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## Suspect arrested in Pike armed robbery

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

**VIRGIE** — Kentucky State Police have a suspect under arrest after an armed robbery at a Pike County grocery store over the weekend.

Jimmy D. Ray, 24, of Virgie, is being lodged in the Pike County Jail after being arrested Sunday by KSP

Sgt. Darren Stapleton on a charge of first-degree armed robbery.

According to reports, Ray allegedly entered the Valley IGA in Pike County on Saturday wearing a ski mask and armed with a small pistol, demanding money from the store clerk.

"He (the suspect) ran up to the first register and told the girl to give him all the money," said Rita Boyd, the store

manager. "When she hesitated, he put the gun to her head and said she had three seconds."

The suspect fled the store with over \$1,600 in cash. No one was injured in the robbery.

According to Boyd, the suspect had parked behind the store, and when he left, customers of the store followed him. The customers reported the sus-

pect fleeing in a dark blue Dodge Neon, and that there was another person in the vehicle.

At press time, no arrests had been made of the suspected accomplice.

Trooper Scott Hopkins, Post 9 spokesman, was not available for comment.

The incident is still under investigation by KSP.

### Rebels drop two

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### briefs

### ATV-related deaths and injuries continue rise

The Associated Press

**FRANKFORT** — Robert Parks says he's learned his lesson following an all-terrain vehicle crash this spring that left him with a broken collarbone and other injuries.

Parks has since sold his ATV and vows he won't ride one again. His granddaughter and her friend were uninjured in the crash, but he received 16 stitches in his head and suffered a leg wound that required surgery.

"It's a hell of a way to learn," Parks said. "I put a lot of burden on my family."

Parks, 51, is one of more than 260 people in Kentucky hurt this year through Nov. 1 while riding an ATV. The 2007 tally accounts for 26 more than in 2006.

There have been at least 30 ATV related deaths this year — more than twice as many than what occurred five years ago and nine more than in 2006.

Kentucky has recently lead the country in the number of fatal ATV crashes.

An analysis by The (Louisville) Courier-Journal (See DEATHS, page thirteen)

### BREAK FROM WINTER



photo by Jack Latta

Floyd County residents took advantage of the pretty weather on Monday to take in a round of disc golf at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The respite from winter weather is not expected to last, however, as snow showers are possible today.

## Coal company fined over \$200K for violations

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

**HAZARD** — A Perry County Coal Corporation is facing a \$220,000 penalty after a miner received electrical burns at an E4-1 mine in Hazard.

Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health, said in a released statement, "a flagrant violation of the mine safety laws intended to prevent this type of accident directly contributed to the accident."

"Mine Safety and Health

Administration (MSHA) will not hesitate to assess stiff penalties against coal companies that fail to comply with safety and health regulations," Stickler said.

According to MSHA, a flagrant violation is "a reckless or repeated failure to make reasonable efforts to eliminate a known violation of a mandatory safety and health standard that substantially and proximately caused, or reasonably could have been expected to cause, death or serious bod-

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## Lawmakers push big ideas amid meager finances

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**FRANKFORT** — One lawmaker is proposing legislation to criminalize consensual sex between teachers and older teens. Another wants to allow active-duty soldiers who are at least 18 to legally buy and drink alcohol.

Hundreds of other bills are expected to be introduced in the

upcoming legislative session that begins Jan. 8. With the state facing one of the bleakest financial outlooks in recent history, however, the state budget is certain to be the overshadowing issue, said House Speaker Jody Richards.

"I don't remember a situation more financially difficult than this one," said Richards, D-Bowling Green. "We'll just have to wait and see what hap-

pens."

Richards said the budget crisis could threaten some \$400 million in long-awaited dormitories, laboratories and other buildings on university campuses.

Gov. Steve Beshear describes the state's financial condition as dire. Shortfalls already have been popping up

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## Three convicted in federal cocaine case

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

**LONDON** — Three Eastern Kentuckians were convicted Dec. 21 of conspiring to distribute and distributing cocaine.

Roy Branham, 74, of Wheelwright, Terry Branham, 56, and Kathy Branham, 54, both of Van Lear, are scheduled to appear for sentencing before Judge Danny C. Reeves in London, on April 14.

During the nine-day trial, Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen C. Smith presented evidence that showed Roy Branham conspired to distribute over

five kilograms of cocaine, and Terry Branham and Kathy Branham conspired to distribute 500 grams to five kilograms of cocaine, distributed cocaine, and used a telephone to commit drug distribution crimes. There was also a judgment of forfeiture in the amount of \$500,000.

The investigation that led to the Branham's arrest was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kentucky State Police.

Roy Branham faces a maximum prison sentence of 10 years to life in prison. Terry and Kathy Branham face 5-to-40 years in prison.

## State pension issue looms for legislature

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**FRANKFORT** — Kentucky lawmakers return next week to deal with a myriad of issues — from casino gambling to making "cornhole" the official state game.

But one looming issue could someday cost the state billions of dollars if it's not addressed — the state employees' pension system. Some lawmakers have warned that failing to act soon could exacerbate the problem to a point that it would eventually consume mammoth proportions of the state budget.

"It's tough now; it's going to get exponentially more difficult going forward," said Brian Crall, a former top

executive in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration.

Currently, the state employees' pension system is facing a staggering near-\$20 billion — the number fluctuates — in unfunded liabilities. Fully funding pensions this year would likely cost between \$500 million to \$700 million, Crall said.

A task force Fletcher set up — and led by Crall — to study the issue recently completed a report for the Legislature to consider this session.

Kentucky's retirement systems cover more than 445,000 people in the state, according to the commission's report.

Last year, the General Assembly split on the issue and left town without

passing a fix. One plan floated in the Republican-controlled Senate called for selling more than \$800 million in pension bonds to give a cash infusion to the retirement systems for public employees and a separate one that handles public school teachers. The measure also would have altered benefits for future employees but kept existing workers' benefits intact. It cleared the Senate before stalling in the House.

Senate President David Williams and other legislators have claimed that without quick action, the state's retirement system could collapse within the next two decades.

The proposed change would have converted future employees' retirement plans from defined benefits to a hybrid

version that included investing in the stock market.

It's uncertain whether Gov. Steve Beshear will focus more energy on the matter.

Compounding the situation, however, is an already grisly financial forecast for the state. Beshear said last week the state is short \$290 million for its bills in the current fiscal year and is facing an even larger financial shortfall next year.

The pension issue "is a big problem. I don't look at it as an immediate crisis," Beshear said recently. "By that I mean people are going to continue to get their benefits if we don't take

(See PENSIONS, page thirteen)

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# Landowners want tougher law enforcement against illegal logging

by SAMIRA JAFARI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHITESBURG — The crime scene — a once-wooded landscape marked by tire tracks and tree stumps — makes the victim, Verna Potter, feel physically violated.

"It's just like someone cut your heart out," says the 77-year-old Potter, who lost an estimated \$50,000 worth of generations-old oak trees, which were taken from her property and sold, without permission, while she was away.

Rogue loggers have long preyed on private properties from coast to coast, taking advantage of the elderly, the absent or — in Potter's case —

both. And they traditionally had little to fear from law enforcement officials' hesitating to pursue criminal charges, instead chalking up most complaints to property disputes. But as timber values rise, so have the stakes for landowners — and the attitude of law enforcement is adjusting accordingly.

"The authorities who have dealt with it as a property matter are starting to look at it as more of a criminal matter," said Joseph Phaneuf, executive director of the Northeastern Loggers' Association. "But it's not happening without a push from the individuals affected."

In recent years, there's been a steady movement to curb

illegal logging. Some states, such as Mississippi and Virginia have established specific timber theft laws, making illegal logging on private property a felony punishable by jail time.

Other states, including New York, have started timber theft prevention campaigns that warn property owners of the common claims thieves make when caught red-handed.

In Kentucky, the problem has resulted in the formation of the Appalachian Roundtable, a nonprofit that joins forestry experts, attorneys, law enforcement and victims to alert landowners to logging scams and pursue criminal charges against timber thieves. The group is draft-

ing legislation to be introduced in the 2008 Kentucky General Assembly to make timber theft a felony punishable by a prison sentence.

"Historically, it's been viewed by local police and the judiciary as a civil complaint," said Keith Cain, president of the Kentucky Sheriffs Association. "But the theft of timber is a criminal issue and should be prosecuted as such."

With the overseas demand for North American hardwoods growing, it's become a more costly issue for private landowners, whose tree farms and woodlands make up 55 percent of U.S. timber production, forestry officials say. The rest comes from lands owned by the state and federal gov-

ernments, the logging industry and other investors.

While there's no timber theft charge on the books in Kentucky, regular theft charges can still be filed, said Dea Riley, executive director of the Appalachian Roundtable, which is currently working with more than 50 families who claim they are victims of timber thefts.

"It's a racketeering game," said Riley, who helped Potter convince the Kentucky State Police to investigate her case when local authorities wouldn't. "These people are victims."

Because timber theft often goes unreported or unprosecuted, few track cases nationwide. However, a 2003 Virginia Tech University study estimated that landowners lose in excess of \$4 million to timber thieves each year in the otherwise poor but hardwood-rich Appalachian states.

Also, domestic prices for hardwoods, such as cherry, walnut and white oak, have increased about 10 percent over the past decade, according to analysts, but the demand overseas, especially in China and southeast Asia, has increased substantially over the past few years.

"They don't have enough wood to feed their mills," said Sara Baldwin, a timber analyst

at the University of Georgia referring to the Chinese market.

For the unscrupulous logger, it adds up to little risk and hefty profits.

"The pressures of high value timber and absentee landowners pose a tremendous

(See LOGGING, page five)

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## Obituaries

### Edward Burchett

Edward Burchett, 81, beloved husband of Nannie; dear father of Dionna Burchett and Kathy (Burchett) Terry; loving grandfather of Nicholas, Stephen, Christopher, Lauryn, Deven, Kala, Kristin and Dalton; also survived by one great-grandchild, Sara; brother to Dewey and Darwin, and three sisters: Clova McComis, Norma Hill, and Illene Helm.

Ed was a farmer and coal miner in Floyd County, until moving to Lexington.

Services to be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements, under direction of Milward Funeral Home, Lexington.  
www.milwardfuneral.com

and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Robert Troy McKenzie; and four brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 31, 2007, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Interment was in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

ly and friends laughing with his humor. He adored his grandchildren, and the time they spent together.

He is survived by two children: Donna Jean (Smith) and Jerry Zehender, and Robert and Sarah Smith of Huntington Indiana; Myma Vebert, the mother of the children; two step-daughters, Bonnie (Meinders) and Henry Volz of Milan, Indiana; and Georgiann Poynter of Louisville; five sisters: Annalee Bentley of Allen, Kathryn (Chapman) Dennis Dreibelbis of Bourbon, Indiana, Ruth Ann Frederick of Inverness, Florida, Phyllis (Crace) Carl Sellards of Allen, and Bobbi (Gay) Don Rollo of Battle Creek, Michigan; two brothers: Ernie and Nancy Smith of Marshall, Michigan, and I. J. and Dorothy Smith of Westville, Indiana; five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 34 nieces and nephews; and 49 great-nieces and nephews.

64, of Pinsonfork, died Thursday, December 27, 2007, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia.

Born February 20, 1943, in Freeburn, he was the son of the late Burbage and Hester Sullivan Taylor. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Old Time Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Iva Gibson Taylor.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Shanuna Taylor of Pinsonfork; a daughter and son-in-law, Drema and Orvilla Canterbury of Lenore, West Virginia; a brother, Dennis Taylor of Pikeville; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and James Lester of Big Rock, Virginia; five grandchildren: Shannon Canterbury of Columbus, Ohio, Scott Canterbury, Dallas Canterbury and Dustin Canterbury, all of Lenore, West Virginia, and Nathan Taylor of Pinsonfork; four great-grandchildren: Keith Canterbury and Karson Canterbury, both of Columbus, Ohio, Nathaniel Canterbury and Amanda Canterbury, both of Lenore, West Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters: Homer Taylor, Emogene Taylor, and Phyllis Chapman.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 30, at noon, at the Old Time Baptist Church, in Printer, with Forest (Bubby) Gibson and Denver Meade officiating.

Burial was in the Tackett Cemetery, in Tram, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.  
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### Calvin C. "Tab" Smith

Calvin C. "Tab" Smith, age 80, of Marshall, Michigan, brother of Ann Bentley of Allen, passed into eternal life on December 26, 2007.

On May the 13th 1927, Tab was born into a loving family, to the late Johnnie B. and Elizabeth (Stone) Smith in Pippa Passes. He was the second of nine children.

At a ceremony in Laurel, Indiana, he married the love of his life, Irene (Johnson) Meinders on January 8, 1973.

Tab has been living at Tendercare of Marshall, where his brother, Ernie and sister-in-law, Nancy, have been spoiling him with cornbread and milk, along with hugs and kisses from the loving nurses.

Calvin was a free spirit, he loved to travel, as a young man he loved going along to sale barns with his dad, where they would do some horse trading. He also enjoyed working on automobiles, and if you had the pleasure of a visit, most likely you would be invited to go coon hunting. He always had a dog or two. He was also a laborer, and had worked in many different states. Through the years he has kept his fami-

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene (Meinders) Smith; his father, Johnnie; his mother, Elizabeth; a sister, Marie; and his grandparents, Isom and Ruth Ann Slone from Pippa Passes.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Visitation will be on Thursday, January 3, from 6:00 to 8:00, at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home in Marshall, Michigan. A prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Interment will follow on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m., at Oakridge Cemetery.

Courtesy of Hall Funeral Home, Martin. (Paid obituary)

**Dallas (Big Larry) Taylor**  
Dallas (Big Larry) Taylor,

### Irma Mae Marshall McKenzie

Irma Mae Marshall McKenzie, 91, of Auxier, died Friday, December 28, 2007, at Pikeville Medical Center.

