolent action extravaganza "300" is based on Frank Miller's graphic novel, but did it have to be so cartoonish?

Director/co-writer Zack Snyder (the "Dawn of the Dead" remake) painstakingly recreated the comic-book panels by placing actors in front of virtual backgrounds, similar to the technique used in the superior film version of Miller's "Sin City" in 2005. Clearly, he's not aiming to reflect reality on any level. But Snyder's depiction of the ancient Battle of Thermopylae, in which 300 Spartans fought off a much larger Persian army, is so over-the-top it's laughable — so self-serious, it's hard to take seriously.

The effects are extremely cool at first; with the help of cinematographer Larry Fong, visual effects supervisor Chris Watts and a team of many others, Snyder has very much created a unique world — dark, dramatic and visually gripping, with increasingly imaginative foes along the way. (A giant rhinoceros, an armada of elephants — sure, why not? Bring 'em all on.) But the gimmick



"300," a Warner Bros. release, is rated R for graphic battle sequences throughout, some sexuality and nudity. Running time: 117 minutes.

**Two stars out of four.**

wears off quickly and ultimately becomes overbearing; Tyler Bates' pounding score and the profuse use of voiceover certainly don't help.

Gerard Butler, who's buffed up significantly since starring in the corny film version of "The Phantom of the Opera," comes off as a poor-man's Mel Gibson in "Braveheart." As King Leonidas, he leads his meager but muscular troops into battle with repeated roars of "This is where we fight! This is where we die!" and such, ad nauseam. (Kurt Johnstad and Michael B. Gordon also worked on the script.)

Leonidas has trained his entire life for this fight, as we see in the film's beginning, where he's taken from his family as a boy and taught to survive in the wild in a pure, driven, almost animalistic man-

ner. By the time we reach 480 B.C., he rules Sparta alongside the beautiful Queen Gorgo (Lena Headey in a series of plunging ensembles that manage to stay on her body although the film takes place centuries prior to the invention of double-stick tape).

Once the Persian army threatens to overtake Sparta, led by the megalomaniacal Xerxes (Rodrigo Santoro in eye liner, gold chains and piercings), Leonidas must assemble his men into action (but first, a good-bye romp with the wife that's straight out of late-night Skinemax).

Despite their comparatively small numbers, the Spartans are a model of unity and organization. That stuff about duty and honor and dying a beautiful death — they buy into all of it. (This is not exactly "Flags of Our Fathers.") What they lack

in size they make up for in solidarity, so when the sky turns dark with a storm of Persian arrows, they're ready for it, having turned their shields into a wall of unbroken metal.

The violence is inventive, almost balletic in the way it's dragged out and sped up to emphasize its rhythms. Spears pierce the thick, brownish-gray haze, blood splatters, an arm or a leg goes flying — all visceral, intense stuff. After a while, though, you can only see so many slo-mo beheadings.

Leonidas also faces an enemy from within: a deformed Spartan named Ephialtes (Andrew Tiernan) who begs to join the fight but is turned away because he isn't physically up for the challenge and reacts vengefully by giving away secrets to Xerxes. Think of him as the creepily fascinating Gollum figure in the film.

Meanwhile, back at home, he faces another threat from a council member (a sinister Dominic West) who's trying to sabotage him publicly and privately, even as the queen lobbies the council to send more even troops to aid in the protracted fight.

It might actually seem relevant if weren't so ridiculous.

## Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Hollywood's second-stringers hit the racks this week showcasing films which opened to negative (and largely unwarranted) hype. For the most part these were exceptional films that will probably have an easier time finding their audience via the home-video market.

"The Holiday" — This love story works more often than it doesn't, though the premise is as old as Shakespeare. Two women who are coming out of failed relationships, an American and a European, opt to swap homes and fish in new waters. The cast makes this one work and includes Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet in the lead roles alongside an ample supporting cast which includes Jude Law, Jack Black and Eli Wallach. This is character-driven story, so there are less plot snafus than usual in this kind of effort, aside from the basic premise that surmises that two people could swap continents for dating purposes. The relationship between Winslet and the 90-year-old Wallach is unique and well rendered.

"Harsh Times" — This film suffered from a lack of advertising and one too many critics comparing it to "Training Day," which featured Denzel Washington in an Academy Award-winning performance as a crooked cop. Here an ex-Army Ranger flunks out of the LAPD and convinces a gullible friend to assist him in a series of robberies that escalate in violence. This is more of a modern noir than a rip off of the Washington film. The players are spot on with Christian Bale ("Batman Begins") doing some excellent work as the Ranger, while Freddy Rodriguez ("Six Feet Under") offers a great slow burn as his more or less morally centered partner.

"Cruel World" — Reality television gets skewered in this by-the-numbers horror effort that should appeal to viewers who are fed up with people getting voted off of islands or insulted by a panel of arrogant judges. Edward Furlong ("Terminator 2") stars as a guy who stages his own reality show after he's voted off one. However when this guy sends you off the island it is permanent. A decent idea that should have merited a

higher budget.

"Casino Royale" — This latest chapter in the James Bond franchise goes back to the beginning and details how Bond received his double zero rating (hint: it wasn't for escorting elderly women across the street). Daniel Craig offers an interpretation of Bond that humanizes the character and shuts up critics who freaked out over the idea of a blonde Bond. The plot is also topical, with Bond dispatched to Montenegro to take down a banker who funds terrorists. The action is centered around a game of high stakes poker with more suspense and less elaborate set pieces than recent installments.

"Shortbus" — Director John Cameron Mitchell follows up the critical success of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" with this equally jaw shattering story of love in New York City. The film charts the personal and sexual relationships of several diverse couples who are all drawn to the titular location, which is sort of a sex and conversation club. It's all much better than it sounds but many will be put off by the graphic on-screen sex that doesn't discriminate between

couples and shines a light on gay, straight and even solo sexual encounters. Not for all tastes but definitely more in your face than any other film this decade.

Next week look for Leonardo DiCaprio in "Blood Diamond" and Clint Eastwood's "Letters from Iwo Jima."

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# Kentucky, land of the thoroughbred, swamped with unwanted horses

by JEFFREY McMURRAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STAFFORDSVILLE — The bidding for the black pony started at \$500, then took a nosedive.

There were no takers at \$300, \$200, even \$100. With a high bid of just \$75, the auctioneer gave the seller the choice of taking the animal off the auction block. But the seller said no.

"I can't feed a horse," the man said. "I can't even feed myself."

Kentucky, the horse capital of the world, famous for its sleek thoroughbreds, is being overrun with thousands of horses no one wants — some of them perfectly healthy, but many of them starving, broken-down nags. Other parts of the country are overwhelmed, too.

The reason: growing opposition in the U.S. to the slaughter of horses for human consumption overseas.

Public backlash — and state bans or the threat of them — have led to the closure of several slaughterhouses that used to take in horses when they weren't suitable for racing or work. Auction houses are glutted with horses they can barely sell, and many rescue organizations have run out of room.

There have been reports of horses chained up in eastern Kentucky and left for days without food or water. Others have been turned loose in the countryside.

"There's too much junk on the market," said Dave Bailey of West

Liberty, who attended a recent auction in Richmond. "They've just got so much junk, a good horse won't bring nothing no more."

Some owners who cannot get rid of their horses are letting them starve; others are turning them loose in the countryside.

Some people who live near the strip mines in the mountains of impoverished eastern Kentucky say that while horses have long been left to roam free there, the number now may be in the thousands, and they are seeing herds three times bigger than they did just five years ago.

"There's horses over there that's lame, that's blind," said Doug Kidd, who owns 30 horses in Lackey. "They're taking them over there for a graveyard because they have nowhere to move them."

It is legal in all states for owners to shoot their unwanted horses, and some Web sites offer instructions on doing it with little pain. But some horse owners do not have the stomach for that.

At the same time, it can cost as much as \$150 for a veterinarian to put a horse down. And disposing of the carcass can be costly, too. Some counties in Kentucky, relying on a mix of private and public funding, will pick up and dispose of a dead horse for a nominal fee.

The cost is much higher other places, and many places ban the burying of horses altogether because of pollution fears.

Sending horses off to the glue fac-

tory is not an option anymore. Adhesives are mostly synthetic formulations nowadays, according to Lawrence Sloan, president of the Adhesive and Sealant Council. And because of public opposition, horse meat is no longer turned into dog food either, said Chris Heyde of the Society for Animal Protective Legislation.

Eventually, anti-slaughter groups insist, the market will sort itself out, and owners will breed their horses less often, meaning fewer unwanted horses. When California imposed its slaughter ban in 1989, they point out, the number of stolen horses dropped while there was no significant change in the number reported abused or neglected.

"Once you remove slaughter, you remove a release valve for irresponsibility," Heyde said. "These are animals. They're not a pair of shoes."

Nelson Francis, who raises gaited horses, a rare, brawny breed found in the Appalachian mountains, said the prices they command are getting so low, he might have to turn some loose. He houses about 57 of them, double his typical number.

"I can't absorb the price," Francis said. "You try to hang on until the price changes, but it looks like it's not going to change. ... What do I do? I've got good quality horses I can't market because of the has-been horse."

Jim Dause, who manages a sale in Richmond, said he fears some horses will soon be fetching less at auction

than the \$15 he charges to perform a state-mandated health test. He fears his sale could become a place to abandon horses.

"We're just going to be a place to get rid of it," he said.

"Kill buyers" used to pay pennies a pound for unwanted horses, then pack them into crowded trucks bound for slaughterhouses that would ship the horse meat to Europe and Asia.

However, public opposition to the eating of horse meat has caused the number of horses slaughtered each year by American companies to drop from over 300,000 in 1990 to around 90,000 in 2005, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Only one U.S. slaughterhouse — in Illinois — still butchers horses for human consumption.

"What do you do with them all?" said Lori Neagle, executive director of the new Kentucky Equine Humane Center in Lexington. "What do you do with 90,000 head of horses? That's something that has to be addressed. It'll be interesting to see if people financially can do the right thing or if they will leave their horses to starve."

Federal law prohibits the use of double-decker trucks for transporting horses to slaughter. Many members of Congress have also been pushing a national ban on the butchering of horses for human consumption.

While California is the only state that has expressly banned horse slaughter in a ballot initiative, similar measures are under consideration

elsewhere, including Kentucky, Maryland, New York and Illinois. Connecticut has made it illegal to sell horse meat in public places, and many states have tightened up the labeling and transportation requirements governing horses bound for slaughter.

A federal court ruled recently that Texas must start to enforce its long-ignored 1949 ban on the transportation and possession of horse meat. That put a stop to horse slaughter for human consumption at the two slaughterhouses in Texas that engaged in the practice.

A few of the kill buyers were at an auction in Shepherdsville last month, to bid on a handful of fattened horses after most of the other buyers had left. The horses were mostly bound for Canada, while in the past they'd have been going to Texas.

While the market price for horses has plummeted, the cost of food, lodging and veterinary care has not.

Kathy Schwartz, director of Lisbon, Md.-based Days End Farm Horse Rescue, which adopts abused and neglected horses, said that rescue operations that choose not to euthanize horses are generally full.

"We had one horse we brought in that was a rack of bones — in pain both from starvation and parasite infestation and injury," Schwartz said. "His owner thought life was better than going to slaughter. Well, life is — if you're going to feed it and take care of it."

# Democratic candidates for governor meet, discuss cigarette tax

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bruce Lunsford on Wednesday left open the possibility of raising Kentucky's cigarette tax as part of a plan to expand health care coverage, putting him at odds with other Democrats in the race.

Five of the seven Democratic candidates answered questions about a broad range of topics during an appearance before the Louisville Forum, a nonpartisan issues group in Kentucky's largest city.

When asked about the state's cigarette tax, Lunsford, a wealthy Louisville businessman, indicated he would support an increase if the additional revenue had a specific purpose to "help all Kentuckians."

Afterward, Lunsford told reporters that he didn't have any current plans to raise the cigarette tax — which was increased from 3 cents to 30 cents per pack in 2005. But as a possible component in a sweeping plan to ensure that all Kentuckians have health coverage, he said, "that's when I would look at it."

Two other candidates, former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear and state Treasurer Jonathan Miller, said the focus should be on getting expanded gambling on the ballot and approved as a way to raise revenues for state government. Another candidate, former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, noted he was an early supporter of the last cigarette tax increase but doubted Wednesday whether another tax hike would have an impact on smoking rates.

"I believe that has not worked as a deterrent," said Henry, an orthopedic surgeon in Louisville.

The other candidate at the forum, Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith, said he would oppose a cigarette tax

increase. Two other Democratic candidates did not attend the event — state House Speaker Jody Richards and Harlan County demolition contractor Otis Hensley Jr.

With the May 22 primary just over two months away, the five rivals participating in the forum refrained from any attacks against each other, with one exception.

Galbraith noted that most of his opponents either currently or formerly had prominent roles in state government. He said they represented decades of "failed leadership." "They didn't solve the problems then, and they don't have the solutions now," he said.

