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Jobless rate falls

FRANKFORT — Unemployment rates fell in 106 Kentucky counties between November 2006 and November 2007, rose in 12 counties and remained the same in two counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Education Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 3.4 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette and Warren counties, 3.5 percent each; Jessamine County, 3.7 percent; Boone County, 3.8 percent; Madison, Mason, Oldham and Scott counties, 3.9 percent each; and Bourbon, Franklin and Kenton counties, 4 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 9.2 percent. It was followed by Wolfe County, 8.8 percent; Clay County, 8.7 percent; Harlan and Magoffin counties, 8.5 percent each; Owsley County, 7.5 percent; Morgan County, 7.3 percent; and Bell, McCreary and Menifee, 7.1 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working.

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Family sues KSP over fatal 2006 shooting

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The family of an Elkhorn City man who was shot and killed last year by law enforcement officers following a short pursuit filed a lawsuit this week in U.S. District Court.

John and Sharon Keene, of Pike

County, filed a complaint with jury demand against Kentucky State Police, and unknown officer of Kentucky State Police, or unknown officer of Pike County Sheriff's Department or other unknown officer.

As times staff reported last year, KSP at Post 9 in Pikeville responded to a call from the sheriff's department asking for assistance in the pursuit of a

possible armed robbery suspect traveling on Town Mountain Road.

According to reports, the pursuit came to a halt on northbound U.S. 23 after officers successfully deployed a tire deflation device.

Misty Damron, 32, of Elkhorn City, who was driving the vehicle, surrendered to authorities without further incident.

The passenger in the vehicle, John Michael Keene, 26, reportedly moved to the driver's seat in an attempt to escape when officers tried to take him in to custody. According to KSP, Keene reached for a weapon on the passenger side of the vehicle, at which time KSP Trooper Chris Philips and

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STORY OF THE YEAR



Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo and Gov. Steve Beshear celebrated their election night victory on Nov. 6. Their election was named the top story of 2007 by the Associated Press.

Beshear's election picked as Kentucky's top news story

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Steve Beshear won a lopsided victory in November over a scandal-plagued incumbent to become governor of Kentucky in a remarkable political comeback more than 20 years after he last held an elective office.

His defeat of Ernie Fletcher was voted the top Kentucky story of 2007 by The Associated Press member editors and broadcasters.

Beshear had climbed the political ladder in the 1970s and 1980s as a state lawmaker, attorney general and lieutenant governor, but had lost two subsequent elections, after which

he steered clear of politics. The Dawson Springs native defeated an incumbent governor who had been accused of violating state hiring laws to reward political supporters in a saga that dominated headlines for more than two years.

"Politics is certainly always a major topic of discussion and it generates a lot of interest in Kentucky," said Joe Gershtenson, head of the Center for Kentucky History and Politics at Eastern Kentucky University. "In an gubernatorial election year, especially, it would probably take something pretty notable to bump that out of the top spot."

Beshear's return to public

office edged out a number of other high-profile events that made news over the past 12 months. That includes the continuing legal battle over whether administering lethal injections to put condemned inmates to death constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.

The issue was debated throughout the year in courtrooms and took the No. 2 spot on the list of top stories. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear oral arguments from the attorneys of two Kentucky death row inmates at the center of the issue. They argue that lethal injection causes pain and that its protocol is unconstitutional.

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Governor: Budget shortfall reaches \$434 million

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A budget shortfall of \$434 million has left the state in financial peril, Gov. Steve Beshear said Thursday.

At current spending levels, the state will run out of money before the end of June, Beshear said at a Capitol press conference.

"Although the construction and evolution of this problem occurred before I was elected,

it is my job to solve it," he said. "We're setting about to do exactly that."

Beshear said he plans to announce specific spending cuts next week. He said his "utmost priority" is to sustain essential government services, especially for the state's most needy.

Last week, Beshear rescinded pay raises that had been given by his predecessor to members of the Kentucky Parole Board. Beshear said the shortfall made it unwise to give

the raises.

Fletcher had issued an executive order on Dec. 10, the day he left office, to raise the pay for the seven parole board members by 20 to 27 percent. Under that order, annual income rose to \$81,000 a year for members and to \$82,000 for the chairman.

Meanwhile, financial problems have been popping up in a variety of state agencies, which have requested \$166 million in

(See BUDGET, page eight)

Appalachian coal production declines in '07

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The latest federal figures show U.S. coal production dipped slightly this year.

The 1.4 percent decline hit Appalachian states such as Virginia and Kentucky the hardest, while production in the West is essentially flat, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

EIA data shows year-to-date production in Virginia was down 10.2 percent compared with the same period of 2006, to 25.8 million tons as of the week ending Dec. 15. In Kentucky, production was down 5.2 percent to 110.8 million tons.

Across Appalachia, production dipped 3.6 percent to 364.6 million tons.

West Virginia, the nation's second-largest coal producer, showed a slight increase of 0.9 percent to 148.2 million tons. Northern West Virginia mines increased output during the period 4.1 percent to 42.6 million tons. Output from southern West Virginia's coalfields dipped 0.4 percent to 105.5 million.

In Wyoming, the nation's biggest producer, production is up 1.6 percent to 433.1 million tons.

U.S. coal producers faced weak demand from

(See COAL, page eight)

Manslaughter charge filed after fatal wreck

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

LOUISA — A Louisa resident was arrested without incident Wednesday when he voluntarily turned himself in at the Lawrence County Sheriff's Office.

Richard S. Gussler III, 30, was charged with second-degree manslaughter after an extensive investigation into a car accident that took the life of Joey L. Kirk, 42, of Louisa.

According to Kentucky State Police reports, Kirk, along with Mark Scaggs, 46, of Pikeville,

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Richard S. Gussler III

Nine die on state roads over Christmas

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — According to Kentucky State Police statistics, nine people died on Kentucky roadways during the Christmas holiday in eight separate accidents.

One of the fatalities was the result of a crash involving alcohol, while four of the victims were not wearing seat belts.

As of Dec. 25, 842 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during

2007. According to KSP records that is 59 fewer than was reported last year.

More than half of the 681 fatalities involving motor vehicles were not wearing their seat belts, and of the 92 motorcycle fatalities, 53 were not wearing helmets. Of the 24 ATV accidents, 20 were not wearing helmets, and 43 pedestrians and five bicyclists have been killed. A total of 197 fatalities have resulted from from crashes

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Record, Bergen County, N.J., on global warming:

The fight against global warming took one step forward last week and one step back. On the same day President Bush signed a promising energy bill into law, the Environmental Protection Agency ruled against states, including New Jersey, that want even tougher standards.

The new federal law is cause for some celebration. It requires a welcome 40 percent increase in fuel efficiency standards for cars, trucks and SUVs. They must get an average of 35 miles per gallon by 2020.

The federal law also requires a huge increase in the use of ethanol as fuel and more energy-efficient lighting and appliances.

But while Democrats and Republicans, environmentalists and business were celebrating the new law, the EPA was moving to squelch states' efforts to limit greenhouse gas emissions even more.

New Jersey and at least a dozen other states want to follow California's lead and require cleaner cars before 2020. They are serious about fighting global warming as well as improving public health. They have been waging this battle while Congress was dragging its feet.

Now that there is a stronger federal policy in place, the EPA says this "national solution" should preclude what individual states are doing.

But the environmental clock is ticking. Federal policy has moved at a glacial pace, particularly during the Bush administration, which made no secret of its disdain for conservation and its favor for the oil and automotive industries.

States that recognize the urgency of the situation should continue to lay the groundwork for a stepped-up battle against global warming, which the next president must lead.

Times Union, Albany, N.Y., on the alternative minimum tax:

Congress has approved a tax plan that will spare millions of middle-class Americans from owing the government much more than they reasonably should. That's a welcome achievement for a collection of lawmakers whose end of the year list of accomplishments is otherwise quite scant.

But it leads to this more critical point, too. Why has the expansion of what's known as the alternative minimum tax, the mugging of people in the \$75,000 to \$200,000 salary range, been stopped for just one year?

Will the country be subjected to another version of the coarse and shrill debate last week that overshadowed an act of congressional common sense? Will the 20 million people saved from an additional tax payment of \$2,000 each get hit next year?

This is a tax, it must be understood, that was enacted to keep a relative handful of high rollers from claiming enough deductions to get away with not paying the government anything at all. That much, surely, was a good idea. But Congress neglected to tie the tax to inflation. More and more people, making considerably less money than the people the AMT was originally aimed at, were getting hit. Some 4 million people had to pay the AMT last year. This year it would have been 25 million, had Congress not intervened, albeit temporarily.

A more permanent solution could be in place, of course, but only if more members of Congress — Republicans, mostly — would show some fiscal responsibility.

El Paso (Texas) Times on the trade deficit between China and the U.S.:

Month in and month out, the U.S. gets hammered with a ballooning trade deficit, and the country that's pounding on us most is China — which shows little sign of wanting to help.

If there's any good trade news to be gleaned, it's that U.S. exports of goods and services hit an all-time high of \$141.7 billion in October. But that gain was submerged by an increase in imports to \$199.5 billion.

And according to Commerce Department figures, the deficit with China vaulted to \$25.9 billion, an increase of 9.1 percent and a single-month record.

Simplified, a deficit occurs when a country imports more than it exports. And that's where China has us over the trade barrel — Americans just can't seem to get enough of Chinese goods, despite tainting and other safety scares.

The grumbling index in Congress is increasing right along with the trade deficit. Literally dozens of bills have been introduced that would punish China for what are being called unfair trade practices. Critics point to 3 million manufacturing jobs lost since 2000.

But American manufacturers have about had their fill of the Chinese and what they consider unfair trade practices such as the Chinese government letting its currency remain undervalued, which in turn makes U.S. goods more expensive in China and Chinese products less expensive in America — an obvious contributor to the deficit.

Auggie Tantillo, executive director of the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, said, "As long as China keeps cheating, both the U.S. trade deficit with that country will keep rising and U.S. manufacturing jobs will keep disappearing."



Guest column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Friendly competition is good, whether it is between classmates, coworkers or state governments. No one knows this better than Kentucky, where an increase in teachers' pay and better economic development incentives among other improvements are helping us compete with surrounding states that have long out-ranked us in tallies of regional educational and economic success.

Now at least one of those states—Indiana—is showing us up again with improvements in their dropout rates.

Since it increased its dropout age from 16 to 18 and put requirements in place for potential dropouts in 2006, the Hoosier State has increased the likelihood that its students will graduate and possibly go on to college. It has also cleared up inaccuracies in the state's reported graduation rate, which factored in only those dropouts who left school during the school year—not between school years—until 2005. By not factoring in the summer dropouts, the state enjoyed a reported graduation rate of nearly 90 percent. That percentage dropped to around 70 percent, which is around the national average.

Indiana also has a tough mandatory core curriculum called "Core 40" which requires all students take what the National Conference of State Legislatures calls "academically rigorous" classes in math, English, science and social studies to prepare them for college and the work world.