Born December 29, 1915, in Eastern, she was the daughter of the late Robert Hugh Marshall and Nevada Martin Marshall. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Troy "Duke" McKenzie, on March 7, 2003.

Survivors include two daughters: Judith Porter of Chillicothe, Ohio, and Martha Thompson (Oscar W. III, M.D) of Pikeville; a son, William Duke McKenzie of Little Rock, Arkansas; a brother, Townsell Gordon Marshall of Monroe, Ohio; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents

## The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK

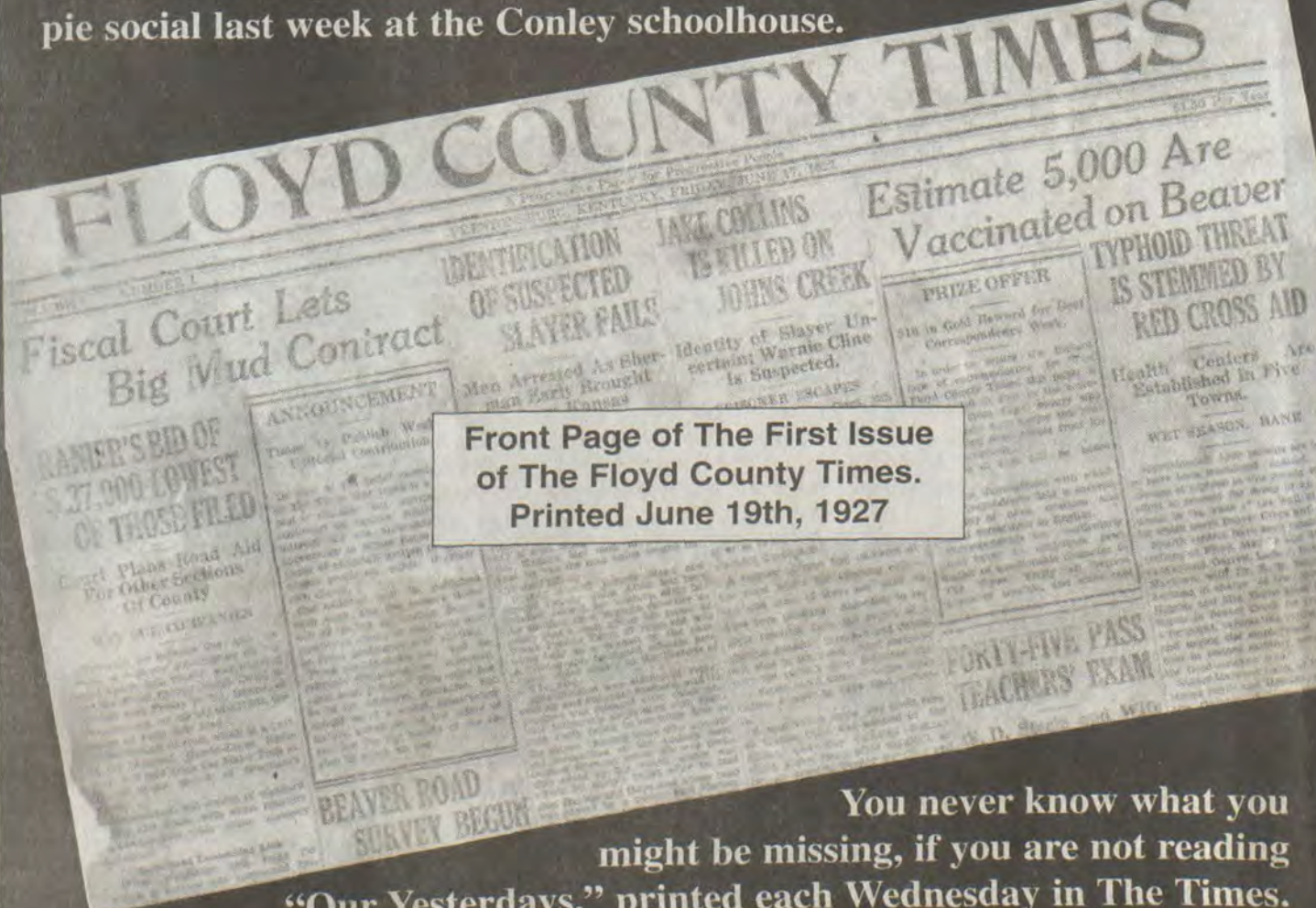


Show here is Barry Rice, president of the Prestonsburg Little League. He also coaches and has a son on one of the teams. Barry is shown here with Oppossum, a 10-week-old male, mixed breed puppy.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg  
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## Our Yesterdays

The Floyd County Times reported in its September 23, 1937, issue that Fred Tussey won the milk drinking contest held at the pie social last week at the Conley schoolhouse.



**FLOYD COUNTY TIMES**

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# Community Calendar

**Calendar items will be printed as space permits**

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

**Democratic Woman's Club meets at Floyd Co. Library**  
The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., at the Floyd County Library.

**Hope in the Mountains**  
Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

**HRMC Community Calendar**  
January  
January 10: Kiwanis; Meeting Place B, 12 to 1:30 p.m.  
January 12: Smoking Cessation; Meeting Place A & B, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
January 15: KODA; Atrium, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
January 24: Kiwanis; Board Room, 12 to 1:30 p.m.  
Jan. 30: Living Well With Diabetes Support Group; Meeting Room A & B, 5 to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 886-7424.

**Say hello to troops!**  
Those attending the Melvin Goins Homecoming Concert, to be held at the Mountain Arts Center on Sat., January 12, at 7 p.m., will have the opportunity to say "Hello" to their loved ones who are away at war. Live video recordings will be shot and DVD's will be sent to troops away from home. So

join Melvin, Joe Isaacs, Tommy Webb, Charlie Sizemore, Bo Isaacs, Tom T. Hall, and more at the MAC on Jan. 12. Contact MAC box office for ticket information.

**Old Christmas at Samuel May House**  
An Old Christmas celebration will be held on January 6, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the historic Samuel May House, located on North Lake Drive, across from Pizza Hut and Wendy's. Entertainment, refreshments, and tours will be available. This is a special event held free of charge for the public. Please plan to attend.

**Prestonsburg Rotary Club**  
Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Scratch Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

**UNITE**  
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the SECOND Monday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

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

**Senior employment program**  
Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce? If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

**External Diploma Program**  
Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high

school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

**Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings**  
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.  
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.  
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.  
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.  
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.  
Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.  
Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.  
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)  
Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

**Special interest groups:**  
**Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild:** 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.  
**Newbees Quilt Group:** 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?  
•Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

•Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Slone at 886-6025 for more information.

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

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

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

•Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence Counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."  
•Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided.

For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

•PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

•Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

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# Viewpoint

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## Guest View

### New ills of poverty

Toxocariasis, cysticercosis and toxoplasmosis are hardly in the daily lexicon of Americans. They are "neglected tropical diseases" caused by parasitic worms and insects that infect primarily poor residents of substandard housing. And, as noted by expert Peter J. Hotez of the George Washington University Medical Center, their incidence has increased with immigration, particularly from Central and South America, to impoverished urban and rural areas in this country.

Toxocariasis is spread by ingestion of the eggs of a roundworm common in puppies. Federal officials estimate that at least 23 percent of mostly African-American and Latino kids on playgrounds in the inner cities of the Northeast are regularly exposed to the eggs.

Unintentionally ingesting them can cause a condition similar to asthma, which is increasing among this same population of kids.

A tapeworm causes the infection cysticercosis, which causes many if not most cases of epilepsy among Latino populations here.

Toxoplasmosis, caused by a microscopic parasite carried commonly by cats, is found most among Latinos and African-Americans. It is particularly dangerous to newborns whose mothers are infected. Screening infants possibly exposed to this disease and treating those infected could spare them mental and physical disabilities. Only Massachusetts and New Hampshire screen them.

The increase in "imported" cases will keep inner-city minorities in poverty, Hotez argues, much as so many Southern African-Americans debilitated by hookworm in the early 20th century remained impoverished. None too soon, then, public health officials should assess these diseases' extent and effects, identify the people they most affect and develop "simple and cost-effective public health solutions."

— The San Diego Union-Tribune

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NUMBER OF BENCHMARKS PASSED BY THE IRAQI ASSEMBLY

NUMBER OF APPROPRIATIONS BILLS PASSED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS



## Guest Column

### House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS  
97TH DISTRICT

The legislative process can seem as complicated to some as the workings of the human body.

Maybe that is why the study of the legislature and government in general is called political "science". There may not be a need for a hypothesis or mathematical proof in politics, but you sure need systemized knowledge of how government works to understand what makes the process work.

Even people who work for the legislature, and some legislators, are often amazed at the skill required to push certain bills through to passage. Some of the largest bills—like the state budget bill, for example—require input from hundreds of people before they can be drafted and then hours of debate before legislative committees plus dozens of amendments before they even reach the floor. The turnaround time for all this work is usually only a matter of weeks, which years of experience in budget drafting by both lawmakers and staff makes possible.

The legislative session that begins on Jan. 8 will bring this experience to the fore once again as lawmakers set

out to pass a state budget for the next two years. But recent state revenue forecasts indicate that, even with so many experienced lawmakers at hand, passing a budget that meets all of state government's needs over the next biennium will not be easy.

I am sure that you were as disappointed as I was to learn this month that the state is facing a funding shortage of \$289 million for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. The budget situation led Governor Steve Beshear to announce late last week that he is considering cutting state government spending by 3 percent in all areas except in the critical areas of public school funding, teacher and school staff insurance and Medicaid spending. Agencies are now being asked to look at their budgets and see what can be trimmed to reach the 3 percent target.

The reasons for the lack of funding are twofold. One reason is a \$130 million revenue shortfall caused by a downturn in the national and state economies which means less money for state programs. The second reason is growing expenses of programs like Medicaid and corrections that have surpassed their program budgets by at least \$166 million in 2008 alone. It will be up to state lawmakers to decide how to address at least part of the problem, with the governor's input, when we begin budget negotiations in January.

As I said, the process will not be easy. Lawmakers find it especially hard to address rising Medicaid and corrections costs since those programs are tied to poverty and grow more quickly when the economy—and revenues—are on the downswing. Yet we also know that any steps we take across the board to reduce the structural imbalance between state revenues and expenses are crucial to our state's economic health.

Any spending cuts that are made by the Beshear administration in the current fiscal year will only impact state government through June 2008, although there is some concern about the next budget cycle that ends in 2010. State Budget Director Mary Lassiter has said that expenses will also likely outpace revenues over the next two years, which means less money will be available for state programs through the end of the decade. Even so, it is likely that at least a few of the new governor's policy proposals will make it through by the time session ends in mid April.

I encourage you to stay informed of Kentucky's budget situation and other issues of the 2008 Regular Session that affect our community and our state. Only by staying informed can we be active participants in state government decisions that affect each of our lives.

Have a very happy and prosperous new year, and I will talk to you next week.

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# Duct tape bandit among Kentuckians making weird news

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A would-be robber accused of wrapping his head in duct tape to hide his identity found himself in a sticky spot when a liquor store employee tackled and held him until police arrived.

Police said the so-called Duct Tape Bandit claimed to have a knife when he walked into Shamrock Liquors in Ashland in September, hoping to find easy money. Instead he may have found the one thing duct tape isn't good for.

In another of the stranger stories that competed for head-

lines in Kentucky in 2007, a western Kentucky public school teacher got into trouble when she allegedly sent text messages asking to buy marijuana to the wrong cell-phone address. Trooper Trevor Pervine was at his wife's birthday dinner in February when his cell phone began buzzing

with the errant requests.

Pervine initially thought the messages were from friends playing a joke. They weren't. When the teacher arrived at a designated meeting place, she found troopers waiting to arrest her.

In another weird Kentucky crime story, a man wearing a

ski mask held up an Ashland ice cream store with a chrome-plated stapler. Ashland Police Capt. Don Petrella said he didn't know whether the robber planned to shoot staples or use the device as a blunt instrument if he didn't get the cash, but it didn't come to that because employees handed over the money. A short time later, police took a suspect into custody.

In one south-central Kentucky town, an alleged trespasser met his match in 82-year-old Venus Ramey, a former Miss America.

Ramey, who was crowned Miss America in 1944, was on her Lincoln County farm in April feeding a horse when her dog alerted her to the intruder. Balancing on a walker and holding a snub-nosed .38 caliber handgun, she shot out a tire on the man's vehicle to detain him until police arrived at her Waynesburg home to arrest him.

"I'm trying to live a quiet, peaceful life and stay out of trouble, and all it is, is one

thing after another," she told The Cincinnati Enquirer following the incident.

State government wasn't without some unusual happenings either.

For example, officials had to edit some displays in the Capitol rotunda in November to make them more historical than hysterical.

The displays listed two conflicting dates for the adoption of the U.S. motto. Really, it was adopted just once, on July 30, 1956. The display also said the "The Star Spangled Banner" became a rallying cry for American patriots during the Revolutionary War, which lasted from 1775 to 1783.

Problem was Francis Scott Key didn't write the song until 1814.

## Eastern Kentucky Democrats split on Senate nominee

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Eastern Kentucky Democrats are split over the party's nominee to replace Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo in the state Senate.

Former state representatives Roger Noe and Scott Alexander are considered

the top contenders to represent Democrats in the Feb. 5 special election. Noe says the selection process benefits Alexander.

Kentucky Democratic Party Chairwoman Jennifer Moore says the selection will be fair. Moore says all candidates for the special election will be considered equally.

Mongiardo vacated the seat after taking office as lieutenant governor. He and Gov. Steve Beshear were sworn in earlier this month.

Republican state Rep. Brandon Smith of Hazard has been campaigning for the GOP nomination.