The other Democrats reserved their criticism for Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

Fletcher is seeking a second term and faces two challengers in the GOP primary — former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup of Louisville and Paducah businessman Billy Harper.

Beshear derided Fletcher's tenure as "amateur hour." Miller chastised Fletcher for "going around the state giving out phony surplus money to try to win re-election." Henry, who was second in command under former Gov. Paul Patton, said "there's been a lot of backsliding since we were in office."

Fletcher drew the sharpest criticism for pardoning his entire administration, except himself, after several officials or supporters were indicted in a state hiring investigation. Fletcher himself was charged with three misdemeanors that eventually were dropped in a deal with prosecutors.

Miller said Fletcher had undermined public faith in state government by pardoning his "political cronies to save his own skin." Miller said if elected, everyone in his administration would sign an ethics pledge.

"If they violate that ethics

pledge, they will be fired," Miller said. "If they break the law, they will not be pardoned."

Fletcher has maintained that the investigation was politically motivated.

Lunsford was put on the spot about his credentials as a Democrat, though the question came from someone in the audience, not from one of his rivals. Lunsford ran for governor in 2003 but dropped out days before the primary election. He backed Fletcher in the fall and has contributed to Republican candidates in the past.

Lunsford said his political contributions favored Democrats over Republicans by a 3-to-1 ratio. He defended his contributions to Republicans by saying as a business executive he had a "broader view of life" and a greater responsibility to his business and employees than to the Democratic Party.

All five Democrats said they supported the death penalty. Henry said it should be applied "only in the most heinous of crimes." Miller agreed and said DNA evidence should be considered to ensure "clear and absolute proof of guilt" before putting someone to death.

Henry emphasized efforts to reduce health costs, including his push as lieutenant governor to remove junk food from schools to reduce childhood obesity.

"We will never be able to compete in this world ... for jobs if we have one of the highest health care costs in America," Henry said.

The Democrats also voiced support for putting a proposed expanded gambling constitutional amendment to a vote of Kentuckians — a proposal that

has faltered for years in the General Assembly.

Beshear, who has made expanded gambling a cornerstone of his campaign, said the initiative would generate at least \$500 million a year and proposed using the money for health care, education and job creation. Miller said he wanted to use gaming revenues to expand health coverage and help students afford college.

Beshear noted that Kentuckians flock to casinos in neighboring states, stimulating those economies.

"It is time to bring Kentucky money back home, and

educate our own kids, pave our own roads, create our own jobs and hold our own health-care costs down," Beshear said.

Lunsford said he preferred a "highly restricted" expansion of gambling, saying he wanted to protect smaller com-

munities from the social ills associated with gambling. He said that winning voter approval if the measure reached the ballot won't be an "easy sell" across the state.

"I don't know if it will have the boom that everybody expects," he said.



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bon controls anytime soon, although both countries are rapidly expanding coal use in power and industrial plants.

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emissions first, the study said. Eventually, carbon capture from coal burning will be crucial for both China and India if climate change is to be addressed.

And the United States will have to take the lead, the study

concluded. "If the coal industry wants to protect itself from a very bleak future ... they have a great interest in seeing carbon dioxide sequestration practically demonstrated now," John Deutch, co-chairman of the

MIT panel that wrote the coal report, said in an interview.

Deutch, a former CIA director under President Clinton and senior official in both the Defense and Energy departments, said the government is not moving fast enough to develop demonstration projects capable of capturing and depositing in deep geological formations as much as a million tons of carbon a year.

The report said three or four such demonstrations projects should be developed as soon as possible.

President Bush has said carbon capture and sequestration is a top energy priority. The government hopes to have an experimental coal burning power plant called FutureGen built by 2012 capable of capturing and storing underground a million tons of carbon a year.

But the MIT report said more is needed and that the Energy Department's budget for clean coal programs "falls far short of what is required" to ensure coal remains a primary fuel in a carbon-constrained world. The adminis-

tration last month asked Congress for nearly \$600 million for coal technology research for the next fiscal year, including \$79 million for carbon sequestration and \$108 million for the next installment in FutureGen.

The report also urged that government tax breaks, loan guarantees and other assistance be directed only at new coal plants that include carbon capture and sequestration and to programs aimed at retrofitting other plants with such technology.

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Lunsford debuts first commercial

by BRUCE SCHREINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Bruce Lunsford got a head start on his Democratic gubernatorial rivals Thursday by launching his first television ad, which offered a biographical sketch and stressed his plan for universal health coverage.

It's the start of what's expected to be an advertising blitz by Lunsford, a millionaire businessman who founded a Louisville company that operated nursing homes.

He'll be on the air through the primary," Lunsford spokesman Adam Bozzi said.

Lunsford's opening 60-second spot debuted during the midday telecast of the men's NCAA tournament basketball game between the University of Louisville and Stanford.

A similar ad running in eastern Kentucky prominently features Lunsford's running mate, Attorney General Greg Stumbo. That ad cites Stumbo's Appalachian roots and says he combatted illegal drugs and government corruption as attorney general.

The ad reflects Lunsford's financial muscle in the crowded Democratic field.

"Everybody else is raising money to run ads," said Scott Lasley, a Western Kentucky University assistant professor of political science.

The Lunsford commercial comes just days after Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher started his ad campaign with a 60-second spot that compares the investigation of his administration's hiring practices to being confronted by schoolyard bullies.

"I don't like to see a horse get too far out in front," Lunsford, a thoroughbred owner and breeder, told reporters Wednesday when asked about advertising strategy.

The governor was indicted last year on charges that he illegally rewarded political supporters with protected state jobs. The indictment was dismissed in a deal with prosecutors, but a special grand jury later issued its findings in the case, saying Fletcher had approved a "widespread and coordinated plan" to skirt state hiring laws.

Fletcher has maintained that the investigation, which was led by Stumbo, was politically motivated.

Lunsford talked directly into the camera during his commercial, reminiscing about his upbringing on a farm, his stint in the Army Reserve and his business background.

"I think Kentuckians have had to endure a lot of hardships over the years," he said in the ad. "They are tremendously resilient. They know how to pick themselves up off their backside and so do I."

Lasley said that by being first on the airwaves, it allows Lunsford to "define himself before the other Democrats do." That's important because of "some of the baggage he brings" to the race, Lasley said.

Lunsford ran for governor in 2003, but dropped out just before the Democratic primary then endorsed Fletcher in the general election. Some Democrats, including many labor leaders, haven't forgiven Lunsford for backing Fletcher. The other Democrats running for governor in the May 22 primary are former lieutenant governors Steve Henry and Steve Beshear; House Speaker Jody Richards; State

Treasurer Jonathan Miller; Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith and eastern Kentucky demolition contractor Otis Hensley Jr.

Two Republicans are challenging Fletcher: former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup and Paducah businessman Billy Harper.



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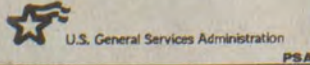
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# March Madness continues

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Notes scribbled on brackets of all shapes and sizes:

■ Hard to argue that the regional tournament was once again a success at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

The paying customer got a lot of bang for its buck. With up to three games a night and then two championship contests for one price of admission, it was a pretty good deal all the



Rick Bentley

way around.

Yes, I know, the concession prices are a little steep, but take a trip to any larger arena and you'll face that. What you won't get at those other places is plentiful free parking. The garage is a short walk and comes at the right price.

In my estimation, the Expo Center will be the host as long as it chooses. My only fear is it will begin pulling the same stunts as Rupp and the city of

Lexington did in the 1980s, which forced the powers that be to resume rotating the Sweet 16 between it and Louisville.

Let's just hope it never comes to that.

■ I know a lot of people think the 15th Region will (continue to?) belong to Shelby Valley for the next few years, but I don't necessarily agree.

The Wildcats won the region starting three freshmen, a sophomore and a junior, which would lead you to

(See BENTLEY, page ten)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Shelby Valley slipped past Betsy Layne in the opening round and went on to win the 15th Region championship.

## JBS captures first 14th Region title

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

WHITESBURG — The June Buchanan School boys' basketball team has reached the top of the 14th Region. JBS won the 14th Region championship Tuesday night, topping defending champion Hazard 51-46 at Letcher County Central. The region championship is the small private school's first title.

Junior guard Clark Stepp paced June Buchanan with 22 points. Stepp was especially effective from the free throw line, scoring half of his points from the charity stripe.

With the win, June Buchanan improved to 26-6 and earned a first-ever trip to the Sweet Sixteen. Earlier in the year, June Buchanan won the WYMT Mountain Classic.

(See JBS, page ten)

# PARTING SHOTS



photos by Steve LeMaster

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Ryan Collins (above) and Farley Joseph (below) are two of the seniors who have played their final games for the Allen Central High School boys' basketball program. ACHS finished the 2006-07 season 23-8.

## REBEL RUNS

A LOOK BACK...  
Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike County Central  
Jan. 2 Lawrence County, 75-55 (W)  
Jan. 5 Cordia, 70-45 (W)  
Jan. 6 Pike Central, 57-55 (W)  
(Championship Game)

58th District Tournament at South Floyd  
Feb. 27 South Floyd, 77-56 (W)  
March 2 Betsy Layne, 74-64 (W)  
(Championship Game)



## Carroll, Napier take KABC regional awards

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

Paintsville High School senior Kendra Carroll has been named the 2007 KABC (Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches) 15th Region Player of the Year. Carroll has signed to play NCAA Division I basketball at Western Carolina University. She led Paintsville to a second straight 15th Region Classic title earlier in the year.

Shelby Valley mentor Greg Napier claimed the KABC 15th Region Coach of the Year award. Napier guided Shelby Valley into the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals. The Napier-coached Shelby Valley team finished the season with a 24-4 record — the region's second-best mark.

A breakdown of the other 2007 KABC girls' basketball honorees follows.

(See KABC, page ten)

## MCA set to host VB tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — Mountain Christian Academy will begin hosting the first annual MCA Spike-Tacular today at 6 p.m. The tournament is scheduled to resume play at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. A tournament champion will be crowned Saturday night.

All tournament matches will be held at the MCA gym. The tournament is under the direction of MCA head coach Sherry Robinson.

Many area middle school volleyball teams — including several in Floyd County — began play in the 2007 season last week.

Other teams joining MCA in the tournament include Allen Central, Letcher County, Johnson County, John M. Stumbo, Johns Creek, South Floyd and Belfry. The championship match of the first annual tournament is slated for Saturday at 7 p.m. The tournament bracket appears inside today's edition.

## Area trio picked for East All-Stars

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BOWLING GREEN — Three senior girls' basketball players from the 15th Region have been selected to play in the 2007 East/West Senior Charity All-Star Game Presented by Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC) and WKYT-TV 27. The game is scheduled for Saturday at 3:15 p.m. at Warren Central High School. Paintsville's Kendra Carroll, Magoffin County's Ashley Jade Howard and Pike County's Central's Haley Ratliff were chosen for the East All-Stars.

Proceeds from the game will go to support Coaches vs. Cancer and the KABC Catastrophic Assist Fund. The KABC also supports Autism Awareness and the Ronald McDonald House, along with the many awards programs to recognize players and coaches, including KABC Regional Coach and Player of the

(See ALL-STARS, page ten)

GOLF AT THE NEXT LEVEL: Prestonsburg High School graduate Sean Leslie is a freshman member of the Transylvania University men's golf team. Leslie and his Transylvania teammates are currently competing in the spring season.



photo courtesy of Transylvania Univ.

# Bears split on final day in Florida

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COCOA BEACH, Fla. — The College baseball team ended its Florida trip with a split, winning game against Mayville State University 5-3 before falling in game two 8-1.

With the split the Bears finish 4-1 in the Sunshine State, not counting a victory in a scrimmage over the Ontario Blue Jays.

Pikeville jumped on their foes from North Dakota early in game one. Leadoff hitter Donald Tardy (Ellenwood,



Josh Adams

Ga.) reached base on a walk and was actually picked off twice, but the Comets threw the ball away, allowing the speedy senior to score with the game's first run. The Bears would add one more in the bottom of the first with an RBI-double by sophomore Josh Adams (Pikeville).

The Bears padded their lead in the bottom of the third when Adams again came through with a single, scoring senior Adam Collins (Paintsville), who had led off the inning with a single. Adams would later come around to score when

Rico) got into a run-down following a single.

The lead was plenty for sophomore starting pitcher Pete Kefalos (Barberton), who retired his first nine batters. The Comets got two on Kefalos in the top of the fourth to cut the lead to 4-2, but the Bears came back with a run of their own in the bottom half of the fourth on an RBI-double by Tardy, which scored sophomore Nathan Free (Kingsport, Tenn.), who had reached on a single.

Mayville would get mount a rally against Kefalos in the seventh, scoring a run and putting the tying run on first with two men out. But Kefalos managed to induce a groundout to

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**Bentley**

believe they could run the table for a while. And it's possible it could happen. But all you have to do to realize it's no guarantee is look at the women's side of the draw.

