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Senate votes to abolish runoffs

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - The Kentucky Senate passed its first bill of the year Wednesday, approving a measure that would eliminate runoff elections in future governor's races.

Currently, a runoff election to determine the Republican or Democratic gubernatorial nominee is triggered if

a single candidate in either field doesn't reach 40-percent of the vote in the regular primary. Last May's crowded

field in both major parties nearly led to a runoff election. But Governor Steve Beshear and former Governor Ernie Fletcher both passed the required threshold. Republican Senator

Damon Thayer of Georgetown says he sponsored the legislation to save taxpayers'

The measure cleared the Senate on a 37-0 vote and heads to the House for consideration.

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Magistrates point fingers at Southern Water; treasurer blames historic runaway spending

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

County Fiscal Court is pointing at debts owed by Southern Water and Sewage as a significant factor for recent layoffs during their regular meeting on Friday.

According to court members,

County lays off four more employees

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd Southern owes the county in excess of \$200,000.

> "How can Southern Water, keep our money, pay their employees, give them bonuses, and we have to lay people asked Magistrate Donnie Daniels, of District 3.

According to County Attorney Keith Bartley, the problem began when the county attached their garbage bills to the water bills sent out by Southern Water and Sewage. Upon collection, the money is supposed to be split, with the revenue generated by garbage pickup going back to the county.

"They are supposed to pay us our garbage money," Bartley said. "They have no right to it, or to delay the payment of it.'

Bartley indicated after the meeting that he hoped Southern Water would pay the balance of their debt by March,

(See COUNTY, page three)

MARCH WITH A MESSAGE



Students and staff of Big Sandy Community and Technical College organized a march through Prestonsburg Friday to commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King. Bernadette Tiapo, Director of Cultural Diversity at BSCTC said, "Dr. King had a message for all people. He truly believed in and gave his life for the cause of human rights.

Lawmakers: Cigarette tax increase is on the table

by JOE BIESK

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Given Kentucky's lean budget situation, some lawmakers around the Capitol are considering a plan to raise the cigarette tax rather than face deep slashes in state spending.

Kentucky has one of the lowest cigarette taxes in the nation. So, rather than face the

ernment services, some say it may be time to boost the tax on smokers.

"There probably are no sacred cows," Rep. Charlie Hoffman, D-Georgetown, said.

Kentucky is facing a budget shortfall in the current fiscal year that ends June 30 of more than \$430 million. Revenue projections for the coming two years also forecast a drop of

prospect of drastic cuts in gov- \$580 million for fiscal 2009 and \$300 million in 2010.

> Gov. Steve Beshear has ordered 3 percent cuts in state agencies and public universities in an effort to balance state government's books this year. Beshear, who makes his budget pitch to the General Assembly on Jan. 29, has said deeper cuts are expected over the next two

> > (See TAX, page three)

3 area businesses among 'best places to work'

Times Staff Report

FRANKFORT - A Floyd County hospital and two Pike County businesses have been recognized as being among the best places to work in the state.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin, was named one of the top 25 small-to-medium companies in Kentucky, while Pikeville Medical Center and Southeast Telephone received similar honors in the large company catego-

awards The announced Friday by the Kentucky Society for Resource Human Management State Council, in conjunction with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, as part of the fourth annual Best Places to Work in Kentucky competi-

Winners from across the

um-sized (companies of 25 to 249 employees) and large-sized (companies of 250 employees or greater).

The selection process, managed Companies Group, is based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey. The survey feedback that all participating companies receive will enable them to develop the plans and implement the steps necessary to create a great workplace and continue to improve the performance of their business.

The actual rankings will be announced at an awards dinner April 17, at the Lexington Convention Center in downtown Lexington.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Kentucky has more than 14,000 privately-owned state have been selected in establishments with 20 or two categories: small/medi- more employees.

OLW, six others former new health system

Times Staff Report

LEXINGTON - Our Lady of the Way Hospital, of Martin, announced Friday that it is joining six other Kentucky health care organizations to come together as one.

The new group began

operations this month as Saint Joseph Health System. In addition to OLW, members include Flaget Memorial Hospital in Bardstown, Marymount Medical Center in London Saint Joseph

(See SYSTEM, page three)

Lawmakers react to gambling projection

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A projection claiming casino gambling will bring Kentucky much less than the advertised \$500 million may be dampening some lawmakers' interest in the plan. Gov. Steve Beshear says

Kentucky could boost its annual revenue by more than \$500 million per year if it legalizes casino gambling.

ures will be about \$314 million per

Senate Majority Floor Leader Dan Kelly says lawmakers should focus their energy elsewhere. The Springfield Republican says the lower forecast won't add much money in the state's bottom line.

