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briefs

Tracks make pitch for casinos

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Representatives from Kentucky's thoroughbred horse tracks have pitched legalized casino gambling to a state legislative panel.

The Kentucky General Assembly opened its 2008 session on Tuesday. Lawmakers are expected during the coming months to consider a proposed constitutional amendment that would authorize limited casino gambling throughout the state.

Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear says the state can take in about \$500 million per year in new revenue if casino gambling is permitted.

Horse track representatives said Wednesday they're not certain exactly where the casinos will be located if voters approve the amendment.

BIG DRAW



photo by Pam Hereford

The largest one-day event of the year at the Mountain Arts Center is the Winterfest Cheer and Dance Competition. The sixth annual contest will be held Jan. 19.

Tourism approves grant for Winterfest

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A local company received a grant Wednesday from the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Dance Etc. Elite All-Star Dancers received a \$2,000 grant to help with the cost of their annual Winterfest Cheer and Dance competition.

"The tourism commission has long supported the dance teams and their events at the Mountain Arts Center," said Freddy James, executive director of the Bureau.

Pamela Hereford, of Prestonsburg, a representative for the Winterfest Committee, said, "Our competition has almost doubled in size since we began six years ago."

The Winterfest Cheer and Dance competition, slated for Jan. 19 at the Mountain Arts Center, began in 2003 with 15 teams competing. This year the event is expected to bring in 33 teams, and over 550 cheerleaders and dancers from eight counties.

"Except for one year when we had bad weather, we have

grown steadily," said Hereford. "This is a great event for the area, and may be the only competition that local teams have the opportunity to compete in."

Hereford believes that, with continued growth and increased promotion, the competition has the potential to become a multi-day event drawing dance and cheer teams from central Kentucky and Virginia. "Our competition currently runs from 7 in the morning till 7 in the evening."

According to last year's

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Collins files for re-election

Times Staff Report

FRANKFORT — State Rep. Hubert Collins filed paperwork to seek a 10th consecutive term on Thursday.

Collins, a Democrat whose 97th House District includes the Auxier, Cliff and Rough and Tough precincts, as well as Johnson and Martin counties and a portion of Pike County, is a businessman and retired teacher. He serves as chairman of the House Transportation Committee and is a member of the Education and Natural Resources and



Hubert Collins

Environment committees. Collins, of Wittenburg in Johnson County, is currently running unopposed. The deadline to register to run for office is Jan. 29.

Jones files bill to toughen restrictions for sex offenders

Times Staff Report

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, has filed a bill to add more restrictions against sex offenders.

Senate Bill 70 amends House Bill 3 to include additional restrictions concerning where sex offenders may live.

HB 3, introduced in 2005, limits convicted sex offenders from living within a 1,000 feet of a school, preschool, publicly owned playground or licensed day care facility. SB 70 will add to those

restrictions a building or structure used as a youth program center that provides recreational, vocational, academic, social or other programs or services for minors on a regular basis.

"This legislation is aimed at protecting children when they visit a facility like the YMCA from sexual predators," said Jones, who serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee. "Centers such as YMCAs or church recreational facilities, are not

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2 DAY FORECAST

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Beshear unveils ethics reform legislation

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear unveiled an ethics reform package on Thursday aimed at restoring the public's confidence in state government.

Beshear's plan included changes to a state ethics panel, stiffer penalties for people caught skirting ethics laws and bringing more people under the scope of Kentucky's ethics laws. Voters want more accountability among political leaders, prompting the pro-

posed legislation, Beshear said.

"It is critical to set the tone for how this administration will conduct the people's business," Beshear said during a Capitol press conference. "These changes will strengthen the integrity of state government, from the governor's office all the way down to the newest volunteer working on our behalf."

Kentucky's new governor campaigned on a promise to run an ethical administration. He took office last month following two consecutive scan-

dal-ridden administrations.

His predecessor, former Gov. Ernie Fletcher, was indicted on misdemeanor charges stemming from an investigation into his administration's hiring practices. Prosecutors eventually dropped the charges as part of a negotiated deal, after Fletcher pardoned his entire administration for any possible charges that could stem from the probe.

Former Gov. Paul Patton's administration also had its share of problems; shortly before leaving office he par-

doned his chief of staff and three others of charges they colluded to help his 1995 campaign skirt spending limits.

Beshear said his ethics proposal was intended to bring more openness to state government and promote ethical and moral behavior.

Beshear's plan calls for ethics training for executive branch employees and the implementation of a new pardon policy. Beshear said he is also pushing for a constitutional amendment that would limit the governor's power to pardon. Nevertheless, Beshear

pledged that as governor he would not pardon anyone who had not been convicted of a crime.

"In other words, I will let the legal process run its course," Beshear said.

Beshear also proposed new restrictions on legal defense funds. Such accounts would be registered with the state Executive Branch Ethics Commission, file quarterly reports and its donors could not do business with the state or work as lobbyists.

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Conner asks court to reinstate lawsuit against Patton

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A lawyer for a woman who had an affair with former Gov. Paul Patton has asked the Kentucky Court of Appeals to reverse a dismissal of her lawsuit against Patton.

Tina Conner, whose allegations against Patton effectively ended his political career, first sued him in September 2002, alleging sexual harassment, outrage and violations of Kentucky's Civil Rights Act. Part of

the lawsuit was dismissed within months and the rest in 2006.

A few months later, she filed a second lawsuit, claiming misconduct by a public official and government oppression. But a Franklin County Circuit Court judge dismissed the second lawsuit, saying Conner was trying to sue on the same issues as the first case.

Lexington lawyer William Jacobs told a three-judge panel of the appeals court on Tuesday that the claims in the second case are different.

Patton lawyer Sheryl Snyder of Louisville said Conner's second lawsuit is identical to claims she tried to add to her first case against his client.

Senior Judge William Knopf said the appeals court hopes to have a ruling within three weeks.

The appeals court in September upheld the dismissal of Conner's first lawsuit.

Conner operated a nursing home in the western Kentucky city of Clinton. She claimed that after she ended her

two-year affair with Patton in 2002, he retaliated by causing state regulators to ruin her business.

Conner eventually lost her nursing home, Birchtree Healthcare, through bankruptcy.

Patton admitted to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission that he "attempted to influence" a decision to promote a vehicle-enforcement officer, at Conner's request. He also said he

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Appalachian Wireless announces scholarship program for 2008

IVEL — Appalachian Wireless, a division of East Kentucky Network and the leading provider of high quality wireless telecommunications products and services in Eastern Kentucky, has announced they will increase their Scholarship Program to assist students with higher education expenses.

Gerald Robinette, general manager and CEO, announced Appalachian Wireless will continue their Scholarship Program that provided a total of \$8,000 so far to graduating seniors.

"This Scholarship Program is just another way that we at Appalachian Wireless are investing in the future of our region," Robinette said. "We are committed to serving our customers and supporting the communities in our service area. By assisting

students with attaining their goal of higher education, we touch lives at a personal level, and I am pleased to announce that this year, we will be increasing the scholarship from \$500 to \$1,000. Eight students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship this year."

Designed to enable Appalachian Wireless customers to ease the burden often associated with costs of higher education for their children, the scholarship money received by the student can be used for tuition, books, housing or meal charges. High school guidance counselors will be receiving the application packets over the next few days. A downloadable application also can be found at the Appalachian Wireless website at www.appalachianwireless.com.

Only students who are customers or

whose parent or guardian is a customer of Appalachian Wireless will be eligible and the Scholarship will be awarded based on financial need, academic performance, school and community involvement, personal essays and letters of recommendation. An independent panel will review the application materials. The guidance counselor will be notified of a student's award and students will receive notification of being Scholarship recipient at their year-end awards ceremony.

Interested students are asked to visit the Appalachian Wireless at www.appalachianwireless.com or can contact Crystal Hamilton at (606) 477-2355 or (800) 438-2355 if any further information is needed or to answer any questions regarding this new program.

Obituaries

Linnie Mulkey

Linnie Mulkey, 73, of Banner, died Saturday, January 5, 2008, at her residence.

Born December 23, 1934, in Dana, she was the daughter of the late Ernest and Victoria Smith Mulkey. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sisters: Lizzie Spears, and Atchie Spears of Banner.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters: Kenas Mulkey, Charley Mulkey, Ike Mulkey, Delzic Mulkey, Greenbury Mulkey, Leon Mulkey, Agusta Hurd, and Esta Mulkey.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 7, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Mulkey Family Cemetery, in Banner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)

She was born on March 13, 1932, in Honaker, the youngest daughter of the late Sidney and Gertrude Parsons. She was a member of the 28th Street Church of Christ, and was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Estill, Lester, and Phillip Parsons.

She is survived by three sisters and one brother-in-law: Florida Tackett of Lexington, Virgie Hall of Thelma; and Doris and Oscar Tackett of Alger, Ohio; one brother and two sisters-in-law: Millard and Millic Parsons of Banner; and Audrey Parsons of Printer; one daughter and son-in-law: Lora and David Mays, of Chesapeake, Ohio, with whom she made her home; one son and daughter-in-law: Richard and Alice Skeens of Mebane, North Carolina; two granddaughters: Erica Mullins and Megan Mays; three grandsons: Jonathan, Shane, and Tyler Skeens; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 11, at 11 a.m., at Handley Funeral Home in Hamlin, West Virginia, with Ministers Oscar Tackett and Alan Cole officiating.

Interment will follow in Highland Memory Gardens, Godby, West Virginia.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Huntington.

(Paid obituary)

Senate lawmakers looking to boost high school math, science

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — College-bound high school pupils would get increased access to advanced placement courses and state government would pay their testing tabs under a wide-ranging education plan proposed Wednesday in the Senate.

Another plan would seek to boost students' performances in high school math and science classes, said Sen. Ken Winters, R-Murray. The proposal also calls for changes to Kentucky's merit-based scholarship program to assure students continue taking rigorous courses throughout their college careers.

"We're putting a high visibility effort forward during this early part of this session to try to get some things off the ground in the education area," Winters said.

Similar proposals failed before the General Assembly last year, after opposition from teacher unions. If passed this year, the legislation would help make Kentucky a "pace setter" in math and science education, Winters said.

Winters, who is the Senate Education Committee chairman, said different pieces of the plan would be considered before a legislative panel on Thursday.

About 50 schools from across the state would have additional access to advanced placement testing, Winters said. The program would also open more students to advanced online math and science courses, Winters said.

Advanced placement classes allow students in high school to earn college credit. They must pass an advanced placement test, which cost about \$80 each, to get college credit.

A separate education proposal, that has not yet been filed, would offer incentives to specially qualified teachers in math and science, Winters said. Lawmakers are looking to beef up high school math and science classes and have fewer pupils need remedial courses when they get to college, Winters said.

Sharron Oxendine, president of the Kentucky Education Association, said lawmakers should put additional resources into math and science in elementary schools across the state. Not all pupils are headed for college but still need help in math and science, Oxendine said.