Pike Central won the region last week and opened play in the state tournament yesterday. But they also won it three years ago, which led me to write a column putting the region on notice.

What with the youth of that team, including then-freshman Haley Ratliff and eighth-grader Kayla Lowe, I said that for the foreseeable future the region would go through Pike Central.

And to an extent, I was right — it went through them alright. It went to Betsy Layne by beating the Lady Hawks two years ago and to Magoffin last year.

A youthful champion is no guarantee a dynasty is about to begin. Yes, the Lady Hawks played in four straight finals, but the two losses should open the eyes of the folks up at Robinson Creek in Pike County.

■ I love March Madness as

much as the next guy, but how nice has this warm weather been this week? Give me sunshine any day.

■ How fun was it watching Pikeville's Jordan Bell? He's nothing if not a feisty sort — at 5-6 (maybe), he scored 31 points, pulled 15 rebounds, had 10 steals and seven assists in three games in the region. He did so shooting 61.5 percent from the field and 82.4 percent from the line.

■ By the way, one of Floyd County's most famous citizens is tournament mainstay Perry Jones, who says next week's Sweet 16 will be his 47th in a row. Perry, an absolute March fixture, says he can't wait to see all his friends in Rupp Arena.

Imagine how many classic games he's seen.

■ Can Kentucky win tonight? Sure it could, but says here it'll be an uphill battle. Villanova is a hungry team, and that's not a term I'd use to describe the Big Blue this year.

■ Am I the only one who grew pretty tired pretty quickly of Jim Boeheim's whining

about not making the tournament? I understand he's a coaching legend and have no problem with him usually, but he embarrassed himself with these shenanigans.

His theory that the Orange's exclusion was the most egregious in tournament history wouldn't be so laughable if two teams *this year* — Air Force and Drexel come to mind — couldn't make a better case for themselves.

■ The highlight of regional tournament week is, for me at least, getting to see my friends in the media again. With the college game keeping me occupied all winter, I don't see much high school play, meaning I don't see a lot of our friends in the media.

But it sure was good to see all the folks from Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties last week. We have a hard-working group of local media people, and I miss seeing them a lot.

■ And finally ... Two weeks ago I wrote my 400th column for *The Floyd County Times*. I didn't mention it then as we were in the midst of Madness, but it's something I'm very proud of.

You and I have celebrated state and national titles together, we've hired coaches and fired coaches and argued and fought and hugged and loved. You helped me through the most difficult time of my life when I lost my youngest brother more than three years ago, and you've tolerated me when I've been too critical of the players and teams you hold dearest to your heart.

It's been my pleasure to serve you all these Fridays and special occasions these last several years. I hope you're still reading, still enjoying, still putting up with me when necessity comes.

You are definitely one of the many things I have to be thankful for every week. Another is the terrific friendship I've had with the two sports editor's I've worked with in my time. Ed Taylor and Steve LeMaster are special people for whom I have a lot of love and respect, and it's a pleasure working with them on a regular basis.

God bless you, and thank you for reading.

Now, let's start working on 400 more.

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**KABC**

Region, Player of the Year, High School: 1st—Jessica Doran, Graves County; 2nd—Melly Heaton, Caldwell County; 3rd—Whitney Odom, Apollo; 4th—T.J. Thomas, Barren County; 5th—Hope Brown, North Hardin; 6th—Whitley Briggs, Fairdale; 7th—Elizabeth Campbell, Sacred Heart; 8th—Whitney Ballinger, Carroll County; 9th—Shannon Klei, Newport Central Catholic; 10th—Courtney Danis, Montgomery County; 11

Rebecca Gray, Scott County; 12th—Lindsey Waters, McCreary Central; 13th—Wendi Messer, Knox Central; 14th—Kristen Madden, Perry County Central; 16th—Jessica Fortman, Russell. Region, Coach of the Year, High School: 1st—Scott Sivills, Calloway County; 2nd—Josh Barnett, Calloway County; 3rd—Mike Harper, Muhlenburg North; 4th—Brian Miller, Cumberland County; 5th—Tim Mudd,

Elizabethtown; 6th—Larry Bruner, Fairdale; 7th—John Kiser, Jeffersonton; 8th—Randy Mefford, Carroll County; 9th—Cheryl Darpel, Notre Dame; 10th—Camey Geiman, Bishop Brossart; 11th—Joey Thacker, Franklin County (tie), Jason Seamonds, Lexington Christian Academy (tie); 12th—Christy Noble, Rockcastle County; 13th—James Burchell, Clay County; 14th—Dwight Lewis, Leslie County; 16th—Bob Trimble, Raceland.

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**All-Star**

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The East All-Stars are players in Regions 9 through 16. The West All-Stars are players from Regions 1 through 8.

The rest of the East All-Stars are Shannon Klei (Newport Central Catholic); Nicole Dickman (Notre Dame); Courtney Davis (Montgomery County); LaDonna Turley (Harrison County); Rebecca Gray (Scott County); Emily London (Lexington Christian); Lindsey Waters (McCreary

Central); Caiti Cowan (Somerset); Wendi Messer (Knox Central); Lauren Wombles (South Laurel); Kristen Madden (Perry County Central); Ciara Stidham (Leslie County); Jessica Fortman (Russell) and Laura Terry (Rose Hill Christian). Sheldon Clark head coach Robin Harmon-Newsome will guide the East All-Stars with Pam Eutonserving as her assistant.

The West All-Stars are Jessica Doran (Graves County); Pressley Doom (Marshall County); Molly

Heaton (Caldwell County); Carissa Houston (Union County); Whitney Odom (Apollo); Heather Mitchell (Muhlenberg North); T.J. Thomas (Barren County); Brittany Spillman (Barren County); Hope Brown (North Hardin); Amy Kurtz (Nelson County); Whitley Briggs (Fairdale); Alden Krausse (Presentation); Elizabeth Campbell (Sacred Heart); Thia Gholson (Assumption); Whitney Ballinger (Carroll County) and Erin McKee (Carroll County).

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**JBS**

Stapp was the only June Buchanan player to reach double figures in the scoring column. Clint Stapp scored eight points and Tate Cox added seven for the Crusaders.

Justin Hicks paced Hazard with a game-high 26 points. Michael Campbell was Hazard's second-leading scor-

er, finishing with eight points. Hazard jumped out in front and led June Buchanan 9-6 at the end of the first quarter. June Buchanan packed a 20-17 lead into halftime. The Crusaders added to their lead in the third quarter, outscoring Hazard 19-10. Hazard ended its season 25-

9. June Buchanan will take on 4th Region champion Warren Central (28-4) Thursday at 8 p.m. in the final opening round game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Basketball Tournament.

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**Bears**

pick up the complete-game victory, his first of the season.

Adams' two hits, two RBI, and run scored paced the Bears' offense, while the win went to Kefalos (1-0), who gave up three earned and struck out eight in his seven innings of work.

The Bears looked to get out of Florida with a perfect 5-0 mark with a win in game two and helped their cause when Tardy led off the top of the first with a single then scored on a passed ball.

But the Comets came right back against Pikeville starter Adam Lesshafft (Wilmore), scoring two runs in the bottom of the first on four hits, a walk and a hit-batsman.

In the bottom of the second

Christopher Swenson socked a home run over the left field wall to start the inning. Mickey Berry would do likewise one inning later, hitting a solo shot to left.

The 4-1 lead proved to be enough, as the Bears managed to get only three runners in scoring position past the first inning and never got another runner to third base.

The Comets chased Lesshafft in the third but were not done, scoring four more runs on the Pikeville bullpen en route to the 8-1 win.

Swenson led the Comets with two hits, two runs scored and an RBI. The win went to Heath Lee, who gave up one earned run on three hits over four innings, while striking out

a pair. The loss fell to Lesshafft (0-2), who gave up five earned over 2-1/3 innings. Tardy's single and run scored led the Bears' offense, which only managed four hits.

"While we didn't play very well in that second game," said head coach Don Ashby, "we did pretty well during this trip. We got some big games offensively, and we're going to need that this weekend."

The Bears departed Florida on Wednesday, heading to Williamsburg for the start of conference play. Pikeville will open up a four-game Mid-South Conference series with the University of the Cumberlands, starting today at 1 p.m.

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**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**



Kaitlin Lawson, Betsy Layne Basketball



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**Former Eagle AD honored at MSU's annual Founders Day Ceremony**

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**MOREHEAD** — Morehead State University's 2007 Founders Day Award for University Service was presented posthumously to Steve A. Hamilton at a luncheon ceremony Tuesday. The former standout Eagle athlete served MSU as baseball coach and director of athletics for more than 20 years.

A standout athlete during his college days, he played on Ohio Valley Conference championship teams in baseball, basketball and track.

Hamilton is the only individual to play in the NCAA Basketball Championships (Morehead State), a Major League Baseball World Series (New York Yankees) and a National Basketball Association Championship Series (Minneapolis Lakers).

After an 11-year major-league pitching career, he coached in the minors before returning to MSU in 1976 to become baseball coach. He held that position for 13 years and accumulated a 305-275 record and led the Eagles to five divisional champions and two OVC crowns. In NCAA tournament competition, his 1983 squad was runner-up in the Midwest Regional.

He was named director of athletics in July 1988, a post he served until his death in 1997.

As the A.D., Hamilton led the program to success on the field, in facilities and in the classroom. During his tenure, a weight room was added, graduation rates of student-athletes improved and the University won the OVC Academic Achievement Banner four times.

Hamilton earned a bachelor's degree from MSU in 1958 and a master's degree in 1963.

Among his honors include spots in the

Morehead State University Athletic Hall of Fame, the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame and the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame.

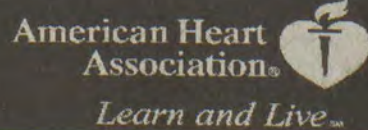
In 1999, the OVC honored him with the establishment of the "Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award." It is given annually to an OVC male or female student-athlete of junior or senior standing who best exemplifies the characteristics of Hamilton. Criteria includes significant athletic performance along with good sportsmanship and citizenship.

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## Neace named pitcher of the week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Strengthened by a perfect game against Alice Lloyd, Pikeville College senior pitcher Kelley Neace has been named Pitcher of the Week by the Mid-South Conference.

Neace, a Chavies native who pitched at Hazard High School, went 2-1 on the week with a 2.33 ERA. In 18 innings, she scattered eight hits and six earned runs while striking out 17 and walking only seven.

In her outings, Pikeville beat Alice Lloyd 9-0 and King 11-3 before losing to Shawnee State on Sunday 3-0.

"Kelly's been an exceptional pitcher since the day she walked on campus," said Robert Staggs, softball coach at Pikeville College. "She's a team player and a leader on this club."

Neace took care of the ALC hitters nearly all on her own, recording 10 of the 15 outs on strikeouts. Only two balls left the infield in the win.

Neace, who has also played volleyball and bowled in her career, is a three-time all-conference pitcher. For the season, she's 3-2 with a 3.09 ERA. In 32 innings pitched, she's allowed only 20 hits, 13 runs and 11 earned. She's fanned 32 for an average of one per inning and walked only 12.

For the season, her opponents are hitting only .168 this season.



Kelley Neace



Jeremy Slone/ photo courtesy of Marshall University

## Slone registers first win of season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Marshall University baseball team held off a furious Campbell ninth-inning rally to post a 9-8 win Friday in the first game of a doubleheader at University Heights Field. The Camels scored six runs in the ninth to cut a 9-2 lead to a single run, but with the tying run on third base and two outs, Nick Wolle (Sr., Coatesville, Pa.) struck out Rob Meng to seal the win.

Jeremy Slone (Sr., Paintsville) pitched into the ninth inning to earn his first win of 2007. The Paintsville High School graduate went 8 1/3 innings and allowed five earned runs, eight hits and three walks while striking out three. Wolle came on to get the final two outs and record his fourth save. Quinn Lesage (0-4) started and tossed five innings for Campbell, giving up seven earned runs, nine hits and a walk while also recording a strikeout.