But without the tougher dropout age, it is hard to say how many students would stick around for graduation.

Kentucky, like Indiana, enacted stronger college- and work-ready graduation requirements for its high school students in 2006—the same year that Indiana ramped up its mandatory curriculum—but has yet to increase its dropout age from 16 to 17 or 18. Sure, many bills have been introduced over the years that would increase the dropout age, including two in 2007, but few if any have even made it out of committee for varied reasons.

Some opponents to proposals that increase the dropout age in Kentucky consider hiking the compulsory school age "putting a Band-Aid on the problem", as one Kentucky lawmaker put it, and are more interested in programs that help failing students rather than preventing them from dropping out. Fostering better partnerships between vocational colleges and businesses to hold students' interest has also been recommended.

But what will really work? Improved business-school partnerships could indeed make a difference in the dropout rate, judging from a 2006 national poll by the Gates Foundation in which 81 percent of dropouts polled said more opportunities for real-world learning would keep more kids in school. But focusing only on students with failing grades might not be very effective based on the same poll, which showed that 88 percent of dropouts polled had passing grades.

Those who favor raising the dropout age have some ideas of their own of why states should raise the age of compulsory school attendance

to 17 or 18. The biggest reason is the economic benefits that graduation provides, both to students and the states. High school students who graduate earn more than if they dropped out—at least \$9,200 more per year on average, according to the American Youth Policy Forum. And states benefit by paying less in public assistance, which today's dropouts are more likely to need since low-skilled labor has become more scarce.

Another benefit is to the state economy as a whole. With a better skilled labor force, states can attract more industry, which means more jobs and a better quality of life for their citizens.

Then there is the issue of graduation rates. Kentucky's State Auditor found in a 2006 performance audit of Kentucky's dropout rate that Kentucky's summer dropout rate is not being accurately reported, which is overstating Kentucky's graduation rate. This is the same problem that Indiana experienced and later addressed. Kentucky might consider doing the same thing so that we can better formulate policy related to both secondary and higher education.

A problem can only be fixed if we admit we have one. By properly adjusting our graduation rates to include summer dropouts, we would have a better idea where are shortcomings are so we can take steps to fix them. We have already made major strides in what we require of our students. Keeping more students around to complete those requirements might be a good next step.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year's, and I'll write to you again in 2008.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Video distributors didn't trot out as much product on this holiday week, but quality was high with at least one Oscar contender in the mix and two films that deserved a wider theatrical release.

■ "Eastern Promises" — Director David Cronenberg reteams with his "History of Violence" star Viggo Mortenson for this tightly wound mob thriller that explores themes of redemption and humanity amidst some brutal set pieces. Mortenson is reined in here as an enforcer for the Russian mob in England who takes an interest in a

young nurse who is trying to determine the lineage of a baby that was rescued. This one delivers and offers high caliber performances from the cast, which includes Naomi Watts, Vincent Cassel (as an Eastern European version of Joe Pesci's character from "Good Fellas") and a particularly nasty turn by Armin Mueller-Stahl as an old school gangster.

■ "Rush Hour 3" — Any film that features action sequences choreographed by Jackie Chan can't be all bad, but this dud comes close. The problem here is that Chan is once again paired with shrill comedian Chris Tucker. The two are out of water in France, but great locations and well timed fight sequences only offer

temporary respite from a tedious script.

■ "Shattered" — This thriller should keep you on the edge of your seat and deserved a wide release. Pierce Brosnan hits this one out of the park as a mysterious figure who springs up in the middle of a couple's life and threatens to kill their teenage daughter unless they do what he wants. To give away more would earn me a visit from Brosnan's character so I'll leave it at that, except to note that Maria Bello and Gerard Butler ("300") are also quite good as the parents.

■ "The Brothers Solomon" — Every week it seems that there's a new low-brow comedy among the releases and

this one fills that bill. You might get a few yuks here as socially challenged brothers try to make their dad happy by giving him a grandchild. These dopes are not out for dating and must eventually hire out a surrogate to try and bear their child. Sophomoric fun from Steve Odenkirk ("Kung Pao: Enter the Fist"). Look for Lee Majors as the dad and affable turns from Will Arnett and Will Forte as the brothers.

Next week brings a new year and a double whammy of intense action films as Jet Li and Jason Statham ("The Transporter") square off in "War," while Clive Owen takes aim at Paul Giamatti in "Shoot 'Em Up."

Cage's second 'Treasure' finds more fool's gold

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

The founding fathers of the "National Treasure" franchise wisely know not to tinker with a formula that inexplicably works.

Nicolas Cage, Jon Turteltaub and Jerry Bruckheimer discovered the secret of alchemy with the first movie three years ago, turning mediocre action spiced with American lore into box-office gold, and the same is likely to hold for the second chapter in their history text.

"National Treasure: Book of Secrets" is another romp through the past that flits from one disjointed action sequence to another, gussying it all up with crowd-pleasing morsels of fact and rivers of crazy legends that turn out to be true.

Knuckle-headed as the movies are in historical context, they sure know how to reel in great casts. Joining Academy Award winners Cage and Jon Voight and fellow



"National Treasure: Book of Secrets," a Disney release, is rated PG for some violence and action. Running time: 124 minutes.

One and a half stars out of four.

"Treasure" veteran Harvey Keitel is Helen Mirren, fresh off her Oscar win for "The Queen," along with Ed Harris. The last time, Cage's history buff and puzzle solver Ben Gates swiped the Declaration of Independence and used a treasure map hidden on its parchment to uncover a vast hidden fortune.

This time, he and dad Patrick (Voight) are stung by an accusation that an ancestor was a conspirator with John Wilkes Booth in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The claim is backed by a long-missing page from Booth's diary produced by Mitch

Wilkinson (Harris), a man with an ax to grind about his own family legacy.

True to action formula, producer Bruckheimer, director Turteltaub and screenwriters Cormac and Marianne Wibberly feel compelled to start Ben out as estranged from the girlfriend with whom he ended the first movie, archivist Abigail Chase (Diane Kruger). That's so they can have those cute love-hate moments of blossoming romance all over again as they inevitably reteam to fetch clues and piece together the mystery.

Voight is given his own estrangement to deal with in

Ben's mom, Emily (Mirren), an authority in American Indian languages who has not spoken to her hubby in 32 years. But it turns out the Gates boys need her expertise as the trail eventually leads them to myths of a lost city of gold the Indians left behind.

Also back is Justin Bartha as Ben and Abigail's tech-geek partner, Riley, and Keitel as the FBI guy again forced to try to bring Ben in. Even the president of the United States (Bruce Greenwood) is drawn into the quest, Ben's mission forcing him to sneak a peek at a fabled book of secrets to which only Oval Office occupants are privy.

Quiet and unassuming as it is amid the big stunts and car chases, a little adventure Cage and Greenwood share is one of the movie's most-satisfying scenes.

Greenwood, who played John F. Kennedy in "Thirteen Days," has the aura of a president — or at least, the aura we'd like our presidents to project. You almost wish the movie would take its cue from "Air Force One" and let the commander in chief lead the action, rather than Cage.

The movie does have a

decent dose of droll humor, which perfectly suits Cage.

"My girlfriend kicked me out, I'm living with my dad, and my family killed President Lincoln," Cage's Ben laments early on.

Harris' role is crafted with more inner conflict and nobility than most bad guys, and he brings a nice air of melancholy to the character. It seems like a waste to have Mirren in a role that almost any 60-something actress could play, but she and Voight do manage some moments of humor.

As with the first movie, "Book of Secrets" leaps around like a choppy travel documentary, Ben going overseas this time to find clues in Paris and London and again solving seemingly incomprehensible riddles with ridiculous flashes of insight.

The film closes with the tease of a third chapter in the franchise, some mystery in the president's book that could send Ben and his pals on another treasure hunt. They've only worked their way through four score and seven years of American intrigue with the first two flicks, so there's plenty of U.S. history left in which to muck about.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Ancient Warriors'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

We say goodbye to 2007 and Dollar DVD month with this low-budget entry into the action sweepstakes.

I realized early on that we would be doing movie fans a favor by taking the hit at the dollar racks, and that was proven true with this entry which was released four years ago but has yet to find itself in Leonard Maltin's video guide. Any movie that scares Maltin is good enough for the Lagoon, however, so we are pleased to bring you this last selection of 2007.

We will bring in the new year next week with a high quality thriller that ought to be at the top of everyone's must-see list, but if you're planning to celebrate the new year in style tomorrow night then there is no better reason to pick up a bottle of spirits than having sat through this dreck without ever having hit the fast forward button. A dollar may be too much for this testosterone festival but there's at least 80 cents worth of quality stuff here.

It begins as a typical action entry with a fight scene already in progress. Hooded bad guys have kidnapped the American envoy to Sardinia (as if there even is one). They run into trouble as they try to exit their fortress with the loot, as they are ambushed by Sgt. Aldo and his mercenary band. This actually turns out to be good for the bad guys, who manage to get away with the loot.

Aldo manages to let them escape and blows up the car that was carrying the ambassador. He also finds time to lose one of his guys, which turns out to be his dad.

We cut to a year later and Aldo is still morose over how the mission went and even refuses a heaping plate of fresh baked cookies from his adoring wife.

Meanwhile we meet the guy who killed Aldo's dad. His name is Prescott, and he has



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

stayed busy. He's got a plan in the works to torpedo the president's submarine (and here I thought he traveled by plane) with a torpedo equipped with a chemical weapon and he's excavating a mine where he believes he will find a sacred cup, the Holy Grail, that will stop his terminal illness. He also commands a private army, a hot-headed son and a mystical female assassin.

About this time the mayor of Sardinia gets an earful from Aldo when he hears that the mayor is allowing a school for special needs children to be closed so that the mine can reopen. The mine is one of Aldo's favorite places and he is shown boring the neighborhood kids with stories of the ancient warriors who died in a cave-in there (actually they were crushed by what are obviously plastic boulders) while protecting a sacred cup.

Aldo agrees to tour the facility and spots an arm with the same tattoo as the one which reached out of a car and shot his dad a year earlier. Aldo decides that the guys at the mine are up to something and warns the mayor.

Turns out the mayor is a true politician and is willing to ignore everything for more hush money. Prescott, however, has other plans and allows his son to take out the mayor, which he does while the mayor is conducting a parade. Aldo is on hand and chases the gunman for 10 minutes before losing him. Prescott gives his son grief over the whole affair, despite the fact that it turned out fine.

Aldo does some recon work at the mine and decides that the bad guys must be stopped. The evildoers get the same idea and try to take out Aldo, though they miss and shoot his wife before deciding to just blow up his house. Aldo's not home, but the bombing convinces him that he needs more help, so he gets the gang back together.

After a pointless montage of

scenes in which they recruit their squad, the team is back together. They set out to attack the mine but get caught sneaking in. Eventually they escape and Aldo finally decides that they need even more help, but then announces that they don't have time to waste and so a final assault is played out during which there is a lot of gunplay and many people die before the ghosts of the title show up and get down to the business of taking out the trash. These guys are hardcore and don't let being dead keep them from their mission objective. Unfortunately, most of Aldo's team survives and could be back to haunt the Dollar DVD bin again.