"I'd rather focus on the other 95 percent of the student body," Oxendine said. "Those AP students are going to be successful in spite of us."

The union, which represents Kentucky's public school teachers, also disagrees with

proposals to pay math and science more than teachers who instruct in other subjects, Oxendine said.

Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley, D-Richmond, said Senate Democrats also have a "great desire" to boost state education programs.

"In principle, we certainly do agree, and we want to work with them to try to come up with a bill that is acceptable to our members and is acceptable to the teachers across Kentucky," Worley said.

The legislation is Senate Bill 2.

Junior P.M.? Senior P.M.? What's going on in the lodge hall?

PRESTONSBURG — James E. Goble, of Prestonsburg, a 61-year-plus member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, is the junior past master of the club — and also the senior past master.

Goble was first elected master of the Zebulon Lodge in December 1951, and served the lodge as master in 1952.

Curtis Clark, of Harold, was elected master of Zebulon Lodge and was installed on Jan. 6, 2007. He died on May 7, and Goble was elected to serve the remainder of his term, which ended Jan. 5, making him the junior past master. Jason Bentley, of Prestonsburg, has been elected



James E. Goble

and installed to serve as master for 2008.

Herman C. Porter, of Allen, a 68-year member and the

senior past master of Zebulon Lodge, died on Jan. 2, at the age of 102, at which time Goble became the senior past master of the lodge.

During the 55 years between his service in 1952 and his election in 2007, Goble served the Grand Lodge as district deputy grand master, and served Zebulon Lodge for 47 years as secretary, retiring in 2007. He currently holds the office of tiler in Zebulon Lodge. He is also an active member in the York Rite Masonic Bodies.

Goble, 88, and his wife, Marie, who turned 88 on Jan. 8, have one son, three daughters and three grandsons.

Dance

records, 2,700 people attended the event, making it the largest one-day event to take place at the Mountain Arts Center.

The competition is designed as a fund raising event to help sponsor the Dance Etc. Elite All Stars as they travel and compete around the east coast. The All Stars, who are coached by Jody Shepherd, are made up of 91 dancers in four teams, from grades two through 12.

"They've made quite a name for themselves, taking national titles in the National Dance Association, and Eastern Dance Association circuits," said Hereford. "They always serve as positive representatives of our city and area."

The All Stars compete in pom, jazz, hip hop, lyrical and

variety routines and plan to compete in Louisville, Cincinnati, Lexington and Myrtle Beach in 2008.

The Dance Etc. Studio is located in Highlands Plaza of Prestonsburg.

The Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors bureau helps to support various enterprises such as Jenny

Wiley Theatre and the Mountain Arts Center.

"At this time, the commission is in a guarded capacity for budget funds," said James, who added, "Our tourism expenditures focus especially on multi-day events where lodging and restaurants will benefit."

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Ethics

Fletcher had established a legal defense fund to help offset his personal lawyer expenses. A report detailing his contributors was not released until this week, approximately two months after the election.

Beshear said he also supported legislation to change appointments to the ethics panel. Instead of the current process in which members are all appointed by the governor, Beshear said he supported a system that also involved input from the attorney general and the state auditor.

Penalties for ethics violations would also be increased, under the proposal.

Jill McMaster, the ethics panel's executive director, said the commission's annual budget is about \$498,000. Barring any budget cuts, that amount of funding should be sufficient for the panel to adequately conduct investigations.

Patton

helped Conner's business get into a program for minority- and women-owned businesses.

Patton, a Democrat who was governor from 1999 to 2003, maintained that he never retaliated against Conner and never abused his power.

In November 2003, Patton became the first Kentucky governor ever disciplined for state ethics violations.

He agreed to a reprimand and a \$5,000 fine and said he did not knowingly violate the ethics code.

Offenders

included in the current restrictions. I want this law to be more inclusive of the facilities that regularly provide programming or services to minors in order that we can be more assured that these places too are protected from having a sexual predator living next door."

During the 2007 session, Jones sponsored legislation which made Kentucky's sex offender laws among the toughest in the nation. Under Jones' legislation, Kentucky became the first state to require convicted sexual offenders to register their online identities. Offenders who fail to register Internet usernames in Kentucky will be charged with a Class D felony for the first offense, unishable

by up to five years in prison, and a Class C felony for each subsequent offense, carrying penalties of up to 10 years in prison. The enactment of the bill was recognized in a capitol press conference called by former Attorney General Greg Stumbo and attended by the chief security officer for MySpace, as well as numerous law enforcement officials.

"I am committed to making our sex offender laws as severe as is possible to better protect our children from sexual predators," Jones said. "I will continue to look for ways to strengthen our laws."

Senate Bill 70 will be considered during the 2008 legislative session, which began this week.

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Marriage Licenses

Rebecca Wood, 34, to Ray Slone, 38, both of Wayland.
 Rilda Newsome, 81, of Prestonsburg, to William Carpenter, 77, of Stambaugh.
 Amy Caldwell, 32, to Jason Rice, 28, both of Prestonsburg.
 Nicole Ramey, 37, to Abdumalick Abdumaliye, 42, both of West Van Lear.
 Musallam Turdieva, 40, to Steven Preston, 50, both of Paintsville.
 Dottie Allen, 45, to William Potter, 55, both of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Angela Carroll vs. Matthew Carroll
 American General Home Equity, Inc. vs. Dewey Collins Jr., et al
 Marshall Frame, et al vs. Frasure Creek Mining, et al
 Citi Group/Consumer Finance, Inc. vs. Doris Griffith, et al
 Capital One Bank vs. Christopher L. Meeks
 Nationstar Mortgage vs. James Butler, et al
 KY Farm Bureau vs. Gary Hicks, et al
 Rence Latu vs. Samiuela F. Latu Sr.
 Clovis A. Gayheart vs. Junior Gayheart
 Orville Shepherd vs. Susan D. Shepherd
 Cheri A. Alidon vs. Richard Alidon Jr.
 DH Capital Mgt., Inc. vs. Vernon Case
 Adron H. Ratliff, et al vs. Joey W. Wright
 Jimmy Crum, et al vs. Linda Keathley

Small Claims Filings

Somerhill Capital vs. Chessie D. Adkins
 Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Patricia Lee
 McDowell ARH vs. Sammy J. Meade
 McDowell ARH vs. Lori Little
 McDowell ARH vs. Timothy Dye
 Lecroy Newsome vs. Michelle Newsome
 Cassandra Garrett vs. Daron Ward, et al
 McDowell ARH vs. Sandra K. Howell
 GE Money Bank vs. John Moore
 First Equity Card Corp. vs. Betty Robinson
 Capital One Bank vs. Phillip D. Butler, et al
 Asset Acceptance vs. Belinda Moore

Martin Housing Authority vs. Tiffany Mills

Charges Filed

Shawn Gayheart, 19, of Williamsport, public intoxication, alcohol; disorderly conduct; giving officer false name/address; carrying concealed deadly weapon.
 Travis W. Hughes, 27, of Pikeville, public intoxication, alcohol.
 Mitchell Gibson, 56, of Garrett, assault/domestic violence.
 Tammy L. Slone, 28, of McDowell, theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting; public intoxication, controlled substance; disorderly conduct; harassment; possession marijuana; use/possession drug paraphernalia; controlled substance prescription not in original container; possession controlled substance/drug unspecified, two counts.
 Michael Randolph, 39, of Ivel, public intoxication, controlled substance.
 Barbra Gibson, 52, of Garrett, assault, domestic violence.
 Paul W. Barger, 34, public intoxication, alcohol.
 Johnny Justice, 19, of David, disorderly conduct; public intoxication, controlled substance.
 Terry W. Mullins, 48, of Weeksbury, assault, domestic violence.
 Glenn R. Kidd, 50, of Prestonsburg, assault, domestic violence.
 Misty Boyd, 20, of Stanville, harassment.
 William A. Marshall, 23, of Eastern, harassing communications.
 Jeremy D. Duncan, 20, of Bevinville, theft by unlawful taking.
 David G. Robinette, 54, of Harold, illegal take/pursue/molest any deer/wild turkey/elk.
 Samuel P. Robinette, 53, of Ashland, illegal take/pursue/molest any deer/wild turkey/elk.
 Jackie L. Terry, 45, of Garrett, public intoxication, controlled substance.
 Jonathan Johnson, 42, of Weeksbury, public intoxication, alcohol; disorderly conduct.
 Gary Arnett, 51, of Martin, public intoxication, alcohol.
 Anthony Martin, 28, of Drift, public intoxication, alcohol.
 Jennifer Johnson Cole, 28, of Prestonsburg, public intoxication, alcohol.

tion not in original container; improper equipment; inadequate silencer (muffler).
 Thomas Burkett, 18, of Prestonsburg, attempt sexual abuse.
 Donald Ray Tilley, 38, of Langley, theft by unlawful taking.
 Lonnie Stewart Jr., 40, of Lookout, flagrant nonsupport.
 Brad Allen Adkins, 30, of Ivel, operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs; failure to wear seat belts; possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle; no operator's license.
 Christopher D. Moore, 40, of Hi Hat, 1st degree possession controlled substance/drug unspecified.
 James R. Castle, 23, of Allen, fleeing/evading police.
Inspections
 M & D Mobile Home Park; Auxier, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not numbered systematically. Homes and outbuildings not systematically numbered. Score: 96.
 Mayo Trailer Court, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lots not numbered systematically, required setbacks not being met. Score: 96.
Property Transfers
 Carolyn Allen, to Citimortgage group Inc.; Location undisclosed.
 John Bentley to David and Patricia Bentley; Location undisclosed.
 Janet and Jeff Bingham to

Harold Dixon; Wayland Wanda Blankenship to Darrel and Tim Blankenship; Little Paint Creek.
 Lillie Cantrell to Movina and Phillip Blackburn, Salt Lick Fork.
 Charles Centers to Adam and Sally Adkins; Sage Allen Branch.
 Citimortgage Inc. to Citimortgage Inc.; Location undisclosed.
 Citimortgage Inc. to Cindy Vanderpool; Location undisclosed.
 Gregory, Harold, Kathy, Linda, Michael, and Terry Dixon to Harold Dixon; Wayland.
 Jerry Fannin to Rising Son Ministries; Katy Friend Branch.
 Deborah and Roy Frazier to Deborah and Roy Frazier; Left Beaver Creek.
 Charlene Hamilton to Bobby Hamilton; Bull Creek.
 Housing Oriented Ministries to Everett and Imogene Nickell; Location undisclosed.
 Larry and Vicki Hughes to Johnny Burke; Porter addition to Prestonsburg.
 Bridgette Kalaski to Bridgette Marcum; Location undisclosed.
 William Kendrick to Citimortgage Inc.; Location undisclosed.
 Julie and Roy Kidd to Lisa Kidd; Location undisclosed.
 Kinharg Development Company LLC to Jerry Kinzer; Riley Hall & Troy Hall addition of Allen.
 Kinharg Development Company LLC to James Willard Kinzer; Riley Hall

addition.
 James Kinzer to Kinzer Investment Realty; Riley Hall & Troy Hall Addition.
 Jerry Kinzer to Brandon Kinzer; Riley Hall & Troy Hall Addition.
 Michael Newsome to Annie Collins and Annie Newsome; Bull Creek.
 Chistina and Phillip Simpson to Meade Investments Inc.; Auxier.
 Mary Slone to Demetra and Matthew Francis; Blue River.
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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Before God we are all equally wise — and equally foolish."

— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

A jolt from Washington

The United States seems to be edging closer to recession. In Washington, this bad news provides a convenient excuse for politicians to engage in two of their favorite activities: cutting taxes and spending money.

From the White House to Capitol Hill, cries are rising for an economic "stimulus package" — a burst of spending, tax-cutting or both, designed to prime the economic pump. Unfortunately it would also throw the country deeper into debt, which is why it shouldn't be tried unless it's absolutely necessary.

President George W. Bush is considering proposing a stimulus plan in his State of the Union speech Jan. 28; the betting is that he will recommend tax cuts and refunds. Democrats, meanwhile, are pondering a mix of tax cuts and spending increases.

All sides should slow down. Despite last month's gloomy jobs report, it's not certain that the economy is headed into a serious downturn. And the Federal Reserve is on the case, busily lowering interest rates. That alone could be enough to float the economy past the rocks.

Support for stimulus is coming from financial graybeards on both sides of the political divide, economists as diverse as Laurence Summers, treasury secretary under President Bill Clinton, and Martin Feldstein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Ronald Reagan.

Feldstein has the best suggestion: Pass a stimulus plan, but hold it in reserve until employment declines over three straight months — a convincing sign that a recession actually is here. The automatic trigger would make sure the money isn't spent unless it's needed. Meanwhile, the fact that the plan is in place could help revive confidence.

The economy is weakening under the housing price slide and a flood of foreclosures. Losses on subprime mortgages are forcing banks into red ink. In response, they are hoarding cash instead of lending it. Now the job market seems to have taken sick. The unemployment rate jumped from 4.7 to 5 percent in December as the nation created only 18,000 new jobs.

Once a recession gets rolling, it feeds on itself. Worried about their jobs, consumers cut back spending. That slows factories and stores, leading to more job losses. Round and round it goes.

Stimulus is meant to break that cycle by putting money in consumers' pockets so that they'll start spending again and business will recover. But there are smart ways and dumb ways to stimulate the economy. Tax cuts are among the dumber choices.

Tax cuts are stimulus in slow motion. The effect is spread over a whole year, adding just a few extra dollars to each paycheck, so there's no sudden pickup in spending. Tax cuts for the wealthy are an even worse idea, because the wealthy tend to save their extra cash rather than spend it. Expansion incentives for business also have long lag times before they kick in.

The best way to stimulate the economy is to give large chunks of cash, quickly, to people most likely to spend it — the poor and middle class. As Summers wrote in *The Financial Times* this month, "Fiscal stimulus only works if it is spent, so it must be targeted."

He suggested a package of between \$50 billion and \$75 billion, enough to add 1 percent to national economic output. That money would be piled atop the federal deficit, which is why it shouldn't be spent unless needed.

Stimulus should be temporary, not an entitlement running up the national debt year after year, as did Bush's 2001 tax cuts. Those cuts helped lead to massive deficits for the next six years, and they're still with us. A one-time splurge designed to lift the nation out of the doldrums is one thing. Permanent profligacy is another.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Guest column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS
97TH HOUSE DISTRICT

State lawmakers ushered in a new year and a new legislative session this week when they returned to Frankfort on Tuesday to consider hundreds of bills and deliberate the state's financial needs for the next two years.

Before the 2008 Regular Session ends in mid April, we will have passed dozens of new laws, made necessary changes to existing law, and conferred on how much funding state programs should receive over the next biennium.

Writing a state budget will be our most time consuming task this session considering that state revenues have not met expectations over the past year and may likely continue to fall short well into fiscal years 2009 and 2010 as the national economy continues to struggle. A state budget shortfall of at least \$265 million and Medicaid shortfall of nearly \$390 million this fiscal year further complicates the matter. Yet while the financial situation is certainly challenging and will likely require budgetary restraint, it is not unworkable.

State lawmakers learned that even the most dire financial situation can be managed when we passed a state budget in the midst of an estimated \$700 million budget shortfall just three years ago in the midst of a post-recession economic slowdown. The spartan budget that was passed during the 2005 Regular Session was not what many would have hoped, but it did keep our government running and even provided additional funding in some areas. It also helped the Kentucky General Assembly meet our legal obligation to pass a balanced budget that ensures the state spends no more than it can afford.

How much money will be available for education, corrections,

health and family services, postsecondary education and a host of other state programs over the next two years remains to be seen. The first step in determining how much should be budgeted for those programs is to find out what the needs of our state agencies are. We will have a clearer picture of those needs when Governor Steve Beshear gives his state budget address before the General Assembly later this month.

What we already know is that the services our state agencies provide to the over 4 million citizens of Kentucky are important to the welfare of this state and that those services require funding. Public schools require more money each year to fund increasing enrollment, keep salaries competitive and buildings maintained. Our correctional facilities need more funding to cover their growing populations and medical costs, while universities need additional funding to meet their graduation and research goals. Hundreds of other services—from public health to military assistance—also require state dollars.

The good news is that House and Senate budget negotiators have years of experience with the often-difficult task of funding state agencies in lean budget years. They will put those skills to work again this session so that Kentuckians can get the most out of this budget cycle.

Legislation that addresses the financial strain on the state employee retirement system will also likely be considered by state lawmakers this session. Some estimate that the retirement system will need as much as \$20 billion to adequately fund the pensions of its 445,000 current members. How much state lawmakers can contribute to the retirement systems in this budget cycle will depend entirely on available funding.

A state Blue Ribbon Commission on State Retirement recommended last month that lawmakers reduce the unfunded liability of the retirement systems by at least \$1 billion this session if possible, although that might

be out of the question financially because of the current budget situation. The General Assembly will likely consider that recommendation, however, along with other recommended changes to the system that lawmakers will review fully in coming weeks.

The budget and pension issues are expected to dominate most of the debate this session, but they are not the only major issues facing Kentucky and the 2008 General Assembly. Lawmakers are also expected to consider proposals that would increase financial incentives for students that perform well on advanced placements exams in math and science, give hiring preference to military veterans applying for jobs in state government, increase the number of poorer children covered by government-supported health insurance and improve staffing standards at nursing homes among hundreds of others. By the time session ends, approximately 1,000 bills will have been filed for lawmakers' review.

Hundreds of these bills were filed before session began—or "prefiled"—and were introduced in their respective chambers on Tuesday. The real work on these measures will now begin in committee as lawmakers decide which bills they will send to the full House or Senate for debate and possible passage. You can stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest to you this session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 877-257-5541. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, you can call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650.

If you would like to share your comments or concerns with me or another legislator about a particular bill under consideration this session, you can call the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181. I look forward to serving you in Frankfort during this busy 2008 budget session.



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THROUGH MY EYES

Sounds like love to me ...

I received an email from my sister-in-law, Donna, this morning entitled "Meanest Mom on Planet." Knowing my sis-in-law as I do, I figured it had something to do with setting, and enforcing, "house rules." Donna knows that I'm a real pushover when it comes to my kids and when my eyes came to rest on that subject line, I figured the dear heart was, once again, trying to help me take control.

Turns out, however, that the article was about a 48-year-old Des Moines, Iowa mom who happened to find alcohol in her teenage son's car. Jane Hambleton earned the title of "Meanest Mom on the Planet" when she decided to put her son's car up for sale after discovering the booze.

According to the Associated Press story, Hambleton ran an ad in the local newspaper that read: "OLDS 1999 Intrigue. Totally

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DINNER DIVA

Fresh spices

by LEANNE ELY

Bringing in the New Year means New Year's resolutions for so many of us. Eating healthier, losing weight and getting organized are just a few of the most popular ones. One of the best ways to do all three of these things is to spice up your low caloric fare with herbs and spices. But before you can organize your spices, you need to do a quick spice check. I've got this feeling we've got some OLD, ancient spices sitting in those cupboards! Let's go on an archaeological dig and see what kind of fossils we can unearth. Here's how you're going to know you need some new spices—

You may need some new spices if:

- *The date stamp on the bottom of the jar was from when you were in high school.
- *The company who made the spice in the first place is out of business...since 1980!
- *The can is rusted and the label indistinguishable—you don't

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Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, seven-time Vocal Group of the Year, returning to MAC, Feb. 16

On Saturday, February 16, one of the most awarded and talented Bluegrass/Gospel groups in the world, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, will once again appear at the Mountain Arts Center. The group has now earned their 7th consecutive "Vocal Group of the Year" award, presented at the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) awards show, held in Nashville, Tennessee. Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver were also presented an award for "Gospel Recorded Performance of the Year" for the tune "He Lives In Me."

Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver can bring an audience to its feet with hot picking in addition to having the

ability to silence a crowd with their soaring gospel quartet performances. The band's energetic stage performance brings to mind early stage and radio programs, and showcases intricate choreography unscen in music today. Their incredible talented, heartfelt presentations, and hard-working professionalism make any Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver performance a treasure to witness and an event not soon forgotten.

Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver
 At the Mountain Arts Center,
 Prestonsburg
 Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008
 Ticket/Show Information: 1-888-
 MAC ARTS (1-888-622-2787)
 Opening act to be announced.



Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver

Larry Cordle to perform at WMMT's Bluegrass Express Live

Larry Cordle



Award-winning singer-songwriter Larry Cordle and his band Lonesome Standard Time will perform in concert at WMMT's Bluegrass Express Live, on Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Appalshop Theater in Whitesburg.

Cordle grew up on a farm in Lawrence County, Ky., and his name was recently added to the county's section of the Country Music Highway, US 23. Known primarily as a bluegrass artist, he has written a number of hit songs for country artists and has

even done a bluegrass cover of songs by the southern pop-rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Among his earliest writing hits was Highway 40 Blues, which was recorded by fellow eastern Kentuckian Ricky Skaggs and registered Number One on country charts. Cordle wrote and recorded the award-winning song, Murder on Music Row, which was covered by

many other artists and has become a kind of anthem for critics of modern country music.

His songs have sold more than 50 million records and have been recorded by such superstars as Alison Krauss, Rhonda Vincent, Garth Brooks, Trisha Yearwood, Reba McEntyre and Alan Jackson.

Cordle and his band have racked up Grammy nominations in the bluegrass category and have won a Song of the Year award from the International Bluegrass Music Association.

Opening the show will be singer-guitarist Boyd Davis of Letcher County.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Reservations may be made by calling 606-633-0108.

WMMT-FM, 88.7, is a public community radio station and a part of the arts and education center Appalshop.