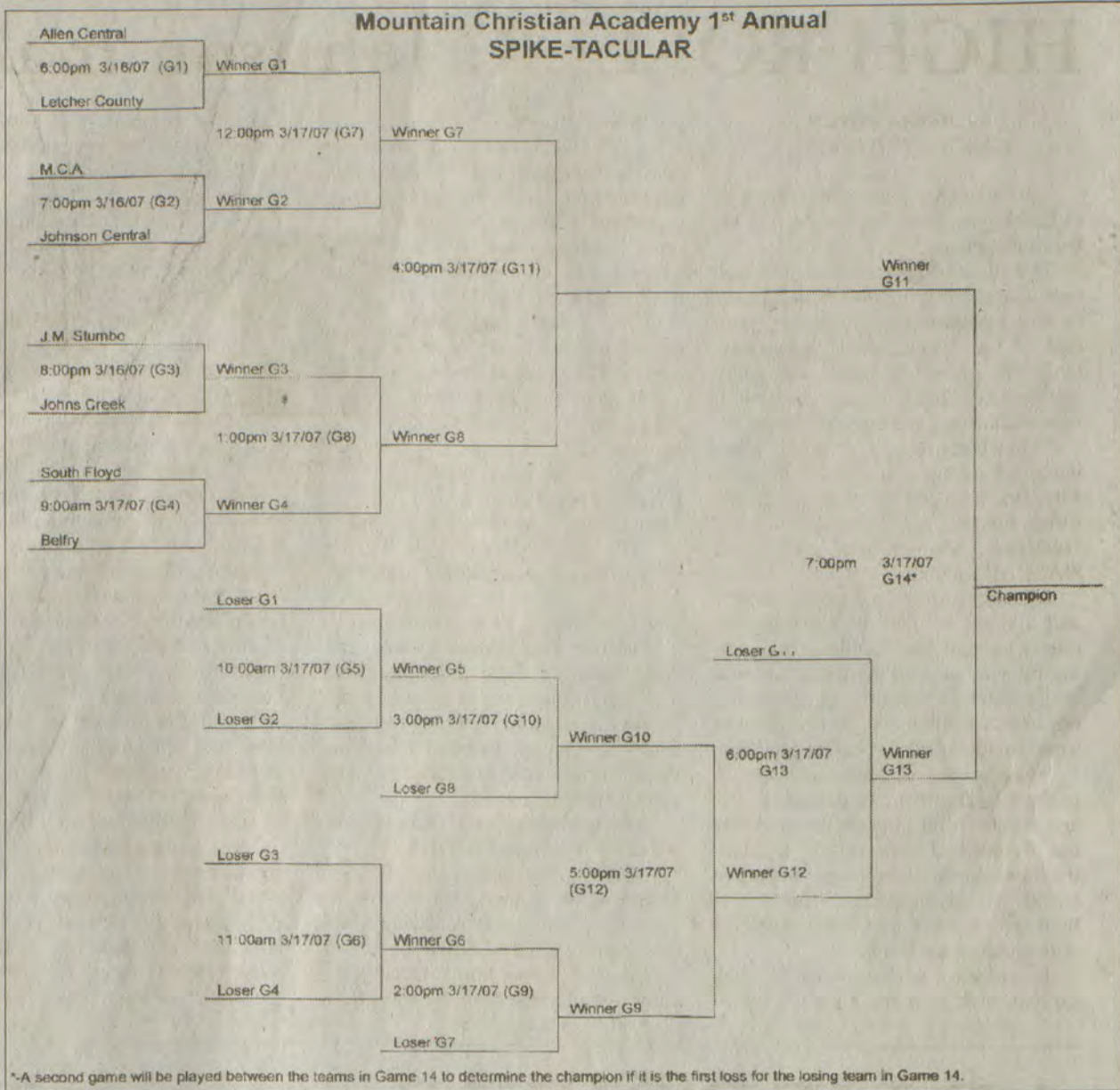
Brendan Murphy (Sr., Chattanooga, Tenn.) and Brandon Casamassima (So., Colleywood, Texas) each homered for the Herd to lead an 11-hit attack. Jacob Allen

went 3-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBI for Campbell.

Marshall jumped out to 5-0 lead in the third inning, as Murphy hit a three-run home run, then Casamassima came up two batters later and swatted a two-run shot.

Campbell scored single runs in the fourth and fifth inning, but Marshall responded with two runs in the bottom of the fifth on a Josh Valle (Fr., Brentwood, N.Y.) run-scoring single and a Lesage balk. The Herd added two more in the sixth inning on a Brit Vincent (Sr., Bowling Green) RBI single and a Jeff Rowley (Jr., Buffalo, N.Y.) sacrifice fly.

Campbell nearly made a miraculous comeback in the ninth inning. Three of the first four hitters reached base against Slone, prompting Marshall head coach Jeff Waggoner to summon Andrew Hancock (Jr., Ashland) from the bullpen. The next three hitters reached base, forcing Waggoner to bring in Wolle with a 9-6 lead. He gave up a two-run single to Ryan Hamme to cut the lead to 9-8, then fired two wild pitches to push Hamme to third before striking out Meng swinging on a 3-2 pitch to close out the win.



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## GIRLS' STATE TOURNAMENT

### Lou. Iroquois 57, Breathitt Co. 46

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Adia Mathies scored 22 points and grabbed 14 rebounds as Louisville Iroquois outlasted 14th Region champion Breathitt County 57-46 in the opening game of the Girls Sweet 16 state basketball tournament Wednesday.

Iroquois (30-2), champion of Region 6, advances to Friday's quarterfinal round of the tournament to face the winner of Wednesday's opening round game between Clay County and North Hardin.

Breathitt County, champion of Region 14, finished its season at 25-6.

The game was back and forth in

the second half with neither team holding more than a five-point lead until Mathies scored eight consecutive points with a pair of three-point plays and two more free throws that pushed the Lady Raiders lead to 53-45 with just over two minutes to play.

Iroquois dominated on the offensive boards, getting 17 offensive rebounds to seven for the taller Lady Bobcats.

Iroquois' Stafonia Taylor scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Iroquois.

Lenae Shouse, Breathitt's 6-2 center, led the Lady Bobcats with 19 points. Kendall Noble added 11 points and Nicole Lutes 10 for Breathitt County.

### North Hardin 51, Clay Co. 49, OT

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Linda Dixon's layup with 8.5 seconds to play in overtime helped North Hardin to a 51-49 victory over Clay County Wednesday afternoon in the opening round of the Girls' Sweet Sixteen state basketball tournament.

North Hardin (24-7), winner of the 5th Region, advanced to Friday's first quarterfinal game at noon CDT against Louisville Iroquois.

Clay County (28-6), champion of the 13th Region, nearly pulled the game out at the end as Gemma Gray's 3-point shot near the top of the key twice bounced off the right side of the rim as the buzzer sounded.

Clay County had a 48-45 lead with 1:12 to play in overtime after Stephanie Jackson made one of two free throws, but Rae Chaun Edwards made two free throws, and after a turnover, Dixon scored to put the Trojans ahead with 45 seconds to play.

The Lady Tigers tied the game again as Jordan Phillips made one of two free throws with 31.5 seconds to

go before Dixon's winning basket. Dixon scored 14 points to lead North Hardin, while Mica Prince added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Page Jackson of Clay County led all scorers with 17 points, including a three-point play with 58.6 seconds in regulation to send the game to overtime. Whitney Jackson finished with 12 points and Stephanie Jackson 11 for the Lady Tigers.

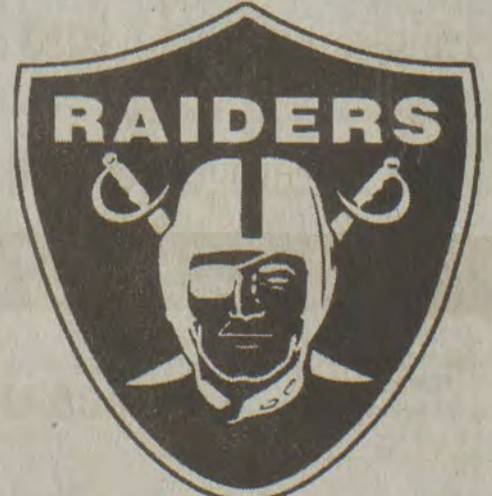
### Girls' Sweet 16 Schedule

**Today**  
Quarterfinal 1, Noon  
Quarterfinal 2, 1:30 p.m.  
Quarterfinal 3, 6:30 p.m.  
Quarterfinal 4, 8 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Semifinal 1, 10 a.m.  
Semifinal 2, 11:30 a.m.  
Final, 8 p.m.



2007 SFHS HOMECOMING QUEEN: Paige Johnson, senior at South Floyd High School, is her school's 2007 Homecoming Queen. She is the daughter of Gary and Katherine Johnson of Melvin. Her escort was senior Ly Johnson of Hi Hat. She was crowned by previous Homecoming Queen Breanna Daniels.



# HIGH ROLLER: Johnson makes it 3 straight in Vegas

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — The only sure win in Las Vegas these days is betting on Jimmie Johnson.

The defending series champion beat teammate Jeff Gordon on Sunday to win his third straight Nextel Cup race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. Only this one came under extremely different conditions on a reconfigured race track that gave everyone fits.

"This track was a different challenge for us, no doubt about it," said Johnson, who led Gordon across the finish line for a 1-2 finish that gave Hendrick Motorsports its 150th NASCAR victory.

Johnson suffered a pit-road penalty and a slight bounce off the wall, but otherwise had few problems navigating his way around the track that was under intense scrutiny all weekend because of changes owner Bruton Smith made to the 1.5-mile speedway.

The changes included an increase in the banking from 12 degrees to 20, and a curved pit lane unlike anything the drivers had seen before. Because the new surface produced such fast speeds, Goodyear had to bring a very hard left-side tire that was capable of withstanding the loads.

It created a perfect storm of slick asphalt, little grip and a garage full of

grumbling drivers.

"I felt like I was on ice from lap one until the last one," said Gordon, the four-time series champion. "There is no reason for us to show up at racetracks and be at a white-knuckle experience for an entire weekend."

That sentiment was echoed over and over as drivers climbed from their cars.

"It was out of control pretty much all day," Clint Bowyer said.

"It was the poorest race I've ever been in. It wasn't fun to drive," David Stremme said.

"You couldn't run side-by-side. When you got alongside of somebody, you were scared to death you were going to wreck," Matt Kenseth said.

The race was marred by nine cautions, most of them products of the new configuration and tough tire. David Ragan spun on the opening lap, and Casey Mears, Robby Gordon and Ward Burton were in a three-car accident 10 laps in.

Joe Nemechek and Dave Blaney wrecked eight laps after that.

"There's just no grip at all," said Mears, who blamed Gordon for the accident. "Everybody is having a hard time getting a hold of their cars."

Johnson understood Goodyear's choice of tire based on the short time-

frame the company had between the January test that revealed the high speeds to when a choice of tire had to be selected.

But he called on the company to figure out a way to work more with the teams in the future.

"When we go to new surfaces, we need to be on the conservative side and we need to be able to test it," Johnson said. "To show up and not test what you are going to race is where all of the frustration comes from. I do understand that Goodyear wants to build a strong, safe tire. And not everybody is going to agree with going to a hard tire. But if we have a chance to test it, we'll find a way to be comfortable."

Johnson led 89 of the 267 laps en route to the win, but it came at Gordon's expense.

Gordon dominated by leading 111 laps, and appeared poised to tie the late Dale Earnhardt for sixth place on the career list with 76 victories. But Gordon thought he had a flat left-rear tire following a late round of pit stops, and gave up the lead with 32 laps to go when Jeff Burton passed him.

Johnson got by both of them five laps later and held on after a final restart with 11 to go. He credited it to the final pit stop, when crew chief

Chad Knaus made a tire pressure adjustment that balanced out the damage he received from brushing the wall.

"Over the long haul I really don't think I had the speed to run with either of the Jeffs — Jeff Gordon or Jeff Burton," he said. "But at the end when we came in and put right side tires on ... I had that edge that I could lean on and really push hard to get by Gordon and Burton and then hold off them at the end."

Gordon was disappointed with the finish.

"I thought we had this won here," Gordon said. "We just got beat. We keep bringing cars like this, we'll win some."

Denny Hamlin finished third and was followed by Kenseth, Mark Martin and Carl Edwards.

Martin is still on top of the points standings, up six over Gordon. Martin, who has never won a Nextel Cup title, is planning to run only 23 races this season and is expected to sit out of the race at Bristol later this month.

"The plans haven't changed — yet," Martin said. "Let's just worry about that later. I was happy with the run. I'm happy with the team and happy with what I laid out. We don't need to be talking about that right now."

Tony Stewart, the most vocal critic

of the track and the tires, finished seventh. He was followed by Ryan Newman, Las Vegas native Kyle Busch and Jamie McMurray.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. wound up a disappointing 11th after a mental error cost him a top-five finish. He was in fifth when Kasey Kahne's wreck brought out the final caution, and didn't notice that pit road was closed when he mistakenly followed Jeff Burton down it.

"I followed the 31 in ... the pit road was closed and I didn't see, or wasn't looking, I didn't even think if it was closed or open," Earnhardt said. "You're not thinking about that. But we had a good car and I was real proud of that. But I'm sad for my team because we should have finished fifth or sixth."

The penalty dropped him to 13th on the restart. He picked up two spots in the finishing order and 12 in the points — he's now 28th overall.

Even without the mistake, Earnhardt wouldn't have challenged the Hendrick tandem of Johnson and Gordon, who had the field covered for most of the race.

But it was Johnson who wound up in Victory Lane, even after a tire rolled loose on pit road earlier in the race. The penalty dropped Johnson to 25th, but he wasted little time moving back to the front.