Kentucky is facing a \$434 million budget shortfall this fiscal year and economists say there could be an \$880 million shortfall in the coming two years.



building that once hosted the Alano club could be seen fully engulfed in flame by commuters on Route 114 on Tuesday. Because the building was abandoned and posed no threat to other structures. Prestonsburg Department did

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blaze, but kept it in check.

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FLOYD COUNTY

Judith Lynn Collins, 54, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 13, in King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Sharon Kay Risner Damron, 63, of Ivel, died Monday, December 31, at Salyersville Health Care. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 3, under the directon of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sylvania Johnson Hall, 95, of Brodhead, a native of Weeksbury, died Friday, December 21, at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Facility. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 23, at the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist

■ Elder Ellis Holbrook, 78, of Betsy Layne, formerly of Melvin, died Sunday, January 13, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Ormagene

Obituaries

Lillian Moore Sizemore

Lillian Moore Sizemore, age 76, of Minnie, departed this life on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, in King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland.

She was born in Minnie, on August 12, 1931, the daughter of the late Marion and Girlie Hall Moore.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Rock Fork United Christian Baptist Church in Garrett.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Wilse Sizemore; and a son, Ellis Sizemore.

She is survived by four sons: Hurley Sizemore of Chicago, Illinois, Harvey Sizemore of Minnie, and Eugene Sizemore and Darrell Sizemore, both Prestonsburg; four daugthers: Darla Click of Martin, Linda Lafferty and Theresa Hyden, both of Minnic; and Dorothy Banks of Cincinnati, Ohio; a brother, Foster Stumbo of McDowell; two sisters: Brooksie Gearheart of Minnie, Alice Arnold Kendallville, Indiana; and several grandchildren and great-

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 19, at 1:00 p.m., in the Rock Fork United Christian Baptist Church in Garrett, with Bethel Bolen, Mark Hunt, Virgil Hunt, and Nathan Lafferty officiaing.

grandchildren.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery in McDowell, under the directtion of Hall Funeral Home of Martin. (Paid obituary)

(Tiny) Hall Holbrook. Funeral Hospital. He is survived by his services were held Wednesday, January 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alan Leslie Little, 51, of Charlotte, North Carolina, a native of McDowell, died Wednesday, January 9, in the Carolina Medical Center in North Carolina. Charlotte. Memorial services were held Saturday, January 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Norris Hampton Salisbury, 68, of Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, January 1, at The Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw, Indiana. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

William Shepherd, 81, of Battle Creek, Michigan, a native of Pyramid, died Wednesday, December 19, at Battle Creek Health System. He is survived by his wife, Hellen O. Chiz. Shepherd. Funeral services were held Thursday, under the direction of Bachman Hebble Funeral

Lillian Moore Sizemore, 76, of Minnie, died Wednesday, January 16, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 19, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Alex Slone, 83, of Sharpsburg, formerly of Floyd County, died Saturday, January 12, at St. Claire Regional Medical Center, in Morehead. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Shirrell Edward Morris, 75, of East Point, a Floyd County native, died Friday, January 11, at Woodlawn Health Care Facilities, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Monday, January 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lowell Webb, 78, of Lexington, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, January 8, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Boyd Webb. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 12, under the direction of Preston Funeral

PIKE COUNTY

■ Jerry Dale Centers, 63, of Slaters Branch, Belfry, died Sunday, January 13, in the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Lawanda James Centers. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 16, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Darlene Blackburn Crigger, 89, of Sidney, died Friday, January 11, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 15, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home,

Henry Daniels, 75, of Lynn, W.Va., a native of Majestic, died Friday, January 11, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional

wife, Mabel Daniels. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 16, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services Inc. of Matewan.