Study: Healthy habits can mean 14 extra years of life

by MARIA CHENG
 AP MEDICAL WRITER

LONDON — To get an extra 14 years of life, don't smoke, eat lots of fruits and vegetables, exercise regularly and drink alcohol in moderation.

That's the finding of a study that tracked about 20,000 people in the United Kingdom.

Kay-Tee Khaw of the University of Cambridge and colleagues calculated that people who adopted these four healthy habits lived an average of 14 years longer than those who didn't.

"We've known for a long time that these behaviors are good things to do, but we've never seen these additive

benefits before," said Susan Jebb, head of Nutrition and Health at Britain's Medical Research Council, which helped pay for the study.

"Just doing one of these behaviors helps, but every step you make to improve your health seems to have an added benefit," said Jebb, who was not involved in the study.

The benefits were also seen regardless of whether or not people were fat and what social class they came from. The findings were published online Monday in the Public Library of Science Medicine journal.

The study included healthy adults aged 45 to 79. Participants filled in a health questionnaire between 1993

and 1997 and nurses conducted a medical exam at a clinic. Participants scored a point each for not smoking, regular physical activity, eating five servings of fruits and vegetables a day and moderate alcohol intake.

Until 2006, the researchers tracked deaths from all causes, including cardiovascular disease, cancer and respiratory diseases. People who scored four points were four times less likely to die than those who scored zero, the research showed.

Khaw said that the study should convince people that improving their health does not always require extreme changes to their lifestyles.

"We didn't ask these peo-

ple to do anything exceptional," Khaw said. "We measured normal behaviors that were entirely feasible within people's normal, everyday lives."

Public health experts said they hoped the study would inspire governments to help people adopt these changes.

"This research is an important piece of work which emphasizes how modifying just a few risk factors can add years to your life," said Dr. Tim Armstrong, a physical activity expert at the World Health Organization.

But because the study only observed people rather than testing specific changes, experts said that it would be impossible to con-

clude that people who suddenly adopted these healthy behaviors would automatically gain 14 years.

"We can't say that any one person could gain 14 years by doing these things," said Armstrong. "The 14 years is an average across the population of what's theoretically possible."

But experts worry that the new findings may still not be enough to persuade people to change their unhealthy ways.

"Most people know that things like a good diet matter and that smoking is not good for you," Jebb said. "We need to work on providing people with much more practical support to help them change."

FLY LADY

A recipe for pie

by MARLA CILLEY

We all start each day with a whole pie to call our own. During the day, we make the choices that give away our pieces of Peace Pie. This is a special pie that nourishes your body as well as feeds your soul. I am going to give you the recipe for this pie!

It starts with the desire to have a "Peace" of Pie! This peace has to come from a whole pie. So here goes with my recipe for this delightful pie:

Every pie I have ever made has a

crust. This pie has a top crust and a bottom crust! The crusts are made from the finest ingredients for a great foundation. These are the habits you put together to make up your routines. We start this pie the night before we want it with our before bed routine. This is the bottom crust that holds up our pie of Peace together.

It only takes a few minutes to make this crust. You lay out your clothes for tomorrow, check your calendar, shine your sink and clean up after dinner, clear off a hot spot, put things in your

launch pad so you won't forget them, brush your teeth, wash your face and go to bed at a decent hour and sleep. This crust is a pleasure to make when you think about the joy that it is going to give you tomorrow morning when you put together the rest of this glorious pie of Peace. That alone is a great incentive. There is nothing like the taste of Peace Pie!

The top crust we will put together when we first get up in the morning. It starts with getting up a few minutes before the flow of the rest of the family. This enables you to get dressed in peace. Do you see how you can have your pie and eat it, too? The pie isn't even made yet but you are beginning to

feel the taste on your tongue. The rest of your morning routine of checking your calendar, putting on your shoes, seeing what's for dinner on your calendar, making your bed, eating breakfast and starting a load of laundry help to make this top crust fit with the bottom crust.

Now we have to put together the most luscious filling for this pie of Peace. This filling is made of our basic weekly plan and having the ingredients readily available each day we start our pie. A weekly home blessing, staying on top of "Mount Washmore," planning our meals, grocery shopping, get-



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Family Medicine

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Q I went for my annual checkup last week and my doctor told me she thinks I have mitral valve prolapse. She only listened to my heart, and she could tell, I have seen her for several years, so why hasn't she found it before? She told me there is nothing to do about it and that I should not worry, but I am a worrier. Can you tell me more about this?

A Mitral valve prolapse (MVP) is a relatively common medical condition that occurs when the mitral valve on the left side of your heart doesn't close properly. This valve is designed to only allow

the blood to flow in one direction - from the upper chamber (atrium) to the lower chamber (ventricle). What happens with MVP, though, is that when the lower chamber contracts to force blood into the aorta - the body's largest artery - the leaflets of the mitral valve bulge, or prolapse, back into the upper chamber. In most cases, this prolapsing is not enough to cause blood to flow the wrong way. When it does happen it's called regurgitation.

About 2 percent of the population has MVP - divided about equally between men and women. It is usually a lifelong disorder, and in most people there are never any symptoms.

Reader's MVP common, probably won't affect lifestyle

As happened in your case, it is commonly diagnosed by a stethoscope exam of the heart. MVP does seem to run in families, and people with connective tissue disorders like Marfan's syndrome are at increased risk.

When mitral regurgitation occurs, symptoms may need to be treated. Symptoms can include racing heart, shortness of breath, fatigue or chest pain that is not from a heart attack.

If you have symptoms and seek medical care, the doctor may perform an echocardiogram. This is an ultrasound of your heart which shows the motion of the valves and how much regurgitation is present. Mild regurgitation is generally just watched with echocardiograms every few years.

Another complication of MVP is an infection of the heart valve called bacterial endocarditis. This is more common in older people and is treated with antibiotics. Other complications that can occur with this condi-

tion include cardiac arrhythmias and irregular heartbeat.

If you have MVP with no symptoms, you do not need any treatment. If you have symptoms with your MVP, then your doctor may prescribe some medications. If you have racing or irregular heartbeat, you may need a beta-blocker type of medication. They help to slow your heart and improve the rhythm. Some people with MVP are advised to take a daily aspirin.

People with MVP who have regurgitation are often advised to take antibiotics for dental work. This can help prevent endocarditis. Check with your doctor or dentist to see if you need to take this safeguard.

Finally, let me stress the positive. Most people with MVP lead normal, full lives with no problems. Since your doctor told you "not to worry," I would take her advice. You are undoubtedly one of those who have an uncomplicated case of MVP and

don't need to restrict your life in any way. In other words, your lifestyle should be unaffected. Your doctor will monitor you over the years, and if you ever develop any complications, she can make new recommendations at that point.

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•Jan. 16 - Youth Services Center Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in YSC office. Everyone welcome.

•Feb. 7 - 4-H Project Club meeting, 3:15 p.m., in YSC. New members may still sign up.

•"Get Moving AMS" is a student exercise program coordinated by AMS Youth Service Center and the Floyd County Extension Office. Students will learn about benefits of exercise and good nutrition. Call the YSC for more information or to sign up.

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

•Appointments now available with the Floyd County Health Dept. nurse. Nurse can do school physicals and immunizations on site. Please call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment.

•The Youth Services Center provides services to families regardless of income. Please contact the center for more information on center services and programs. Call the center at 886-1297. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central High School

•Jan. 11 - Dual credit class sign-ups, 1 p.m.

•Jan. 12 - Academic meet, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. (at ACHS).

•Jan. 12 - Basketball Homecoming, 5:30 p.m.

•Jan. 21 - No school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

•Jan. 24 - "Making College Count"; seniors, 1-2 p.m.

•Jan. 31 - "Making College Count"; juniors, 1-2 p.m.

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

Allen Central Middle School

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

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

•The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center.

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

•The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who

reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

•Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

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

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

•The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

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

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

•Jan. 14 - Visit from Carol Jo May, OLV Hospital, to discuss importance of exercise; 9:55 a.m.; 5th grade students.

•Jan. 21 - No school. Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

•Jan. 25 - Carol Jo May, OLV Hospital, "Let's Talk About Drugs" program; primary grade students.

•Feb. 18 - No school. President's Day.

•Feb. 19 - Lola Ratliff, Floyd County Schools, will conduct a Parent meeting on "Nutrition & Exercise," at 1 p.m., in the FRC. All parents/guardians urged to attend.

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

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

•Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.

•GED classes available at FRC each Monday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in library.

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

Mountain Christian Academy

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

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

•MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

•After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

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

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

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

•For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

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

•Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

•The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

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

•Jan. 17 - "Ronald McDonald!" Assembly presentation will begin at 1:25

p.m. For grade levels Pre K-3rd.

•Jan. 21 - No school - Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

•Jan. 25 - "Healthy Floyd County 2010 Oral Health Initiative" dental treatments will begin.

•Lost and Found is located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within three weeks become the property of the FRC.

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

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

and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

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

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

Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC. Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.

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

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

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

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

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397

Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

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Some of the workers at Paul B. Hall who assembled the hospital's Christmas baskets on Dec. 20.

PBH staff distributes Christmas baskets

PAINTSVILLE — On the morning of Dec. 20, the staff of Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center began assembling 100 Christmas baskets to distribute to needy families in three counties in the hospital's region.

By 8:04 a.m. all the baskets had been filled and picked-up by employees of the agencies in each county which verified and supplied the names and addresses of the families in Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties.

The families not only received all the essential "fixings" for a wonderful, traditional Christmas dinner, but each basket contained a pamphlet of Christmas carols with the Christmas story printed on the back cover.

Staff members most directly involved with assembling and loading the Christmas baskets under the direction of Human Resources Director Samantha Castle and Coordinator Mike Lazar, included assembly persons Robert Barker, Marlene

Maynard Julia Knight, Tammy Childers, Jennifer Hardin, Judy Salyer, Ronnie Ross, Heather Martin, JoAnn Allen, Trish Foley, Shelly Blair, Norman Bond, Steve Hazelett and Larry Walker. Food pickup and loading workers were Kent Precece, Scott Stewart, Thomas Pemberton, Mark Hall and Willis Fletcher.

Funds for the annual Paul B. Hall Christmas basket project were raised during the year by staff participation in various projects.

Free weather spotter training

The National Weather Service in Jackson will partner with the East Kentucky Science Center on Wednesday, January 23rd, at the East Kentucky Science Center at 6:30 p.m. to conduct a free storm spotting and weather safety presentation. This two hour presentation is open to the public and any age is welcome to attend, please call to

reserve your seat. In this entertaining and informative presentation we will learn to "read the sky" and determine if severe weather is approaching. In addition, important weather safety information will be provided to help protect you and your family from the hazards of severe weather. Please call ahead to reserve your spot we only have 50

seats available.

If you've ever wanted to be an official National Weather Service storm spotter, or are just interested in weather, we encourage you to attend!!