Jimmie Johnson

# ADVERSITY: NASCAR's best defy track's perils

by JENNA FRYER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Hours before the race, Brett Bodine gave a pace-car ride around reconfigured Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

At speeds reaching 130 mph, the former NASCAR driver pointed out the trouble spots: bumps in the track surface, uneven lines in the asphalt, tricky transitions in and out of the banked turns and a curved pit lane unlike anything else on the circuit.

When the tour was over, Bodine's passengers were convinced Sunday's race was going to be a wreck fest.

"Nah, it will be fine," he predicted. "The talent level in this group is too good to let that happen."

Bodine was right. There were only nine cautions during the Nextel Cup race, a testament to the skill and adaptability of NASCAR's top drivers. But it may have created a mirage masking the event's many problems.

"With the exception of a couple of guys, all the drivers did a great job of give-and-take," said two-time series champion Tony Stewart, a critic of the track changes and the tire Goodyear forced the teams to use.

"I could see situations in front of me and behind me where everybody was giving each other room and trying to be courteous to each other. I think the drivers made the best out of a bad situation here."

After the Busch Series race Saturday, which was plagued by a record 12 cautions, top drivers issued stern warnings. Matt Kenseth called the tires treacherous and Greg Biffle said he felt as if he were driving on black ice. Kasey Kahne said every lap was a battle not to wreck, while Stewart criticized LVMS owner Bruton Smith, general manager Chris Powell and Goodyear for creating a frightening experience for everyone.

But it wasn't.

"I predicted much more gloom and doom than this," Mark Martin said. "I want to give a shout out to all the drivers — they were extremely cautious. Very smart driving, as smart as I've ever seen these guys drive under all the pressure that they're under. They all did a great job, and it wasn't nearly as much of a disaster as I thought it was going to be."

So what happened to create such dire predictions?

Smith wanted better racing, along with a fan experience that tops anything in NASCAR. So he pumped millions of dollars into the facility, and on-track changes that added 8 degrees of banking and moved pit road. But the changes pushed speeds over 200 mph during the January test session, and Goodyear had to create a tire strong enough to withstand the loads.

The tire company selected a hard compound for the left side tires, which infuriated drivers who general-

ly prefer a softer tire that sticks to the surface. The harder tire eliminated any grip, turning every lap of Sunday's race into a concentrated effort not to wreck.

There were slips, slides and spins and even winner Jimmie Johnson had to save his car from making a sharp right-hand turn into the wall.

"There were like top-10 saves, there were some saves that were miraculous," said Dale Earnhardt Jr. "There were a lot of guys getting out of control."

But there also was good racing — which is all Smith wanted to begin with.

NASCAR's post-race statistics showed that passing at Las Vegas was up 75 percent from a year ago, with 1,123 passes under the green flag compared with 898 in 2006.

And the harder tire — compounded with a smaller fuel cell that forced teams to pit more often — created pit strategy that has been missing of late. Crew chiefs had to gamble during stops — two tires or four? right sides or lefts?

"It was a day of survival," said Chad Knaus, Johnson's crew chief. "It's been a long time since we've gone to a race track and we've seen a difference in race car speeds like we saw. Guys were two seconds off the pace compared to the leaders. We had a new race track and a new tire and a lot of obstacles to overcome."

But it made for a good race, track

officials said, and that's all that matters to the fans.

"We didn't have near as many cautions as some were expecting, and I don't know if you contribute that to a more experienced field of drivers or the weather," Powell said. "But I thought we had really, really good racing through the field. Behind the leader always seemed to be a lot of drivers competing for position, and through the field was excellent."

But the issue is now on preparations for next year. Will the track weather at all? And will Goodyear find a more favorable tire?

Powell said LVMS has cars on the track almost every day of the year with the Richard Petty Driving experience, wear that could help season the surface.

But the drivers are insistent there must be better communication.

"If these guys didn't bring the right car to the track, their butts would be on the line," he said, referring to the race teams. "I know Goodyear is working very hard, but we have to bring the right tire. I don't know how we get there, whether it's more tire testing or bringing more cars to the track for tire testing, but something needs to be addressed to where we know we have the right tire. The sport is too big to be dealing with last-minute changes."

Four-time series champion Jeff Gordon planned to sit down with Goodyear officials.

"We've got to come up with a solution," he said. "There is no reason for us to show up at tracks and have a white-knuckle experience the whole weekend like we did here. They've been doing this too long and they've got too smart people, so we've got to figure out how not to bring tires like this to the track."

## 2007 NASCAR Nextel Cup Driver Standings

1. Mark Martin, 495
2. Jeff Gordon, 489
3. Jeff Burton, 453
4. Jimmie Johnson, 406
5. Matt Kenseth, 397
6. Kevin Harvick, 389
7. Kyle Busch, 382
8. Denny Hamlin, 374
9. J J Yeley, 365
10. Elliott Sadler, 342
11. David Stremme, 339
12. David Gilliland, 335
13. Tony Stewart, 332
14. Robby Gordon, 330
15. Ryan Newman, 328
16. Greg Biffle, 326
17. Carl Edwards, 325
18. Clint Bowyer, 324
19. David Ragan, 322
20. Joe Nemechek III, 308

# DW, Junior Johnson touted for Food City 500 positions

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Two of NASCAR's greatest legends and the most successful driver and owner in Bristol Motor Speedway history, Darrell Waltrip and Junior Johnson, will kick off the Food City 500 in style with Waltrip waving the green flag while Johnson will serve as Grand Marshal.

Food City officials are thrilled to have such an accomplished duo taking part in the pre-race festivities.

"Food City is extremely honored to have two of NASCAR's most successful personalities serve as honorary starter and grand marshal of the Food City 500," said Steven C. Smith, Food

City CEO/President.

"This year is cause for double celebration, as it marks the 15th anniversary of the Food City 500 and 20th anniversary of our Food City Family Race Night events. Junior Johnson was the obvious choice for grand marshal, as he appeared at our very first Food City Family Race Night in 1987. FOX commentator Darrell Waltrip was selected to waive the green flag in part due to his unmatched winning history at BMS."

Waltrip, who is a television commentator for FOX, which will be broadcasting the March 25 race, will be shown live on the air, waving the green flag to start the sold-out Food City 500 while uttering his famous

"Boogity, boogity, boogity" phrase. This will be the first time Waltrip has been the Honorary Starter for a NEXTEL Cup Series event and is thought to be the first time an on-air personality has started a Cup race during a live broadcast.

The 60-year-old Waltrip, a three-time Nextel Cup champion and winner of 84 races at NASCAR's top level, is the all-time leading winner at the World's Fastest Half-Mile with 12 victories. While Dale Earnhardt, Cale Yarborough and Rusty Wallace all had nine wins at Bristol, the next closest active drivers to Waltrip's mark are Jeff Gordon and Kurt Busch with five wins apiece. David Pearson also had five BMS wins.

Named one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers, he made history at Bristol when he won a remarkable seven consecutive Cup events from the spring of 1981 through the spring of 1984.

Waltrip's first win at Bristol came in the spring of 1978 and his final came in August of 1992, which was the first race on concrete at BMS.

Johnson is the all-time leading car owner at Bristol with a remarkable 21 victories and was Waltrip's car owner during his streak of seven straight wins. The next closest was the Holman-Moody team with nine wins while Richard Childress, Jack Roush and Roger Penske are the winningest active owners with eight each.

The 75-year-old Johnson, also one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers, captured 50 Cup wins over his distinguished career, including one at Bristol in the spring of 1965 when he served as both driver and owner. Johnson's record of consecutive race wins at Bristol outshines Waltrip's by one, as he won an amazing eight straight events on the high-banked oval, including the August night race of 1980 with Cale Yarborough behind the wheel.

The Food City 500 will take the flag on Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m. Husqvarna Pole Day at BMS is Friday, March 23 while the Sharpie MINI 300 is Saturday, March 24 with a start time of 3 p.m.

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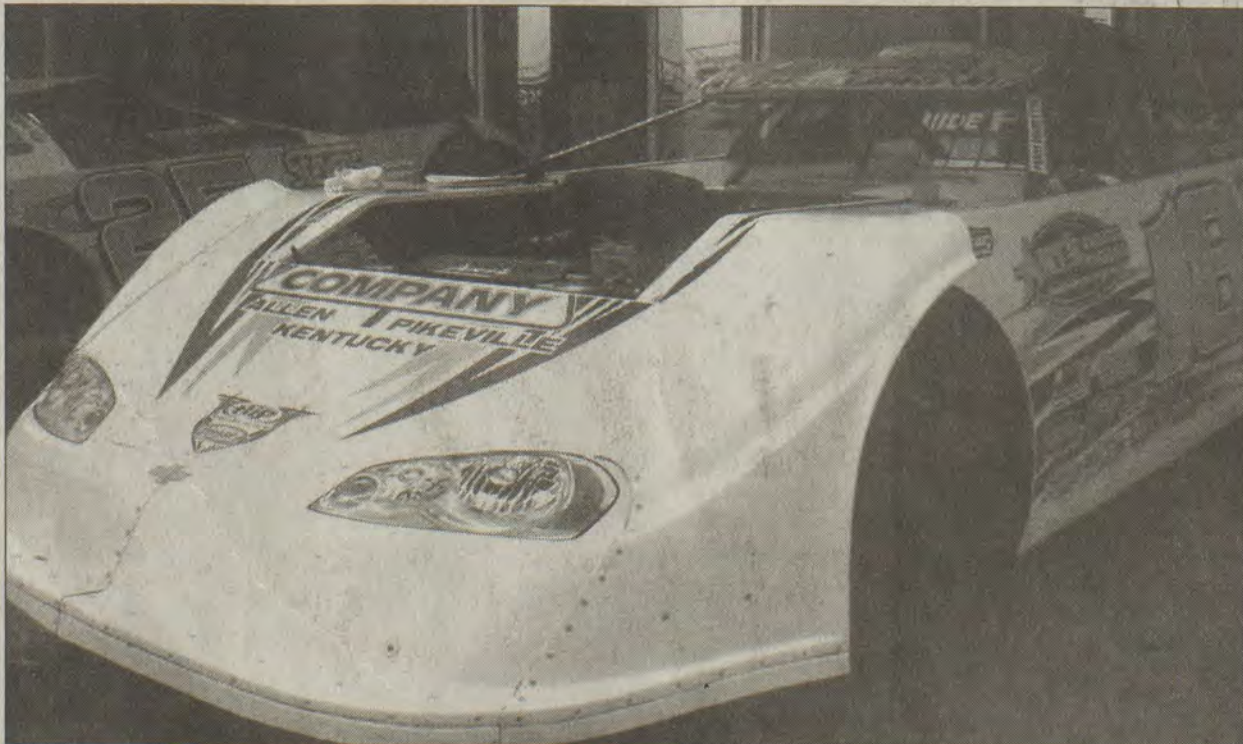
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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Survivin'

by Kathy Prater

Yes, indeed, folks, life most certainly is an ongoing contest of struggling to survive. And no one knows this any better than us moms. As such, just had to share the following -

moms will grin, chuckle and guffaw while dads and kids most surely better take heed! Moms rule!

Enjoy.



"The next Survivor series"

Six married men will be dropped off on an island with one car and three kids each for six weeks. Each kid will play two sports and either take music or dance classes. There will be no fast food and each man must take care of his own three kids, keep his assigned house clean, correct all homework, complete science projects, cook, do laundry, and pay a list of "pretend" bills with not enough money. In addition, each man will have to budget in money

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### DINNER DIVA

## Pantry Stockup

by Leanne Ely

I am a big believer in planning your menus and knowing what's for dinner (good thing because I am the Dinner Diva!), but sometimes, even best intentions get thrown to the wayside. Stuff comes up, things happen, and you need an alternate plan and I'm not talking drive-thru! What to do? Go to the pantry! If you use my list, you'll walk



Leanne Ely

away with ingredients for a quick, satisfying dinner and if you're able to scrounge up a reasonable facsimile of something resembling a vegetable, it will even be a balanced meal. But before we go there, let's build that pantry, shall we?

Here's a list of stuff I find completely indispensable: Canned Items and Jarred Items: all manner of tomato products, diced tomatoes, whole tomatoes, spaghetti sauces, pizza sauce, tomato paste, salsas. I keep a variety of sizes available, too. Canned beans: black beans, pinto beans, kidney beans, garbanzo beans, whatever bean you can find that

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Le Hai Bevins, seated between her husband, Donald, and daughter, Yen Linh, came to America without knowing how to speak English. With the help of her husband and mother-in-law Ruby (also pictured), she now speaks fluent English and is the owner of a beauty spa.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

## A new life - from Viet Nam to east Ky

### Happy to help others in a new country

by Kathy J. Prater  
FEATURES EDITOR

From a childhood that began in the Vietnamese countryside to a later move to one of Viet Nam's largest cities, Le Hai Bevins has now traveled from half a world away to become a resident of Upper Chloe Creek, in Pike County.