### Logging

opportunity for people," said Phaneuf.

Phaneuf added that even though timber thieves represent a small portion of loggers, they tarnish the image of the industry that relies heavily on word-of-mouth referrals among landowners.

"Those kinds of stories reflect very poorly on us and create distrust in the marketplace," he said. "We don't even call them loggers — basically they're just thieves."

A common timber thief is an experienced logger with a small crew, said Jonathan Callore, assistant law enforcement chief of the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

South Carolina's tree theft law — which poses hard jail time and stiff penalties — is considered model legislation by many in the industry.

To Cain, a western Kentucky sheriff who supports Biley's group, timber theft is no different than other crimes, though he's had trouble in his

own Daviess County with getting timber theft cases sent to criminal court. He said the same local prosecutors who vigilantly try other felonies are reluctant to get involved in timber cases.

That's because they anticipate questions about property boundaries and few people have the money or the resources to hire a lawyer, pay thousands of dollars for a survey or hire an expert to place a value on the timber lost.

Timber thieves manipulate these obstacles, experts say.

They usually operate along adjoining property lines and claim to have either owner's permission to log on the property in question, according to the New York Forest Owners Association.

If either landowner is absent, a timber thief can spot a group of oaks, chop them down and exit the property without anyone knowing for weeks.

Caught in the act, a logger may offer money — typically

a fraction of the actual market value. Accept the money and the logger may continue to hack away at your property, claiming you've been paid for the timber.

"They're in the logging business," Callore said. "They'll go into the courthouse and find out who has a local address and who has an absentee address, and go and cut on the property."

Potter suspects she was targeted the same way.

A couple of years ago, she decided to move in with her grown children in Ohio with her husband, who is diabetic and blind. She only visits her 25-acre property a few times a year.

If it hadn't been for her nephew, Mark Combs, who lives on the adjacent property, she may not have known for months that her oaks were taken down.

Combs confronted a local logger one November day after hearing the unusual sound of a chain saw on his

aunt's property.

The case is slated for a grand jury next month, though it still brings Potter little satisfaction.

"Thirty-two oak trees that have been there for years," said Potter. "It was my turn to give them to my son and daughter, but you can't replace those."

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

## Bristol Dragway's 2008 schedule features several new events

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — With the addition of a number of thrilling new events and the return of many popular favorites, Bristol Dragway's action-packed schedule will keep the strip rocking in 2008 from March through September.

Bristol Dragway's signature event, the O'Reilly NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals presented by Q, brings the cars and stars of NHRA to town May 16-18 for one of the most anticipated races of the season. Those in attendance will be treated to high-speed action in Top Fuel, Funny Car, and Pro Stock, as well as many exhibition and Sportsman classes. Among the drivers fans can expect to see are five-time and defending Top Fuel champion Tony Schumacher, defending event champion Brandon Bernstein, and Funny Car star and

2007 Rookie-of-the-Year, Ashley Force.

The Bristol Dragway Street Fights series returns for its eighth year and will feature 20 events. The Street Fights schedule changes slightly with five races slated for Saturdays, and the remaining events running on Thursday evenings. Street Fights raises the curtain on the 2008 Bristol Dragway calendar with the season opener on Saturday, March 22. The final Street Fights will take place Saturday, September 11. During the warmer months, special summer hours at the Saturday events will give drivers the chance to race longer into the evening.

Bristol Dragway's 2008 schedule features many special events that will cater to every car fan no matter their manufacturer of choice. Those looking for a Ford fix will look forward to attending the 17th Annual O'Reilly Thunder Valley Fun Ford Weekend Nationals held

August 1-3. The Ninth Annual Mopar Thunder will make the Valley rumble September 19-21. Super Chevy Show officials will stick with a fall date after a successful 2007 September event as the 28th Annual O'Reilly Super Chevy Show roars into town September 26-28 to close out the 2008 season.

A number of new events planned for 2008 are sure to thrill. The 10.5" Outlaws make their first appearance April 4-6. Outlaws race with a heads-up format, and use 10.5" drag tires making for a wild ride down the strip. All things Volkswagen will occupy the Valley when the inaugural event highlighting the nameplate takes place April 12-13. Volkswagens of all shapes, sizes and ages are welcome to compete on the drag strip or in the car show. On April 26, Bristol Dragway becomes home of the ultimate high-school rivalry, the Inaugural High School

Nationals. High-school students will represent their schools as they race for bragging rights and scholarships. To participate, students must be 16-19 years old and have a valid driver's license. Monsters invade Bristol Dragway on June 14 when high flyin,' car-crushin' monster trucks take center stage.

Junior Dragsters will rule Bristol for an entire week when two big events heat up the track. The Seventh Annual Mike Bos Chassis Craft Jr. Dragster Nationals kicks things off with action July 5-6. Beginning on Monday, July 7, Bristol Dragway will be the home of the Fifth Annual NHRA O'Reilly Auto Parts Jr. Drag Racing League Eastern Conference Finals. The race, which concludes on Saturday, July 12, attracts more than 700 racers, ages 8-

(See DRAGWAY, page eight)

## San Diego beats struggling Cats

by MALCOLM C. KNOX  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Brandon Johnson led San Diego with a career-high 27 points to stun Kentucky 81-72 on the Wildcats' home floor on Saturday.

The win was one Johnson and San Diego will cherish.

"I would say this is arguably the biggest win in the history of the school," head coach Bill Grier said. "As far as going into a place as high-level as this and winning."

The Wildcats (5-6) were led by freshman forward Patrick Patterson, and Ramel Bradley who had 20 points each.

Rupp Arena was the biggest venue Johnson has ever played in he said.

"It was intimidating (Friday), with no one in the stands," he said.

Johnson may have still been jittery in the first half when he made one field goal and had five turnovers.

"As a point guard, that kind of hurts," he said.

But it was Johnson who hurt the Wildcats in the second half though, scoring 22.

The Toreros' point guard, listed at a generous 6 feet tall, also had eight rebounds in the game.

The Wildcats allowed Johnson to "totally control the game," coach Billy Gillispie said.

"They ran the game they way they wanted to and we didn't make them do anything different on defense," Gillispie said. "We're not getting any loose balls. We're not getting any rebounds."

San Diego (7-8) outrebounded Kentucky, 34-25, and Gillispie estimated that they got eight of 10 loose balls in the first half.

Patterson and Perry Stevenson led the Wildcats with five rebounds each.

"I'm just furious," Patterson said. "It's just an awful feeling to prepare for this game, coming off a win and everything clicking together."

The Wildcats had lost four in a row before beating Tennessee Tech last weekend.

Kentucky fans, some of the most demanding in college basketball, were slowly filing out of Rupp Arena with a few minutes

(See CATS, page eight)

## 2008 RACING SEASON WATCH



PRESTONSBURG RACER STEVE BLACKBURN is preparing for the start of the 2008 race season. Blackburn, a former NASCAR Dodge Weekly Racing Series Atlantic Region champion, competes in the ARCA RE/MAX Series. He is also looking at running in some NASCAR Busch Series races.

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## Louisville shuts down Iona

by WILL GRAVES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Rick Pitino presented former assistant coach Kevin Willard with a Rolex before Louisville faced Willard and Iona on Saturday.

Willard, in his first year with the Gaels after spending the last six years as an assistant under Pitino, shook his mentor's hand and waved his appreciation to the Freedom Hall crowd.

Pitino's hospitality, however, ended there.

Playing with the kind of precision it has lacked for much of the season, Louisville (9-3) shut down the Gaels 67-36 for its fourth straight win. Iona's 36 points were the fewest allowed by the Cardinals during the Pitino-era, and the fewest scored against Louisville since Cincinnati managed just 31 against the Cardinals in 1981.

"I'm going to schedule this game next year and hopefully get a car," Willard said. "I could use a Mercedes."

Against the Cardinals, Willard would have settled for a couple of jumpers.

Iona (5-8) entered the game shooting nearly 49 percent from the field but went through several long scoreless droughts as shots clanged off the rim or were blocked.

"It was really a matter of two teams running the same offense, knowing virtually everything," Pitino said. "We did a great job of playing defense tonight. For the first time we followed a scouting report."

Terrence Williams scored a season-high 22 points for the Cardinals and Derrick Character had 13 points and 11 rebounds in perhaps his best all-around performance of the season.

"When we play defense like that, I don't think anybody in the country can beat us," Character said. "As long as we play hard on defense, the offense will come. We were talking a lot and communicating."

The Cardinals had been worried about how it would combat playing against Willard, who recruited most of the team's current roster and has installed much of Pitino's system with the Gaels.

Ultimately, it didn't matter. Williams made 9-of-17 shots and seemed at ease on the floor for the first time all year. Pitino has chastised Williams for his shot selection and urged Williams to be more authoritative with the ball. He seemed in control against the Gaels, hitting open shots and not forcing things when put in a tough spot.

"I'm just playing within the offense, I complement my teammates, they're just giving me the ball," Williams said. "It's fun. Everybody is having fun right now. ... I got encouraged. They kept backing up and I kept shooting."

Louisville received even more good news after the game. Center David Padgett, who fractured his kneecap on Nov. 18, could return on Tuesday when Louisville opens Big East play against Cincinnati. Padgett suited up for the first time since the injury against the Gaels, but spent the game on the sideline shouting encouragement to his teammates.

Pitino said there's a "50-50" chance Padgett could play against the Bearcats, meaning the Cardinals could be at full strength for the first time all year.

(See LOUISVILLE, page eight)

## Rebels fall to Cumberland County, Lou. Holy Cross

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

FOREST HILLS — The Allen Central Rebels dropped a pair of games in the Community Trust Bank Mountain Schoolboy Classic at Belfry High School late last week. Despite eventually falling, Allen Central was within striking distance of getting back in the win column in each of the tournament games.

Cumberland County defeated Allen Central 78-73 Thursday evening in the opening round of the tradition-rich Mountain Schoolboy Classic.

Highly-touted, Louisville Holy Cross defeated Allen Central 66-59 Friday.

Four different Cumberland County players reached double figures in the scoring column as part of a diverse offensive attack.

Cumberland County led Allen Central at the end of each quarter, outscoring the Rebels 23-7 in the second period en route to a 48-29

halftime lead. The Rebels outscored Cumberland County 25-13 in the fourth quarter as part of a spirited late rally.

Aaron Crum led Allen Central with a game-high 27 points. Alex Hammonds added 18 points for the Rebels.

In another opening round game Thursday, host Belfry edged longtime rival Sheldon Clark 63-61.

Senior Dustin May led Belfry with a game-high 31 points and seven rebounds. Justin Steele joined May in double figures for the Pirates, finishing with 12 points.

Junior Andrew Elkins netted eight points for the Pirates.

Brady Horn led Sheldon Clark with 25 points. Steven Goble tossed in 16 points and pulled down 13 rebounds as part of a double-double effort for the Cardinals. Justin Porter scored eight points and B.J. Moore added seven in Sheldon Clark's setback.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY 78, ALLEN CENTRAL 73  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY (78) — Claywell 15, Richardson 17, Stalcup 16, Wheat 5, Lee 6, Pruitt 17, Budervic 2.  
ALLEN CENTRAL (73) — Hammonds 18, Crum 27, L. Crowder 4, H. Crowder 8, Prater 5, Turner 6, Cole 5.  
CC.....25 23 17 13-78  
AC.....22 7 18 25-73

BELFRY 63, SHELDON CLARK 61  
SC (61) — Moore 7, Goble 16, Horn 25, Porter 8, Hensley 5.  
BELFRY (63) — Steele 12, Farley 6, Elkins 8, May 31, Bowns 4, Coleman 2.  
SC.....18 15 13 15-61  
Belfry.....14 22 10 17-63

Allen Central Boys' Basketball Upcoming Games	
Today:	Coca-Cola Classic at Pike Central
Jan. 8	Johnson Central
Jan. 12	Jackson City
Jan 15	at Sheldon Clark
Jan. 18	at Powell County
Jan. 24	Paintsville (15th Region All "A" Classic at Betsy Layne)
Jan. 29	at East Ridge
Feb. 1	Betsy Layne
Feb. 5	at Prestonsburg
Feb. 8	at South Floyd
Feb. 15	at Belfry

## Jackson named Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Continental Basketball Association (CBA) has announced that James "Boo" Jackson, a 6-9 forward from Eastern Michigan, was named CBA American Conference Player of the Week for the week ending December 24, 2007. Jackson is the second Miner to be named CBA American Conference Player of the Week during the 2007-08 season. Syracuse University product Josh Pace earned the honor for the week ending November 26.

Jackson, a starting forward for the East Kentucky professional basketball team, shined in what became a four games-in-five-nights run. During the stretch, East Kentucky split two series with American Conference foes Albany and Pittsburgh. In the Miners' 111-110 overtime victory over Albany, Jackson scored 14 points. He recorded a double-double of 18 points and 13 rebounds in the Miners' next game against the Patroons. Against Pittsburgh on Friday, Dec. 21, Jackson had 32 points and 10 rebounds. Two nights later, Jackson's 20 points and 16

rebounds helped the Miners to a convincing 103-82 home win over the Xplosion.

Other players who received consideration for the American Conference Player of the Week award for the week ending December 24, 2007 were Carl Krauser (Pittsburgh); Marshall Phillips (Minot); Amal McCaskill (Albany) and Zeck Marbury (Atlanta).

Jackson received consideration for the weekly award earlier in the season.

Through 20 games, Jackson is averaging 21.4 points and 9.1 rebounds per contest.

Yakama forward Jason Sasser has won the National Conference Player of the Week award for a second time. Other National Conference players who received consideration for the weekly honor were Rod Neeley (Rio Grande Valley); Jason Miller (Butte); Judson Stubbs (Oklahoma) and Nate Johnson (Great Falls).

Jackson is in his first season in the CBA. The Eastern Michigan product has played overseas as part of his professional basketball career.