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Five Generations

Five generations of one family gathered earlier this month at the home of Gorment Hamilton, in McDowell. Pictured (clockwise, from bottom left) is granddaughter, Teresa Hart, great-granddaughter, Jacqui Worley, daughter, Patti Quick, and twins, Kailyn and James Worley, being held by their great-great-grandmother, Gorment Hamilton. Patti, her daughter and grandchildren are all from the Dayton, Ohio area. Patti is a graduate of McDowell High School. Gorment has been a lifelong resident of Floyd County.

Diva

know what's in there!
*The label is missing so you smell it to identify it and can't!

*The smell of the spice smells oddly like the garage on a rainy day.

*You mistakenly grabbed ground ginger for white pepper and it didn't ruin what you were making because it had no flavor!

According to the website of McCormick Spice, if you still have spices in a tin can - you know, the square and rectangular shaped cans with shaker and spoon out tops - they are seriously out of date (with the exception of black pepper), they have not manufactured the cans in over 15 years!!

The shelf life of spices are as follows:

- Ground spices - 2 to 3 years
 - Whole spices - 3 to 4 years
 - Dried Herbs - 1 to 3 years
- To keep your spices fresh and nice, you will want to buy

only what you need and mark the bottom of the container with a Sharpie, indicating the date you purchased the spice. I love buying my spices at the health food store (they are unbelievably fresh and cheap, because you buy what you need) and discount stores like Wal-Mart (2 for \$1.00!). You can always have fresh spices when you get them this way.

A great rule of thumb to figure out what to keep and what to pitch—if your spice is over a year old, go ahead and toss it. Are you ready to spice up your life with some FRESH spices? Old Spice is cologne, not what should be hanging out in our spice drawers! Let's get some fresh ones this week!

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website, www.SavingDinner.com, or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her New York Times Best Selling book Body Clutter, published by Fireside. Copyright 2008 Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

Eyes

uncool parents who obviously don't love teenage son, selling his car. Only driven for three weeks before snooply mom who needs to get a life found booze under front seat. \$3,700/offer. Call meanest mom on the planet."

Don't you just love it?

I think I'll call this mom and ask if she's interested in giving lessons. This pushover could learn a lot from a mean mom like that.

I would be lying if I said that I hadn't had thoughts along the same line myself. In my case, the problem isn't so much a concern in regard to drinking and driving (though moms are, after all, generally the very last to know), but moreso one in connection with the fact that my own teenage son seems to have trouble finding his way home at times. I'm telling you, folks - if

you want the kids out of the house and out of your way, hand 'em over a set of car keys. As long as there's gas in the tank and the wheels don't fall off, they'll find somewhere else to be besides home.

I didn't own a car when I was a teenager. And I didn't have a car when I was away at college. I had, instead, a Huffy bicycle and a pair of legs. And you know what? There wasn't anyplace I needed to go that I couldn't either ride that bike or walk.

And I didn't come home every weekend, either. On the holiday breaks when I did come home, my parents either picked me up and drove me back, or I caught a ride with a friend or relative that was headed in that direction. As a matter of fact, I got to know my cousin Terry Hall pretty well on all those trips we took

together traveling that old Mt. Parkway toll road.

But, today, things are different. Teenagers have "got" to have cars. They've also "got" to have cell phones. And iPods and computers and jeans from Abercrombie, Express, Hollister, or some other trendy spot.

Yep, they "got" to have all that stuff. Otherwise, I guess, they just fade into the woodwork like us old folks.

Far as I'm concerned, we need a bunch more "mean moms" in the world. Like this one in Des Moines who said she gave her son only two rules to follow when she gave the 19-year-old that 1999 Intrigue this past Thanksgiving - No booze, and always keep it locked.

Kudos to her for making the rules stick.

Fly Lady

ting rid of our clutter 15 minutes at a time and taking time for ourselves are the ingredients that make this pie melt in our mouths. Without them, this crust is very hard to put together.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Four new releases this week made for an eclectic mix of science fiction, horror, and western genres.

■ "3:10 to Yuma" — Russell Crowe and Christian Bale stand in for Glen Ford and Van Heflin in this remake of Elmore Leonard's classic western yarn that pits a low key farmer against a gang of outlaws. For once you get a remake of a good movie that actually improves upon the original. Bale brings his A-game here as a farmer forced to guard a dangerous gang leader while they wait for the titular train due to economic hardship. Crowe is well cast as the gang leader but the standout performance here is by Ben Foster (Angel in "X-Men 3") who is downright scary as Crowe's second in command.

■ "Sunshine" — An international crew of scientists and astronauts sign on for a suicide mission to reignite the sun in this

sci-fi drama that owes its topicality to current man of the hour, Al Gore. The film chronicles the journey to the sun, which is rife with hardships, and allows the actors plenty of time in the opening scenes to build up their characters. Chris Evans (The Human Torch in the "Fantastic Four" films) comes off best, while Michelle Yeoh has quiet strength. Cillian Murphy ("28 Days Later") is a bit icy as the ship's captain, but all in all the actors handle the material well. There is a plot twist about three-quarters through that should divide audiences, but debate is healthy so watch it with someone you love to argue with.

■ "Death Sentence" — Solid emoting by Kevin Bacon and some well staged action sequences (by director James Wan, "Saw") are not enough to recommend this low-octane revenge saga that finds a middle class man becoming a gun wielding vigilante to protect his family. This effort steers too far away from the source novel by Brian Garfield, which was itself a

sequel to his mega-hit, "Death Wish." Still, Bacon makes for a tense hero and he manages to breathe some life into a stilted script.

■ "White Noise 2" — This direct-to-video sequel fares well and focuses on a man who tries to take his own life after his family is shot to death in a restaurant by a stranger. Nathan Fillion ("Firefly") stars as the distraught father/husband who is brought back to life in an emergency room and stays connected to the afterlife. He soon realizes that he can see when others are going to die and his efforts to save people soon put him in peril with the forces of fate. It's an interesting story that eventually turns back on itself to reveal that the stranger from the beginning of the film had the same power, but using it forces one to do drastic things. Worth a look.

Next week look for some laughs with the release of "Good Luck Chuck" and "Mr. Woodcock," starring Billy Bob Thornton.

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WALK HARD (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:25.

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Cinema 6—Held Over
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Miners make impact in first half of debut season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Professional basketball has a strong presence throughout Eastern Kentucky and the rest of the Bluegrass State. The East Kentucky Miners finished the first half of the 2007-08 Continental Basketball Association (CBA) season 12-12. East Kentucky is the state's lone professional basketball team. The Miners owned a better record than any other CBA expansion franchise heading into the new year.

Miners Coach Kevin Keathley has brought an excit-

ing brand of basketball to Eastern Kentucky. The youngest professional basketball coach in America, Keathley favors an uptempo style of basketball. His style of play has helped to build a loyal Miner fanbase.

The Miners mentor exited the first half of the regular-season pleased with his team's effort.

"I couldn't ask for anything more out of this basketball team," said Keathley. "This team plays hard, it plays together, and that's what you want as a basketball coach. There's a lot of things to be

proud of as a franchise."

Keathley, who was named one of the top 10 young coaches in America in 2006 just one year after being honored as the ABA Coach of the Year, entered the second half of the regular-season looking to meet goals.

"There are still goals to be accomplished in 2008," Keathley commented. "We want to get a little better one quarter at a time and make the playoffs."

The second half of the Miners' inaugural season has East Kentucky professional basketball fans

eagerly anticipating what the rest of the campaign holds.

The Miners finished the first half of the 2007-08 season ranked second in the CBA in scoring, averaging more points than any other team in the state of Kentucky, including several high-profile college squads.

East Kentucky had two CBA Player of the Week honorees during its first 24 games. Josh Pace and Boo Jackson each claimed a weekly honor during the latest CBA season's first half.

(See MINERS, page two)



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners
Floyd County native Kevin Keathley guides the East Kentucky Miners – the state's lone professional basketball team.

Clemens sets out to fan Mitchell Report

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

The first week of January may not qualify as "the dead of winter," as we are wont to say in our area, but it's certainly in the running. Something else the first week of January doesn't constitute is baseball season, but you surely wouldn't know it by following the sportscasts of the week.

Over the weekend the big news was neither the first round of the football playoffs nor the NBA (thank God). It was Roger Clemens, who has set out to prove the Mitchell Report inaccurate where he is concerned. By midweek, the new Hall of Fame class was announced, and it was a brief statement, if you know what I mean.

Clemens, however, seems hell bent on staying in the news for a while. When the Mitchell Report was released, his was the biggest name therein. Even with that, he was unavailable for comment.

Then he released a statement through his agent. He didn't do it.

Well, thanks for clearing that up.

When media members had the gall to question him further, he did what any fine, upstanding baseball player would do in a situation like this. He got out the old camcorder, taped himself saying he didn't do it and posted it to a Web site.

That did it. He was innocent.

However, many people in the media aren't as accepting as am I, so they pressed him further. So Roger relented again and went to the most trusted name in news – no, no, not Larry King or Entertainment Tonight – 60 Minutes. You know, because they'd never make things up as they went along, at least not since they canned Dan Rather a while back.

So what if he and Mike Wallace are buds? Who cares? Does it matter that Wallace sits in George Steinbrenner's box when he comes to Yankee games? Of course not.

This, surely, would solve the problem.

But you know those, I mean, us nasty media types. Even that, an interrogation coming from 60 Minutes, wasn't good enough for us. So good old Roger finally faced the masses on Monday.

(See SPONSOR, page two)



photos by Jamie Howell
Beaver Junction Motocross became a frequent destination for motocross athletes throughout Eastern Kentucky during 2007.

Beaver Junction Motocross releases '08 schedule

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN – Beaver Junction Motocross has released its schedule for the 2008 season. The highly-popular Floyd County motocross venue is slated to open its season March 30. The 2008 season is scheduled to run March-October. The schedule is as follows:

Beaver Junction Motocross 2008 Outdoor Season: Round 1-March 30; Round 2-April 6; Round 3-April 20; Round 4-May 11; Round 5-May 25; Round 6-June 1; Round 7-June 8; Round 8-June 22; Round 9-July 6; Round 10-July 20; Round 11-August 10; Round 12-August 24; Round 13-Sept. 7; Round 14-Sept. 21; Round 15-Oct. 5; Oct. 12-Eric Gross Memorial Event; Oct. 26-Bike Giveaway and Point Series Awards.

Riders must participate in 10 rounds to be eligible for the bike giveaway and points series awards.

SCHEDULE: Gates will open at 9 a.m. each week. Rider registration will follow at 9:30 a.m. The riders' meeting will be held at 10:45 a.m. Practice will begin at 11 a.m. on all racing event dates.



Phelps fends off host Lady Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – First-year Phelps girls' basketball head coach J.R. VanHoose has his team headed in the right direction. Phelps improved to 5-4 Wednesday night, defeating host Allen Central 61-38.

Phelps has enjoyed success with VanHoose at the helm.

Three different Phelps players reached double figures in the scoring column

as the visiting team prevailed.

Phelps forced Allen Central to play from behind early on in the 15th Region meeting. The Lady Hornets outscored Allen Central 12-1 in the opening quarter. Phelps continued to dominate in the second period and went into halftime out in front 33-10.