The diminutive exotic beauty who now operates her own business, Venus Beauty & Nails Spa, located on South Mayo Trail in Pikeville, says that she was lured to America by not only "opportunity" but romance, as well.

In learning Le Hai's story, one discovers that very early in life, when Le Hai was about eight years old, her family experienced a sudden, grief-stricken tragedy when her father, a schoolteacher, was killed in a bomb blast that struck the building in which he was working. Following, Le Hai's mother moved what was left of her family from the no longer peaceful countryside to Saigon, a city more protected from the ravages of war.

In the years that followed, Le Hai's

mother met and married a well-known, very well respected Vietnamese author, Bui Dep. In the city, Le Hai and her family found safety, and in the home of Viet Nam's most renowned author, they found a life that many only dream of. "In Viet Nam, my day would begin at 5:30 in the morning. I would get up, go the gym, exercise and have body massage," Le Hai said. Following, she would return home to breakfast prepared by servants, a stint at overseeing a Saigon restaurant/coffee shop (the "Lucky Cafe") that she owned and operated, and an afternoon nap. Though many would most likely miss a daily workout, body massage and the luxury of servants, Le Hai shares that the one thing she misses most about her past life in Saigon is the afternoon naps. "I miss naps," she said. "Here, no one takes off for nap...instead, work - all the day through," she laughingly said.

Le Hai has now found herself living, and working, in eastern Kentucky due to meeting local radio and television personality, "Dr. Don" Bevins, during a trip to Viet Nam that Bevins took during January, 2002. "I saw her, and, of course, was immediately struck by her beauty, but, even more, I

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Le Hai says that she enjoys helping others care for themselves and appreciates the opportunities for self advancement that are available in America.

photo by Kathy J. Prater



Le Hai, with husband Donald, and daughter, following the couple's marriage ceremony, held at Grace Baptist Church, in Shelbyana.

## Rader donates \$10,000 for HCTC scholarships

The Bob Rader Endowed Scholarship has been created at Hazard Community & Technical College for needy students. Ann Rader of Hazard started the scholarship in honor of her late husband. She also is naming the scholarship in honor of her two children—Bobbie Ann Rader Lombard, a retired teacher and John Robert Rader, civil engineer, both living in Louisville.

Ann Rader, age 90, said her husband passed away 27 years ago but this March 3, which was his birthday and March 4, which was his day of death, got her thinking of how much Bob Rader was devoted to helping those in need. "That's all he lived for, to help people," Mrs. Rader said. "He was always wanting to give to help

the poor." She fondly remembers the story of Bob listening to a ball game on a radio in their backyard when a worker at the house said, "That sure is a fine radio."

"If you can wait until the ball game is over, I'll give it to you," Ann quoted him as saying. And the Rader household was minus one radio.

The radio story is just one indication of a giving spirit that lasted over a lifetime for Bob Rader.

The couple was married 47 years and Ann said he was the happiest when he headed up LKLP because of the assistance given to those in need.

Ann is a sharp 90-year-old who loves to work in her garden, loves to be with people, enjoys reading. "I'm busy every day," she said. Her profes-

sional life was court stenographer and she enjoys being known as "Ann from the Courthouse" to this day. She has many a story to tell about being in courtrooms throughout Eastern Kentucky. "The lawyers were always so good to me; I enjoyed my work very much," she said.

Ann was born in Leslie County and Bob's family was from Perry County. She loves living in Hazard and she is glad to make this contribution to Hazard Community & Technical College. If her husband were alive today, she is convinced he would say he was glad she made the contribution to help students. "Bob will be glad that someone will get a benefit (from



Ann Rader

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### FLY LADY

## Could you evacuate your home?

by Maria Cilley

Every year we are faced with fires out west, hurricanes in the south and southeast, flash floods, winter storms and blackouts. Emergencies happen all

the time. Could you stay calm if you were faced with a disaster or personal emergency? This week is Anti-Procrastination Week. I know you have been putting off making this section in your control journal. Please don't put off the actual preparation: Batteries, water, emergency food supplies, radio, a way to cook, flashlights and anything else that you can think of. Here is your test question: Imagine that you have to evacuate your home in 30 minutes. What would you take with you? Could you decide what is important in your life and what is really only clutter?

Now here is the toughest part of this challenge: Can you put your hands on those items that you wish to take with you?

I want you to think about this! Keep in mind you only have a few minutes and you have to leave your home and you may never see your home again. So this is going to be a quick decision on your part. No more being wishy washy about this. You are going to find out what is most important in your home.

I can tell you right this minute, that there is nothing in my home that Robert that I could not replace. If I

were forced to evacuate, I would grab my purse, my laptop and my pearls. I could still replace all of these things; I would just feel better having them around. I would do my best to save our dogs and our orange kitty. I have had to search for leashes and the cat carrier in the past. I know where they are now. Now don't say, "this can never happen to me!" Many of you live on the coast and deal with hurricane evacuation every summer. Most all of us may have to deal with other weather related problems, floods, winter storms and tornados. Then there are nuclear reac-



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# Family Medicine



**Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.**  
Associate Professor  
of Family Medicine

**Q**uestion: I've been diagnosed with Mal de Debarquement Syndrome. I got it after I came back from an ocean cruise. So far, treatment for it has not been successful. This is a strange disorder in which symptoms are with you constantly; they never leave. You feel like you're constantly trying to walk on a mattress or trampoline. Can you tell me what causes this disorder and if there's any way to cure it?

**A**nswer: Mal de Debarquement syndrome (MDDS) is a very rare disorder, which most commonly strikes

women between the ages of 40 and 50. While I am sorry to hear that you have MDDS, you are lucky to have a diagnosis. Many sufferers go from doctor to doctor before they find one who is aware of this disorder and can correctly diagnose it.

The constant motion symptoms of Mal de Debarquement syndrome are usually first noticed, as in your case, when a person returns to land after an ocean cruise. That is, it comes on after you come ashore, or disembark, from a ship.

The most common symptoms are rocking, swaying, bobbing and floating sensations. These may be accom-

# Reader 'came ashore' but still feels like she's 'on the boat'

panied by other manifestations of a constant feeling of motion as well as fatigue, an unsteady gait (ataxia) and difficulty concentrating.

These symptoms can also be seen with certain inner-ear disorders such as Ménière's disease. Therefore, your doctor will need to exclude these diseases before arriving at a diagnosis of MDDS.

Most people have a brief period of adjustment to being on land after being on the high seas for several days. With MDDS, you never get your "land legs" back — the feeling that you are still rocking on the boat never leaves. MDDS has also been diagnosed following air or train travel.

The underlying cause continues to elude physicians. It is not caused by a problem with the "balance center" in the inner ear. It is believed to be caused by a change in the balance

part of the brain. Some speculate that it is actually a type of migraine headache.

The symptoms get better with motion, such as driving a car and are worse when you are still, like trying to get to sleep at night. Some people report a worsening of symptoms when they are under stress, are feeling tired, have another illness or are in crowded areas like malls, busy stores or offices.

Most people recover from this syndrome in less than a month. In a few cases, however, it can last much longer. Some unlucky folks have suffered with MDDS for ten years or more.

The treatments that we use for dizziness do not work in MDDS. Treatments that have been helpful include non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, some anti-seizure medications like Dilantin and certain tran-

quilizers. Amitriptyline, an anti-depressant sold under brand name Elavil and Endep, has helped some people as well.

Vestibular rehabilitation therapy, physical therapy and exercise has helped some sufferers. Ultimately, more research needs to be done so that the exact cause and, thus, more appropriate and specific treatments, can be found.

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## School Happenings

**\*\*Floyd County Schools 2007-2008 Kindergarten registration packets are available at local schools. Parents and guardians are invited to visit their schools and pick up a packet.\*\***

**\*\*Please turn in your Food City receipts to your local school by March 16! Thank you!\*\***

### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ "Get Moving AMS," an exercise/nutrition program for students will meet on Wednesdays, during the month of March. Heather Nelson, Floyd County 4-H Agent, will facilitate. Interested students may sign up in the YSC.

■ March 19 thru 23 - Spring Book Fair. Parent volunteers who wish to assist may call 886-1297.

■ March 22 - Parent Support Group meeting for AMS and Clark parent/guardians, 8:30 a.m., in YSC office. Refreshments and door prizes.

■ March 27 - "Magic Me," weather permitting.

■ To learn about Smarty Camp scholarships, contact the center. Smarty Camp will instruct students in art, music, drama and science, as well as providing recreational activities.

■ Exercise class for adults now in session. Classes conducted by Floyd County Health Dept. staff. Those interested may contact the center for more information.

■ Exercise class for students also being offered. Those interested may contact the center to sign-up.

■ The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on center programs and services.

### Allen Central High School

■ March 16 - ROTC Spot Team trip.

■ March 17 - Pre-season baseball and Knott Central.

■ March 21 - Youth leadership at BSCTC.

■ March 24 - ACT workshop.

■ March 24 - Military Ball.

■ March 27 - TAG trip.

■ March 28 - Sophomores order class rings.

■ March 29 - Internet safety at ACMS, 6 p.m.

■ Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

### Allen Central Middle School

■ March 21 - Parent support group meeting, 1:30 p.m. Topic: "Discipline/Managing Behaviors."

■ March 22 - Respect class, 2 p.m.,

7th grade girls.

■ March 26, 27, 28 - Genetics presentation, 7th and 8th grades.

■ March 29 - Parent support group meeting, 6 p.m. Topic: "Internet Safety," presented by Trooper Scott Hopkins. Everyone welcome!

■ Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center 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

■ March 19 - Kindergarten registration; 8:30-11:30 a.m. For information, contact Teresa Frazier, counselor, at 478-9751, ext. 2809.

■ Lost and Found items will be located in the center. Items not claimed within two weeks will become FRYSC property.

■ Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. 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.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

### Clark Elementary

■ Dairy Queen coupon cards for sale - \$10 each. Contact any Clark student or call Family Resource Center for information.

■ F.I.T. Club meets each Tuesday and Wednesday after school, 3:15-4:15 p.m. (Fitness activities for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.) Focus on physical exercise and nutrition.

**\*\*Fridays are "School Spirit" days! (All year long!) Wear Clark colors (green and gold) or Clark t-shirts. Students, staff, parents - show your support for CES!!**

■ Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates (March 8, 16, and 22). Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams for birth-18 years. Flu shots may also be scheduled. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.

■ Lost and Found located in

Resource Center.

■ 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

■ Yearbooks on sale - \$22.

■ FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.

■ 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.

### May Valley Elementary

■ March 19, 20, 21 - Program on personal hygiene.

■ March 27 - V.I.P. Parent Support Group meeting; 1-2 p.m., in library.

■ March 29 - Presentation on weather by the Jackson Weather Station.

■ March 30 - Big Sandy Singers.

■ 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 the first three Mondays each month 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.

■ Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES stu-

dents and their families, regardless of income.

### Mountain Christian Academy

■ Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

### 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.

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

### South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

■ SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://iidod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.

■ Floyd County substance abuse counselor will be on the South Floyd campus half a day on Mondays and for a full day on Fridays. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

■ Call center for: list of visiting speakers and presentations to be held throughout year; to make appointments to attend Parent Volunteer Training sessions; or for information in regard to Adult Education programs.

■ 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.

■ 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 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

### Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymna-

sum. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

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

■ March 19 - Family Read/Activity Night, 6 p.m., OES library. Please make plans to attend!

■ March 20 - "Read Together, Talk Together," parent meetings, 9:30 a.m., in Family Resource Center. Presenter: Stephanie Conn, BSCTC.

■ Monthly meetings: "Nutrition/Plan Healthy" - second Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m., in library; "OES Homemakers" - second Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m., in library.

■ Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within 3 weeks become the property of the FRC.

■ The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.

■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

### Wesley Christian School

■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

### BSCTC Adult Education & GED

■ Mondays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., and BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House, BSCTC; 4:30-9 p.m., Auxier Learning Ctr.

■ Tuesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Dixie Apts., Betsy Layne FRYSC, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

■ Wednesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC; 6-9 p.m. - BSCTC.

■ Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC, Mud Creek Clinic, Weeksbury Comm. Ctr.; 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC, Betsy Layne YSC., Weeksbury Comm. Ctr.; 4:30-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

■ Adult Education teachers are: Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Vanessa Adkins and Susan Stephens.

■ Program manager: Kay Hale Ross (886-7334).

## Fly Lady

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tors all over the world and earthquakes can happen at any time. We live in the forest and during a dry season we could experience fire raging up a mountain. People are facing this problem right now. We had it a couple of weeks ago in our county. So you are not immune to disasters.

So look at your home and be thankful for your blessings. We don't need all of our stuff as long as we have our family. As Rita Davenport says, "If money will fix it, it is not a problem!" Think about this now. Make a plan so you don't have to

think if it happens to you. If you need help coming up with a preparedness list then go to my website; [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net) and put "evacuation" into our Google Search Box. Could you evacuate quickly if needed?