This one was an effort to watch, but most of it was so hokey that it was mostly fun. The chief problem here is that producer Franco Columbu cast himself as Aldo. Columbu exhibits zero charisma due to a combination of factors which include:

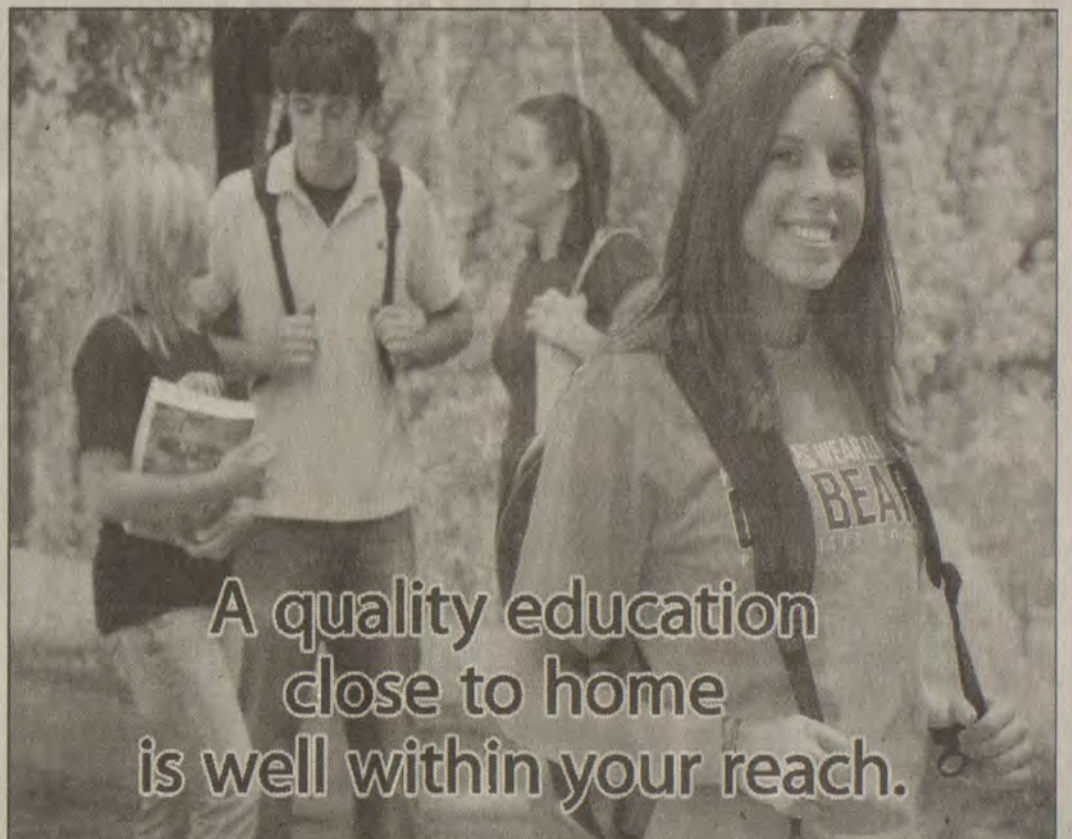
- He's very short and this is constantly obvious as he is surrounded by tall actors.
- He's balding.
- He has a squeaky voice.
- And he mumbles his dialogue in an unintelligible manner.

That said there is some nice work here by Richard Lynch as the Curtis. Lynch often plays over-the-top villains, but here he gives a measured performance and steals the film. Unfortunately he also works against the film by giving you a three-dimensional criminal whose actions, though evil, are at least understandable.

Aldo, on the other hand, often waits too long to spring into action and gets so much assistance taking out the bad guys that even the "Ancient Warriors" look more impressive by comparison.

However, the filmmakers blow up a lot of stuff and evil gets vanquished in the end. Just don't expect a lot of substance, though there are trace elements of style.

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P.S. I LOVE YOU (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 6:50-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:30) 6:50-9:30.

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ALIEN VS. PREDATOR (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5508

Renewal
(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.0 mile southwest of Blue Moon, in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 8.07 surface acres, and underlies 1,113.81 acres and the total area within the permit boundary is 1121.88 acres.
(2) The operation is approximately 1.1 mile southwest of Little Mud Creek Road's junction with the Morgan Fork Road, and located adjacent to and 0.50 mile north of Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek. The Latitude is 37 degrees, 29 minutes, 28 seconds. The Longitude is 82 degrees, 42 minutes, 33 seconds.
(3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Reevis Hamilton, Leon Greer, Charles McKinney, Venedith Meade, William and Dorothy Martin, Roy Spurlock, Estill Mullins, David Meade, Ella Martin, Clayborne Bailey, Ida Mae Newsome, et al., Sola Williams, Vannie Kidd, Charlie Elliot, Caner Hunter, John Hunter, Willie Lawson, Earl Watson, Roger Lee and Patricia Hunter, Earl Lee and Katherine Hall, and Ted Meade. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of Morgan Fork Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.
(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite No. 6,

Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5507

Amendment
In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.3 mile southeast of Drift, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 0 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 105 acres, making a total of 2204.90 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.6 mile southwest from Morgan Fork's junction with Little Mud Creek Road, and located 0.2 mile south of Simpson Branch. The amendment will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Stelton & Eugenia Reynolds, Parson Heirs, Bobby Lawson, Thomas Kidd, Palmer Hamilton, Lewis Moore Heirs, Richard Moore, Huff, Roland Moore, Lewis Jr. & Susie Knott, Charles & Carolyn Wallen, Rudolph Parsons, Vernon & Pamela Stumbo, Everett Gayheart, and Russell Shelton. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. 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, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine

Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0349

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 295.0 acres and will underlie an additional 433.0 acres, located 1.8 mile southwest of Grethel, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 mile west from Frasure Branch Road junction with KY Route 979, and located in Frasure Branch of Mud Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour strip and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Stelton & Eugenia Reynolds, Parson Heirs, Bobby Lawson, Thomas Kidd, Palmer Hamilton, Lewis Moore Heirs, Richard Moore, Huff, Roland Moore, Lewis Jr. & Susie Knott, Charles & Carolyn Wallen, Rudolph Parsons, Vernon & Pamela Stumbo, Everett Gayheart, and Russell Shelton. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. 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, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that John Perry, P.O. Box 522, Martin, KY 41649, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a commercial building in the floodplain. The site is approximately 0.1 mile southwest of the intersection of Kentucky Route 80 and Kentucky Route 122, near Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky. No encroachment upon the floodway channel of Beaver Creek will occur. Comments or objections concerning this application should be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0350

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coa, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky, 41653, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 202.01 surface acres, and will

underlie 71.17 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 273.18 acres, located approximately 2.0 miles southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.45 mile east of Junction KY Route No. 2030 with County Route No. 1142. The latitude is 37°30'58". The longitude is 82°42'44". The proposed operation is located on the Harold/Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the area, contour, and auger/hi-wall mining methods of mining. The surface to be disturbed is owned by Appalachian Land Company, Locust Grove Inc., John H. and Janet L. Kidd, Jeffrey & Judith Gayheart, Joe and Ruth Roberts, Sonny and Linda Gayheart, and The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. All underground areas to be disturbed are owned by the Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of County Road No. 1108. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.



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NOTICE
The City of Prestonsburg has mailed the 2008 business license renewals for all businesses and persons who conduct business within the Prestonsburg City limits. If you are a new company, or an individual who recently started conducting business within City Limits, and have not registered your business at City Hall, please do so. Renewals are due no later than January 30, 2008. For questions, please contact the Prestonsburg, City Clerk at (606) 886-2335.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids for Lots C-22 through C-31, located at StoneCrest Golf Course, along Clubhouse Drive. Minimum bid accepted will be appraised value of \$26,000 per lot. These lots are zoned R-2 (Single, Double and Multiple Family Dwellings). Sealed bids must be submitted by January 4, 2008. For additional information, you may contact the City Clerk at (606) 886-2335. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids.

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Top

tional. Arguments are scheduled Jan. 7.

Third on the list was the release of a final report in August by federal investigators of the crash of Comair Flight 5191 in Lexington that killed 49 of 50 people aboard. Investigators concluded that the pilots were primarily responsible for the crash on Aug. 27, 2006. The report reit-

erated that the primary cause was a failure by pilots Jeffrey Clay and James Polehinke to notice clues they were going down the wrong runway — one that was too short for a commercial jet to take off from.

In sports, University of Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith called it quits, and was replaced by Texas

A&M coach Billy Gillispie. That high-profile change in personnel made the editors' list of top state stories at No. 4.

Gillispie hammered out a seven-year agreement that pays him \$2.3 million a year in base salary, broadcasting fees and endorsements, with raises of \$75,000 each year, annual performance incentives up to \$750,000 and academic incen-

tives of up to \$100,000. However, Gillispie and the university haven't yet signed a contract.

Problems on Lake Cumberland took the No. 5 spot on the list. Federal officials reduced the water level on the massive lake beginning in January because of fears that the nearly mile-long Wolf Creek Dam might fail, flooding cities along the Cumberland River in southern Kentucky and northern Tennessee. They also began a \$309 million project to repair the dam weakened by erosion of limestone beneath the structure. Besides frightening downstream residents, the situation had a dramatic effect on the state's tourism economy. The lower water levels forced some businesses to relocate docks and the state had to extend boat ramps.

The U.S. Supreme Court made the list a second time with its ruling involving Louisville school assignments.

A half-century after outlawing segregated schools, a sharply divided Supreme Court imposed new limits on school districts attempting to make sure children of different races share classrooms. The court voted 5-4 to strike down school integration plans in Louisville and Seattle, a decision that imperiled similar plans that hundreds of cities and counties use voluntarily to integrate their schools. The ruling made No. 6 on the AP list.

The war in Iraq made the list at No. 7. It has been a top story in the state since it began, and Kentucky casualties continued mounting through 2007. Eleven service members with Kentucky hometowns of record died in the war in 2007, out of 61 since the start of the war. The 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell has lost 172 soldiers since the Iraq war began in 2003.

A tragic house fire in

Bardstown that killed 10 people in February made the list at No. 8. Investigators determined that a cigarette left burning near a chair likely caused the fire. The victims, four adults and six children in an extended family, all died from smoke inhalation.

The death of a horse, 2006 Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro, made the list at No. 9. Barbaro was euthanized in January after complications from a gruesome breakdown at the Preakness, ending an eight-month ordeal that had been followed closely by racing fans around the world.

A gruesome accident on an amusement ride rounded out the list of Kentucky's top 10 stories. A teenage girl's feet were severed by a broken cable on the Superman Tower of Power ride at Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom in June. Doctors were able to reattach Kaitlyn Lasitter's right foot, and in December, she took her first steps using a prosthesis.