Kim Biliter led Allen Central with 10 points. Biliter was the only Allen Central player to reach double figures in the scoring column. Sara Johnson

narrowly missed double figures, finishing with six points. Megan Jones added five points for host Allen Central.

Phelps outscored Allen Central 17-10 in the third quarter.

Seven different players dented the scoring column for each team.

The Lady Rebels dropped to 1-7 following the setback.

Allen Central will return to the hardwood on Monday at Phelps in the 15th Region All "A"

Classic versus Pikeville. Tip-off for the Allen Central-Phelps game is set for 6 p.m.

PHELPS 61,
ALLEN CENTRAL 38
PHELPS (5-4) – Keene 12, Johnson 14, Riley 9, Hall 21, McGuire 3, C. Wolford 4, K. Wolford 1.

ALLEN CENTRAL (1-7) – Biliter 10, Johnson 9, Brown 6, Jones 5, Braggs 4, Spurlock 2, Slone 2.

P.....12 21 17 11-61
AC.....1 9 10 18-38

Miners dominate, defeat Silverados

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE, KY. – Playing in front of a hoops hungry home crowd, East Kentucky snapped a two-game losing streak Wednesday night, defeating visiting Rio Grande Valley 114-90. East Kentucky moved back to the .500 mark after posting the win. The Miners improved to 13-13 thanks to the victory over the Texas franchise.

East Kentucky raced past the Silverados on many offensive trips.

Boo Jackson led East Kentucky with a double-double effort of 24 points and 13 rebounds. The CBA's leader in double-doubles, Jackson dished off three assists, blocked two shots and recorded a pair of steals.

Jason McLeish and Josh Pace each had 18 points for the Miners. Pace handed out six assists for the East Kentucky professional basketball

team.

"We ran all night and then ran a little longer," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "Rio Grande Valley is a much-improved basketball team. Our guys came in ready to play tonight – and played with enthusiasm. It was key for us to get this home win before we go on a break, then return here at the Expo Center for a game against conference rival Pittsburgh."

Reo Logan tossed in 12 points and Bryant Northern netted 11 as East Kentucky returned to the win column. Northern hit 3-of-4 three-point field goal attempts.

The Miners outscored Rio Grande Valley 31-19 in the opening quarter. East Kentucky maintained control in the second quarter on its way to a 63-42 halftime lead.

East Kentucky dominated, winning each of the first three quarters. The two

teams totaled the same number of points in the final quarter. East Kentucky won the quarter points convincingly, 6.5-0.5.

The Miners shot 56-percent from the field.

Rod Nealy led Rio Grande Valley with 21 points. Najeeb Echols netted 14 points and Renaldo Norman followed with 11 for the Silverados. Demorris Smith and Nate Johnson each had 10 points for the visiting team.

Rio Grande Valley fell to 3-20 as a result of the non-conference setback.

East Kentucky is off until Monday when American Conference foe Pittsburgh visits for a key contest. Tip-off for the upcoming East Kentucky-Pittsburgh game is set for 7:05 p.m. Tickets for East Kentucky's latest home conference game versus Pittsburgh remain available.



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners
Boo Jackson recorded a double-double in East Kentucky's win over Rio Grande Valley.

SC 91, P'burg 86

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – Sheldon Clark upended host Prestonsburg in a shootout Tuesday night. The Cardinals catapulted past Prestonsburg 91-86. Sheldon Clark enjoyed a strong finish, outscoring the Blackcats 35-22 in the final quarter.

Brady Horn led Sheldon Clark with a game-high 32 points. Three of Horn's teammates joined him in double figures in the scoring column.

Sheldon Clark improved to 4-9 after recording the win.

The two teams swapped numerous leads. Prestonsburg pushed out of the first quarter ahead 16-12. The Blackcats owned a 39-30 lead when the game broke for its intermission break.

Sheldon Clark made up some ground in the third quarter, outscoring the Blackcats 26-25.

Sophomore Michael Burchett led Prestonsburg with 25 points. Jordan Hall scored 16 points and Taylor Clark added 13 for the Blackcats (3-8).

SC 91, P'BURG 86
SHELDON CLARK (4-9) – Stroud 7, Moore 11, Goble 11, Horn 32, Meade 7, Mollette 17, Cline 2, Sturgill 2, Marcum 2.
PRESTONSBURG (3-8) – Burchett 25, J. Hall 16, Stephens 9, Rodebaugh 8, Tackett 7, Clark 13, Setser 2, T. Hall 3, Stumbo 1, Gearheart 2.
SC.....12 18 26 35-91
P'burg.....16 23 25 22-86

Rebels handle Johnson Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Allen Central, a 15th Region Semifinalist from the 2007-08 season, notched its ninth win Tuesday night, defeating longtime non-district rival Johnson Central 70-60 at J.E. Campbell Arena. The Rebels, thanks to a balanced scoring effort, pulled away and won late. Allen Central outscored the Golden Eagles 16-10 in the final quarter.

The win was Allen Central's second in three games.

Johnson Central, under the guidance of first-year head coach Tommy McKenzie, led 16-15 at the conclusion of the first quarter. After going out in front in the second quarter, Allen Central carried a 35-32 lead into halftime.

Senior Alex Hammonds paced Allen Central with a team-best 17 points. Aaron Crum was second behind Hammonds in the Allen Central scoring column, finishing with 14 points. Logan Crowder scored 13 points and Hunter Crowder added 11 for the Rebels.

Allen Central (9-6) outscored Johnson Central (6-7) in each of the last two quarters.

Joe Whitaker led Johnson Central with a game-high 23 points. Ian Welch added 14 points for the visiting Golden Eagles.

ALLEN CENTRAL 70,
JOHNSON CENTRAL 60
JOHNSON CENTRAL (6-7) – Crum 9, Whitaker 23, Blankenship 5, Conley 5, Welch 14, Smith 2, Dillon 2.

ALLEN CENTRAL (9-6) – Hammonds 17, Crum 14, Prater 8, L. Crowder 13, H. Crowder 11, Turner 7.

JC.....16 16 18 10-60
AC.....15 20 19 16-70

UNC stays No. 1 in poll

by JIM O'CONNELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina's overtime win at Clemson kept the Tar Heels unbeaten and the top of The Associated Press' college basketball poll unchanged Monday.

For the sixth straight week, North Carolina, Memphis and Kansas were 1-2-3 in the Top 25, and the first nine teams held their places from last week.

Xavier and Miami both returned to the rankings, replacing Pac-10 teams Arizona and Southern California.

North Carolina (15-0) needed Wayne Ellington's 3-pointer with less than a second to play in overtime for a 90-88 victory over Clemson and the No. 1 ranking it has held since the preseason poll.

The Tar Heels received 46 first-place votes and 1,768 points from the 72-member national media panel.

Memphis (13-0), which had blowout home wins over Siena and Pepperdine last week, was No. 1 on 25 ballots and had 1,742 points.

Kansas (14-0) and Washington State (13-0) both won on the road last week. The Jayhawks, who received the only other first-place vote, beat Boston College 85-60, while the Cougars beat Washington 56-52.

The two other remaining undefeated teams in Division I — Vanderbilt (15-0) and Mississippi (13-0) — were ranked 13th and 16th.

UCLA was fifth, followed by Michigan State, Georgetown, Tennessee and Duke.

Indiana moved up one place to round out the top 10.

Texas A&M was 11th followed by Texas, Vanderbilt, Butler, Marquette, Mississippi, Dayton, Clemson, Villanova and Pittsburgh.

The last five ranked teams were Wisconsin, Rhode Island, Stanford, Xavier and Miami.

Marquette dropped from No. 10 to No. 15 after its 79-64 loss at West Virginia.

Xavier (12-3) moved back into the rankings at No. 24 after being out for three weeks. The Musketeers were ranked for three weeks earlier this season, reaching as high as No. 17. Consecutive losses to Arizona State and Tennessee knocked them out, but they have won four straight since, the last three over Kansas State, Virginia and Auburn by an average of 29 points.

Miami (13-1) returned to the poll after being out for one week. The Hurricanes started the season with 12 straight wins and were ranked for two weeks, reaching No. 19. A 76-70 home loss to Winthrop knocked them out, and they won their only game since, 88-62 over Pennsylvania.

Arizona (10-4) fell out from 21st having lost two of three games, but the Wildcats played that whole stretch without freshman point guard Jerryd Bayless, who is recovering from a sprained right knee. The Wildcats, who lost at Memphis and at home to Oregon, had been ranked the last five weeks and for all but two weeks this season.

Southern California (9-5) lost both games last week in its first conference trip of the season, falling to California and Stanford. The Trojans had been ranked for the last three weeks.

Miners

NBA scouts are evaluating both Pace and Jackson.

— Pace was third in the league in scoring through the first 24 games. He currently leads the league in triple-doubles. The former Syracuse University standout led the CBA in scoring in portions of November and December.

— Jackson was fifth in the league in scoring and third in rebounding. He currently leads the league in double-doubles.

— Point guards Jason McLeish

Continued from p1
(Eastern Kentucky University) and Bryant Northern (University of Louisville) are a part of an original 10-man opening day East Kentucky had kept intact entering 2008.

— During the first 24 games, East Kentucky recorded wins over Albany, Minot, Butte and Pittsburgh.

— East Kentucky's attendance is among the best in the CBA.

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Computers place Cats in Top 25

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Five of the six computer evaluations used in the Bowl Championship Series process list Kentucky among the nation's top 25 teams for the 2007 college football season.

The Sagarin Ratings are the top listing of UK, with the Wildcats coming in at No. 18. Kentucky's strength-of-schedule is rated as high as No. 5 nationally by the Colley Matrix computer evaluation.

Among the human opinions, Kentucky was third among teams receiving votes (equivalent of 28th overall) in The Associated Press poll and tied for fifth among teams receiving votes (equivalent of 30th overall) in the USA Today coaches' poll.

Both opinion polls and four of the six computer rankings had UK as the nation's highest-ranked team among squads that finished with an 8-5 record for the 2007 campaign.

Computer/Poll UK Ranking Strength of Schedule (if listed) Sagarin Ratings 18 17

Massey 20 7

Wolfe 23 —

Colley Matrix 24 5

Anderson and Hester 25 12

Associated Press 28 —

USA Today T-30 —

Billingsley 32 —

Ailing AC girls fall to Powell Co.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

STANTON — Kendra McFarland scored a game-high 23 points and Ashley Lacy netted 15 on Saturday as host Powell County turned back Allen Central 57-43 in a game between non-region squads.

More than one Lady Rebel has been hit by an injury. Despite the recent injuries, Allen Central managed to stay within striking distance of the experienced Powell County team.

Allen Central, playing without several three key players (Jaimie Mullins, broken nose; Sara Johnson, stress fracture; Megan Jones, sprained ankle), fell behind early on. Powell County exited the first quarter out in front 20-13. The Lady Pirates carried a 27-20 lead into halftime and ultimately pulled away in the second half.