Leslie Darrell Elswick, 69, of Virgie, died on Friday, January 11, at his residence. He is survived by his wife Iley Imal Elswick. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 13, under the direction of Roberts Funeral

Agnes H. Francis, 65, of Pinsonfork, died Sunday, January 13, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Roy Francis. Funeral services were held Thursday. January 17, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Ernestine Gillispie, 61, of Pikeville, died Saturday, January 12, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 15, under direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral

■ William "Bill" Hamilton. 75, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, January 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, January 18, under direction of Lucas and Son Funeral

■ Ted Hopkins, 88, of Pikeville, died Monday, January 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Compton Hopkins, Funeral services were held Thursday, January 17, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Edith Faith Hunt, 61, of Kimper, died Saturday, January 12, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Troy Hunt. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 15, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Hansel Hunt, 80, of Feds Creek, died Saturday, January 12, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Rowe Hunt. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 15, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Mary Caroline Reynolds Hunt, 77, of Phyllis, died Wednesday, January 16, at her home. Funeral services will be held Sunday, January 20, at 2 p.m., under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

■ William "Bill" C. Hurt, 86, of Pikeville, died Monday, January 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Burke Hurt. Funeral services were held Friday, January 18, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Brenda Kay Jones, 56, of McComb, Miss., formerly of Stone, died Monday, January 14, 2008, at Southwest Regional Medical Center, McComb. Funeral services were held Friday, January 18, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Phillip John Kendrick, 56, of Pikeville, died Sunday, January at his residence. Arrangements, under the direction of Community Funeral Home of

Frances May, 79, of Turkey Creek, formerly of Stone, died Wednesday, January 16, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 19, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral

Lois Josephine Pinson, 86, of Whitley City, a native of Pike County, died Thursday, January

17, at Lake Cumberland Hospital. Funeral services will be held Sunday, January 20, at 11 a.m., under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

Dorothy Louise Price, 84, of Pikeville, formerly of Coal Grove, Ohio, and Grand Rapids, Ohio, died Monday. January 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 17, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Clifton Jentrus Ratliff, 80, of Haverhill, Ohio, a native of Pike County, died Tuesday, January 15, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Russell. He is survived by his wife, Nella A. Tackett Ratliff. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 19, iunder the direction of Tracy Brammer Funeral Home of Ironton, Ohio.

Sylvia Mae Rose, 67, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, January 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, January 18, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ruby Belle Small, 86, a resident of Madison Manor in Ricmond, a native of Pike County, died Sunday, January 13, in Pike County. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 17, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Lawrence Adam Smith, 41, of Phelps, died Sunday, Jan. 13, at St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 17, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Dan Junior Thacker, 70, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Canada, died Friday, January 11, at the residence of his daughter, Debra Wallace. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 16, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

■ Billy Vance, 88, of Turkey Pen Road, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday. Jan. 18, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Ralph Ward, 68, of Kimper, died Tuesday, January 15, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Ward. Funeral services were held Friday, January 18, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Timmy Collins, 43, of Topmost, died at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Alan Wade Crum, 42, of Martin, died Monday, December 31, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Chalmer Dobson, 77, of Hobart, Indiana, formerly of Vest, died Saturday. December 29, at his home. He is survived by his wife. Eva Dobson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 1, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Stella Gayheart, 81, of Hindman, died Sunday, January 6, at the UK Medical Center at Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 9, under the direction of Hindman Funeral

Sylvania Johnson Hall, 95. of Brodhead, a native of Weeksbury, died Friday, December 21, at the Rockcastle died Friday. Health and Rehabilitation Facility in Brodhead. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 23, at the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church.

■ Vernon King Sr., 70, of Kite, died Tuesday, January 1, at Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Juanita J. Owens, 69, of LaGrange, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Sunday, December 30, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, Januar 3, under the direction of Young Family Funeral Home.

Herman C. Porter, 102, of

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(116 Votes, 34%) (63 Votes, 19%) (26 Votes, 8%)

(7 Votes, 2%) (2 Votes, 1%)

(123 Votes, 36%)

Go online today and answer this week's question!

Who or what do you blame for Floyd County's current budget problems and layoffs?

· The current fiscal court

The economy/outside factors

· The previous fiscal court

 Don't know State and/or national leaders

We Need Stories



Heartland Publications and the Floyd County Times have launched a new project called Faith and Family, a faith-based Christian magazine to be distributed throughout Floyd County.

If you have a testimonial story, life-changing event about yourself or even a poem that you would like to share in this magazine, please email it to: web@floydcountytimes.com Limit your story to 500-750 words. It must be received by January 30 to be eligible.

Please include a phone number in your email. We will notify you if your story has been chosen to be in this edition

In Memory of Linnie Margaret Mulkey



Linnie Margaret Mulkey was born on December 23, 1934, at the family homeplace at Banner, Ky., where she continued to reside her entire

She was the youngest daughter of the late Ernest and Victoria Smith

She was preceded in death by the following siblings: Kenas Mulkey, or Keen as most knew him as; Charley Mulkey, Ike Mulkey, Delzie Mulkey, Greenberry Mulkey, Agusta Hurd, or Gusty as most knew her as; Leon

Mulkey and Esta Mulkey.