Top 10 stories of 2006

The Associated Press

These are Kentucky's top 10 news stories of 2007, as voted by the member newspapers and broadcast stations of The Associated Press:

1. Democrat Steve Beshear defeated Gov. Ernie Fletcher.
2. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear Kentucky inmates' challenge to lethal injection.
3. Investigators determined that pilot error was the main cause of the 2006 Comair

crash in Lexington.

4. Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith left for Minnesota, succeeded by Billy Gillispie.

5. Repairs to leaking Wolf Creek Dam affected thousands of residents, tourists and businesses.

6. In a case from Louisville, the U.S. Supreme Court said race cannot be used to assign students to schools.

7. Kentuckians died serving with the armed forces in Iraq.

8. A house fire in

Bardstown killed 10, including six children.

9. Barbaro, winner of the 2006 Kentucky Derby, was euthanized in Pennsylvania after a struggle to recover from an injury suffered in the Preakness Stakes.

10. An accident at Louisville's Six Flags Kentucky Kingdom severed a teenage girl's feet.

Lawsuit

KVE Officer Keith Justice fired their weapons.

Keene was pronounced dead at the scene by the Pike County coroner.

The complaint, filed Wednesday by Lawrence R. Webster, attorney for the plaintiffs, claims that the KSP used "excessive, deadly force which was unreasonable and unconscionable and without probable cause," resulting in the death of John Michael Keene.

"They (KSP) have stonewalled us at every turn," Webster said Thursday, adding that the Keene's have an interest in the outcome of the internal investigations, and that the police agencies in question have been less than forthcom-

ing with that information.

"Mr. Keene has a strong belief that the officers acted in haste," said Webster.

According to the Pike County Circuit Clerk's Office, Damron was convicted of two counts of first-degree robbery, fleeing and evading, and possession of a controlled substance. She is currently serving a five-year sentence.

KVE Officer Justice and Trooper Phillips were placed on leave while their respective agencies made an internal investigation into the shooting.

Another investigation is ongoing in the shooting death of a Johnson County man by a KSP trooper on Dec. 11 of this year.

Coal

electric utilities and stagnant prices for much of the year. More recently, however, international demand for coal used to generate electricity and to make coke for steel manufacturers has spurred exports, particularly to Europe and South America.

EIA data shows coal exports up 11.1 percent to 14.7 million tons through June. Major U.S. producers such as Richmond, Va.-based Massey Energy Co. have responded with plans to boost production, particularly of metallurgical grade coal.

Manslaughter

were passengers in a 1997 Toyota Camry being driven by Paul Justice, 64, of Pikeville.

The vehicle was stopped at a traffic light at the intersection of Route 2565 and U.S. 23, when Gussler's Ford F-150 struck them from behind.

All three occupants in Kirk's vehicle were transport-

ed to Three Rivers Medical Center for multiple injuries. Kirk was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Gussler, who was treated and released from the hospital, is being lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.

Budget

additional funding to get through the fiscal year, which ends on June 30.

Beshear said the financial picture looks little better for the upcoming two-year budget cycle.

"We are facing nothing short of a budgetary crisis," he said.

Beshear said several factors have added to the state's finan-

cial difficulties, including a national economic downturn that has led to the slowest growth in employment in several years.

The state's \$18 billion budget had included assumed revenue growth of 4.5 percent over the past year. Beshear said the actual revenue growth was less than 1 percent.

Deaths

involving suspected use of alcohol.

KSP and partners plan to continue their increased highway presence throughout the New Year's holiday period, which begins at 6 p.m. today and lasts through 11:59 p.m. on New Year's Day.

According to KSP, traffic safety checkpoints and saturation patrols will continue

through this period, with emphasis on seat belts, speeding and impaired driving.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic driving to KSP at (800) 222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction traveling and license number if possible.

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Elk tours set to resume in January at Jenny Wiley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Three state parks located in Eastern Kentucky, including Jenny Wiley in Prestonsburg, will offer elk tours this winter.

The return of elk to the region is considered to be one of Kentucky's biggest wildlife management success stories. The animals, after being gone from the state for 150 years, were returned in 1997. They now number more than 6,300.

Participants in the elk tour should bring their cameras — there will be great photography opportunities. The largest elk

herds are located on privately-owned lands that are normally closed to the public. This is one of the few opportunities available for the public to see the greatest number of elk.

"Elk tours are still rising in popularity as a wildlife viewing experience," said state park naturalist Carey Tichenor. "The tours from the Pine Mountain State Resort Park location will offer a different viewing opportunity from the other parks because they will take place in another geographic region."

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park offers a half-day tour that includes a continental breakfast

and costs \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under age 12.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park has a lodge, cottages, campground, Mountain Highway Grill, hiking trails, disc golf, fishing, a summer theater and recreational activities.

The other elk tour dates at Jenny Wiley are Jan. 12, 19, 26, 27; Feb. 9, 16, 23; March 1, 8, 15.

For information and reservations, call Jenny Wiley State Resort Park at 1-800-325-0142.

Pine Mountain State Resort Park and Buckhorn Lake State Park are also offering tours.

The dates of the Pine

Mountain elk tours in 2008 are Jan. 12 and Jan. 19.

Buckhorn Lake State Resort Park in Perry County will also offer elk tour packages during January and February. The park's weekend packages include a night's lodging, two meals, and the elk tour. The package price is \$145 per couple. Morning tours leave at 5:45 a.m. Stay an extra night Saturday for \$45. The elk tour alone is \$30.

The dates for the elk tour weekends at Buckhorn Lake are Jan. 12-13, Jan. 19-21 and Feb. 1-2 in 2008.



photo courtesy of Southern Nationals Series
ALLEN DRIVER BRANDON KINZER is preparing for the 2008 dirt track season.

And now to the Top 10...

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Most publications spend this time of year issuing lists of the best and maybe the worst in news, sports or just in general. So without stepping on any toes, I thought I'd join in and give you my opinion of the top 10 sports stories in our area for 2007.

You may agree and you may not; that's part of the fun of it. I just hope you enjoy the memories of a great year that is inching closer and closer to the brink.

So if you'd like to offer your opinion or simply remind me of the huge story I forgot, please do so at r b e n t -



Rick Bentley

ley@pc.edu. Now, let's jump in to the Top 10:

Pike County Central Lady Hawks: Regardless of how you feel about the rest of this list, I can see no logical debate as to the top sports story in our region this year. It happened in March, it sprang from Buckleys Creek and it lasted until the final day of the high school basketball season.

I was thrilled for the stars of the Lady Hawks, Haley Ratliff and Kayla Lowe. They deserved to be there and certainly didn't disappoint.

But along the way I was terribly impressed with two others: Coach Steven Butcher handled himself like he had the Sweet 16 experience of Bobby Keith and came out shining like a superstar. And the so-called supporting cast of the Lady Hawks, who proved they were nobody's also-rans.

It was a great time to be a Lady Hawk, or a sports writer covering them.

Belfry football: So it didn't end in another state title and the dream of perfection fell one game shy. It was still an amazing run for Philip Haywood and the Belfry Pirates.

In the first season of this awful six-class playoff system, Belfry just steamrolled through opponent after opponent, mowing down everyone in its way until reaching Louisville and a lightning-quick stud of a football player named Darrell Taylor, who had 165 yards rushing and two touchdowns and returned an

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BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



photo by Jamie Howell
ALLEN CENTRAL SENIOR AARON CRUM (21) defended during a recent game. Crum ranks as one of the 15th Region's top players.
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East Bay Winternationals take shape; tire rule announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TAMPA, Fla. — The Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series will return for the fourth consecutive year to the East Bay Winternationals at East Bay Raceway Park. The 32nd annual event will be contested February 4-9, 2008. There will be six straight nights of Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series racing concluding on Saturday Night, Feb. 9 with a \$12,000 to win event. Dan Schlieper of Sullivan, Wis., is the reigning East Bay Winternationals Points Fund Champion.

"It's a great relationship we have between East Bay Raceway Park and the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series and we look forward to seeing all the fans and competitors again in 2008," said East Bay Raceway Park Vice-President Todd Hutto. Hutto also said that discount pricing is available for general admission and pit gate admission during the week-long Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series racing action at East Bay.

Officials of the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series and East Bay Raceway Park have announced that hot laps will begin at 5 p.m. each day followed by time trials.

Also new for 2008 at East Bay for the Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series will be the use of transponders for the first time during the Winternationals. The tire rule for the East Bay Winternationals will be as follows in 2008; Hoosier 1100, 1300, 1600, LM20 and LM40 and the American Racer 23, 44 and 56.

Online: www.eastbayracewaypark.com

2008 Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series/
East Bay Winternationals Schedule
East Bay Raceway Park — Tampa, Fla.

Sunday, Feb. 3: Open Practice Session, 6-9 p.m.;
Monday, Feb. 4: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$5,000-to-win; Tuesday, Feb. 5: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$5,000-to-win; Wednesday, Feb. 6: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$5,000-to-win; Thursday, Feb. 7: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$10,000-to-win; Friday, Feb. 8: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$10,000-to-win; Saturday, Feb. 9: Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series \$12,000-to-win.

Blackburn goes penalty-free at Daytona

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn finished 21st fastest among 69 drivers during ARCA/REMAX Series testing held earlier in the month at Daytona International Speedway. Blackburn, who competed in two of three testing sessions held over a trio of days, finished 13th- and 16th-fastest. The Prestonsburg driver and

his raceteam also survived postrace inspection. Other race contingents, however, weren't as lucky.

Based on violation of the established restrictor plate size and dimension rule during the ARCA sanctioned RE/MAX Series open test at Daytona International Speedway December 14-16, penalties have been

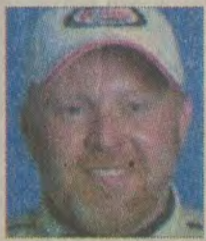
issued to two teams. The Rick Markle Racing team has been fined \$1,000 and the Mike Harmon Racing team has been fined \$2,000, due to a second violation.

Blackburn will return to Daytona Sunday, Feb. 9 for the 45th annual Arca 200. Start time for the ARCA

Series season-opener is set for 4 p.m. The race is scheduled to air live on SPEED.

Blackburn, a former NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region Champion, ranks as one of Kentucky's top drivers.

The Prestonsburg native could run in NASCAR Busch Series events as part of his 2008 racing program. He has raced at some of the nation's top tracks during previous seasons.



Steve Blackburn

CBA: Miners on the road in Atlanta

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — East Kentucky renewed its rivalry with fellow CBA expansion team Atlanta Thursday in an away game. The Miners are on their first road trip to Atlanta for a two-game American Conference series against the Krunk. Thursday's game ended too late to make this edition.

East Kentucky owned a 2-0 all-time record in games played versus Atlanta heading into the road series. The Miners claimed a pair of wins over Atlanta in early-December. East Kentucky defeated the Kenny Anderson-coached Atlanta team 117-114 and 109-103, respectively.

Anderson, who was picked second overall in the 1991 NBA Draft

by the New Jersey Nets, spent 14 seasons in the NBA. The Queens, NY native played with nine different NBA franchises. He starred at Georgia Tech before playing professionally.