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Boo Jackson worked against a Pittsburgh player during a recent game. Jackson is the reigning CBA American Conference Player of the Week.

Patriots finish off perfect 16-0 season with win over Giants

by BARRY WILNER ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tom Brady was as giddy as the quarterback of an unbeaten and perhaps unbeatable team should be.

After all, a perfect 16-0 regular season won't mean much if the Patriots don't win their next three games and another Super Bowl.

"We've been dealing with being undefeated all season," Brady said Saturday night after the thrilling 38-35 victory over the New York Giants in a game worthy of the NFL's championship showcase.

New England became the first NFL team since the 1972 Dolphins to win every game on the schedule, and that one was only 14-0.

"Going undefeated during the regular season is a remarkable achievement," 1972 Dolphins coach Don Shula said. "I know firsthand how difficult it is to win every game, and just as we did in 1972, the Patriots have done a great job concentrating on each week's opponent and not letting any other distractions interrupt that focus."

Validation of the Patriots' inexorable march through the season can only come by adding a Super Bowl championship. Do that, and there'll be no challenge to their spot at the

top. "Hats off to us," said record-setting receiver Randy Moss, who caught Brady's 65-yard bomb for the go-ahead score, that set two major records. "I know a lot of people didn't think we were going to do it. A lot of people didn't want us to do it."

"In this game of football, it's hard to go 16-and-0. As a football player and a fan of the game, my hat's off to this organization."

In gaining their 19th straight win over two seasons, the Patriots went on top on Brady's 50th touchdown pass of the year and Moss' 23rd TD reception. It came with 11:06 remaining.

Brady beat Peyton Manning's mark of 49 touchdown passes and Moss broke Jerry Rice's record of 22 TD receptions. And the Patriots finished with an incredible 589 points for the season, another single-season record.

Once the victory was clinched, Belichick was barely more animated than usual. He shared hugs with players and assistant coaches on the sideline, but there was no thought of carrying him off on the Patriots' shoulders or dumping Gatorade all over him.

That will have to wait for three more wins — if they come.

"It's a great feeling," Belichick admitted. "Now is the time to take a day or two and appreciate what this team has done, but at the same time we have our biggest game of the year coming up. Pretty soon we need to turn the page and move on."

Who knows, the Patriots might even find the Giants on one of the next pages, especially if Eli Manning again resembles his vaunted older brother.

"We didn't win the game, but if you saw everybody in the locker room, everybody was excited," Manning said. "I never saw a locker

room so upbeat after a loss because we played so well, did some good things and hung in there in a game where we didn't have to play. We wanted to. We wanted to come out and play well, and we did that."

The Giants (10-6), already guaranteed a playoff game against Tampa Bay next weekend and with little to play for except spoiling New England's perfect ride, led 28-16 in the third quarter. It was the Patriots' largest deficit all year as the Giants showed no fear and plenty of versatility, scoring the most points New England allowed in a game during this remarkable run.

Manning threw for four touchdowns and Domenik Hixon, in his first game as New York's primary kick returner, went 74 yards for a score 11 seconds after Brady and Moss tied their respective records.

Not to worry. These Patriots are unflappable, and they matched their comebacks in wins over Dallas, Indianapolis, Philadelphia and Baltimore earlier in the season. A 73-yard drive ended with Laurence Maroney's 6-yard run to make it 28-23 with 4:00 to go in the third period.

Then came the most familiar of scenes: Brady dropping back, winding up and hitting a wide-open Moss in stride for a touchdown. The final go-ahead TD in their perfect year.

"What I'm most proud of is playing a playoff team on the road that was playing extremely hard," Brady said. "We found a way to come back and win. We did the same thing at Dallas. We did the same thing at Indy. We've been in some tough games."

"Everyone is going to enjoy this one. It happens once every 35 years."

Although many are eager to hail these Patriots as the NFL's all-time best, such acclaim won't come unless they win two playoff games and their fourth Super Bowl this decade. And

for those who might deny such greatness considering the "Spygate" scandal, well, 19-0 would speak pretty loudly.

Certainly louder than any postgame celebrations at Giants Stadium, the same building where they were caught videotaping New York Jets assistant coaches in Week 1, a rules violation that cost Belichick and the franchise \$750,000 in fines and a 2008 first-round draft choice. That made Belichick even more close-mouthed and dour than usual, and his team followed his lead — right to 16-0.

The Giants opened the game as if they were, well, the Patriots, driving 74 yards, sparked by a 52-yard completion on which Plaxico Burress out-leapt Ellis Hobbs for Manning's jump-ball throw. Brandon Jacobs broke Tedy Bruschi's tackle to score on a 7-yard reception for a 7-0 lead.

Naturally, the Patriots, the highest-scoring team in NFL history, struck back. After Stephen Gostkowski's 37-yard field goal, New England went on top — and surpassed Minnesota's league mark of 556 points — on the record-tying 4-yard TD pass from Brady to Moss, who soared above rookie Aaron Ross for the score.

The 10-7 lead lasted all of 11 seconds. The usually staid Patriots gathered around Moss as he did a dance in the end zone, prompting a 15-yard excessive celebration penalty. Belichick argued the call with referee Mike Carey, perhaps sensing how costly it might be.

It was as Hixon sped 74 yards untouched to lift the Giants back in front.

"There is nothing but positives," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "I told the players in playing this game everything would be positives, there would be no negatives and that is how I feel."

"I don't know any better way to be prepared for the playoffs than to go against a team that was 15-0."

Gostkowski kicked two more field goals as the Patriots grabbed a 16-14 lead with 1:59 left in the half.

That's when Manning, coming off several rough games, was at his best, leading a quick 85-yard drive that included a rare scramble for 11 yards just before he found Kevin Boss in the middle of the end zone with 13 seconds remaining. The 21-16 deficit was only the second time New England has trailed at halftime this season; the other was to the older Manning and the Colts.

But with such a potent offense, the Patriots never are out of any game. Once they got the lead, they closed it out with another touchdown drive. Maroney scoring from the 5. Manning hit Burress again from 6 yards with 1:04 to go, but New England recovered the onside kick.

"We're down 10 or 11 (actually 12) in the third quarter, the crowd was into it, and we found a way to win," Brady said. "That's the way it's going to be down the stretch ... just hope we can continue to play this kind of football."

Notes: Brady finished 32-for-42 for 356 yards, while Manning was 22-for-32 for 251 yards and the only interception. ... The other teams to go unbeaten in a season were the 1934 and 1942 Chicago Bears; both lost in the NFL title game. ... New England also set a league mark with 75 touchdowns. ... The Giants lost center Shaun O'Hara, backup safety Craig Dahl and linebacker Kawika Mitchell, all with knee injuries, and cornerback Sam Madison with an abdominal strain.

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PAYING TRIBUTE: '72 Dolphins salute Patriots' success

by STEVEN WINE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Mercury Morris played online football Saturday night, calling plays for the New England Patriots and New York Giants while trying not to think about the stakes.

"I was so busy monitoring my game plan, I didn't have that emotional involvement," said Morris, a 1,000-yard rusher for the 1972 Miami Dolphins.

Morris placed 240th out of 1,013 contestants — not bad, but not as good as the still-perfect Patriots. They rallied to beat the Giants 38-35, completing the first unbeaten regular season since the 1972

Dolphins. Those Dolphins achieved the NFL's only perfect season by finishing 17-0. Some 35 years later, the Patriots need three postseason wins for 19-0.

"I have to embrace the fact there's a possibility we may have company," Morris said. "But it doesn't change anything about who we are. We'll always have the pole, and they'll have the outside pole."

The perfect-season Dolphins are perceived by some as being jealously protective of their unique achievement. Many of them have acknowledged they're rooting against the Patriots, but they saluted New England for a 16-0 regular season.

"Going undefeated during

the regular season is a remarkable achievement," coach Don Shula said in a statement released by the Dolphins. "I know firsthand how difficult it is to win every game, and just as we did in 1972, the Patriots have done a great job concentrating on each week's opponent and not letting any other distractions interrupt that focus."

In November, Shula said the Patriots' success was diminished by their early season spying scandal that prompted stiff punishment from the NFL. In recent weeks he has declined to discuss the subject.

Not all of the 1972 Dolphins were glued to the TV as the Patriots overcame a 12-point second-half deficit.

Perfect-season cornerback Tim Foley said he watched only "part of the game."

"It started out really good," Foley said from his home in Tavares, Fla. "But I don't watch much football, and when it started going the other way, I had other things to do."

"The thing that makes it less irritating," he said, pausing to chuckle, "is they do play so well together and they're so much like we were, in the sense that the stars were wonderful team players and weren't looking for extra recognition. Everyone played well together, and it was a team. I see a lot of that in those Patriots."

The 1972 Dolphins are divided as to whether the

Patriots will finish the season unbeaten.

"I do not believe they'll go 19-0," said 1972 guard Bob Kuechenberg, noting they still have three postseason games to win. Among the teams they may have to beat are the reigning Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts and the NFC champion in the Super Bowl.

"If the Patriots can do all that, my hat is off to them," Kuechenberg said. "They will have earned the right to join us in the ranks of the immortals."

Dick Anderson, who played safety for the 1972 Dolphins, said the Patriots are "very capable" of finishing 19-0.

"They don't make mental errors. They're well coached.

They've got a well-oiled machine," Anderson said. "There are a lot of similarities to how we played."

With their comeback win over the Giants, the Patriots surpassed the regular-season win total of the 1972 Dolphins because the NFL schedule is now two games longer.

"I read somewhere where they were going to 'eclipse' our record," Kuechenberg said. "I think that's a very careless and disrespectful term. We're not being eclipsed. We're being joined. Perfection is perfection."

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Bristol

47, from all states east of the Mississippi River. Four other events are planned for Jr. Dragsters on April 13, April 20, April 27 and May 4.

Kids of all ages will enjoy the Night of Fire, which makes its return in 2008. Fans will see everything from jet cars and monster trucks to Nitro cars and a wheel stander. Throw in a robotic dinosaur that likes to munch on vehicles and a spectacular fireworks show, and Night of Fire becomes an instant must-see event.

In 2008, Bristol Dragway hosts two events that will

appeal to drag racing fans of the two-wheel variety. The inaugural American Motorcycle Association Dragbike event takes place June 20-22 and features 11 classes of racing, including Top Fuel and Funnybike. A motorcycle-themed Street Fights, scheduled for Thursday, June 19, coincides with the AMA event. The rumble of Harleys will fill the air when the All Harley Drag Racing Association returns for the always-popular S & S Cycle Thunder in the Valley Nationals presented by Smith Brothers' Harley-Davidson,

August 8-10.

Footbrakers from across the country will come to Thunder Valley May 23-25 with one thing on their mind — winning. The World Foot Brake Challenge returns for its second season and offers bracket racers the chance to bank part of an incredible purse. The 1/8-mile event will see one lucky driver take home an amazing \$50,000 top prize. Winners on Friday and Sunday will pocket \$10,000 each. In footbrake competition, drivers are not allowed to use electronic equipment to help them achieve a perfect

Cats

to go in the game, and let out a chorus of boos a few times.

Gillispie was asked during the post-game media conference what he had to say to fans who don't think the Wildcats are very good this season.

"I couldn't disagree with them very much with the way we're playing," he said.

They did cheer when guards Jodie Meeks and Derrick Jasper were sent into the game. The two sophomores had missed time this

season after injuries.

Jasper had not played this season and Meeks had played in one of Kentucky's last eight games. Jasper had knee surgery during the off-season, and still limped a little, but had four assists. Meeks had two points and two rebounds.

The Toreros and Wildcats traded leads twice early in the second half but San Diego took the lead for good on a free throw by Gyno Pomare, making the score 44-43 with

13:49 to play in the game. Pomare led San Diego with 12 rebounds.

The Toreros led most of the first half and led at the break, 35-33.

Kentucky tied the game at 31 and 33 but a pair of free throws by Pomare with 3.7 seconds to play gave the Toreros their halftime margin.

"The Wildcats' only lead of the first half was 3-2 after a 3-pointer by Ramel Bradley,

Herd falls to Lipscomb in first home loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Lipscomb forward Eddie Ard's game-high 21 points contributed to Marshall's first home loss of the season as the Bisons handed the Thundering Herd a 72-62 defeat in men's basketball action at the Cam Henderson Center on Saturday.

Ard, a senior, went 8-for-15 from the floor and added five steals and three rebounds in 36 minutes. His 14 first-half points included the final five of the opening stanza to give Lipscomb (6-8) a two-point edge, 38-36, at halftime.

Marshall shot 43.3 percent in the first half as Mark Dorris (Cincinnati, Ohio) made every attempt in the opening 20 minutes, going 3-for-3 from the floor (2-for-2 3-pt FG) and 4-for-4 from the free-throw line. The senior scored 12 first-half points in 13 minutes.

The Bisons never trailed after intermission and opened up a nine-point lead just over

four minutes in. As it was Ard's scoring prowess that carried Lipscomb in the first half, LaKory Daniels did the same in the second half. Daniels netted 12 of his 15 points after halftime, including a 3-for-4 mark from 3-point range.

Daniels' trey at 1:52 with the shot clock running out, after Marshall had closed to within three, put Lipscomb up 67-61 and closed out the Herd (6-4). Daniels added four assists while freshman reserve Adnan Hodzic registered a career-high 12 points with five boards.

Marshall's press wasn't as effective against Lipscomb as it was in previous games, leading to several quick scores for the Bisons.

Marshall went cold from the floor in the second half, sinking only 26.9 percent of its shots and 35.7 percent for the game. The Herd grabbed 12 offensive rebounds but scored only nine second-chance points.

Louisville

"It's all about David, it's not the coaches, it's not the doctor," Pitino said. "We're going to get him in great shape. We don't want him to injure something else."