She has two surviving sisters: Atchie Spears and Lizzie Spears, both of

Linnie passed away on Saturday, January 5, 2008, at approximately 4:07 a.m. Linnie moved in with her sister, Atchie, after she became ill. She was at Atchie's home when she passed away. Linnie also leaves behind to mourn her an abundance of nieces, nephews, great-nieces/nephews, cousins and friends. Linnie never married or had any biological children.

She did however, have a hand in raising her nieces/nephews, greatnieces/nephews, cousins, and so on. She was like a second mom for most of us in our family. She claimed Chad, Lana, Douglas, James, and myself as her children. She didn't love us more than the rest of her family. We just always had a different and special bond with her. I, like most everyone who knew her, am so eternally grateful to have had her in our lives. She has taught us all so much. Any problem, no matter how big or small, Linnie always knew what to say to make it better. She always listened to us about our problems. She has counseled many generations of her family. She taught us all the true meaning of unconditional love.

She loved with her whole heart, without judgment or condemnation. Linnie instilled morals, values, and faith in the Lord in all of us. This is something we will carry with us throughout our lives. She has helped shape us into the people we are today. Linnie was baptized into the Little Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, in the summer of 1984. She lived her life in the light doing God's will. She had an unshakable faith in the Lord. It is very difficult for us to attempt putting our love for Linnie in words. We are so grateful that God gave us the wonderful gift of having Linnie in our lives. She loved and touched so many people. She never saw a stranger. There's not many people like Linnie left in our world. Everyone touched by her is lucky to have known her. This world we live in is a better world because she was in it. She led us by example. And although we will greatly miss Linnie, we can take comfort in the knowledge that we will meet her

Written by her great-niece, Samantha Cooley on behalf of all her family and friends.

Waste Connections and jail bonds

were listed among other financial

owed \$1.1 million from the proposed

sale of East Kentucky Utilities and,

"If they can't get it together, we need

to rebid it out." The sale of the East

Kentucky Utilities, to Kentucky

Frontier, a Colorado-based company,

has been pending for almost two

solid waste and the Garth landfill

continue to drain much needed

money from the budget," and that,

Marshall said, "Floyd County

Owens said that the county is

burdens that haunt the county.

as well as establish a regular payment workforce reduction. schedule. The fiscal court indicated that noncompliance by Southern Water would compel the county to explore "any and all steps," including litigation or criminal charges.

The County Attorney's Office suggested that the charges could fall under theft by failure to make required disposition of property. The excessive amount of money would make this charge a class D Felony.

"Southern Water has drained us to death," said Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens, of District 2, during a special session on Thursday, "It's no good we have to lay off county workers because of this."

Four more workers were laid off Friday, bringing the total from 28 to 32, which according to fiscal court members constitutes a 60 percent

Attempts to obtain comment from representatives of Southern Water were not successful prior to press

Fiscal court members also point a finger at the administration of former Gov. Ernic Fletcher, which in its last year awarded no money for Floyd County roads. Judge Marshall said that the county had received \$460,000 the year before, and that the county budgets under the assumption that state road money is forthcoming. Money had to be taken from the general fund to cover road expenses.

Five major floods in the last five years have cost the county over \$1 million; and a history of loans being taken out to cover costs has caused "the debt hole to get deeper and deepcr," said Marshall.

"the jail is creating a great hardship on this county.' According to Marshall the annual costs of the jail have risen to \$1.4

million in 2007, adding that those jail

East Kentucky Utilities bonds, costs had been almost half as much in

A motion was made by Donnie Daniels to table the December treasury report until the treasurer could be present. Owens said he had only received a copy of the December report the day before. "We should have known about this earlier," he

In an interview, Floyd County treasurer David Layne said, "Those reports were in their mailbox by 3 p.m. on Tuesday," adding that he "told the magistrates and the judge executive in January that the county historically spent more than it brought in, and unless they changed those habits by cutting spending or increasing revenue, they would run out of money."