Butte swept Atlanta in a two-game series prior to Christmas. The Krunk rode a three-game win streak into Butte for the two-game series versus the Daredevils.

East Kentucky has won three of its last five games. The Miners defeated Pittsburgh 103-82 Sunday in a home conference game at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

"Right now, we're looking to go out on the road and post some wins," said East Kentucky Coach Keathley. "We're excited about returning to play after the holiday. The home win over Pittsburgh

allowed us to regain some momentum heading into the break."

Four different American Conference teams took nine wins into the Christmas break.

Minot (9-5) leads the American Conference standings. Albany (9-4) is ranked second and Pittsburgh (9-8) third.

East Kentucky (9-10) is ranked fourth ahead of Atlanta (6-10).

The Miners will travel to Butte for a two-game series versus the Daredevils Jan. 3-4 before returning to the Expo Center for their next home game. East Kentucky will host defending CBA champion Yakama Jan. 6-7 in a pair of home non-conference games.

Tickets for all of East Kentucky's remaining home games are still available.



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East Kentucky Miners guard Jason McLeish (Eastern Kentucky University) went up for a shot during Sunday's game versus Pittsburgh.

Wildcats report to Nashville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — University of Kentucky football players and coaches traveled to Nashville on Wednesday in order to begin on-site preparations to play Florida State in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl.

The team will practice Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There will be a walk-through on Sunday and the game will be played on Monday, Dec. 31, at 4 p.m. EST (3 p.m. CST in Nashville). The game site is LP Field, home of the Tennessee Titans.

Numbers down for Cats, too: Much has been made of the number of scholarship players available for Florida State for the Music City Bowl, but Kentucky's numbers won't be much higher. When red-shirts and injured players are subtracted, UK will have just 56 scholarship players available for action in the game.

Alumni office has welcome reception set for Sunday: All UK alumni and fans are invited to stop in for a welcome reception at the official UK Alumni Association hotel — Homewood

(See WILDCATS, page two)

KGA releases tourney schedule

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The Kentucky Golf Association provides members an opportunity to compete in golf tournaments across the commonwealth. The 2008 tournament schedule is a highlight of that commitment as we travel from one end of the state to the other.

The flagship tournament of the KGA is the AT&T Kentucky State Amateur Championship. After the ten qualifying events have been completed, the championship will be hosted by one of the premiere venues in Kentucky, the Country Club of Paducah. From Tuesday, June 10 through Thursday, June 12, the states' top amateurs will vie for the 94th State Amateur crown.

Later that month, the KGA Father-Child Championship will visit the Lexington area as Kearney Hill GL and Georgetown's Cherry Blossom G&CC will host this fun and exciting family event. All participants will enjoy playing each of the courses during the tournament and have a chance to take home prizes, team photos, and lasting memories from the annual event.

Longtime supporter Fred Allen will be remembered for his leadership of the KGA and was honored by the association in naming this next event the Fred Allen Team Championship. The 2008 edition is scheduled for Bardstown Country Club at Maywood on Monday and Tuesday, July 21 and 22. There are separate divisions for men and women in gross and net flights. Player of the year points are also awarded for the top places.

Lexington Country Club is the site for the final KGA event, the 2008 5/3 Bank KGA Mid-Amateur Championship, Monday and Tuesday, August 25 & 26 are the dates for this important tournament. There are two competition divisions available for choosing: the Mid-Amateur Championship and the Super Mid-Amateur Division for 40 years of age or older.

Improved Colts have uphill battle to repeat

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts embrace their new role as the NFL's forgotten team.

With everybody else debating whether New England is the greatest team in league history, the Colts have remained virtually silent. When the "experts" discuss perfection and records and seemingly hand New England this year's Super Bowl crown, the Colts simply smile.

They prefer it this way. Instead of thriving on controversy and pressure, as the Patriots do, the record shows Indy performs better when branded a second-class contender.

Its record-chasing quest in 2004 and pursuit of perfection in 2005 ended the same way: with mid-January trips home. Last year, when the glare shifted away from the Colts, they finally won their elusive Super Bowl title.

So from the moment Indianapolis (13-2) officially became overshadowed, on that April day New England traded for Randy Moss, the Colts accepted their position as underdog.

This season's resume shows Indy might be the only team standing in the way of history:

—The Colts (13-2) have won six straight games despite being decimated by injuries and may be on the verge of getting most of their starters back.

—Indianapolis is seven points from being undefeated itself, inexplicably blowing a 10-point lead in the final 10 minutes to New England that cost it home-field advantage in the AFC, and then missing a potential winning field goal in the final 90 seconds at San Diego.

—Indy is the first team in league history to win 12 games in five consecutive years, and is a perfect 5-0 in the NFL's best division, one that could produce three playoff teams and no team under .500.

—The Colts have also averaged more points in December, 32.8, than the Patriots, 27.3, indicating it's Indianapolis and Joseph Addai who may be better suited to the inevitably poor conditions in the Northeast in January.

With a win Sunday against Tennessee, Indy would become just the third Super Bowl champion since 1991 to win 14 games in defense of its title. The other two, the 1998 Denver Broncos and 2004 Patriots, happen to be the last

two back-to-back champions. "Human nature doesn't usually allow you to come back with those types of years," Dungy said Monday. "It becomes harder."

Toss aside the record books, and the intangibles look good for Indy, too.

Long criticized for being a finesse team, the Colts have demonstrated their tenacity against a string of opponents intent on dethroning the champs. Indy still won eight times by at least 18 points, rallied when it didn't play well enough to win, and survived a rigorous schedule of six night games, two short weeks and three back-to-back road trips.

Comparably, the playoff schedule should be a breeze.

The offense has overcome Marvin Harrison's 10-game absence, a late-season swoon in the ground game and a fluctuating offensive line. Now that Peyton Manning is getting comfortable with his new colleagues, he's playing like his old self. Since Thanksgiving, he's thrown 15 touchdowns, three interceptions and had ratings over 110 in four of the last five games.

Plus, Dungy now expects Harrison, right tackle Ryan Diem and others to be healthy for the playoffs. The ominous message to every team west of Boston is this: The Colts are ready to defend their crown.

But the biggest impressions have been on defense.

A year ago, the Colts' weak link was supposed to be a small, soft run defense that couldn't stop anyone. In the playoffs, the Colts shut down everyone and used the playoff performance to emerge as the league's No. 3 overall defense this year. That's after losing three starters — defensive tackle Anthony McFarland (knee) in training camp, linebacker Rob Morris (knee tendon) in late September and three-time Pro Bowl defensive end Dwight Freeney (foot) in mid-November — to season-ending injuries.

The revamped secondary ranks No. 1 against the pass, a significant number considering it will take a statement game and perhaps a little help from Mother Nature to contain the Patriots' vaunted passing attack.

By all measures, these Colts are better than last year's champions.

"At this point last year, we weren't clicking on all our cylinders and we were definitely playing a lot more up and down," Dungy said. "Our depth is better and we're doing some things really well."

Are they good enough to win a second straight title?

Wildcats

Suites at 706 Church Street in downtown Nashville. The reception will be Sunday from 4-6 p.m. CST.

Association members will receive a commemorative gift by showing their membership card or keytag. A cash bar and snacks will be available. Following the reception, alumni and friends will walk down to 2nd Avenue to watch the Battle of the Bands, which begins at 6 p.m. CST. Visit www.musiccityowl.com for more details on Battle of the Bands.

Fans invited to official pre-game party: Put your game face on and join UK alumni and fans for the official pre-game party on Monday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at BB King's Blues Club, located in downtown Nashville at the corner of Commerce Street and 2nd Avenue.

Located just minutes from L.P. Field, BB King's Blues Club offers a unique atmosphere and experience in the Music City.

Tickets are \$35 each and will be available for pick up at "will call" at BB King's at 10 a.m. on the day of the event. Admission includes a Backyard BBQ buffet, live entertainment, and unlimited soda, coffee and tea. A cash bar will be available. Total Sports Travel is handling reservations for this event. Reservations can be made at www.totalsportstravel.com or by calling 1-888-367-8781. (Note: The Kentucky-Florida International men's basketball game will be aired at BB King's).

Cat Walk set for Music City Bowl: The Cat Walk has been set for 12:30 p.m. CST at LP Field before the Music City Bowl.

Fans are encouraged to line up on the east side of the stadium (same side of the stadium as parking lot C) in order to greet the Wildcats when they arrive. Note that Kentucky is the visiting team this year, therefore the Cat Walk will be on the opposite side of the stadium from a year ago.

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SPEED announces 2008 Preseason Thunder lineup

Fans can follow favorite drivers, teams during testing

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Before all of the holiday decorations have been put away and the last fruit cake has been re-gifted, SPEED will be setting up shop in Daytona Beach, Fla., Charlotte, N.C., Las Vegas and Fontana, Calif., to bring NASCAR fans 22 days of testing coverage as part of Preseason Thunder beginning Jan. 7.

"This season opens with quite a few questions to be answered," said SPEED president Hunter Nickell. "There will be a lot of interest in seeing NASCAR back on the track for the first time in '08. Dale Jr. in a Hendrick car, Kyle Busch in a Gibbs car, the COT at every track, new title sponsors... there is no shortage of storylines for 2008 and SPEED will be there from the very beginning. We'll be there all season, and we'll be there at the end. NASCAR fans have come to expect that from SPEED and our team will deliver."

Testing coverage will be comprehensive as SPEED will cover sessions for the Sprint Cup Series, the Nationwide Series and the Craftsman Truck Series. In addition, for the first time, SPEED will offer multiple shows from the 2008 NASCAR Sprint Media Tour, hosted by Lowe's Motor Speedway.

John Roberts will anchor SPEED's Sprint Cup coverage on-site, with assistance from Larry McReynolds, Jeff Hammond and Bob Dillner. Roberts also will host the Craftsman Truck Series session, with analysis from Ray Dunlap and Phil Parsons; and Nationwide Series testing, with Dunlap providing analysis. The full NASCAR on SPEED on-air team will participate in the 30-minute shows throughout the month, both on-site and from the Charlotte-based SPEED studios.

Following coverage of Preseason Thunder, SPEED will make the much-anticipated move to HD for 100 hours of coverage from Daytona Speedweeks beginning Feb. 7. In addition, SPEEDtv.com external link will re-launch in widescreen format Feb. 6.

SPEED Preseason Thunder coverage (All times ET, subject to change): Jan. 7—Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 8—Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 9—Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 10—Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 11—Craftsman Truck Series Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 14—Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 15—Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 16—Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 17—Sprint Cup Testing from Daytona, 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 21—Nationwide Series Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 22—Nationwide Series Testing from Daytona, 7 p.m.; Jan. 23—2008 Sprint Media Tour, 7 p.m.; Jan. 24—2008 Sprint Media Tour, 7 p.m.; Jan. 25—2008 Sprint Media Tour, 7 p.m.; Jan. 28—Testing from Las Vegas, 7 p.m.; Jan. 29—Testing from Las Vegas, 7 p.m.; Jan. 30—Testing from Las Vegas, 7 p.m.; Jan. 31—Testing from Fontana, 7 p.m.; Feb. 1—Testing from Fontana, 7 p.m.; Feb. 4—2008 Team Previews, 7 p.m.; Feb. 5—2008 Team Previews, 7 p.m.; Feb. 6—2008 Team Previews, 7 p.m.