The way the Cardinals played against the Gaels, Padgett might not have to rush.

Iona came into the game shooting nearly 49 percent from the field on the season, but went through two long scoreless stretches in the first half. The Cardinals held the Gaels without a field goal for more than eight minutes in the first half as Louisville built a

28-16 lead.

"(Kevin) joked at halftime and said thanks for teaching me such good offense," Pitino said.

The Cardinals mixed it upon defense, switching frequently from zone to man-to-man while pressing occasionally.

Gary Springer led Iona with nine points, but the Gaels simply couldn't get anything going offensively. Though they managed to get open looks when Louisville went to zone, the shots didn't fall.

Iona had won five of its last

six after a slow start, and Willard entered the game undefeated at Freedom Hall as a head coach. He subbed for Pitino for one game during the 2003-04 season after Pitino excused himself because of an unspecified health scare.

Pitino is now 2-0 against former assistants this season. Louisville beat New Mexico State and coach Marvin Menzies last week. Pitino will take on another former assistant on Tuesday when the Cardinals play the Bearcats, coached by former Louisville assistant Mick Cronin.

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### POISON OAK

## When elections came and went

Well, it's finally here. It's 2008: a presidential election year.

I hope your man (or woman) wins.

Or, to put it in the negative vein, which is about all we've heard for the last six or seven months, I hope the one you don't want to win don't.

When I was growing up, politics was not a big thing at our house. Dad was a Hoover Republican and a Roosevelt Democrat. I can't remember Mom ever saying if she had ever been a Republican.



Clyde Pack

Anyway, elections came and went without much fanfare in those days, and there were no campaign signs ever stuck in our front yard.

The one national figure that Dad would have

walked through fire for, however, was John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America. If coal miners had been the only ones who could have voted, he'd have been President of the United States, regardless of his party affiliation.

Of course, I was too young to understand why Lewis was held in such high esteem. To me he was just a face that appeared regularly on the pages of The United Mine Workers Journal and Grit. With his bushy eyebrows, sagging jowls, and pugged nose, I thought he was one of the ugliest men I'd ever seen. I expressed that thought verbally once and paid the price for my glibness. During the 1940s, one just didn't insult a man the stature of John L. Lewis, at least not in the presence of an Eastern Kentucky coal miner.

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### KIM'S KORNER

## Happy new year

Here's wishing you and yours a very happy new year. Looking back in the mind's eye of what all took place in 2007, I found my head shaking to the point of whiplash.

What a year for the shock factor! We saw literally more of Brittany Spears and her meltdown as she shaved her head and lost her children to what most of us considered the world's worst choice for a father figure. Lindsay Lohan sported an ankle bracelet in her bikini after she was released from rehab and arrested AGAIN. And Paris, oh Paris, and her jail stint.

Then there was the Rosie and Donald Trump tirade that filled the airwaves for weeks upon weeks. Anna Nicole, the death of her son in her hospital room just after giving birth to a baby girl that the entire world tried to figure out who the daddy really was. Then right in the middle of all that turmoil Anna Nicole's life ended.

None of us could escape the Beckham's arrival to the United States as Posh and David searched for the perfect mansion to call home. And how could we forget that hunk Brad Pitt leaving Jennifer Aniston for Angelina and the brood they've adopted plus adding an offspring of their

(See KORNER, page eleven)



"Sawbriars and Weeds," a collection of poetry, songs, and stories by Prestonsburg resident John Blackburn, is filled with the author's memories of growing up in eastern Kentucky. Children from the Martin area lined up in eager anticipation to visit with Santa and share some Christmas dreams this past weekend at the Martin Community Center.

## 'Sawbriars and Weeds' Floyd native pens book of poetry

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Floyd County native John H. Blackburn, of Martin, says that he has spent many years in eastern Kentucky working as a truck driver and enjoying the sport of hunting in his spare time. Following his graduation from Prestonsburg High School in 1967, he was drafted into the Army and served a two year stint in Korea. Along the way, Blackburn has enjoyed turning his life experiences into poetry and has been recognized for his efforts by having some of his work displayed in the National Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Currently, he is working on the publication of a collection of poetry entitled "Sawbriars and Weeds," that will soon be available to the public. A self-proclaimed "saved" Christian, many of Blackburn's works are of a religious theme.

"A lot of my works are done beside the road," he said. "As I am working when the Lord gives me something, I then pull over and jot it down. Otherwise, it will be lost for good."

"I have been a Christian since March, 1990. I was saved in the cab of a green Freightliner rig at 8:00 a.m. on a Monday morning near the Blackburn greenhouse at Stanville...My book is dedicated to the late Doris Prater. She was my English teacher at Prestonsburg High School," he said.

Following are a few selections

from "Sawbriars and Weeds":

### The Man from Manchester 1911-1991

Being a former Governor of Kentucky,

Residing in Powell County with his hair so gray,

Bert T. Combs was on his way home, Tuesday,

But, the Red River got in his way.

He thought he could ford the swollen water,

Because he had made it across before;

And, (assuming he had the window up),

He couldn't hear its mighty roar.

That tragedy will live with us forever,

The river swept him to his death.

That moment the Commonwealth of Kentucky,

Lost one of its very best.

He once lived in Prestonsburg,

Here, in my hometown,

And, even though I never met him,

I knew when he was around.

He was frequently mentioned in the Times,

Political opponents Bert would never dodge,

He'd visit the Jenny Wiley State Park,

And dine with friends at May Lodge.

Education was his primary concern.

If your kids can read and write this season,

I feel they have a start so important,

And, Bert T. Combs is one of the reasons.

When he was Governor, in 1959,

I was only ten years old,

He built the road to Lexington,

And now, there's no more tolls.

Many Christmas trees are blinking now,

Throughout the counties of the state,

And most homes of the Commonwealth,

Watched the news, after hearing of his fate.

Imagine a conversation, if you will,

Between Judge Combs, Kennedy, and Lincoln,

Wonder what they'd talk about?

In what direction would they be thinking?

I regret the passing of Governor Combs,

To have him, the Commonwealth's children have been lucky,

And the next time I drive on the Mountain Parkway,

I'll be darn proud I'm from Eastern Kentucky.

### Ripples

God sent ripples...gentle ripples...

So sweet and powerful were they!

Flowing from the sea of Salvation...

Straight to my heart...that very day!

Then, a wave overtook me!

It was filled with so much Love...

God sent ripples...gentle ripples... From the throne of Heaven...above!

So gentle were the ripples,

They were tender; yet, so strong!

Sent down to me...by the Master...

To a heart he knew was wrong!

Through the ripples, He did cleanse me,

They washed all the sins away!

And the ripples are still flowing... They cleanse my heart this very day!

God sent ripples...gentle ripples... So sweet and powerful...were they!

Flowing from the sea of Salvation...

Straight to my heart...that very Day!

Then, a wave overtook me!

It was filled with so much Love...

God sent ripples...gentle ripples... From the Throne of Heaven...above!

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### CRITTER CORNER

## Make '08 great for pets

A new year is here! With it comes a chance to better our lives in 2008. If you're jotting down your list of resolutions, why not also think of your pets or other animals in your community?

Here is a list of a few simple things you can do to help make 2008 a great year for your pets or other animals in your life:

1. Want to exercise more? Try taking your dog (or cat!) for a walk, or just play with them more often. Not only can you both lose weight, get healthier and feel better; you'll create a stronger bond between you.

2. Create first-aid and disaster kits for your pets. You never know when a medical emergency or natural disaster will happen, so make sure you're prepared. Dog and cat first-aid kits can help you handle everything from cuts to broken bones and tick bites. Natural disaster kits prepare you for hurricanes, floods and weather-related emergencies when you'd have to seek shelter with your pet.

3. Support your local animal shelter. There are many ways to show your love for your local shelter. You can volunteer



"Macy," left, and "Kiwi," right, pictured here enjoying a recent stroll through fallen autumn leaves in their Halloween costumes, are the great-granddogs of Ron and Connie Cooley. Macy and Kiwi belong to Ron and Connie's granddaughter who attends law school out of town. Macy, her "mom" felt, was bored at home alone while classes were going on, so Kiwi came into the picture to keep her "big sis" company each day!

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# YESTERDAYS

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

## Ten Years Ago (January 7, 1998)

A Floyd County jury found the City of Prestonsburg to be primarily at fault in the case of an Allen man who contracted histoplasmosis in July 1995, during the demolition of the old city fire station the jury determined that Douglas Crace, 31, was only five percent at fault for contracting the disease, which attacks the lungs and various other organs.

A Floyd County truck driver escaped serious injury, Saturday, after his coal truck was involved in a Magoffin County fatal mishap that claimed the lives of four people. The truck driver Virgil Taylor of Wayland, was traveling west on Route 404 when his coal truck struck the passenger side of a 1985 Camaro driven by Ralph Arnett. The estate of a woman shot and killed last November, allegedly by her estranged husband, has filed a lawsuit against Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson and deputy Dwayne Jarrell. Novelia Mosley, mother of Billie Jo Mitchell filed suit, Monday, in Floyd Circuit Court and claims Thompson and his deputy were negligent in serving Mitchell's husband with a domestic violence order.

Larry Douglas Anderson, 26, of Allen, and Bill Keathley, 31, of Harold, were jailed on New Year's Day after they allegedly burglarized a Floyd County home and kidnapped an area resident by holding him at gunpoint and forced a 15-year-old juvenile to participate in the crimes.

A second federal civil rights lawsuit filed against Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson and Kentucky State Police detective David Maynard by a P & B Ambulance worker has been dismissed. Robert Joseph filed suit against Nelson and Maynard claiming his rights were violated when Maynard arrested him in connection with a suicide.

A Floyd County Grand Jury issued 20 indictments, Tuesday, including a charge of rape against Douglas Gene Webb, 43, of Hi Hat. Webb is charged with first degree rape and first degree burglary for allegedly entering the home of an acquaintance in March 1996, and raping her.

With three weeks remaining before the January 29 filing deadline for the May primary election candidates for county offices are still just trickling in the county clerk's office. Filings for the offices of sheriff, and District Two Commissioner have the most candidates so far, with four people filing for the office of sheriff, and six for commissioner.

Eric Walker Horn, son of Teresa and Joseph Horn of Richmond, became the first baby of the New Year for Floyd County at Highlands Regional Medical Center, at 1:34 a.m., January 1.

Traffic between Allen and Martin was halted for nearly five hours, Thursday, as the Allen Volunteer Fire Department worked to control a house fire near the Elliot curve on Route 1428. The Martin Maytown Cow Creek and Betsy Layne fire departments assisted with the structures fire. One lane of the road was opened to traffic around 5 p.m.

There died: Rex Hicks, 82, of Hueysville, Thursday, January 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Edith Terry Whitaker, 82, of Hueysville, Saturday, January 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Charley Shea Shelton, six weeks old daughter of Tina Hamby Shelton and Shawn Hall of Melvin, and Kenny Shelton of Ocala, Florida, December 31, at the Wheelwright ARH Clinic;

Laura Mae Hall, 89, of Grethel, Friday, January 1, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Jack Wallen, 53, of Martin, Wednesday, December 31, at his residence; Larry K. Slone, 41, of Garner, Wednesday, December 31, at his residence; Barbara H. Montgomery, 65, of Ada, Ohio, Monday, January 5, at the Hardin Memorial Hospital in Kenton, Ohio; Morris Vaughan Isaac, 51, of Martin, Monday, January 5, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Dave Harvey, 73, of Garrett, Wednesday, December 24, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin; Wilma M. "Marie" Hamilton, 67, of Elida, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, January 4, at St. Rita's Medical Center; Vonda Bates, 69, Bevinville, Tuesday, December 30, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Emma Jean Wright, 74, of Mousie, December 29, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Dina Johnson King, 95, of Kite, Saturday, January 3, at the residence of her daughter, Aileen Bates; Gaye Kidd Tenney, 50, of Martin, Tuesday, December 30, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Kimberly Anne Rogers Jewell, 35, of Woodbridge, Virginia, Wednesday, December 31, at Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Ranson, West Virginia; Harvey Patton, 46, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, January 4, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Bufford Howard, 45, of Gunlock, Saturday, January 3, at Howard Branch on Route 404, in Salyersville, in an auto accident; Fred Hale, 77, of Harold, Tuesday, December 30.

## Twenty Years Ago (January 6, 1988)

H.D. Fitzpatrick Jr. submitted his resignation as a board member from the Bank Josephine Monday morning brought some snow, but it soon left, as frigid temperatures remain.

Toler Creek and Middle Creek were sites of drug busts by Sheriff Henry C. Hale and five of his deputies.

Five Floyd adults and two juveniles were arrested and charged with a robbery in Paintsville.

The New Year came in with a literal bang as four Floyd Countians were victims of shootings.

The Social Security payroll tax, for the 13th time in 25 years, was increased yet again.

There died: John Calhoun, 79, of Dwale, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Walter Keathley, 75, of Teaberry, at the home of his son.

Clifford Sword, 53, of Ivel, Christmas Day at his home.

Chandra Adkins, four months, of Galveston, following a series of heart attacks.

Dorothy Phillips, 80, of Allen, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Robert Patton, 56, formerly of Garrett, at Marion, Ohio.

Ballard Johnson, 69, of Wheelwright, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Rachel McKinney, 79, of Toler Creek, at her residence.

Glenn D. Allen, 72, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Betty Fraley Crum, 63, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Launice Dunfee, 66, of Garrett, at Central Baptist Hospital.

Leonard Allen, 82, of Langley, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

Sherman Gooden, 71, of Weeksbury, at

Pikeville Methodist Hospital  
Millard W. Castle, 70, of Printer, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital  
and Barbara E. Madden, 43, of Teaberry, at Good Samaritan Hospital.