Layne said the county went with the money we have."

support raising the cigarette

tax if the proposal would only

stall in the Senate, Richards

whether the other end will vote

for it or not," Richards said,

referring to the Senate which

"There's a hesitation about

against his advice; and spent more in

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2007 than it had in 2006. In a prepared statement, Marshall said, "Our county has obligations that, if not addressed, will break our county government and end our ability to meet even the most basic of

needs for the people.' In addition to the cuts in county labor, Marshall said he would ask Gov. Steve Beshear to "restore a fair level of discretionary spending in

Floyd County for roads.' "I also am asking the governor to find a way for the costs of jails to be lifted from county government," Marshall said.

Marshall hopes that after July 1, the county will have "more employces and an intelligent budget that will do the best we can for our citizens

Tax

years.

Additional cuts could be in store for Kentucky's public universities, and they could extend into elementary and secondary education. Previously, Beshear had asked education leaders across the state to report back on how cuts of as much as 12 percent next year would affect them.

Instead, House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said he'd rather lawmakers look at raising the cigarette tax - currently 30cents-per-pack - than cut for education. funding Richards said he knows there's support for a hike. He's just not sure how much.

"Rather than cut education,

I would rather be for a cigarette tax increase," Richards

Hoffman said House lawmakers haven't yet settled on how much the cigarette tax should be raised. But, Hoffman said, interest in raising the cigarette tax has "picked up steam" over the past week.

"We're in a situation where we're feverishly looking for much needed revenue," he

Sen. Ed Worley, the Democratic floor leader in the Senate, said he would consider increasing eigarette taxes, too.

"If the only option around here is to raise a tax or to cut education, I'm for an increase in the cigarette tax," Worley

Rep. David Watkins, D-Henderson, said he might propose a bill that would increase the cigarette tax. Watkins, who is a physician, said there's other benefits to raising the tax than solving the state's budget

Kentucky has high rates of smoking related cancer and other health problems attributed to tobacco, Watkins said. A tax increase could curb smokers' appetite for cigarettes, Watkins said.

"I know there's a lot of people that for a variety of reasons hate to see any kind of additional tax on tobacco products," Watkins said. "But I don't think they're really looking at what our state needs in the overall health of our state."

Still, any tax increase this year faces an uphill climb. Senate Majority Floor

Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield said there's little support for raising any taxes in the Republican-led chamber.

"We'd evaluate what was sent over here, but there's not any feeling in the Senate for raising taxes at this time," Kelly said.

Beshear, a Democrat, said his State of the Commonwealth address earlier this week that he would only consider raising taxes as a last resort.

House lawmakers may not

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Confederate Forces are Converging on Prestonsburg

On January 10th 1862, Confederate forces withdrew from Prestonsburg, following the Battle of Middle Creek. One hundred thirty-six years later they have returned in the form of a re-enacting company. The 5th Kentucky Vol. Infantry has authorized the creation of a new reenacting company in Prestonsburg, that will serve Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Magoffin and Martin counties.

The 5th Kentucky Vol. Infantry is a family-based organization, rooted in Christian values, and dedicated to the preservation of Civil War history. We encourage the participation of all family members who are interested in liv-

If you are interested in preserving history, or are curious about re-enacting, come join us at the Samuel May House in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Saturday, January 26th, at 3:00 p.m., for our monthly meeting.

For more information, please feel free to contact Patrick Davis at fpdavi01@moreheadstate.edu or Floyd Davis at (606) 886-6323.

System

HealthCare facilities in Lexington, Berea and Mount

According to a statement released by the hospital, the goals for the new organization

Grow health ministries and partner with physicians and others to create healthier communities, locally and across Kentucky

Deliver a consistent experience of high quality care at all facilities

Provide safe, preferred work environments of choice Take an active role to

advocate for health-related needs and issues, locally and statewide

One of the stated goals in joining together is to build the presence of the new system across the Commonwealth. In commenting about the system name, Gene Woods, the CEO of Saint Joseph Health System, said the name "is a way to instantly communicate our affiliation, core values and national reputation for quality, as well as the strength and size of our system, throughout Kentucky.

As part of creating a common identity, the names of some member organizations of the new system will change. Saint Joseph Health System is the name of the new organization. Most of the hospitals will adopt the Saint Joseph name with their location, such as Saint Joseph London, Saint Joseph Martin, Saint Joseph Berea and Saint Joseph Mount Sterling. The system's two hospitals in Lexington will continue to be known as Saint Joseph Hospital and Saint Joseph East. Flaget Memorial Hospital will be identified as a member of Saint Joseph Health System.

Woods pointed out that the formation of the system is a growth strategy, not a takeover by Saint Joseph. "We are all joining together to grow and to build something new that has not existed before. Ultimately, this new system will bring more services to each of our facilities and broaden the scope of services across our system so that patients should seldom need to go elsewhere for care," Woods noted.