Amber Shepherd led the depleted Allen Central girls' basketball team with a team-best 16 points. Shepherd was the only Lady Rebel to reach double figures in the scoring column. Kim Bilitier followed with seven points for Allen Central.

Shea Spurlock and Caitlin Kidd each had six points for the Lady Rebels. Brandi Brown and Tasha Bragg rounded out the Allen Central scoring with four points apiece.

Powell County led 39-32 at the end of the third quarter.

Each team featured six different scorers.

South Floyd shocks Ladycats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Kayla Hall scored a game-high 20 points and Chelsie Tuttle added 13 last Friday night as South Floyd pulled off a thrilling 48-44 win over 58th District/Floyd County Conference foe Betsy Layne. Defending district/conference champion Betsy Layne was outscored in three of four quarters.

It was the first time South Floyd had defeated Betsy Layne in a regular-season girls' basketball game.

"It was a great win for our program," said South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac. "Our girls went out and played well against a very good team."

Hall led a hot-shooting South Floyd team to victory, hitting four three-point field goals. Andrea Conn scored four points and Gabby Bailey flipped in three as part of a balanced Lady Raider offensive effort. Faith Little, Danielle Tackett and Kiana Hall had two points apiece for host South Floyd.

South Floyd took an 11-8 lead out of the first quarter. Betsy Layne, however, showed signs in the second quarter of being a team that's quickly turning into a veteran contingent. The Ladycats battled back to lead 24-22 at the intermission.

South Floyd put together a game-changing third quarter, outscoring the Ladycats 13-4.

Taylor Hott led Betsy Layne with a team-best 10 points. Kaitlin Lawson scored nine points and Megan Hamilton had eight for the Ladycats.

Betsy Layne defeated South Floyd 102-79 in the boys' game.



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LAWRENCE BARNES went up for a shot during East Kentucky's game versus Rio Grande Valley. Barnes ranks as one of the CBA's best leapers. The Miners are due back in action on Monday at home versus American Conference rival Pittsburgh.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Logan Crowder, Allen Central Boys' Basketball

Kayla Hall, South Floyd Girls' Basketball

Clemens

Continued from p1

That's right, an honest-to-goodness Q&A with the media.

This time, he'll put them, I mean, us, in our place.

And to do so, he came equipped with something even more powerful than his legendary fastball. He brought with him 17 minutes of audiotape from the now legendary phone conversation he had with accuser Brian McNamee.

Included in the heavily edited tape, by the way, was our boy Rog asking about McNamee's ill son. See, if this doesn't show us what kind of nice guy we're dealing with, nothing will.

And yet, sadly, the media folk were unswayed. It seems nothing can get them off poor Roger's back.

And it's too bad, really. I mean, here's a guy who has 24, maybe 25 years of big-league time under his belt — the exact length of his dedication apparently escaped him at the time of his interview — and baseball fans didn't show him one inch of loyalty. Not one!

And it's a shame, really. I mean, who has been more dedicated to the fans of Boston, and then Toronto, and then New York, and then Houston, and then New York again than Roger Clemens? Who? If a guy who has served the fan base of four different major-league teams can't get more dedication from them than this, why bother?

Besides, I think the media members have missed something vitally important here. While they've been digging around and asking questions about his involvement with "performance-enhancing drugs," they missed a golden opportunity.

But because I was paying attention, I learned something here. That's right, I was educated. He taught me something, not unlike Helen Crump did to Earnest T. Bass.

You see, apparently, if a person takes a few shots of some performance-enhancer per year over the course of three or four years, said person will actually grow a third ear, right through the center of their forehead!

As Mel Allen would unquestionably say here, how about that! A third ear!

Well, that will surely make those drug users a lot easier to spot. Even us lowly media types will be able to see that.

Besides that, if he did use those drugs — and we're just speaking hypothetically here — where is the person who sold them to him? Why haven't they come forward?

I have to agree with him here. I mean, what drug dealer worth his salt wouldn't come forward and tell the authorities that they were the person dealing illegal substances and who knows what all to Clemens? Why, I'd bet they'd be rewarded for their efforts. Probably they'd get a semi-private room down at the county lockup for that kind of information. No general-public area for them. No way.

And clearly, everyone can see the difference in Roger's case and that of Andy Pettitte, can't they? I mean, think about it. Just because Andy and Roger are BFFs, and just because the same guy who gave Roger up also spilled the beans on Andy, and just because Andy came forward and said the information about him was true, all true, where is the correlation here?

This is a completely separate incident. I'll tell you the truth, I'm starting to question members of my media family too.

Clearly, Roger Clemens has told us the truth and given us all the information we need to clean his good name, yet we just don't seem to want to have any of it. What's wrong with us?

So next month, Clemens will go before congress and straighten them out. And just for good measure, he won't limit his talk to baseball matters either. No-sir, not Roger. He'll tell them about baseball, drugs and "anything else I know" when he gets there.

That should settle the Iraq war, peace in the Middle East and maybe even the problem of our uninsured Americans.

Roger Clemens, clearly, has been wronged. And I personally don't think it's too late to fix it.

So move over Hilary — you've already had eight years as president — Obama and Johnny McCain. There's a new sheriff in town.

Roger Clemens for president! Get your bumper stickers here!

Reds announce Winter Caravan details

CINCINNATI — The 2008 Reds Winter Caravan, in partnership with CincinnatiUSA.com, is scheduled to make 28 stops in 25 cities and towns in four states covering four days and more than 1,500 miles. The caravan kicks off Thursday, January 24 and will include 12 fan stops that will be open to the public and 13 Hot Stove stops at Reds on Radio affiliates. The Caravan will visit two hospitals, King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland, KY and Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at St. Vincent in Indianapolis. The Reds Community Fund has field renovation dedication ceremonies scheduled for Columbus and Louisville.

The 2008 version will consist of two separate caravans touring simultaneously. The 12 stops open to the public will be free. At each stop (not including the field renovations) the Reds will raffle off two tickets to the 2008 Opening Day game against the Arizona

Diamondbacks.

The very popular Reds Winter Caravan provides fans with the opportunity to interact with new Reds manager Dusty Baker, executive vice president and general manager Wayne Krivsky, current and former players, broadcasters and other members of the front office staff. At each stop, the group will field questions from fans, sign autographs and pose for photographs. Sales representatives will be on hand to discuss season tickets and group sales, while the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum, the Reds Community Fund and Cincinnati USA Regional Tourism Network also will attend selected stops.

The Southern Leg group includes Baker, outfielder Ryan Freel, Reds Minor League Player of the Year Jay Bruce, Reds broadcasters Thom Brennaman and Jeff Brantley, senior vice president of business operations Phil Castellini and Reds mascot Mr. Redlegs. — Times Staff Report



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New England still unbeaten and still a heavy favorite

by DAVE GOLDBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New England Patriots had a week away from the playoff spotlight, so they might have slid to the back of some folks' minds.

But the oddsmakers didn't forget. They made the Patriots 13-point favorites for their first playoff game, at home Saturday night against Jacksonville. The Jaguars earned a trip to Foxborough by beating Pittsburgh 31-29 last week after losing an 18-point fourth-quarter lead.

For a month now, the Jaguars have been considered a team equipped to give the Patriots a game, built for northern climes in January because they can rush the ball. Last Saturday night, the most important run came from quarterback David Garrard, who went 32 yards on fourth-and-2 to set up Josh Scobee's winning field goal.

But otherwise, running was a problem for the Jaguars.

Garrard was their leading rusher. Fred Taylor averaged only 3 yards a carry and Maurice Jones-Drew did most of his damage with a 96-yard kickoff return and a 43-yard run with a short pass for a touchdown. Overall, Jacksonville had just 239 yards from scrimmage against a Pittsburgh defense at less than full strength.

That won't work against the Patriots, who set an NFL record this season with 589 points — almost 37 a game. In other words, to beat New England, you have to outscore it, something Jacksonville isn't equipped to do.

And listen to Jack Del Rio gush.

"I think it's probably the greatest collection of talent in coaching that's ever been assembled. I think they've got really an all-star cast. I think you've got some certain Hall of Fame players," the Jacksonville coach said this week. "You've got a whole slew of all-stars and Pro Bowl-type guys and the coaching staff is very strong. We've got a lot of respect for what they've been able to accomplish, not only this year, but over the last five or six years."

Sounds like he doesn't expect to win.

He's probably right.
PATRIOTS, 33-17

New York Giants (plus 7 1/2) at Dallas

The Giants may have the best shot of all the road underdogs.

They have an eight-game road winning streak that started after an opening night loss at Texas Stadium. And they have momentum from a three-point loss to New England and an impressive playoff win in Tampa.

New York also is peaking at a time when Dallas is sluggish and its most dangerous offensive weapon, Terrell Owens, is a question mark with a high ankle sprain.

"Not that we're guaranteed to win this game, but if you play him you have to wonder if he'll be available down the line," Wade Phillips said this week, adding that his star receiver's status is a game-time decision.

Both QBs, Eli Manning and Tony Romo, have had success in the two meetings this season, won by Dallas 45-35 at home and 31-20 in the Meadowlands. Romo's mobility has been a major factor, causing problems for New York's league-leading pass rush in both games.

This will probably be closer than the spread, which is always a bit of an overload toward America's team. (As was the Pro Bowl voting).

A tentative pick ...
COWBOYS, 29-27

San Diego (plus 8 1/2) at Indianapolis

Throw out the wacky game in the San Diego rain in which Peyton Manning threw six interceptions and Adam Vinatieri missed an easy field goal that could have won the game for the Colts.

Instead, look back to the game these two played in the RCA Dome

in 2005, when the Chargers ended the Colts' 13-0 run. They won 26-17 because they succeeded in getting pressure on Manning from Shawne Merriman, Shaun Phillips, Igor Olshansky and others.

Like the Cowboys, the Colts didn't play very hard in their final regular-season game, meaning their regulars have had a two-week break. The Chargers came alive in the second half last week against Tennessee.

Will Indy be rusty?
Not enough to lose.
COLTS, 26-17

Seattle (plus 8) at Green Bay

One of the overlooked aspects of winter weather is that it neutralizes defensive speed as well as offensive speed.

That could be to the detriment of the Seahawks, who used the defensive speed to their advantage against the Redskins last week. If Patrick Kerney, for example, finds it hard to get traction, the Seahawks may have trouble pressuring Brett Favre.

Beyond that are Seattle's road problems. The Seahawks were 7-1 at home but just 3-5 on the road. That's not just a one-year situation. It's been a pattern for a long time for Seattle, going back to the days at the ultra-loud Kingdome.

Yes, Mike Holmgren is used to

coaching at Lambeau Field. But Green Bay has been a level above all the NFC challengers except Dallas.