## Thirty Years Ago (January 4, 1978)

Representatives of state and federal agencies will be at Jenny Wiley State Park, Friday, guests of Congressman Carl D. Perkins.

Gov. Julian Carroll has awarded funds to the Floyd Fiscal Court for the purchase of police equipment, and \$8,235 to the City of Prestonsburg, to improve police communications equipment.

The State Public Assistance Office, here, braced for a heavy load of food stamp applications this week, and 12 workers from other offices are being sent here to help with the task.

A growing tension on the part of area U.M.W.A. members was reflected in a special meeting of union miners, Monday afternoon, at the Auxier entrance to Jenny Wiley State Park.

Award of contracts on a bridge at Garrett and 3.3 miles in Perry County, brought to seven, the total number of sections of new KY 80, from Water Gap to Hazard, that are ready for construction.

There died: Elder Hilbert Mullins, 65, of Printer, Tuesday, December 26, at Veterans Administration Hospital, Nashville; Mrs. Vada Caudill, 65, formerly of Eastern, Tuesday, December 20, at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney, Ohio; Mrs. Ellen French Hornsby, 77, of Garrett, December 24, at Clark County Hospital, Winchester; Mrs. Amy A. Taylor, 78, of Gulnare, December 22, at Wurtland Manor, Wurtland, Ky.; Mrs. Loveta Helen Harris, 71, of Allen, Thursday, December 31, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Mrs. Ann Leslie Goble, 54, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, January 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Thomas Akers, 67, of Harold, Wednesday, December 21, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; James Gibson, 71, of Estill, December 27, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Melvin Sterling (Pappy) Imes, 72, of Allen, last Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Rhoda Gearheart Hayes, 74, of Hueysville, Thursday, at home.

## Forty Years Ago (January 4, 1968)

The Kentucky Power Company has acquired the electric distribution system in the town of Wheelwright from Mountain Investment Inc., it was announced this week.

Members of the Prestonsburg Municipal Housing Commission were in Atlanta, Georgia, to sign the contract with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which will bring, short of actual construction, a 42-unit, low-rent housing complex to the community.

Sheriff Joe W. Lewis and his deputies have averaged almost one liquor raid a week since he took office in January 1966.

Hemlock, men's dormitory at Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Passes, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin, Tuesday afternoon.

There died: William Lee (Casey) Prater, 61, of Pyramid, Saturday afternoon, at Prestonsburg General Hospital of injuries sustained approximately two hours earlier when he was struck by a car on the Left Middle Creek Road at Pyramid; Mrs. Dora Newsome, 66, of Bypro, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Arthur Reynolds, 57, of Ligon, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Calvin Phillips, 43, Friday, at Wheelwright; Miss Helen Curry, 50, of Wheelwright, Tuesday, in Mt. Vernon, Illinois; Mrs. Birdie Pigman Patton, 79, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Doc Conway, 63, Tuesday, at his home at Bypro; Jake Sloane, 73, Wednesday, at his home at Wayland; Mrs. Nora Estep Lemaster, 87, formerly of this county, Wednesday, December 20, at Salyersville; Melvin Hall, 84, formerly of Banner, Tuesday, at a Huntington, W.Va. hospital; Mrs. Emma Wilcox, 84, of East Point, Monday, December 25, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; J. C. (Corbett) Osborne, 74, former Wheelwright resident, Sunday, December 24, at West Palm Beach, Florida; Jeff Ward, 73, Thursday, at his home at Bonanza; Joseph Lee Woods, 59, of Emma, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Seymore Campbell, 75, of Dema, Monday, Dec. 25, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Mrs. Ella Rector, 60, of Wayland, Monday, December 25, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Bert Akers, 62, of Grethel, Friday, December 22, en route to the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Fannie Davis, 78, of Handshoe, Sunday, December 24, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

## Fifty Years Ago (January 3, 1957)

An estimated 1,305,000 tons of coal reserves are still unrecovered in Floyd County, according to figures compiled by the Federal Bureau of Mines and Minerals.

Figures, just released by the Standard Rate and Data Service show income and spending on the part of Floyd residents to be running at a high level, with the economic strength revealed, best in the volume of business done by the local retail stores.

Robert J. Wallace, driver-librarian of Floyd County's Bookmobile, has been named chairman of the legislative committee of the Kentucky Library Association for the coming year.

Married: Miss Gloria Ann Richards, of Russell Springs, and Mr. James Salisbury Mayo, of Prestonsburg, December 29, at Russell Springs; Miss Glima Catherine Jarrell and Mr. David Lee May, of Covington, December 29, at the Arnold Avenue Church of Christ, here; Miss Martha Jo Beverley, of Wayland, and Mr. O. M. Harmon, of Atlanta, Georgia, December 20, at Berea.

There died: Champ C. Osborne, 47, at the home of his parents, at Martin; Mrs. Emma T. Slone, 17, of Melvin, Thursday, of last week, at McDowell Memorial Hospital; Abraham H. Green, 74, Saturday, at his home on the Auxier Road; Mrs. Stachie Coburn, 70, Saturday, at her home at Hippo; Mrs. Rosa Hall, 95, Tuesday, at Hi Hat; Mrs. Susan Smith Osborne, 76, of Eastern, December 24, in Shelbyville; Mrs. Lucy Robinson, 70, of Dwale, Thursday, of last week, at her home; William Keathley, 55, December 22, at the home of a brother-in-law, at Harold; Mrs. Lizzie Salisbury Hamilton, 71, December 22, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Charles Wesley Salisbury, 68, of Harold, December 23.

## Sixty Years Ago (January 1, 1948)

A tragedy which resulted, Saturday, when an attempt was made to string a radio aerial to a home on the Ice Plan Hollow section of Martin, left four persons dead, victims of electrocution. The dead are: Robert Flanery, 38, his six-year-old son, John Hugh; his brother-in-law, Hugh Norris, 30, and Norris' wife, Mrs. Edith Frazier Norris, 28.

A World War II anti-tank gun will be mounted in the courthouse grounds here, shortly, as a memorial to veterans of all wars.

Announcement was made in Frankfort, last week, by State Senator Douglas Hays, of McDowell, that he will introduce a bill at the coming session of the General Assembly to set up state liquor stores, and to head off bootlegging of "red liquor" by providing that the state make purchases of intoxicants direct from the distillers.

Home of Press Prater, with all in contents, was destroyed by fire at Brainard, Friday.

Floyd County's New Year baby is a 12-pound son, born at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, to Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Hall, of McDowell.

Prestonsburg's new police force took over the job of law enforcement, here, with the new year. The force is composed of Bill Blackburn, chief, "Pie" Gilliam, Ray Collins and Bill Kazee.

There died: Alex Goble, 78, Christmas day, in his home on Calf Creek; Mrs. Goldie Hatfield, 35, formerly of Allen, Saturday, in Asheville, North Carolina; Denver Shannon, 23, December 21, three days after being injured in auto wreck near Hite; Bill Banks, 40, formerly of Prestonsburg, December 25, at Gallipolis, Ohio; Rebecca Allen, 60, Tuesday, at her home at Blue River; John C. Stephens, 48, December 23, at his home at Martin; Mrs. Nancy J. Mullins, 73, Sunday, at her home at Bevinville; James Sluss, 55, December 23, at his home in Auxier.

## Seventy Years Ago (January 4, 1938)

Upon motion of pro-tem Mayor S. L. Spradlin, an ordinance, which threatened to have created the greatest civic furor ever known in Prestonsburg, was repealed at the council meeting, Tuesday night. The ordinance, passed August 23, 1937, set the salaries of city officials for 1938, at record highs; the mayor drawing \$1,200 annually, and each councilman \$6 per meeting, \$3 over the legal amount.

Thongs from all sections of Floyd County came to the courthouse, here, Monday, to see their "favorite sons" installed in the county offices which they won at the polls in the November election.

Rep. A. J. May, Prestonsburg, although an outspoken critic of the T.V.A., will probably become chairman of the house military committee—the committee which handles T.V.A. legislation.

Kelly Gearheart, 35-year-old miner, died Friday, at the Paintsville Hospital's few hours after being crushed beneath a two-ton fall of slate in the mine of the Glogora Coal Company at Glo.

There died: Raymond A. Belt, 51, former Prestonsburg druggist, Tuesday morning, at his home at Ashland; Mrs. Wilburn Tackett, 32, at McDowell, Thursday, of last week, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Dickie Moon, 45, Friday night, at his home at Grethel; Clarence Preston Jr., of Auxier, December 12, at his home; Oscar Hicks, 40, New Year's Eve, at his home at Estill.

## East Point Lodge No. 657 plans 'open' installation Saturday, Jan. 12

East Point Lodge No. 657, 7&AM, has elected and/or appointed the following to serve the lodge during 2008:

Master: Scott Lafferty

Senior Warden: Roy G. Vanhoose

Junior Warden: Rickey Lemaster

Treasurer: Robert Peters

Secretary: W.L. Baldrige

Chaplain: Tilden R. Ellis

Senior Deacon: Christopher West

Junior Deacon: David Williams

Senior Steward: Jonathan Over

Junior Steward: Don Hughes

Flower: Ben Smith

The lodge will conduct an "open" installation of officers on Saturday, January 12, at 6 p.m. All Master Masons and their families are encouraged to attend.

All members are requested to bring a food item to share.

The business meeting of the lodge will be conducted at 7 p.m.

## WEDDING



## Mims-Walters

Frank and Sharon Mims, formerly of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Kaye Mims, to Todd Walters, the son of Joyce Walters and the late Franklin Walters, of Lakeland, Florida. The couple will wed in the spring of 2008. Following, they will reside in Mooresville, North Carolina.

**Critter**

your time, or donate goods like blankets, towels, food or toys. You can even help a shelter of your choice win a million-dollar makeover at Zootoo.com.

4. Volunteer for animals in your community. Help feral cats, volunteer at an animal rehabilitation center, or educate your neighbors on the dangers of chaining dogs outside.

5. Give your pet "social security." Set aside money each month to pay for unexpected vet bills or sign up for pet insurance.

6. Start the new year right! Remember to schedule your pet's annual veterinary exam!

7. Give your lost pet a ticket home. Most people think to put a collar and ID tag on their dog, but many don't think to protect their cat in the same

way. Put a breakaway collar with identification on your cat that includes your name, address and telephone number.

Even indoor cats can escape or emergencies can leave your cat outside and alone. An ID tag greatly increases the

chance that your pet will be returned home safely.

For more tips on making '08 great for your pets and the

animals in your community, visit The Humane Society of the United States' website at [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org).

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**Poetry**

**Saw briars and Weeds**  
The old home place once stood...  
Up in a hollow somewhere,  
A few chimney rocks,  
Are probably all that's left there.  
I can't remember where it is,  
Because of my disease,  
But I know it's somewhere,  
Under Saw briars and weeds!  
When I get to Heaven's country...  
My memory will be fine!  
Then, I'll go back and visit,  
That home place of mine.

Pretty flowers will be blooming,  
For Mother and me...  
Then, we'll never have to worry...  
About Saw briars and weeds!  
Saw briars and weeds...  
What a story they tell,  
As they cover the home place,  
And the old hand dug well!  
If I could go there and find it,  
Lord, I'd be so pleased!  
I'd feel like a flower,  
Among the Saw briars and weeds.

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**Oak**

In the days before TV, the evening news on the radio often brought reports of Lewis' activities. He was forever more ordering a group of miners in Pennsylvania to do this or group in West Virginia to do that. And, he continually demanded higher wages and better working conditions. With coal being then what oil is now to the national economy, he usually got what he asked for.

While I'm sure all that was important to grownups, nothing seemed to change as far as we kids were concerned. We always had brand new clothes to wear when school started and always had show fare when Saturday morning rolled around.

As we ran the hills ragged playing cowboys and Indians,

it could not have mattered less to us who the President of the United States was, except of course, unless the teacher asked us on a test, or something. To us, the only difference between a republican and a democrat was that one started with a D and the other an R.

I guess it's pretty safe to say that it's the same with kids today as it was with kids back then. We found little change in our lives regardless of what party was in power. Come to think of it, it's pretty much that way for grown-ups, too. Only difference is, now that 2008 has finally arrived, lovers of politics will be thoroughly entertained between now and Nov. 8. By the time election day rolls around, however, the rest of us will likely be sick of the whole thing.

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**Korner**

own with little Shiloh.  
Oh and Suri, or however you spell it, Tom and Katie's little cutie's name. Tom's couch-jumping for joy he finally found the love of his life in Katie Holmes and their whirlwind romance, engagement and marriage production.

The latest and most shocking shock factor though, for me anyway, is the little girl that won the tickets to see Miley Cyrus ( achy-breaky heart Billy Ray's little girl) aka Hannah Montana.

What on earth could that child's mother have been thinking? To have her 6-year-old little girl write an essay saying her father was killed in Iraq in the war to win some concert tickets? When the man doesn't even exist, or the name she gave as the child's father anyway.

The years this child will have to spend on some psychiatrist couch will be inevitable.

Talk about stooping to your lowest point — jeez give me a break already.

Thank God we're in a new year, a time for new beginnings and hopefully new and

more positive role models and news stories, especially on a national level as well as right here in our little ol' hometown.

And speaking of right here at home, our new and most exciting addition to the Times in 2008 will be our Faith and Family magazine, coming in February, and the Faith and Family section that will be added to the Times.

Oh to have the opportunity to share God, and people from right here at home and their testimonies of His miracles and blessings is so exciting I can hardly wait.

Finally the Good News is about to be shared on the very pages of our hometown paper! Definitely a major positive to look forward to.

Here's wishing your new year is full of blessings and favor,  
Til next week  
God bless.

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## FAMILY FEATURES

Think potatoes are only America's favorite vegetable? — Think again! — The potato is such an important food globally that the United Nations has declared 2008 the "International Year of the Potato." Citing the potato's strong nutrition profile, versatility and ability to feed the masses, the year has noble goals. Jacques Diouf, the Director-General of the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), stated that the "potato is on the front line in the fight against world hunger and poverty."