Under the Saint Joseph Health System structure, a new board of directors was formed in December, replacing the local hospital boards. Each hospital organization is forming a hospital council made up of local community leaders. The councils will help to ensure that the local community has a voice and a role in identifying community needs and provide input into the strategic planning process.

Woods said that short-term plans of the system include launching a telemedicine network and a yet-to-beannounced robotics program. He noted that both initiatives will help create greater connectivity and improve access to specialty care, especially in rural areas.

"By honoring the heritage, people and accomplishments of the past, we will build an even stronger ministry that continues the legacy the Sisters passed on to us," Woods stressed. "Our founding congregations and Sisters were shining examples of what this new organization stands for-we can do more for our patients and our communities together than any one hospital can do alone."

Woods cited a quote from the late Maryanna Coyle, a Sister of Charity and one of the foundresses of Catholic Health Initiatives who was the first chair of CHI's governing board, "Our faith-filled open-

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ness to the Spirit continually calls us to move beyond our own securities so that a new creation will arise to bring God's presence through the healing ministry."

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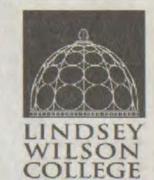


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Obituaries

Allen, died Wednesday, January 3, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Dalma Sturdivant, 80, of Hindman, died Thursday, January 3, at the Frankfort Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 6, under the direction of Hhindman Funeral Services.

MARTIN COUNTY

John C. Chapman, 56, of Adams, formerly of Martin County, died Thursday, January 10, at Louisa. He is survived by his wife, Joann Howell Chapman. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Herman Douglas James, 66, of North Branch, Minnesota, a

native of Inez, died Saturday, January 5. Memorial services were held Wednesday, January 9, under the direction of The Grandstrand Funeral Home, Lindstrom Minnesota.

■ Nannie Pauley James, 77, of Lovely, died Monday, January 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday. January 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral

■ William Carl Maynard, 72, of Beauty, formerly of Louisa, died Monday, January 7. He is survived by his wife, Pal Maynard. Funeral services were held Friday, January 11, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Franklyn Jesse Raines, 68, of Warfield, died Sunday, January 13, at his residence. He is sur-

■ Continued from p2 vived by his wife, Flossic Smith Raines. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 16, under the direction of Richmond-

Callaham Funeral Home, Inez. Christine Waugh, 59, of Inez, died Wednesday, January 9, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 12, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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- Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

Difficult, **But worth it**

Ethical government. That doesn't have to be an oxymoron. At least Gov. Steve Beshear has taken the initial steps to make sure that ethical government in Kentucky doesn't remain a selfcontradicting phrase.

This week, the new governor made good on one of his most important campaign promises, setting into motion a sweeping reform effort to open the executive operations of state government to more public scrutiny while tightening ethics standards for all those in his administration and adding tougher enforcement and penalties.

Unfortunately, the new governor's near-panic to straighten out the cooked books left behind by his predecessor, Ernie Fletcher, has captured most of the attention in Frankfort, threatening to delay if not jeopardize much-needed steps to restore, if possible, public confidence in state government.

Beshear's promise of an "open and transparent" government, made in comments to representatives of news media from across the state, was a breath of fresh air, in sharp contrast with the snarling relationship Fletcher cultivated with reporters and editors. Beshear even pledged never to use the door Fletcher installed as an escape hatch to avoid facing reporters and having to answer their pesky questions.

"It's a symbol of secretiveness," Beshear said.

Of course, Beshear one day could regret some of the commitments he made in a brief appearance during a legislative workshop sponsored by the Kentucky Press Association, The Associated Press and the National Conference of Editorial

Adding a touch of reality, Beshear conceded there will be some things he won't talk about in public. But state officials owe it to the public to be square with them, he said, to be up front and tell them what the administration is up to and planning to do. "I believe in the First Amendment," he said.

Beshear follows two governors, a Democrat and a Republican, whose reputations and places in the indexes of future history books forever will be found under the letter "S" - for scandals.

Both Beshear and Fletcher owe their elections in large part to the indiscretions of their predecessors. Fletcher was indicted on misdemeanor charges in an investigation of his administration's hiring practices, and in an attempt to frustrate the investigation pardoned everyone in his administration except himself. Paul Patton, the Democrat, pardoned some of his cronies as he left office discredited by an extramarital affair.