*For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out FlyLady's website and join her free mentoring group at [www.FlyLady.net](http://www.FlyLady.net) or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2007 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.*

## Rader

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the donation)," she said.

HCTC Interim President Dr. R. Kathy Smoot thanked Mrs. Rader for her gift. "Many students will be served for years to come because of Mrs. Rader's generosity. For some students, the scholarship they receive from her donation will be the deciding factor when determining whether or not to enroll in our school. One of the best investments anyone can make with their money is education for the people of this region. We're very pleased with Mrs. Rader's gift and will be good stewards of her donation."

## Free black lung screening

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Mobile Occupational Safety and Health Unit will be set up to conduct black lung screenings in the local area. Testing takes about 30 minutes and includes a short questionnaire, a chest x-ray, and a breathing test. All actively working (must have worked in the past 90 days) underground coal miners in Floyd, Martin, and Perry Counties are eligible to participate in the screening. Participation is free, easy and completely confidential. Although walk-ins will be accepted, miners are urged to call 1-888-480-4042 (toll free) to schedule an appointment. The unit will be in the following areas on the following dates, in Floyd County: Tuesday, March 27, Mead's BP, Auxier, 7-8 p.m.; Wednesday, March 28, across from McDonald's, Martin, 7-8 p.m.; Thursday, March 29, Maggard's parking lot, Harold, 7-8 p.m.; Friday, March 30, Wal-Mart parking lot, Prestonsburg, 3-8 p.m.





**Cheerpower Champions!**

The Lakota West Varsity Competition Cheerleaders of West Chester Ohio, walked away with high honors this past weekend in the Cheerpower St. Paddy's Day competition, held in Cincinnati, on Saturday, March 10. The squad placed first in the 2 1/2 minute Non-Mount Varsity division which includes tumbling, dancing, cheer and chants. Each girl received a first place medal in addition to the team trophy. The squad also captured the honor of High Point Champion over the other Non-Mount teams competing receiving the High Point Cup. The squad recently took 2nd place at the Ohio State Cheerleading Championship in Columbus. The girls are currently working hard as they prepare to represent Lakota West High School for a national competition to be held later this month.

The captain of this year's squad is former Prestonsburg native Samantha Huffman. Samantha is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bud Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. John Huffman, all of Prestonsburg. She is a junior at Lakota West High School, in West Chester, maintaining a 4.2 GPA while being active in both the West Competitive squad and competing with the Midwest Cheer Elite Allstar Cheer Gym located in West Chester. She is pictured here with her teammates: Front row, left to right - Jana Feverstein, Lauren Ashley, Sonisha Daniels, Ashley Cannon, and Sydney Stempfley. Back row, left to right - Symone Cunningham, Rebecca Riggan, Liz Newman, Coach Dexter Crawford, Christine Burgess, Natalie Williams and Captain Samantha Huffman

**Diva**

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you'll eat. It's less expensive to use dried beans, but these are still cheap and will work in a pinch. I'm also fond of already canned baked beans, bean dips. You can doctor them with a little bacon and some brown sugar and they taste like homemade. Canned fish: tuna, salmon, crab, clams. Canned fruit and vegetables: stock the ones you like and will use. I have pineapple, applesauce, mandarin oranges, pears, peaches, whole cranberries, cranberry sauce, pumpkin, corn, olives, roasted red peppers, jars of tapenade, mushrooms, artichoke hearts, pesto (tomato and basil), canned chilies, tomatillos, anchovies, capers. Canned soups and broths, etc.: stock the ones you use. I use a lot of chicken broth (low-sodium has more flavor), beef broth, vegetable broth and bottled clam juice. Enchilada sauces (green and red), jars of gravy (great for extending what you made). Canned milk: sweetened, condensed, or evaporated all work great in baking.

Condiments: ketchup, mustards (yellow, Dijon, whole grain), pickles (dill and sweet), relish, mayonnaise, A-1, Worcestershire sauce, Tabasco, stir fry sauces, soy sauce (low-sodium, if you can find), teriyaki sauce, horseradish, cocktail sauce; once opened, store in fridge (except soy sauce).

Oils and Vinegars: Vegetable oils of choice (I like a cold pressed safflower or sunflower oil by Hollywood), olive oil, sesame oil for stir fry. All oil will go rancid staying out. After it is opened it has to go in the fridge, except olive oil. White and red wine vinegar, apple cider vinegar and balsamic vinegars.

Nut Butters and Jelly: Peanut butter (crunchy or creamy), almond and cashew butters, jelly, jam and fruit spread or conserve, honey. My peanut butter needs to be refrigerated after opening. Check your label to be sure.

Herbs and Spices: To keep the price down on these spices, go to a dollar store or Wal-Mart to stock up as much as possible. You can also go to a health food store and buy everything you need from the bulk jars.

This is the best place get quality spices and be frugal at the same time, believe it or not. I've bought the freshest spices at the health food store for thirty-five cents each. Basil, thyme, marjoram, rosemary, dill, garlic powder, onion powder, cayenne, red pepper flakes, cumin, chili powder, paprika, oregano, ginger, dried mustard cinnamon, peppercorns for the peppermill, nutmeg and curry powder are in my spice cabinet because I USE all of them. I also use sea salt and kosher salt and have both of those in my spice cabinet. Only buy what you use.

Baking Center: sugar (white, brown, powdered), flour (white, whole wheat, other), cornmeal, pancake mix, baking powder (should be kept in fridge after opening), baking soda, salt, cornstarch, baking chocolate, cocoa, vanilla, chocolate chips, nuts, baking mixes (cake, brownie, etc.)

Pasta and Rice and Grains: an assortment of pastas that you will use. Lasagna noodles, spaghetti noodles, ziti, rotini, fusilli, fettucine, linguine only what you use. Boxed macaroni and cheese (try the natural white cheddar kinds) Riciel much prefer brown, but get what you'll use. I've also got basmati, wild rice and some blends and mixes. Oats, split peas, dried beans (white beans, navy beans, black beans, pinto beans), lentils, barley, cous-cous.

Breads and Cereals: whatever you use. Bread should go in the freezer if it doesn't get used up right away. Tortillas should be stored in the fridge - I prefer whole wheat (without transfats) tortillas for burritos and corn tortillas for tacos and fajitas.

Potatoes and Onions: Russets, Red Rose potatoes, sweet potatoes, butternut squash (or other whole squash in season, except summer squashes which need refrigeration) brown onions, red onions. Keep potatoes away from the light or they turn green. Also, don't store potatoes next to apples. Apples give off a gas that causes potatoes to sprout.

Miscellaneous Pantry Items: coffee, assorted teas, hot cocoa, etc.

**State Parks team up with Pepsi for special offer  
Two nights for one at Lodges**

FRANKFORT -The Kentucky State Parks have teamed up with Pepsi to offer visitors a two for one special. If you stay one night at a state park lodge you can get the second night free with a Pepsi coupon found on 12-packs of cans. The coupons are good for any day and the stay must run concurrently.

"This is a great chance for families to check out one of our 17 resort parks across the state before summer vacation season," said Parks Commissioner J.T. Miller. "We offer a variety of activities such as golf, hiking, and fishing, along with some great scenery and historic sites. And all resorts have full service restaurants."

This promotion will run through June 7, 2007. The offer is subject to availability and park blackout dates. It cannot be combined with other offers and is not valid on Memorial Day weekend.

For more information about state parks, visit [www.parks.ky.gov](http://www.parks.ky.gov)

**Life**

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got to hear her sing. That was when I thought to myself, 'I have to have her,'" Bevins said.

And thus, a courtship began that eventually led to Le Hai's arrival in Pike County to become Mrs. Donald Bevins. The couple married on April 27, 2003, at Grace Baptist Church, in Shelbiana.

Upon Le Hai's arrival in America, she spoke little to no English at all. "I knew some words," she said. "Some things like 'hello,' 'how are you,' very little, very little," she continued. Purchasing a book that translated Vietnamese into English, Le Hai basically taught herself the English language. "My husband helped me," she said, "and my mother-in-law, too, but I used the dictionary very much."

Arriving in America with Le Hai were her children, Yen Linh, a daughter, and son, Hoai Nam, who also could speak no English. Yen Linh, who was about 10 years old at the time, was enrolled in school in the Pike County school district where, according to Don Bevins, "the teachers and people in the school system just took her under their wing." "I cannot praise the Pike County school system enough for what they have done for Yen Linh," he said.

Today, Yen Linh is an eighth grader at Millard Middle School where she not only makes the "A" Honor Roll each semester, but also serves as captain of both the school's girl's basketball and volleyball teams. A typical American middle-schooler, Yen Linh enjoys talking on the phone to her friends, music and watching the Disney channel on tv. Her favorite subject in school is math and she has hopes of studying medicine and becoming a doctor.

Hoai Nam, being older than Yen Linh (he was 17 when his mother came to Pike County), did not adapt quite as well to a new culture and a new language and so, after about a year in America, returned home to relatives in Viet Nam. His mother, however, remains in close touch via telephone with her son and other relatives and friends in her birth country.

Le Hai shares that many of her relatives and friends, particularly her mother, were quite apprehensive about her decision to leave Viet Nam and wed an American man. "They were very worried about me for long time," she said. "But now, they not worry at all.

They know I am married to a good man and that I am happy here."

Following her heart, Le Hai says that she is happy that she is now married to a man that she "loves so much" and that treats her so well. She is happy, also, with the life she has made for herself as a businesswoman. Le Hai says that she very much enjoys helping others "care for themselves" and that even in Viet Nam she enjoyed helping friends and relatives with their beauty routines when they prepared themselves for special occasions such as weddings and other significant events. It was in Viet Nam that she first learned the art of eyebrow shaping, an art at which she is an expert.

In America, Le Hai traveled to the state of Washington to attend school where she learned about nail care, skin care and all the other skills she needed to obtain certification to open her beauty spa. She attended school in Washington because she had a friend, also from Viet Nam, who lived there and was excited to have Le Hai come stay with her while she attended school. Le Hai has also attended school locally, at Regency School of Design, in Prestonsburg. She is proud to report, also, that she took certification tests at both schools "in English" and passed with flying colors. Not bad for one who arrived in the country unable to speak the language. "Le Hai is self-taught," her husband said. "She had a great desire to learn the language and she worked very hard at it. She wanted to be able to go anywhere in this country and be understood."

When asked why she would leave a life of relative luxury in Viet Nam to come to America where she now works at operating a shop each day, with no servants in sight, Le Hai said that she "just wanted to see if I could do it."

"I liked the idea of opportunity and I thought to myself that I could do it," she said. "I just wanted to try and I am glad, I am happy here. I have a good husband and a wonderful mother-in-law, the people are all friendly everywhere I go. My daughter is happy and a leader at her school. We have learned much in a new culture and we are happy."

Le Hai welcomes visitors to her Coal Run Village salon, Venus Beauty & Nails Spa. Walk-ins are welcome; facials by appointment at (606) 437-4847.

**Eyes**

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for groceries each week - kid's favorite snacks included, too. Each man must also remember the birthdays of all his friends and relatives, and send cards out to each in time to arrive on time.

Each man must also take each child to a doctor's appointment, a dentist appointment and a haircut appointment. He must make one unscheduled and inconvenient visit per child to the Urgent Care (weekend, evening, on a holiday or right when they're about to leave for vacation). He must also make cookies or cupcakes for a social function, as well as plans to attend such function with a happy smile and pleasant attitude.

Each man will be responsible for decorating his own assigned house, planting flowers outside and keeping it presentable at all times. The men will only have access to television when the kids are asleep and all chores are done. There will be only one TV between the kids and dad per household, and the remote will always have dead batteries. Each father will also be required to know all of the words to every stupid song that comes on TV and the name of each and every character on cartoons.

The men must shave their legs and wear makeup daily, which they will apply to their faces either while driving or while making three lunches. Each man will have to make an Indian hut model with six toothpicks, a tortilla and one marker; and get a 4-year-old to eat a serving of peas/broccoli. Each man must adorn himself with jewelry, wear uncomfortable yet stylish shoes, and keep their nails polished and eyebrows groomed. The men must try to get through each day without snot, spit-up or barf ending up on their clothing.

During one of the six weeks, the men will have to endure severe abdominal cramps and backaches, and have extreme, unexplained mood swings but

never once complain or slow down from all their duties. They must try to explain what a tampon is for when the 6-year-old boy finds it in the purse. They must attend weekly school meetings, church, and find time at least once to spend an afternoon at the park or in a similar setting.

Each man will need to read a book and then pray with his children each night without falling asleep while doing it, and then get up fresh and with a perky attitude to feed the children, dress them, brush their teeth and comb their hair each morning by 7:00. The children must leave their homes with no food on their faces or on their clothes.