According to the FAO, the world will need to increase food production by about 60 percent to meet the needs of its rapidly growing population. The potato is crucial to meeting this challenge because it's fast-growing and nutritious. One medium (5.3 ounces) potato contains 110 calories, 45 percent of the daily value of vitamin C, essential B vitamins and 2 grams of fiber. Potatoes contain no fat, cholesterol or sodium, and skin-on potatoes are a good source of potassium.

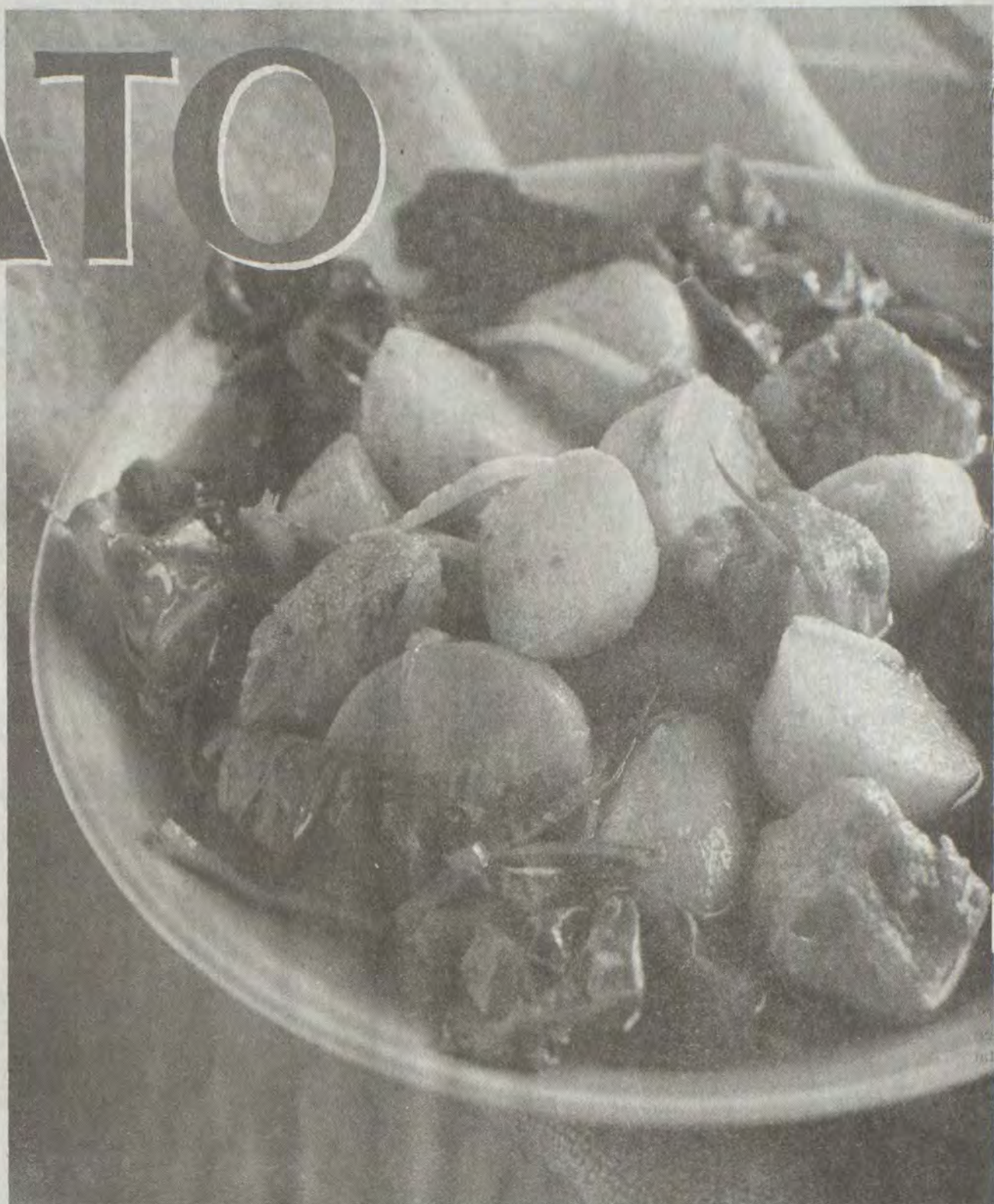
Potatoes are grown in all 50 United States and have historical significance in the Peruvian mountains, the plains of Northern Europe, China's Yunnan plateau, Rwanda's equatorial highlands and the subtropical lowlands in India. Try preparing a potato dish from another country to see how other cultures include this vegetable in their cuisines.

For additional potato recipes, visit [www.potatogoodness.com](http://www.potatogoodness.com). Better yet, have seasonal recipes sent to you throughout the year by signing up to receive postings from the U.S. Potato Board's blog, [www.potato.underground.com](http://www.potato.underground.com).

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- Potatoes are an excellent source of vitamin C, which acts as an antioxidant stabilizing free radicals, thus helping prevent cellular damage.
- Potatoes with skins contain 18 percent of the DV of potassium (while broccoli and bananas each contain 13 percent), topping the list of the 20 most frequently consumed raw fruits and vegetables.
- Potatoes are 100% fat free.



Red Cooking Pork and Potatoes

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"Red cooking" is a traditional Chinese braise, a stew that used to be made with unfiltered soy sauce, which can take on a reddish cast when long-steamed.

- 2 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 6 tablespoons dry sherry
- 1/4 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup minced, peeled fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon finely grated orange zest
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 1/4 pounds boneless pork loin, trimmed and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 pounds very small yellow-fleshed potatoes, halved
- 9 medium scallions, cut into 2-inch strips
- 2 serrano chiles, seeded and minced
- 3 garlic cloves, sliced
- 3 star anise pods
- 3 4-inch cinnamon sticks
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil

- 1 1/2 pounds Swiss chard, mustard greens or turnip greens, rinsed (but not dried) and chopped
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar

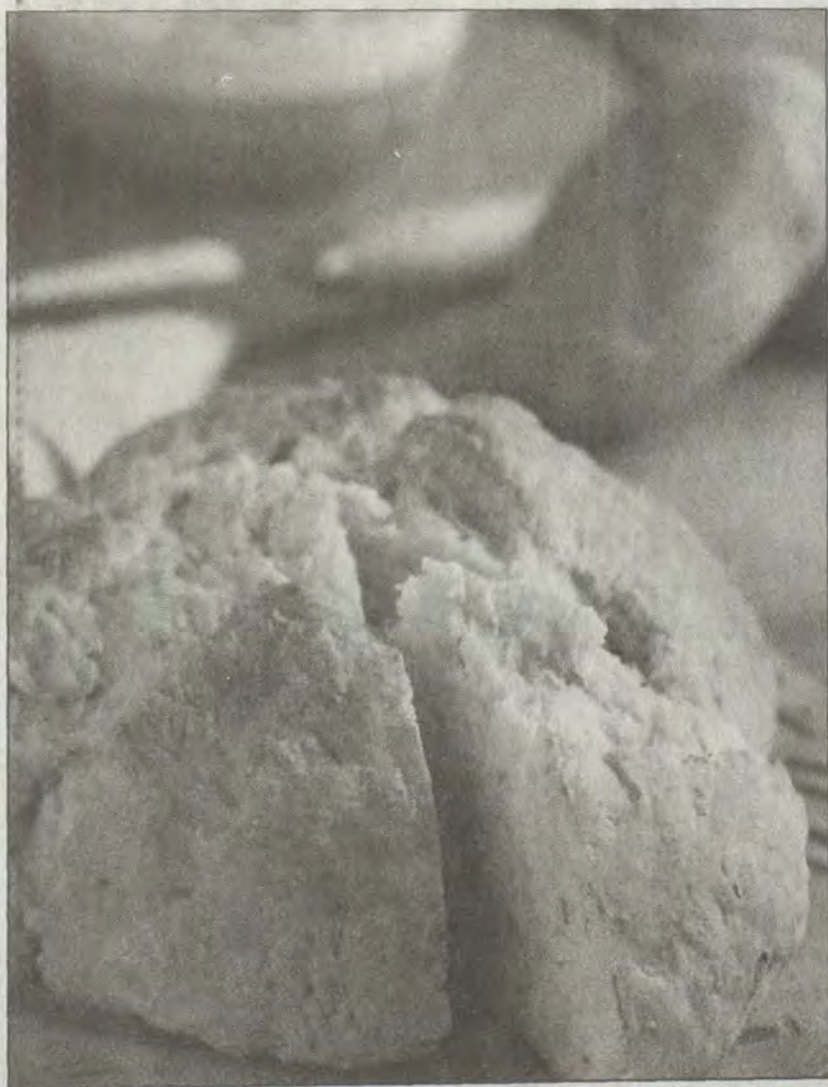
Stir broth, soy sauce, ginger, sherry, orange zest and honey in a large pot until honey dissolves. Add pork, potatoes, scallions, chiles, garlic, star anise and cinnamon sticks. Stir well and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Cover, reduce heat to low and simmer slowly until pork is meltingly tender, stirring occasionally, about 2 hours. (Alternatively, stir all these ingredients in slow cooker, cover and cook on low about 8 to 9 hours.)

Meanwhile, heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add greens and vinegar. Cover, reduce heat and cook, stirring occasionally, until wilted and tender, about 12 to 15 minutes. Cover and keep warm on stove.

To serve, first discard star anise pods and cinnamon sticks. Divide greens among serving bowls, then ladle stew over greens. Makes 6 servings.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 424 calories, 10 g fat, 110 mg cholesterol, 40 g carbohydrate, 5 g fiber, 44 g protein, 846 mg sodium, 1,239 mg potassium, 82 mg vitamin C

Recipes created by Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough, authors of "The Ultimate Potato Book."



Irish Potato Bread

### Irish Potato Bread

Boxty is practically a national dish in Ireland. It can be served as a potato pancake, a dumpling or, as here, in a crunchy soda bread.

- 2 3/4-pound russet potatoes
- 1 large egg plus 1 large egg white
- 1/3 cup canola oil, plus additional for greasing the baking sheet
- 3/4 cup fat-free milk
- 2 tablespoons minced chives (or the green part of a scallion)
- 1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 3 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus additional for dusting and kneading
- 1 1/2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Bring 1 inch water to a boil over high heat in vegetable steamer or large saucepan fitted with portable vegetable steamer. Peel 1 potato and cut into eighths; steam pieces until tender when pierced with fork, about 15 minutes. Rice or mash pieces in large bowl; set aside to cool 15 minutes.

Position rack in center of oven; preheat oven to 375°F. Lightly oil large baking sheet with canola oil dabbed on paper towel.

Peel other potato and grate it through large holes of box grater. Squeeze out any excess moisture; add to rice or mashed potatoes.

Stir in egg, egg white, oil, milk, chives and caraway seeds until fairly smooth. Add 3 1/4 cups flour, baking powder and salt; stir with wooden spoon until mixture forms soft but sticky dough. Lightly flour clean work surface as well as your cleaned and dried hands. Turn dough out onto floured surface and knead 1 minute, adding flour in 1-tablespoon increments to keep dough from turning too sticky. Too much flour and dough turns tough; it should remain a little tacky but workable. Shape into 8-inch circle, flatten slightly keeping loaf mounded at its center and place on prepared baking sheet. Use sharp knife to slash X in top of dough, cutting into dough about 1/2 inch.

Bake until golden brown and firm to the touch, about 55 minutes. Cool 1 hour on wire rack before slicing and serving.

Makes 1 large loaf (16 slices).

**Nutrition information per slice:** 183 calories, 5 g fat, 14 mg cholesterol, 298 mg sodium, 30 g carbohydrates, 1 g fiber, 5 g protein, 222 mg potassium, 6 mg vitamin C

### Kootu Curry

Here's a traditional curry from Kerala, the gorgeous southwestern strip of India, where the spice-laden land meets the Arabian Sea.

- 1/2 cup plus 6 tablespoons unsweetened coconut (see note)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 pound plus 2 ounces red-skinned potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes (3 cups)
- 2 1/4 cups reduced-sodium vegetable broth
- 2 1/4 cups peeled, diced eggplant
- 1 1/2 cups chopped green beans
- 3/4 cup canned chick peas, drained and rinsed
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 3/4 cup thinly sliced shallots
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Place 1/2 cup coconut, ginger, coriander, cumin, salt, dry mustard, cinnamon, pepper and cayenne in spice grinder or mini food processor; grind or process until about the consistency of coarse sand.

Stir potatoes and broth with spice mixture in large saucepan; bring to a simmer over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally. Cover, reduce heat to low and simmer slowly 10 minutes.

Add eggplant, green beans and chick peas. Cover and continue simmering slowly until vegetables are quite tender, about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, toast remaining 6 tablespoons coconut in dry skillet over medium heat until lightly browned. Pour into bowl and set aside.

Heat oil in same skillet now set over medium-low heat. Add shallots; cook, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, soft, and very sweet, about 12 minutes.

Stir lemon juice into stew. Serve stew in bowls, topped with toasted coconut and frizzled shallots.

**Note:** Unsweetened coconut, sometimes called "desiccated coconut," is simply dried, shaved coconut flakes. It's found in gourmet markets, East Indian markets and health food stores. Do not substitute sweetened coconut, found in baking aisles of most supermarkets.

Makes 6 servings.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 245 calories, 1 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 33 g carbohydrate, 7 g fiber, 6 g protein, 500 mg sodium, 721 mg potassium, 24 mg vitamin C



Kootu Curry

# Panel studies firefighting, detection rules for mines

by TIM HUBER  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Underground coal mine operators in West Virginia may soon face a new round of safety rules.