Beshear pledged he will not use his powers to interfere with the legal process. He proposed to limit a governor's powers by prohibiting pardons before cases have completed the legal process. He would make the Executive Branch Ethics Commission more independent by sharing appointment powers with other state officeholders. He would provide more protection for whistleblowers who reveal wrongdoing in state agencies. And he would increase the penalties for ethics violations.

The governor's proposal can affect only the executive agencies of state government. Despite the sticky financial quagmire he faces, Beshear followed up on the campaign commitment where Fletcher, who promised to clean up Frankfort, failed. He also issued a challenge to legislative leaders to open their infamous budget conference committees where late-night spending deals are made.

As if a prelude to the difficult road the governor faces to secure legislative help in ethics reforms, his suggestion was greeted by a mean-spirited response from Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, who snapped that he would open legislative conference committees if the governor would open budget sessions with his cabinet. Another legislative leader said the budget negotiators need to work behind closed doors so they can have frank and honest discussions.

No one explained why elected state lawmakers can't have frank and honest discussions in public.

- The News-Enterprise, Elizabethtown

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-Rich ∫owry Column

A Colombia comeback

MEDELLIN, Colombia - In what was once the most dangerous neighborhood of this, the world's most notorious city, a Sunday afternoon is a bustling, joyful affair. The scampering children and people sitting at tiny sidewalk cafes on the narrow streets would be fit subjects for a Colombian Norman Rockwell.

"Look," says New Democratic Rep. Gregory Meeks, part of a congressional delegation visiting from the United States, "they're cooking pizzas, they're eating ice cream, boyfriends and girlfriends are holding hands — this is amazing, this Medellin! We're supposed to be dodging bullets.'

The late drug lord Pablo Escobar made this city into one of the most violent on Earth. Men like Sergio Fajardo — the outgoing mayor, a mathematician who is a leader in a citizens' movement that arose in opposition to the violence - made it into a city that belies its reputation. In 1991, 6,500 people were murdered here; in 2006, 700 were. Medellin's murder rate is now lower than

Medellin is a microcosm of Colombia. President Alvaro Uribe has forged extraordinary security gains by taking the fight to the country's hellish brew of left-wing guer-

rillas, their paramilitary opponents and narco-traffickers. The strength of the main guerrilla group, FARC, is down an estimated 40 percent from its peak, and more than 30,000 paramilitary fighters have been demobilized. Murders have dropped 40 per- supporting the trade agreement is

cent from 2002 to 2006, and kidnappings almost 80 percent from 2000 to 2006.

But security is not enough. Colombia is awash in displaced people, chased from their homes by dueling guerril-

la armies, and young men who have to be resocialized after lives of violence. They need jobs. That's why the Colombia-U.S. Free Agreement is so important. It is pending in Congress, where Democratic leaders might let it die in the gravest act of strategic short-sightedness since their attempted rebuke of

Uribe is an ally of the United States and a wildly popular democratic leader who saved his country when it tottered on the brink of collapse. That Congress would kick him in the teeth strikes Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez, the Bush administration's chief evangelist for the deal, as scandalously

senseless. He escorts as many members of Congress as he can to Colombia, on the theory that when it comes to the greatest comeback story

in the Americas, seeing is believing. What holds Democrats back from

> union opposition back home. The unions hate the deal even though most Colombia exports to the U.S. already benefit from trade preferences, and the deal would remove duties on U.S. goods going

Colombia. They complain about violence against Colombian union leaders, but attacks against unionists have tracked with general trends of violence - as killings have declined since 2002, so have murders of union

Rep. Meeks, an advocate for Afro-Colombians, supports the deal. He calls progress in the country "nothing short of a miracle," and blames the image of the "old Colombia" for limiting the deal's support. "If you come here," he says, strolling out into the streets of this revived neighborhood, "it's a no-brainer."

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

beyond the beltway

Who is it that's supposed to win?

by DONALD KAUL MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Once in every generation a politician appears who transcends politics; someone who inspires a nation with his grace and eloquence, speaking to the better angels of our nature. Abraham Lincoln was such a candidate, so was John F. Kennedy.

Barak Obama is another.

His performance in the lowa caucuses was a picture-perfect example of what can be done when a gifted politician hits his stride and becomes one with the spirit of the times. Obama reminds one of a surfer catching the perfect wave, dancing effortlessly in its heart as he hurtles toward

He went into the caucuses with the odds heavily against him. He is black and Iowa is white. He is young and Iowa is old. His opponents were more experienced, many had been through these wars before and had finely tuned organizations working to oppose him.