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OVC to mandate courtside replay systems for basketball games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher, Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner, announced on Friday a mandate to place courtside replay equipment in all OVC basketball venues beginning Jan. 5, 2008.

Typically in college basketball, courtside monitors would be available only during televised games; this mandate would make some type of technology available to the officiating crew for every contest regardless of the presence of television crews.

"OVC games are too competitive and we have too much invested to not utilize every means available to insure our officials have every tool necessary," Steinbrecher said. "We

owe this to our student-athletes, coaches and fans."

Exact specifics have not been finalized for the systems but it would involve a monitor close to the official timer or on a designated courtside table within close proximity to the court. The monitors would then be used to review plays that fall under specific guidelines outlined by the NCAA.

Guidelines on how the system will be used in the OVC will be discussed and finalized during a meeting of the Board of Directors of Athletics, which is scheduled for Jan. 3 in Nashville.

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BOO JACKSON went up with a shot during East Kentucky's 103-82 win over Pittsburgh Sunday evening at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Jackson is one of the CBA's top scorers and rebounders.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Aaron Crum,
Allen Central
Boys' Basketball

Julianne Frye,
Prestonsburg
Girls' Basketball

Top

interception for a killer score at the end of the first half.

So they didn't win the title. They still took us all on a magical ride from Pike County Bowl to the state finals.

Pikeville v. UK: From the moment Kelly Wells made the announcement that our very own Pikeville College Bears would play a preseason game against the legendary University of Kentucky, our region of the mountains was flipped on its head.

In the end, Jodie Meeks had a career night and the Cats roughed up the Bears a little, but the combination of exposure for the school itself and experience for the players will continue to pay off well down the road.

The Bears ended 2007 with nine straight wins and a 12-2 worksheet, proving experience like they got on Halloween night is worth its weight in gold.

Orlando Smith: On the afternoon Shelby Valley made its return to Rupp Arena for the Sweet 16, the commonwealth was rocked by word that Tubby Smith had had enough of the naysayers and was bolting for Minnesota.

Despite a national title and averaging more than 26 wins a year, Tubby never seemed to please a vocal faction of Big Blue Nation and as a result, moved someplace he'll be much more appreciated.

In his place came Billy Gillispie, a smooth-talking Texan who hasn't quite lived up to his short-lived reputation. We'll have to wait and see if he can overcome his pathetic early showing and prove to be the coach we hoped he was. But with a 5-5 record and showing no ability to find a common ground with his players, at the

end of 2007, you'd have to call this move questionable at best at this early stage.

Mark Reynolds: When spring training broke, Mark Reynolds headed to Double-A to continue his dream of someday making it to the big leagues. Arizona manager Bob Melvin said he felt sure Reynolds would be in his everyday lineup at some point down the road, perhaps as soon as 2008.

On May 16, some six weeks after beginning the season at Mobile, Reynolds was in the big leagues to stay. His blistering bat was above .400 for the first two weeks, and in the end the Pikeville-born son of Feds Creek graduates hit .279 with 17 homers and 62 runs scored and batted in for the National League West champions, starting at third base as the D-Backs made the playoffs for the first time since 2001.

Six-through-10: In no particular order... if you thought Prestonsburg football had taken a dip, think again. The Blackcats won nine games and made it to the third round of the Double-A playoffs this season... For the first time since 1977, a Pike County school other than Belfry and Pikeville won a football playoff game when Shelby Valley turned the trick in the opening round of the post-season... A youthful basketball team from Shelby Valley proved talent is more important than experience when it claimed the 15th Region title and moved on to the Sweet 16 in March... Keeping the title in Pike County again and largely in the 59th District, East Ridge softball knocked off Shelby Valley in Greg Napier's final game to advance to the state tournament... It was business as usual for Belfry volleyball in 2007, winning another regional title and advancing to another state tournament.

Theriault turns focus to 2008 season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE NC — Following a successful completion of the ARCA RE/MAX Series open test session at Daytona International Speedway on December 14-16, Michelle Theriault is focusing all of her attention on competing full-time in 2008. The 21-year-old's plans for the 2008 season have yet to be finalized, but an ARCA RE/MAX Series ride remains on the top of Theriault's Christmas wish list.

"I'd like to once again thank Rick Markle Racing for providing me a car at the test," said Theriault, who piloted the No. 68 Rick Markle Racing Chevrolet during the three day test. "Without their support, I probably would not have been able to participate. From my standpoint, the test went very well. I learned a lot about restrictor plate racing and hope to have the chance to put it to use in the ARCA 200 in

February."

The three day test session marked Theriault's first opportunity to draft. "For me, drafting was definitely the highlight of the test," said Theriault. "Any driver can draft, but it takes lots of experience to learn how to use it to your advantage. The ARCA officials watch drafting practice closely to determine if a driver is ready to compete on a superspeedway. I'm happy to say they approved me. My goal is to compete full-time in ARCA in 2008. If that doesn't happen due to a lack of proper funding, then I will focus on competing in select races throughout the season. One way or another I will race in '08."

In 2007, Theriault completed her rookie season in the NASCAR Busch East Series scoring two top 10 finishes in her first two starts and ended the season 13th in the championship. She also competed in six ARCA RE/MAX Series races.



SPORTS FAN

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Blue Christmas: Gillispie era off to sluggish start at Kentucky

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Three pictures on the cover of the Kentucky basketball media guide seem to capture the first 10 games of Billy Gillispie's tenure at one of college basketball's most demanding jobs.

In one, Gillispie is clapping his hands, staring intently into the distance. The two above it are of senior guards Joe Crawford and Ramel Bradley. Crawford has the ball in his hand, searching for an opening. Bradley crouches, mouth agape, eyes focused straight ahead.

Perhaps it's telling that the coach and players are looking in different directions. The giddiness that surrounded Gillispie's arrival, when he took over for Tubby Smith in April, has been replaced with anxiety as the Wildcats and their hard-spun coach struggle to get to know each other.

Kentucky (5-5) is off to its worst start since 2000-01 as injuries and off the court problems have frustrated the coach and left his team's confidence shaken.

While many fans are quick to place the blame on his predecessor, nicknamed "Ten-Loss Tubby" during his

decade leading the Wildcats, they didn't expect Gillispie to be halfway to the 10-loss mark just 10 games into the season.

Though the Wildcats managed to snap a four-game losing streak — the school's longest in 17 years — with a relatively easy win over Tennessee Tech last Saturday, Kentucky has hardly played with the crispness or intensity Gillispie promised.

"I think we just haven't competed as hard as we can," Gillispie said.

The evidence came early in a stunning 84-68 loss to Gardner-Webb on Nov. 7. Though some dismissed the performance as an anomaly, the last six weeks have seen more of the same.

Outside of freshman forward Patrick Patterson, Kentucky has been largely unimpressive in victory and looked overmatched against quality teams. The Wildcats never threatened No. 1 North Carolina and were blown out by then-No. 15 Indiana even though the Hoosiers played without star guard Eric Gordon.

While Gillispie has been quick to dismiss injuries as part of the problem, he never imagined he'd spend most of the first six weeks of the season without guards Derrick Jasper and Jodie Meeks.

Jasper has been slow to recover from offseason microfracture surgery on his knee, while Meeks missed six games with a stress fracture in his pelvis. Though Meeks returned in a loss to Houston, he had to sit out against Tennessee Tech due to a hip flexor.

The injuries have forced Gillispie to juggle his rotation, but they're not the only reason he's used nine different starting lineups in 10 games.

A stickler for good practice habits, Gillispie has emphasized that those who practice hard will get the first chance at playing, regardless of how they perform during the actual games.

It's a lesson Crawford, a starter each of the last two seasons, has learned the hard way. Crawford has spent most of the early season in Gillispie's doghouse, and both he and Bradley watched from the bench in the first half against Tennessee Tech after being late for a team function.

Gillispie's substitution patterns have also been erratic, as he mixes and matches lineups looking for a group that works well together.

Highly touted freshman guard Alex Legion played well in bursts during the first four games, then abruptly trans-

ferred to Illinois after playing just a handful of minutes in the loss to North Carolina.

Gillispie has been tightlipped through much of it, rarely talking about the inner workings of the team. His players, however, have risen to his defense even as they face his wrath.

"It doesn't matter if you're the best player on the team to the last guy on the team, if you know he's going to treat each and every player on the team fairly, it makes you feel better," Bradley said. "You have to be consistent because he's going to stay consistent. He's going to be tough."

Never one to sugarcoat things, Gillispie rarely dishes out platitudes even when the Wildcats play well. When asked about his team's defense after it held Tennessee Tech to 26 percent shooting, Gillispie just shrugged his shoulders.

"Zero would be better," he said, then pointed out a series of uncontested lay-ups the Wildcats allowed.

"What I want us to do is play the best basketball we can. If we make one mistake in a game, I'm going to try and correct that mistake," he said. "We have to understand there's not

going to be a perfect game, but you have to strive for that. We're definitely a long ways from being perfect."

Right now, being competitive would be enough.

The Wildcats have just three non-conference games remaining, and their only real chance to get a quality win before Southeastern Conference play will be Jan. 5 against fellow underachiever Louisville. If they can't beat the Cardinals and put together a solid season in the SEC, the school's streak of 16 consecutive NCAA tournament bids could end.

It's a doomsday scenario that isn't lost on Gillispie. For all the lessons he's trying to teach, Gillispie knows the Wildcats can't get by in the SEC starting a patchwork lineup featuring walk-on Mark Coury at forward and struggling Michael Porter at guard as he used against Tennessee Tech.

"They play very well together, but that's not the personnel you need," Gillispie said. "We need our personnel back. If we do I think we're going to improve very, very quickly."

Smith shines as Louisville surges past Morehead State, 73-49

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Frustrated by a shooting slump that's shaken his confidence, Jerry Smith found solace on Christmas night in the quiet confines of Louisville's practice gym.

In the quiet, hoisting 200 jumpers in search of the stroke that made him one of the best freshman 3-point shooters in the country a year ago, Smith found the stroke that's abandoned him much of this season.

"I don't think many people spent Christmas like that," he said. "Just a typical Louisville day."

Just a typical Louisville victory — eventually — for the Cardinals.

Smith poured in a season-high 17 points, all but two on

3-pointers, as the Cardinals (8-3) used some hot shooting and a suffocating press to race by Morehead State 73-49 Wednesday night.

"I had a better feeling tonight, I don't know why," Smith said. "Sometimes it goes like that and sometimes it doesn't. It was going tonight."

The Cardinals needed Smith to get it going after a lethargic first half that saw them up by just three over the Eagles (4-7). Terrence Williams added 17 points and seven assists and Derrick Character had 11 points and nine rebounds for the Cardinals, who held the Eagles to 35 percent shooting in the second half and forced 22 turnovers.