Changes pushed by the United Mine Workers would require underground mine operators to install water-pressure gauges on fire sprinkler systems and carbon monoxide detectors on conveyor belt lines, among other things.

The proposed changes are in response to a fire that killed two miners at Massey Energy Co.'s Aracoma Alma No. 1

Mine in January 2006. State inspectors specifically asked for stronger sprinkler and fire-detection rules after investigating the accident.

While the rules are being proposed only for West Virginia, regulatory changes in the state tend to sweep through much of the industry. West Virginia has about 250 of the nation's 670 underground coal mines and is the nation's No. 2 coal producer and top underground producer.

The idea is to support state mine inspectors, said the UMW's Ted Hapney, who represents labor on the state Board of Coal Mine Health

and Safety. "He'll have the tools he needs," he said.

During the Aracoma investigation, the state found that water lines for fire hoses and sprinklers were shut off and that fire hoses couldn't be connected because of incompatible fittings. The UMW proposal would require 50 pounds per square inch of water pressure in fire fighting lines and gauges to allow inspectors to check quickly.

"If they go in there and there's no water, they can cite" the operator, Hapney said.

Industry is less enamored of the proposals.

Any West Virginia changes

should be coordinated with the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration to avoid conflicts. West Virginia Coal Association Vice President Chris Hamilton said. Recent West Virginia safety requirements, such as requiring airtight chambers for trapped miners, have clashed with MSHA proposals.

A federal mine safety panel recently endorsed the practice of pumping fresh air into coal mines through conveyor belt tunnels, which the UMW has denounced. The panel also has recommended that MSHA require fireproof belts in all of the nation's 670 underground mines to significantly reduce the risk of serious belt fires.

MSHA expects to complete regulations covering those recommendations next year.

"Through state and federal

action, there's been some policy changes, some increased inspections, some increased scrutiny of mine ventilation plans that have already been implemented and have been implemented for over a year now," Hamilton said. "The board is afforded the luxury of being more judicious in its decision making."

Hamilton said the same should be true for a separate UMW-backed proposal that would require mines to leave vehicles at work areas underground so full crews could drive out in the event of an evacuation. That rule already has passed through public comment with little response from industry, though the safety board has yet to act on it.

Currently the rules require mines to have vehicles capable of transporting an injured

miner on a stretcher as well as a driver and someone to provide first aid.

"That's all the law requires," Hapney said. In the event of a fire, for instance, "there's nothing there to transport these men."

Hamilton, however, wants a cost-benefit analysis because the rule could require all of the state's 250 or so underground mines to buy pricey underground vehicles.

"Unfortunately, the group that's really going to be strapped economically with these kinds of proposals are the small mine operators and, you know, that class of mining company makes up over 50 percent of the operating mines in West Virginia," he said. "They make a measurable contribution to the state's output."

## Fine

ily injury." As a result of the Miner Act, each flagrant penalty can be assessed up to \$220,000.

According to reports, the victim received burns on his wrists and fingers when he was reinstalling a cable into a splice box when a high-voltage circuit became energized. The electrician was initially treated for shock, then trans-

ported to the surface and taken to a local hospital.

An investigation into the accident showed that the cause was based on a failure to lock or suitably tag disconnecting devices by those performing the work. According to reports, investigators determined this to be a common practice at the mine, and that management was fully aware

of the problem. Miners were also instructed to operate equipment that they were not properly trained to use.

The penalty states that a mine operator has 30 days from receipt of the fine to pay or contest the action. If the fine is contested, the payment will be due 30 days after Mine Safety and Health Review Commission reaches a decision.

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## Session

in a variety of state programs, including Medicaid, which provides medical care to the poor and elderly.

Some Republican lawmakers have suggested that concerns being raised about the state's \$18 billion budget may be a precursor to a push to legalize casino gambling. Beshear says such a move could raise about \$500 million a year in extra tax revenue.

Beshear said he will ask lawmakers to approve a measure that would allow Kentucky voters to decide whether to change the state constitution to allow about 10 casinos to open. The constitution currently bans casinos.

That was a central issue in the governor's race that Beshear won in November. He favored a vote on casinos. Former Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who lost in a lopsided vote, was opposed.

Nevertheless, the proposal has an uncertain future in the General Assembly. Similar proposals before the legislature have never before gained traction.

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, has said he doesn't see much support in the legislature for expanding gambling proposals. Williams has said, however, that he would not move to block a vote in the Senate.

Lawmakers have a long line of costly proposals awaiting them, including a spending measure that would provide \$20 million in drought relief to Kentucky farmers who strug-

gled through one of the driest summers in state history.

Senate Majority Floor Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield, said he was "not pessimistic" about the upcoming legislative session, given competing issues that include gambling and the state budget.

"Every session has its own personality as far as difficulties regarding the budget and issues that are controversial," Kelly said.

More than 200 bills have been prefiled in anticipation of the legislation session. Sen. Jack Westwood, R-Erlanger, is sponsoring legislation that would require physicians to perform ultrasounds on pregnant women and require the women to look at the images before receiving an abortion.

Another proposal would criminalize consensual sex between teachers and older students, closing what some see as a legal loophole. Under current law, it is not illegal for a teacher to have sex with a high school student who is 16 and a willing participant. State Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, said she has agreed to sponsor that legislation, which was sparked by a large number of sex-related complaints against teachers nationwide.

One of the issues expected to come before lawmakers is a push by state Rep. David Floyd, R-Bardstown, to lift drinking restrictions on active duty military personnel who are at least 18 years old. Floyd is sponsoring the legislation that would allow enlistees

under 21 to go into bars, purchase and drink alcoholic beverages.

Another initiative would provide death benefits totaling \$250,000 to widows of coal miners killed on the job and scholarships of \$50,000 to their children.

Senate Republicans, who control the chamber, are pushing multiple ideas this session related to improving math and science education in the state, Kelly said. Republican lawmakers are looking to boost advanced placement testing options in high schools across the state, and make changes to the state's merit-based college scholarship program, Kelly said.

Similar math and sciences proposals were floated last year, but did not pass successfully through the legislature. This year could be different, Kelly said.

"We think the environment will be better this year because the needs are still there," Kelly said. "It's a pretty critical issue."

State Rep. Jim Glenn, D-Owensboro, will push legislation that would prohibit caffeine-stoked energy drinks in the schools. And several lawmakers have lined up in support of bills aimed at requiring schools to provide at least 30 minutes of exercise each day for children.

"I think the whole issue of inactivity and obesity for children is important," Richards said. "Whether those will be dealt with, I don't know."

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## Pensions

action tomorrow, but we need to take action over the long term."

Although the pension issue is pressing for local governments across the state, lawmakers would likely wait to see Beshear's plan, said Williams, R-Burkesville.

"He ought to have an opportunity to take a look at this issue," Williams said. "It's a big-ticket item."

Nevertheless, Williams said he didn't think it was possible to solve the looming long-term pension problem without some benefit changes for future employees.

Among other things, pensions are a financial strain on county governments across the state. As employers, local governments pay into the County Employees Retirement System — which is part of the state's retirement system. The amount local governments are having to pay into pensions could force some into cutting services or personnel, Crall said.

Beshear, who took office earlier this month, said his administration would continue

studying the problem leading into the legislature's upcoming session, which begins Jan. 8.

"I'm going to be looking for the answers and the ways that we get the pension system on solid ground over the long haul so that the folks down the road — several years from now — will also be assured that their retirements will be secure," Beshear said.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said he wants to address pensions this session, and said he had hired an actuary to make additional recommendations.

"I think that problem can be solved, and it can be solved

over a period of time," Richards said. "We will have to address that in this session."

Crall said the while the matter needs quick attention, the situation was not yet at "crisis level."

"Is it at crisis right now?" No," Crall said. "But if we don't get a hold of this unfunded liability, then it's just going to run away from us in exponential form in years to come."

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## Deaths

found all Kentucky ATV drivers involved in fatal crashes this year ignored at least one safety guideline taught in training courses or printed on manufacturers' warning labels. The mistakes include riding without a helmet, carrying passengers, driving on public roads or using alcohol or drugs.

Dr. Andrew Bernard, a University of Kentucky trauma surgeon, said many riders don't appreciate that they can be killed or hurt if they don't follow safety guidelines.

It's because the public doesn't perceive the killing power of the machine," Bernard said. "Appreciate that the machine can hurt you and do everything you can to keep it safe."

There are an estimated 7 million ATVs in use across the country, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

With the exception of this year's said, many wrecks resulted as a part of previous safety mistakes, a paper found.

For example, an 18-year-old was killed in a crash in Floyd County while driving on a public road on the ATV. He was

dragged 20 feet.

In Madison County, a 40-year-old man was killed after drinking a case of beer and driving his ATV into a parked van. A 14-year-old girl was killed in Daviess County after the driver lost control while driving in reverse trying to avoid a sheriff's deputy.

The fatal wrecks all occurred in rural parts of the state. Victims' ages ranged from 5 to 73.

ATV enthusiast Preston McLain, president of the Harlan County Ridgerunners, said additional laws are not needed.

"We need education and

enforcement of the existing ones," McLain said.

A law the Kentucky General Assembly passed in 2006 required all ATV riders age 16 and under to wear a helmet. People older than age 16 must wear a helmet when riding on public land.

Kentucky State Police Capt. Tim Lucas, who coordinates ATV safety courses, said education and enforcement of current laws are key to lowering the state's accident rate.

"You can't legalize responsibility, and ultimate that's what riders have to assume is responsibility," Lucas said. "You can't legislate that."

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**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5505**

**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 9 miles southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 0 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 1400 acres, making a total area of 1597.17 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 9 miles southeast from KY 2030's junction with KY 122, and located 0.2 mile north of Spurlock Creek. The amendment will underlie land owned by James Keith Hale and Debra Halbert, Black Diamond Land Company, the Roberts Heirs, Jeff Gayheart, J and R Land Company, Inc., Appalachian Land et al., Edgar and Lucinda Kidd, Eddie Kidd, Susan Hunter, Willard and Patsy Stanley et al., Mearilla and David P. Pitts, Johnnie Akers, Nayoma Conn, Norman Sanders, Burley Akers, Bernard and Dixie Lynn Conn,

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The proposed amendment is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY 2030. The amendment will not involve relocation and/or closure of the public road.

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. 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

**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.

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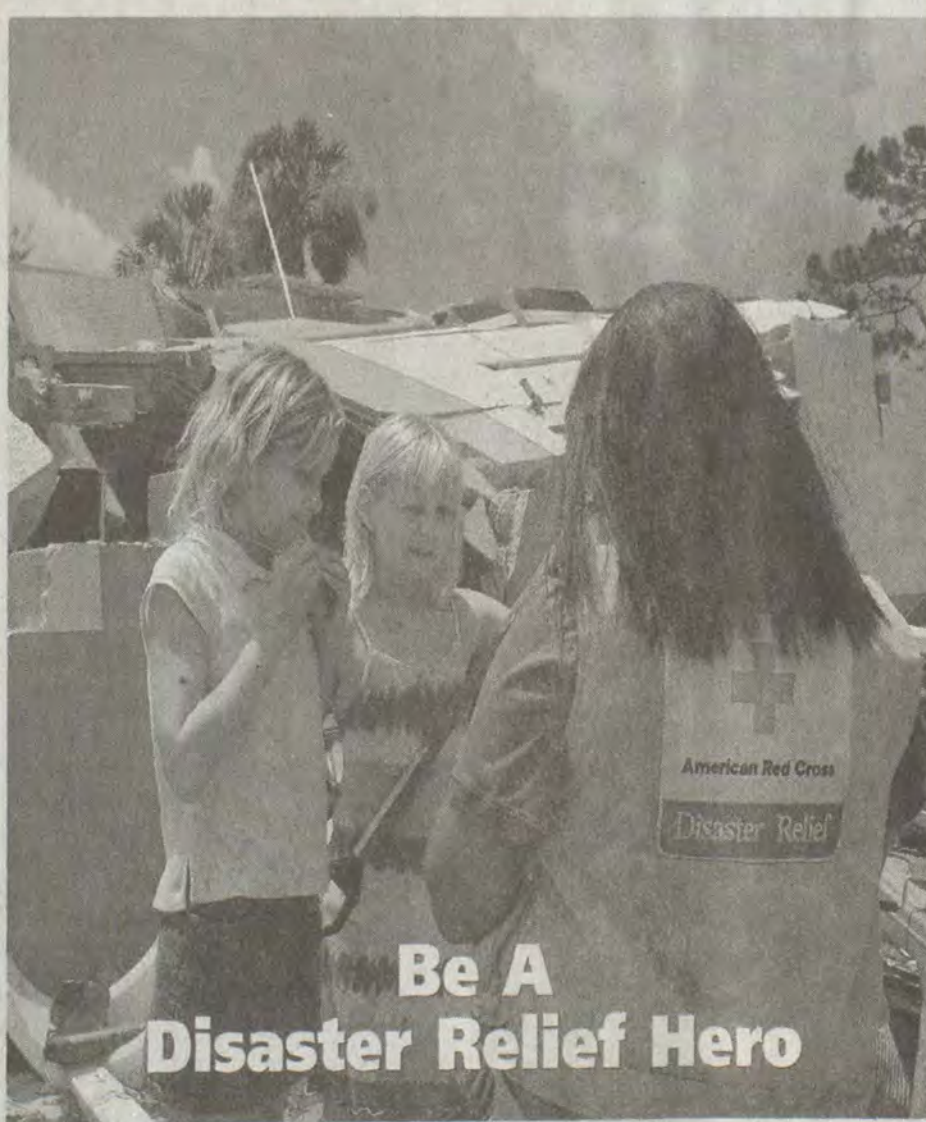
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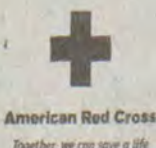
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