A test will be given at the end of the six weeks, and each father will be required to know all of the following information: each child's birthday, height, weight, shoe size, clothes size and doctor's name. Also the child's weight at birth, length, time of birth, and length of labor, each child's favorite color, middle name, favorite snack, favorite song, favorite drink, favorite toy, biggest fear and what they want to be when they grow up.

The men must clean up after their sick children at 2:00 a.m. and then spend the remainder of the day tending to that child and waiting on them hand and foot until they are better. They must have a loving, age appropriate reply to, "You're not the boss of me." Additionally, the kids vote them off the island based on performance. The last man wins only if...he still has enough energy to be intimate with his spouse at a moment's notice.

If the last man does win, he can play the game over and over and over again for the next 18-25 years...eventually earning the right to be called "Mother"!

(Editor's Note: Not as easy as we moms make it appear, guys! Treat us right...)

**Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the Mountain Arts Center Present the Big Sandy Idol Regional Music Scholarship Competition**

Friday & Saturday, March 16th and 17th at 7:00pm at the Mountain Arts Center  
Tickets: \$5 general admission  
Call 1-888-MAC-ARTS locally 886-2623 for ticket information

**Friday Night**

James Greer - Allen Central High; Hillary Keese - Belfry High; Carmi Baxter - East Ridge High; Ashley Hall - Johnson Central High; Lindsey Carty - Magoffin County High; Tyler Childers - Paintsville High; Trusonda Dotson - Phelps High; Daniel Zienkiewicz - Pike Central High; Kara Hall - Pikeville High; Katie Lemaster - Prestonsburg High; Holly Pack - Prestonsburg High; Britta Hall - Shelby Valley High; Candace Preece - Sheldon Clark High; Savannah Bartley - South Floyd High

**Saturday Night**

Josh Martin - Allen Central High; Caleb Tackett - Belfry High; Brennan Case - Betsy Layne High; Waylan Nelson - Betsy Layne High; Isaac Thacker - East Ridge High; Kristina Pescosolido - Johnson Central High; Nathan Arnett - Magoffin County High; Katelyn Webb - Paintsville High; Ryan Lester - Phelps High; Eric Madden - Pike Central High; McKinzie Carter - Pikeville High; Holly Rice - Prestonsburg High; William King - Shelby Valley High; Daniel Tungate - Shelby Valley High; Allison Daniels - South Floyd High; Tierra Davis - Sheldon Clark High

"The Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet, provides operational support funding for the Mountain Arts Center with state tax dollars and federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art."

**Safe Ways To Get Back In Shape**

Whether you're hitting the gym, Pilates mat or the treadmill to get back in shape, it's best to start with baby steps. "People should take their time getting back into an exercise routine-otherwise they risk injury," says Gerard W. Clum, D.C., of the Foundation for Chiropractic Progress. He recommends warming up before exercising and working out with a partner or trainer.



Still, injuries can happen, regardless of how fit you may be. Even Sarah Harding, the reigning Ms. Fitness USA and a spokesperson for the Foundation, worked with chiropractors to recover from a back injury she sustained while exercising. "There's no way I could perform at this level without chiropractic care," says Harding. "Chiropractic works. It's as simple as that."

The Foundation is a not-for-profit group dedicated to increasing awareness of the benefits of chiropractic care. Its Web site features a free "Health Seeker's" calendar-which can be easily downloaded-with steps you can take to achieve physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being.

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**FOR SALE**  
 Submergible deep well Meyer pumps. Half 3 quarter and 1 horse power. Call 358-2000.

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 16 Ft. coach main camping trailer. Good condition. \$1,700. Call 874-9548 or 791-0454.

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 Min. dozer, backhoe bucket and '97 Jeep Cherokee. Call 606-886-7896.

### 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.*

#### Job Listings

**JOB OPENING**  
 Experienced loan officer. Minimum of 2 years experience necessary. Please send resume to: Bank of Hindman Attn: Valery Bartley, PO Box 786, Hindman, KY, 41822.

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Our facility currently has a position available for an OB/NBN Supervisor. Applicants must be a Registered Nurse with at least three years experience. Management experience is also preferred. We offer an excellent benefit package. We are an EOE and We Drug Test. If interested in an exciting new career, call or forward resume to: Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center Human Resources Department 625 James S. Trimble Blvd. Paintsville, KY 41240 (606) 789-3511 Ext 1229

**JOB OPENING**  
 Help wanted- Prestonsburg Medical Office. Part time. Send resume to PO Box 903, Louisa, KY or call 638-0153.

**JOB OPENING**  
 Experienced tower climber/ Radio installer needed. Must have valid drivers license. Eastern KY location. Benefits package. Please call (606)-886-3181. For more information, or fax a copy of your resume to (606)-886-8335. Please do not call unless you have experience in these fields.

**JOB OPENING**  
 On call in home assistance for elderly. Some medical programs accepted. Call 606-889-8529. Also, accepting applications for caregivers.

**JOB OPENING**  
 Wright Lumber Company is taking applications. Must be energetic, neat in appearance and willing to work. Apply in person at the Martin location. No phone calls please.

**JOB OPENING**  
 Drivers needed seeking f/t and p/t on call drivers for 7 passenger minivan's in Shelby and Martin. Drug screen, clean MVR and 7 years. Valid DL required. 1-800-471-2440. References # 26, EOE.

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 Seeking F/T & P/T drivers for work in Shelby. Drug screen, clean MVR ad 7 years valid DL required. 1-800-471-2440. References required #26, EOE.

**JOB OPENING**  
 Renos Roadhouse in Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Shifts- Day and Night. Apply in person only.

### MERCHANDISE

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 Neutered male Doberman Mix. Great watch dog but is also very affectionate to owners. \$50.00. CALL 424-1707. Also **FREE TO A GOOD HOME..** A Neutered male cat, gray s tiger stripes. Excellent mouser! 424-1701. Leave MSG.

### REAL ESTATE

#### Houses

**HOUSE FOR SALE** 4 BR Brick house apx 1500 sq. ft. 2 baths, living room, kitchen, utility room, large deck, double carport on nice corner lot. Hardwood floors in living room, kitchen, family room and one bedroom. New carpet in 3 bedrooms. Also has Gas log fire place, electric. heat pump. Located 2 miles up Abbott Rd. on Frasure Hill Dr. Prestonsburg, KY. 606-886-6778. Shown by appointment.

**HOUSE FOR SALE** 1 1/2 Story 3 BR 2 bath 2700 square feet. New red metal roof on house, and detached 28x32 garage. In Allen area 13 acres. 606-205-4425.

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8991.  
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#### Sale or Lease

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**FOR SALE**  
 Commercial property 12 acres next to Walmart & McDonald's in Prestonsburg. 886-3023 after 5pm.

**FOR RENT**  
 Beauty shop equip with 3 stations and tanning bed. Would consider renting for commercial use other than beauty shop. Rt. 122 1 mile South of Martin across from Garth Technical School. Must have references. 285-9112.

**FOR SALE**  
 Baby farm for sale possible commercial site 6.50 acres with house and outbuilding approximately 3/4-1 acre building site out of floor plain. Location: Just above Mtn. Arts Center on Mountain Parkway. Contact Franklin Fitzpatrick at 886-3533 after 6pm. Interested parties only.

**FARM FOR SALE**  
 Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint. Lum Derossett Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber.

### RENTALS

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**APT FOR RENT**  
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#### Mobile Homes

**FOR RENT**  
 3 BR 2 bath double wide, city water, nice yard at Hippo. \$400 per month. HUD approved. References and deposit required. 358-3392 after 5pm.

**FOR RENT**  
 2 BR trailer for rent W/D, refrigerator, stove. \$325, and \$325 deposit. Newly carpeted. NO DRUGS. 478-9529 after 7:00pm.

**FOR RENT**  
 Trailer for rent. Call 874-2805

**MH FOR RENT**  
 2 BR, At Garrett

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**FOR RENT**  
 2 BR MH. Central heat and air. W/D hook up, water, sewage, and trash included. \$375 per month, \$375 deposit. Call 889-0036.

### LEGALS

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 06-CI-00907 Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. d/b/a America's Wholesale Lender Plaintiff Vs. Harry J. Wallace, Helen I. Wallace, Countrywide Bank, N.A. Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

**BY VIRTUE OF** Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 6th day of December, 2006, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$200,294.27, together with interest, costs and fees, 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 28th day of March, 2007, at the hour of 9:45 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:  
 Beginning at a large post in the ground in the line of the property of Goble Branham at the edge of the Old County Road; thence running in a northerly direction down with the line of the Old County Road a distance of 100 ft. to the property line of Albert Burchett in the edge of the Old County Road; thence turning at left angle and running across the bottom a distance of 250 ft. more or less, to a drain, at the property line of Alice Bays; thence turning at near left angle and running up the river with the drain a distance of 100 ft. more or less, to the property line of Goble Branham; thence turning a left angle and running with his line to the point of beginning.  
 Said property was conveyed to Harry J. Wallace and Helen I. Wallace, husband and wife, by Albert Burchett and Susie Burchett, husband and wife, on March 7, 1968, by a deed recorded on March 12, 1968, in Deed Book 196, Page 71, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

#### TERMS OF SALE

(a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.  
 (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 2007, 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) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein.  
 Plaintiff's Counsel:  
 Hon. Bill L. Purtell  
 Hon. Stephanie A. Maguire  
 Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss  
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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Medical Technologists

Highlands Regional Medical Center has openings in the Clinical Laboratory Department for Medical Technologists. The Medical Technologist will work under the supervision of the Technical Director of the Clinical Laboratory and must have a sound knowledge of Clinical Laboratory science and have the ability to perform highly advanced technical and complex analytic work.

The ideal candidate must be a graduate of an approval Medical Technology School or equivalent. MT (ASCP), MT (AMT), MT (ISCLT), or HEW certification is required.

Interested applicants may apply to the Human Resources Department, HRMC, 5000 Ky. Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 (606) 886-7530 Fax (606) 886-7534 E-mail: tclark@hrmc.org

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**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. II C.A. No. 06-CI-00546 JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee Plaintiff Vs. Phillip Estep County of Floyd Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF**

Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 27th day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$111,332.30, together with interest, costs and fees, 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 28th day of March, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a metal fence post (found); said fence post being approximately 3' from the edge of Buckhead Branch Road and being a common corner with Michael and Constance McGuire Lot No. 2 (Deed Book 472, Page 565); thence with the McGuire property N82°57'44"W, 145.81' to a 2" Iron Pipe (found), said iron pipe being a corner to the said

McGuire property and remaining Lot No. 1, thence leaving the McGuire property and running with Lot No. 1, N 06°47'26" E, 149.71' crossing an approximate 50' right of way and gas line of the Ky. W.Va. to an Iron Pin/Cap Set, PLS #2878; thence S 82°47'00"E, 143.48' to an Iron Pin/Cap Set PLS #2878; said iron pin being approximately 6' from the edge of the Buckhead Branch Road; thence crossing the Ky. W.Va. gas line, S 14°52'00", 8.00' to an Iron Pin/Cap Set #2878, said iron pin being approximately 6' from the edge of the Buckhead Road, thence S 05°23'15" W, 141.40' to the point of the beginning, containing 0.49 acre, and being portion of Lot No. 1.

Being the same property conveyed to Phillip Estep, unmarried, from John Wallen and Lorena G. Wallen, husband and wife, by deed dated October 29, 2004 and recorded on December 3, 2004, in Deed Book 506, Page 6, of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

**TERMS OF SALE**

(a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(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 2007, 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) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0329, Amendment No. 3**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located near David of Floyd County. The amendment will add 149.12 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 196.59 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed operation is approximately 0.19 miles

northwest from KY Route 404's junction with Rough and Tough Creek County Road and is located within Rough and Tough Creek and Buckeye Branch of the Left Fork of Middle Creek, and Mill Branch of Middle Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Ivyton, David, and Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Roger Lee Shepherd, Denver Shepherd, Kenneth Bradford, Eunice Shepherd, Philip E. Allen, Christine Bradford, et al., and Marvin Music, Jr.

The operation will use the area method of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Kentucky Revised Statute 337.522, I, or my authorized agent, will, on March 28, 2007, commencing on or about 1:00 p.m. (EST), in the Breathitt County City Hall, Conference Room, 333 Broadway, Jackson, Kentucky, hold a hearing to consider a revision of the prevailing wage rates for laborers, workmen and mechanics engaged in the construction of public works projects in Locality No. 30, which include the counties of Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher. Evidence relating to wages paid on building, heavy and

highway construction projects will be accepted at this hearing. All evidence shall be submitted on the Employment Standards from ES-46. Evidence may also be submitted by mail up to 30 days after the hearing, and such evidence shall include the required Employment Standards affidavit (ES-4A). Evidence submitted after the hearing shall be mailed to the Division of Employment Standards, Apprenticeship and Training, 1047 U.S. 127 South, Suite 4, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All interested persons desiring to present evidence or other testimony on this date are invited to attend the hearing. Any questions concerning this hearing should be referred to the Division of Employment Standards, Apprenticeship and Training at 502/564-3070.

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