"I thought our kids played extremely hard for about 20 minutes," Morehead State coach Donnie Tyndall said.

"They took us out of things in the second half. ... When they got easy baskets from their press, they got in flow a little bit."

Morehead State, located about 140 miles east of Louisville, made the Cardinals work for their third straight victory. Kenneth Faried led the Eagles with 11 points and held his own for the most part against the bigger, stronger Character.

Louisville coach Rick Pitino has criticized his team for its lack of intensity on defense, saying his players shouldn't let their shooting determine the effort on the other end of the court.

But it wasn't until the Cardinals got going from behind the arc that Louisville's press began to wear the Eagles down.

Andre McGee started the

second half with a 3-pointer from the corner, and Smith sandwiched 3-pointers around a hook by Character to give the Cardinals a 41-30 lead. Smith hit another 3-pointer on Louisville's next trip and capped the run with an alley-oop layup on a pass from Edgar Sosa that put the Cardinals up 51-31.

"We tried to step up our defensive pressure, and when we did that, we got steals, got running and got the crowd into it," McGee said.

Still, the Cardinals were hardly crisp. Louisville turned it over 15 times — many simple mental miscues rather than the result of any defensive pressure — and managed just a 32-26 rebounding edge despite a massive size advantage over the Eagles, who play in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"I'm pleased with our

progress, but I'm not pleased with the fundamentals," Pitino said. "We're doing things you don't see. Guys are not doing the little fundamental things. When you don't do that, it becomes gigantic."

Former heavyweight champion and Louisville native Muhammad Ali received a two-minute standing ovation when he was introduced during a timeout in the first half.

"He is my all-time favorite athlete," Williams said. "Everyone always brought their best against him, and everyone always brings their best against us."

For a while, it looked like Morehead's best might be good enough to shock the Cardinals.

The Eagles hung around in the first half despite having trouble with Louisville's press. Faried, who didn't turn 18 until

after the season began, gave Morehead a spark off the bench, scoring eight points on a couple of athletic dunks, a nifty jumper and a layup on an inbounds play when he quietly cut behind Character to the rim.

Louisville, meanwhile, hardly played like a team trying to move on after a slow start to the season. The Cardinals shot poorly and struggled to hold on to the ball. Williams scored the team's first nine points but also committed an embarrassing turnover after collecting a steal at halfcourt. Williams checked behind him and raced to the rim as the crowd rose to its feet. The ball never got there, slipping out of Williams' right hand as he tried to cradle it.

Williams made amends after halftime, dunking on consecutive possessions during Louisville's early run.

Thundering Herd handles Princeton, 66-60

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Junior Markel Humphrey (Atlanta, Ga.) went 6-for-7 from the floor for a game-high 19 points to lead Marshall to a 66-60 win over visiting Princeton in men's basketball action at the Cam Henderson Center on Saturday.

It was a tale of two halves as Marshall (6-3) came out firing in the opening stanza to the tune of a 59.1 percent shooting clip from the floor to take a 32-22 halftime lead. After the break, Princeton (2-9) seized the hot-hand, sinking 68.2 percent of their second-half shots to make much of the remaining five minutes of action a one or two possession game.

Both teams shot 50 percent for the game.

After Marshall ended a tight first half on a 10-2 run for a 10-

point halftime lead, the famed shot-clock eating, back-door passing of the Princeton offense came alive in the second half. Princeton guard Lincoln Gunn accepted a back-door feed and layup from Zach Finley on the Tigers' first possession after halftime, starting a run that would get PU to within four points, 34-30.

Marshall, however, Princeton's push with a 10-4 run, capped by a Taurean Marshall (Fort Washington, Md.) 3-pointer from the corner that gave MU a 44-34 edge with 11:10 remaining. The momentum jumped back to the Tigers as a Kevin Steurer layup was followed by a Marcus Schroeder 3-pointer to trim their deficit to five points.

Humphrey and freshman Tirrell Baines (Laurens, S.C.) took it upon themselves to carry the Herd offense, scoring 15 of the Herd's final 22 points of the

game, sparked by a Baines three-point play. Princeton did not waiver in the game's final nine minutes, closing to within three points with 5:29 left. Humphrey, however, went 7-for-9 from the free-throw line in the second half to keep the Tigers at bay.

Gunn hit a 3-pointer with 31 seconds left to make it a 61-58 affair, but a 5-for-6 effort from the charity stripe to close the game sealed MU's seventh straight home win. Marshall went 19-for-25 from the free-throw line (76 percent). The Herd has hit 40 of its last 48 free throw attempts (83.3 percent) over the last two games.

"We showed mental toughness down the stretch to win this game," Marshall first-year head coach Donnie Jones said. "We are really competing hard, which is very important at this stage."

Humphrey added seven

rebounds and a block to his 19 points, which extended his games with double-digit points streak to 18 games. Baines netted 10 points with three rebounds — all offensive — while guard Darryl Merthie (Lake Mary, Fla.) scored nine points with two assists and a steal. Starting point guard Pierre-Marie Altidor Cespedes (Montreal, Quebec) scored a season-high seven points with a game-high five assists.

Princeton was led by 12 points by forward Kyle Koncz, all of which came before halftime. The senior was held scoreless in the second half thanks to blanketing defense by Altidor Cespedes. Schroeder, Steurer and Mike Strittmatter scored 10 points apiece for first-year Princeton coach Sydney Johnson.

Marshall outrebounded Princeton, 28-20.



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Flesch inducted into Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — PGA Tour player and Kentucky Section PGA Member Steve Flesch was officially inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame on Saturday, December 8 at a ceremony at Triple Crown Country Club in Union, Kentucky. Many of Flesch's friends were in attendance, and the induction remarks were given by his father Jerry and by close friend Tim LeRoy.

Flesch, 40, resides in Union. He turned professional in 1990, and has notched four wins on the PGA Tour, including this year's Reno-Tahoe Open and Turning Stone Resort Championship. He also won the 1997 Nike Tour Championship, was the 1998 PGA Tour Rookie of the Year, and currently ranks 37th in career earnings on the PGA Tour.

Flesch compiled an impressive record in Kentucky golf, capturing the Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship in 1985, the Kentucky Amateur Championship in 1986 and 1988, and the Kentucky Open Championship in 1991 and 1993. He was also a member of the University of Kentucky men's golf team, where he compiled an impressive record.

As part of the ceremony, several other individuals were also honored. Tom Cooksey of Ashland was presented with the Kentucky Golf Association's J.W. Janes Award for outstanding service to amateur golf in Kentucky; Phil Hendrickson of Danville was presented with the 2007 Kentucky Golf Association Player of the Year Award; Ron Acree of Louisville was presented with the 2007 Kentucky Senior Golf Association Player of the Year Award; Karisa Akin of Elizabethtown was presented with the KGA-PGA, Inc. Girls' Junior Player of the Year Award (for the third consecutive year); and Joseph Barr of Versailles was presented with the KGA-PGA, Inc. Boys' Junior Player of the Year Award (for the second consecutive year).

The Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame was established in 1984 as a joint effort by the Kentucky Golf Association and the Kentucky Section PGA to honor individuals in Kentucky with significant achievements and accomplishments in various areas of golf. The Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame's membership includes individuals with remarkable records as players, golf professionals, golf course superintendents, educators, and golf administrators. It is located at Golf House Kentucky.

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Sutton to come out of retirement at San Francisco

by JANIE McCAULEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Eddie Sutton acknowledges he's selfish: He really wants 800 wins.

He also would prefer to end his career on a positive note rather than amid controversy as he did at Oklahoma State.

Sutton is coming out of retirement to replace Jessie Evans as San Francisco's basketball coach and will have his shot at 800 victories after all. USF announced Wednesday night that Evans was taking "a leave of absence" for the rest of the season and that the 71-year-old Sutton would lead the Dons (4-8) on an interim basis.

Sutton's first chance for win No. 799 will be Friday night at Weber State.

"It's very important," Sutton said of winning 800 games. "I had a chance earlier this year to take a Division I job and didn't think I wanted to do it. From a selfish standpoint, it is something I'm excited about. ..."

"It was a goal I had for myself. I don't think nationally anybody's going to look at it and say, 'Now you won 800 versus 798.' There's just not that much difference."

Evans will be away from the team at least until March, second-year USF athletic director Debra Gore-Mann said, declining to offer further details. She wouldn't say whether he had a health concern, an issue with the

NCAA or whether he would even be considered to coach the team again next season.

"Those are private matters and I won't be addressing personnel matters today," Gore-Mann said. "We'll be in discussions. ... The men's basketball program, in particular, has been a work in progress."

Gore-Mann said she or someone from her staff would be traveling with the team regularly in the near future to "lend my support to the student-athletes and to assist interim coach Sutton in any way I can."

Sutton retired as Oklahoma State's coach after the 2005-06 season. He has 798 victories in 36 seasons as a Division I coach at Creighton, Arkansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma State.

When his victories at Tulsa Central High School and the College of Southern Idaho are included, Sutton won exactly 1,000 games before retiring from coaching in May 2006.

His retirement came about three months after a drunken driving accident caused him to miss the Cowboys' final 10 games of the 2005-06 season. Sutton pleaded no contest to misdemeanor aggravated drunken driving and two other charges following the February 2006 car accident.

"I've thought about that and I would say it probably does (enter into this decision). I certainly didn't want to end my coaching career the way it ended here,"

Sutton said, speaking from an athletic office at Oklahoma State.

He called his drinking problems a "thing of the past."

"As a recovering alcoholic you have to work on that every day," he said. "I still attend meetings."

Gore-Mann said she "took Coach Sutton at his word."

Sutton said he spoke to Gore-Mann a couple of days ago about the possibility of coming to USF if the job opened. Yet Gore-Mann said she didn't know what Evans would do until Wednesday, before adding that she would consider Sutton beyond this season if he were interested in staying.

"When I was talking to Coach Sutton before, it was more a long-term basis," she said of their previous talks. "I would always consider him. I think it would be what he would be ready to commit to. I think it's an audition for USF athletics."

So, in a bizarre turn of events for both sides, Sutton committed to coach the Dons without even a campus visit — and negotiated his contract over the phone.

He was scheduled to meet his team in Salt Lake City on Thursday, and said he would lean heavily on his assistant coaches at first. He hoped to get one practice in with his team before Friday's game.

"I would say it's the toughest challenge that I've ever had," Sutton said. "I've had challenges before, but I'm looking forward

to meeting the young men and trying to turn the season around."

Sutton has two sons who are Division I coaches: Sean, who succeeded him at Oklahoma State, and Scott, who is at Oral Roberts.

"He's thought long about it over the last four or five days," Sean Sutton said. "He's excited about it. He misses the interaction on a daily basis with the players. He still has a lot of competitive fire in him. ... And obviously, he's two wins shy of winning 800 games. There's only been three or four other coaches that have ever accomplished that goal. It would put him in an elite group of coaches. I'm excited for him because I think he's happy."