PACKERS, 21-16
LAST WEEK: 2-1-1 (Spread) 3-1 (straight up)
REGULAR SEASON: 127-121-8 (spread); 170-86 (straight up)

NFL PLAYOFFS
WILD-CARD
Saturday, Jan. 5
Seattle 35, Washington 14
Jacksonville 31, Pittsburgh 29

Sunday, Jan. 6
N.Y. Giants 24, Tampa Bay 14
San Diego 17, Tennessee 6

DIVISIONAL
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Seattle at Green Bay, 4:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at New England, 8 p.m.

Sunday's games
San Diego at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.

Tom Brady adds AP Offensive Player of Year to MVP honor

by HOWARD ULMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Two honors in four days is pretty impressive even for Tom Brady. After all, he only wins one game every week.

The latest award came Tuesday when the Patriots quarterback was chosen The Associated Press Offensive Player of the Year just three days after being chosen as the NFL's MVP.

Too bad New England coach Bill Belichick doesn't like his players talking about individual accomplishments.

"I don't know if I'm allowed to talk about awards," wide receiver Donte Stallworth said with a sheepish look. "If there's any questions about Jacksonville, I'll be more than happy to answer any questions about Jacksonville, but Tom is a great player. You guys know that."

Then Stallworth answered

reporters' questions about Saturday night's divisional playoff game at home against the Jaguars.

In his last playoff game, Brady and the Patriots wasted an 18-point lead and lost 38-34 in the AFC championship game to Indianapolis last season. So he's very busy preparing to keep their perfect season going.

"Individual awards haven't been as important to me as the team goals, and I've said that for a long time," Brady said. "While I'm very flattered to be honored in that way, I understand that my greatest satisfaction comes from winning games and being the leader of this football team. I take that job very seriously and I hope that translates into a win this week."

Of the four players who received votes from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the NFL, three were Patriots. Brady, of course, led the way,

just as he did through the first 16-0 regular season in league history.

Brady was the first New England player to be named MVP. He ran away with the Offensive Player award with 35 1/2 votes. Next came two Patriots wide receivers — Randy Moss with 12 1/2 votes and Wes Welker with one. Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre received the other vote.

Brady, an eight-year veteran whose already won three Super Bowls and two Super Bowl MVP awards, threw for 50 touchdowns, beating Peyton Manning's league mark by one. He also threw 23 of those TD passes to Moss, lifting the receiver past Jerry Rice's record of 22.

New England scored 589 points and 75 TDs, both records. Brady had a 68.9 completion percentage, 117.2 passer rating, just eight interceptions and a league high 4,806 yards passing.

Since Favre won Offensive Player in 1995, only two quarterbacks have taken the award: Manning with his record-setting 2004 season, and now Brady.

Last year's winner was running back LaDainian Tomlinson of San Diego.

Brady is the fourth straight double winner, joining Manning, running back Shaun Alexander of Seattle, and Tomlinson.

"We set out a bunch of goals early in the season," Brady said, "and I think I said the best part about playing quarterback here is I just have to do my job, show up every day and work hard just like everybody else. I think my job description is just a bit different than everybody else's, but there's a lot of satisfaction knowing that I can just come out there and worry about myself and expect that everybody else is going to do their job."

"It's been a fun season. There's no doubt about it."

Joe Gibbs resigns as coach of Washington Redskins

by JOSEPH WHITE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASHBURN, Va. — After the toughest season of his Hall of Fame career, Joe Gibbs knew he needed to walk away from his Washington Redskins family to be closer to his wife, children and grandchildren.

He resigned as coach and team president of the Redskins on Tuesday, three days after a playoff loss ended an inspirational late-season run that followed the death of safety Sean Taylor.

The 67-year-old Gibbs said Redskins owner Dan Snyder tried to persuade him to stay on during a conversation that lasted until about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"My family situation being what it is right now, I told him I couldn't make the kind of commitment I needed to make," Gibbs said during a news conference at the Redskins' practice facility, standing a few feet from the three silver Super Bowl trophies he won during his first tenure with the team.

Speaking about his family, Gibbs added: "I felt like they needed me."

Gibbs did not go into specifics. But one of his grandsons, Taylor, was diagnosed with leukemia a year ago at age 2. Gibbs frequently talks lovingly about his "grandbabies," and he made an overnight trip to North Carolina on Sunday to be with his family, interrupting the postseason routine of meetings that usually follow the final game of the season.

"I had real good visits with everybody, and at that point when I started back to D.C. and got on the plane that afternoon, I kind of had a real strong feeling in my heart of what I felt like I

should do," Gibbs said.

He had one season left on the five-year, \$27.5 million deal that lured him out of his first NFL retirement and away from his second career as a NASCAR owner.

Now, instead of coaching, Gibbs will shift into a role as an adviser to Snyder, saying: "I feel like this is my home, also."

"I tried very, very hard to try to convince Joe not to retire," the owner said. "This is something none of us wanted to see happen. But all of us respect it and understand it."

Gibbs went 31-36, including 1-2 in the playoffs, in his second stint with the Redskins, always maintaining he intended to fulfill the contract.

"I hate to leave something unfinished. I made an original commitment of five years. I felt bad about that," Gibbs said, his voice occasionally choking with emotion.

"It's one of the few times in life I felt like I walked away from something. But I also felt like ... 'Hey, I need to be in a different situation.'"

The news startled players, who left Sunday's final team meeting certain Gibbs would return for the final year of his contract.

"That's part of this business — it's full of surprises," safety Pierson Prioleau said. "Most of us suspected he would be back, and he'll definitely be missed."

Gibbs called this his hardest season, making reference to Taylor's shooting in November, but pointed to his family as the chief reason for his resignation.

Among the candidates to replace him will be two former head coaches who have

been members of his staff, Gregg Williams and Al Saunders. Former Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher also could be a candidate. The team will have to interview at least one minority to comply with the NFL's "Rooney Rule" as it seeks the sixth coach since Snyder bought the team in 1999.

Snyder said the process to find a replacement hadn't started and that he hasn't spoken to Cowher about the job.

Several players on Tuesday immediately endorsed Williams, the fiery coach Gibbs hired to run the defense in 2004.

"Coach Williams is a great coach," fullback Mike Sellers said. "The players love him. It would be sad to see him not get it."

Williams was 17-31 as head coach of the Buffalo Bills from 2001-03, but has put together solid defenses in three of his four seasons in Washington. His in-your-face style would be a marked contrast to Gibbs' more measured approach.

"Coach (Gibbs) has that granddaddy effect on you," cornerback Fred Smoot said. "And Gregg, he gives off a mad scientist-type vibe. You've got to love that if you're a football player."

Tuesday's announcement brings an end to a coaching career in which Gibbs twice raised the Redskins from mediocrity into the playoffs, although he failed in his goal of bringing the team back to the Super Bowl during his second stint. Gibbs led the Redskins to four Super Bowls and won three NFL championships from 1981-92; he took the team to the postseason in two of his four seasons when he returned.

Following Taylor's funer-

Bears ranked 23rd in the nation

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College Bears are learning that no matter how quickly the wins pile up, moving up the poll takes a while.

The NAIA released its third rating of the season on Wednesday, and the Bears continued their upward, if snail-paced, mobility. After debuting at No. 25 in the first poll and moving up to 24th in the second, the Bears are 23rd this week.

The slow-moving poll is in sharp contrast to the win column of the Bears this season. After knocking off OSU-Mansfield 115-65 last week, the Bears are now 13-2 on the season and winners of 10 straight games.

The last loss this season came before Thanksgiving, on Nov. 19 when the Bears fell to Bluefield College 92-82. The Rams, by the way, remained 18th in the NAIA Div. II poll this week.

Since that loss, the Bears have reeled off 10 straight wins and remained perfect at home this season where they currently stand 9-0. However, the Bears haven't played in the Pikeville College Gym since Nov. 28 and won't again until Jan. 26 when they entertain West Virginia University Tech to open Mid-South Conference play.

They have won a pair of games at the East Kentucky Expo Center, which also counts in the home column.

Elsewhere in the Mid-South Conference, one-third of the league remains in the national Top 10 with Georgetown holding on at No. 2 with a 14-0 mark and Campbellsville slipping one spot to No. 7 at 14-2.

No other MSC teams got votes this week.

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MINERS GUARD BRYANT NORTHERN lofted a shot as fans looked on during a Miners home game at the Expo Center.

Boys' High School Basketball

Jackson City rolls past Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

JACKSON — Jackson City wouldn't be denied on its home-floor Tuesday. The Tigers outscored visiting South Floyd 29-12 in the opening quarter and stayed out in front the rest of the way en route to a 93-60 win.

The Tigers toiled a commanding 49-27 lead into halftime. Senior Drew Davidson led Jackson City with a rare triple-double. Davidson, one of the 14th Region's most underrated players, finished with 24 points, 15 rebounds and 10 assists.

Jackson City outscored South Floyd in each of the first three quarters. The Tigers improved to 7-5 after recording the win.

Wes Akers led South Floyd with 23 points. Akers was the only Raider to reach double figures in the scoring column. Tyler Mitchell and Tommy Joe Hall scored seven points apiece for the Raiders (0-14).

JACKSON CITY 93, SOUTH FLOYD 60
SOUTH FLOYD (0-14) — Mitchell 7, Akers 23, Langdon 6, Turner 3, Paige 6, Jones 2, Marson 2, Hayes 1, Tackett 3, Hall 7.
JACKSON CITY (7-5) — Davidson 24, Howard 13, Goff 8, Gayheart 2, Hayes 15, Flinchum 17, Brewer 6, Combs 2, Carrico 6.
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LEGALS

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

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a permit for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 1.0 mile southwest of Blue Moon, in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 8.07 surface acres, and underlies 1,113.81 acres and the total area within the permit boundary is 1121.88 acres.

(2) The operation is approximately 1.1 mile southwest of Little Mud Creek Road's junction with the Morgan Fork Road, and located adjacent to and 0.50 mile north of Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek. The Latitude is 37 degrees, 29 minutes, 28 seconds.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation. The operation underlies land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Reevis Hamilton, Leon Greer, Charles McKinney, Vernedith Meade, William and Dorothy Martin, Roy Spurlock, Estill Mullins, David Meade, Ella Martin, Clayborne Bailey, Ida Mae Newsome, et al., Sola Williams, Vannie Kidd, Charlie Elliot, Caner Hunter, John Hunter, Willie Lawson, Earl Watson, Roger Lee and Patricia Hunter, Earl Lee and Katherine Hall, and Ted Meade. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of Morgan Fork Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite No. 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. 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 OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0349

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 295.0 acres and will underlie an additional 433.0 acres, located 1.8 mile southwest of Grethel, in Floyd County. The proposed oper-

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EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE
Registered Nurse with four to six years related experience and/or training; R.N., with technical or operational experience in a health field such as DME, urgent care, ambulance, ENF, home health, pharmacy benefits, or delivery of carer; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

OTHER SKILLS AND ABILITIES
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Newsome, and Miller Bros. Coal LLC, et al. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road, Frasure Branch County Road, but no closer than 0' of Frasure Branch County Road. The operation will not involve relocation

or temporary closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office,

3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127

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