Scott Sutton, whose team beat Sean's 74-59 on Dec. 20, said he was "happy for my father that he has decided to return to coaching. Hopefully he'll be able to gain his 800th victory and cap a great career."

Sutton reached the Final Four with Arkansas in 1978 and with Oklahoma State in 1995 and 2004. He ranks fifth on the all-time list for victories among Division I coaches, trailing Texas Tech's Bob Knight (896), Dean Smith (North Carolina, 879), Adolph Rupp (Kentucky, 876) and Jim Phelan (Mount St. Mary's, Md., 830).

AP Sports Writer Jeff Latzke in Oklahoma City contributed to this report.

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Vogel Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

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Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John 'Jay' Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Cridler, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Stone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwaile; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Rev. Vicki Poole, pastor.

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OTHER

Pastor Atha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the **CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY.** Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.

Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith 2 Faith, Harkins Ave., West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m. Randy Hagens, Minister. 886-9460.

Faith Fellowship, Allen, Ky, Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6 p.m.; Wed, 7 p.m. Carl & Missy Wood, Pastors.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 8:30 p.m.; Wed, 6:30 pm; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

Town Branch Church, Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428. Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m., Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Cumy.

Church of God of Prophecy, Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m., Sunday Night - 6 p.m., Wednesday Night - 6 p.m. Pastor Glenn Hayes. West Prestonsburg.

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THROUGH MY EYES

The 'day after' holiday

It's the day after all the fuss and muss and here at the office, things are "business as usual." Not so, however, at our local courthouse. Thought I'd spend the afternoon compiling "For the Record," but found out from the girls in the clerk's offices that they were preparing for an early departure. No judges in the house, anyway, they informed.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

So, back to plan two which means I'm penning this column a bit earlier than I normally do. "Normally," I wait until about an hour before deadline to share my thoughts for the week. Something about "pressure" that kicks my gray matter into gear.

I'm sure, however, that my esteemed editor will be happy to find that I've done it early this time, for once.

Okay, so what can one say about the day after Christmas? I suppose the lucky ones are

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DINNER DIVA

Hoppin' into the New Year

by LEANNE ELY

The New Year seems to be the pinnacle point for fresh starts. This is the year I'm going to: lose weight, get organized, eat healthier...name that tune. January 1st is the Promised Land of all Dates. It's the beginning of the beginning. The alpha point of the year. The clean slate promise of what's to come.



Leanne Ely

This is why in the South, we start the New Year off with black eyed peas (which symbolize good luck) and greens (which symbolize prosperity). And while most down home southern cooks may wince at my suggestions for New Year's, I promise you it is fast and easy and takes care of your luck and prosperity in a flash!

Hoppin' John Soup is the delicious way to accomplish those goals—enjoy!

Hoppin' John Soup

Serves 6
1 large onion - chopped

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Elizabeth Price, center, flanked by daughter, Elizabeth, left, and her caseworker Dewana Winfree, was thrilled to accept a check from the Floyd County Housing Authority that will help her to become a new homeowner.

A place to call home

FCHA program helps make home ownership a reality

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

The Christmas season is a time for the granting of dreams and the restoration of hope and faith. For one local woman, all this and more came true for she and her family when a longheld wish for a better life was granted through the Floyd County Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

"As a single mother of three children, I have had my fair share of mountains to climb," said Elizabeth Price, of Allen. Arriving in Floyd County with no family, friends, or immediate contacts, Price said that she really didn't know how she was going to meet the needs of her family but that she was determined to try.

"A group of wonderful ladies at the Big Sandy Family Abuse Center gave us a start," she continued. "They gave us a place to feel safe...then the ladies at Warco gave us our first place to live. These ladies have meant the world to us. I really don't know what I would have done without them. I really don't."

Working closely with the Warco

staff at the Floyd County Housing Authority, Price learned about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, a program designed to help families move away from dependency programs into independent living.

Interested families must enter into a five-year contract with the Housing Authority, during which time they agree to strive to become self-sufficient through enrollment in job training programs, educational programs of study, or employment. If, at any time during this five-year period, the assisted families share of rent should increase, the Housing Authority will establish an escrow account in which they will match the exact amount of money that the family's rent increased by. For instance, if an assisted family is paying \$200 for rent while unemployed and that amount increases by another \$200 for a total monthly rent payment of \$400; the Housing Authority will place \$200 in a special escrow account to be made available to the family upon full completion of their contract.

Though the initial contract is signed for a five-year term, families may become free of reliance on wel-

fare programs before the five-year period is up, at which time the escrow funds may be released to them.

"At anytime during the contract, if the family becomes free of welfare programs and have reached their final goal, the family may collect the money in their escrow account, plus any accumulated interest," said Diane Pennington, Floyd County Housing Authority, Warco office.

Overcome with emotion upon receiving her check from the escrow account set up for her, Price said, through tears, that the family self-sufficiency program had given her hope for a better future. Completing her contract terms well before the five-year period, Price said that her enrollment in the program had given her an added incentive to become self-sufficient.

"I remember how wonderful it felt when I found our first house. Our own home! It felt wonderful," she said.

Finding employment at the Harold Double Kwik, Price said that her confidence grew as she discovered enjoyment through her work in the

store's deli. "I love working with food and I have gotten to know so many of our customers. I have friends now and I love being a store manager with such a great company," she said.

Price plans to use the funds she received from her escrow account to purchase the home she and her daughter, Elizabeth, a student at Prestonsburg High School now reside in. She also is confident that her completion of the family self-sufficiency program will enable her two younger sons to live full-time with her once again.

"I've had so many people's help and support over the past year and a half, and I've been rewarded with a wonderful gift for my hard work and determination. I thank all who have been there with their support and coaching and I highly recommend this program to other families. I encourage them to join - it's a great thing," she said.

Those interested in learning more about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program may contact any of the Floyd County Housing Authority offices.

FLY LADY

New Year's choices

by MARLA CILLEY

The holiday season will soon be coming to an end. We have either spent many weeks dreading it or enjoying the process. We always have a choice in how we look at things. If we think something will be hard then we make our own wishes come true. What we think about, we bring about! We don't have to live in the shadow of negativity.

Every single day of our lives we have choices. Our first choice is

whether to get out of bed or lay and wallow in our self pity. Every hour contains a new set of choices that need to be made. We may not even know that we are making choices. Sometimes our choices are made by not making a choice and just allowing "whatever" to happen. Does that sound like procrastination to you?

We are the queens of procrastination; even when it comes to being in control. We had rather blame circumstances instead of making a decision and accepting the consequences of that

decision process. Then when things don't go our way, we make a conscious choice to pout, whine and be in a bad mood. Funny behaviour, isn't it (if you can call this type of behaviour "funny!")

If we can make a choice, whether consciously or unconsciously, to be in a bad mood, then why in the world can't we make a choice to be in a good mood? Sounds simple, doesn't it? WELL, IT IS! It is all about making up our minds to be happy! Once we make the decision to be happy; our focus is on goodness! Release the negativity and walk with a positive attitude!

That positive attitude becomes a force field of joy that protects you from

the circumstances that used to cause us to take to our beds and be pitiful. We have a choice to be happy or a choice to be sad and make everyone's life around us miserable. YOU GET TO CHOOSE! Imagine that! It is in your control and we just thought that our bad moods were produced by the people we live with. We have a choice and when we choose happiness; we create an atmosphere of peace in our homes. The weird result in choosing to be happy is that your tormentors don't get to see you respond to your buttons being pushed. They are no longer in control! YOU ARE!



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Family Medicine

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Q I'm not a regular drinker, but on New Year's Eve we always host a party, and I often have several drinks of champagne. How many drinks does it take to make a person drunk, and is it any different for those who drink alcohol regularly? I'm concerned about letting our guests drive home.

A It's almost time to ring in the new year - an occasion that many people will celebrate by raising a few toasts. While moderate drinking is acceptable in our society, drinking to the point of getting drunk is not. And, when a person is drunk, there's absolutely no excuse for trying to drive a car.

According to a recently released study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 16,885 people died in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes in calendar year 2005. This accounted for 39 percent of all traffic-related deaths in that year. A study a few years earlier found that one person is killed every 31 minutes in an alcohol-related motor vehicle crash. And, statistics also tell us that about 1,700 Americans lose their lives by "walking drunk" each year.

Your concern for your guests is, therefore, admirable and appropriate. Every accident involving a drunk driver or pedestrian is a needless tragedy.

It takes the average person one to

Party host should insure that no one drives or walks home drunk

two hours to eliminate the standard alcoholic drink, such as an ounce of distilled liquor, a bottle of beer or a glass of wine. Given this fact, a good, conservative rule of thumb is that you should not drive if you have had more than one drink for each two hours at a party.

Regular consumption of alcohol doesn't change the effect of this drug; however, the frequent drinker does develop a false sense that he or she is less impaired by it. The time required to see a problem and then react to it goes up with each drink, regardless of how accustomed the person is to drinking.

Since you are hosting a party at which alcohol is going to be served, you have a responsibility to your guests. Suggest that they come in groups and that each group select a "designated driver." Make non-alcoholic beverages available, preferably served in the same type of glasses as the alcohol, for the designated driver and for anyone else who chooses not

to consume alcohol. Guests should not be persuaded to drink, nor ridiculed if they choose not to. Serve plenty of snacks and encourage snacking. As the party starts to wind down, put the alcohol away and serve coffee or other non-alcoholic beverages. Coffee does not counteract the effects of alcohol, but a long period of socializing without alcohol can be helpful.

Most importantly, make sure that absolutely nobody who's had too much to drink gets behind the wheel. Alcohol inhibits our ability to make good decisions, so don't expect your guests to decide for themselves whether or not they can drive safely. Instead, keep an eye on all your guests, and if anybody shows the least sign of having too much to drink, do not let that person drive or even walk home alone. Insist he or she stay overnight, go home with somebody else, or take a taxi. Not only does that protect the intoxicated person, but it also protects you.

That's because in many states you can now be held legally liable for the actions of somebody who leaves your party drunk.

On behalf of all of us at the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine I'd like to wish all my readers and their families a very Happy New Year in 2008. Here's to your health!

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.

•A nurse from the FCHD is currently available at the school to provide services including: School physicals, immunizations, WIC, well-child exams, etc. Call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment. Child does not have to be a student at AMS to receive services. HPV vaccines and flu shots currently available.

•The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Services offered to students and families regardless of income. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297.

Allen Central High School

•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

•Please have your Food City, Valu Card scanned for ACMS! Points help purchase school merchandise.

•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

•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.

Duff Elementary

•The center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks.

•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 area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

•May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at 285-0883 for more information. Slots will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.

•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

•Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!

•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 checkouts. 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 build-

ing, on the McDowell Elementary School campus.

For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

•Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

•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.

•After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.

• Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.

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.

•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

•Yearbooks are \$22 and will be on sale January 1, in school office.

•Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

•The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. 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

•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

•Jan. 3 - Classes resume.

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

•For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED

Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr.

1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David Craft Center.

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.; Martin Community Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334.

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397.

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