But he won. He won by reigniting the American dream, by convincing young people, among others, that the future is worth fighting for.

In doing so, he captured that strain of idealism that is the bedrock of the American society. With momentum on his side and the wind at his back. it is doubtful he can be headed off. I wouldn't be surprised if he ran the table from here on in.

(Excuse me, Mr. Columnist.)

I'm not ashamed to admit that I haven't been this giddy about a candidate since Adlai Stevenson, Call it premature if you will, but I'm booking airline tickets for the inauguration right now.

Columnist,

"Will you please stop that? Can't you see I'm writing a political column? Where was I? Oh yes, I've even considered throwing objectivity to the wind and writing a campaign song for Barak. See what you think of it:

"Obama, I've just met a man

named Obama 'And suddenly I've found how

wonderful a name can be.

'Obama. Say it loud and there's music playing,

"Say it soft and it's almost like..." ("SIR! HE LOST.") "What? Oh,

it's you again. Will you stop? Who lost?" ("Your friend Obama. In New Hampshire, Hillary Clinton knocked his ears off.") "You're mad. Why, the day before the election the experts were predicting he'd win by 10 points, 12, even." (Yeah. Makes you wonder about the experts, does-

"My good man you don't understand. She couldn't have won. She is cold and aloof. People don't like her. She cried while talking to a voter in a coffee shop. She was being overshadowed by her husband." ("All of that might be true, I suppose, but she won. Now the experts are saying the crying was a good move, made her seem

"That's astonishing. I suppose this means Mitt Romney will be crying

like, a carwash from now on. By the way, how much did Gov. Romney win the New Hampshire primary by? ("He didn't win either.")

"Whaat? The unstoppable Mitt Romney? The Storrnin' Mormon?

Who beat him, Mike Huckabee? I was afraid of that. You know Huckabee doesn't know a lot but he's a very charming guy. I'd vote for him myself if I didn't believe in evolution and indoor plumbing and the rest of it." ("It wasn't Huckabee.. He came in third. John McCain

won the New Hampshire primary.")

"Surely you jest. McCain is washed up, has been since last summer. Everybody says so. Besides, he's old and if it weren't for unpopular opinions, he wouldn't have any opinions at all. He's even in favor of President Bush's war, for crying out loud, and everybody knows the public is against it. Why, I'm told he often goes into meetings with voters and argues with them. What kind of campaigning is that? You can't win an election unless you suck up to voters. ("Apparently, Sen. McCain didn't get the memo.")

"What are the experts saying now?" ("Most say it's a wide-open race.") "Hmm, that's perceptive. I wish I'd thought of it.'

("I wouldn't worry about it. You

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This Town, That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

Well, everything-not everything-looks dark from where I sit. It's still snowing.

A WELL-DONE

Floyd County's state highway workers have done a bangup job keeping the roads clear during the unusually heavy snows and freezes. I've been "riding shotgun" on trips to Winchester, where the paper is being printed-temporarily. I hope-and two weeks ago, when the snow was deepest, these boys had the Mountain Parkway cleared so well that we lit out, thinking all would be clear sailing. But as soon as Floyd County was left behind it was another story: snow and ice on almost every hill; even one toll station looked like Lower Slobbovia.

STILL MISSING

This might be called the Age of Discovery. Man has probed some far places, including the moon, and is now looking toward Mars. Homo sapiens is always searching and finding. But one thing he has never discovered, and it may evade him forever. That's a pleased taxpayer.

LAND 'O LAKES AND NO FISH! Mrs. W. J. Lattery Jr., the for-

mer Peggy Reitz, writes from

"Have you ever done any fishing in Minnesota? If so, then you probably didn't have any luck here either as this state is known as the State of 10,000 Lakes andas we residents here say-only 500 fish.'

I would love Minnesota. Where else would a-body have an excuse for his fishing failures, all ready and waiting for him?

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Last week, three mornings in a row, the thermometer at the dam gave a below-zero reading-4 below on the 21st, 11 below on the 22nd and 10 below on the 23rd.

Turning to a discussion of days when it was warmer, the tourist season of 1969, Murray said that the estimated 1,653,000 visitors to the Dewey Reservoir area, including Jenny Wiley State Park, in 1969 was a record-147,000 more than the preceding year. The peak day was May 29 when 32,800 persons visited the area.

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Finding success Jacqueline King

by JOSHUA BEGLEY **BSCTC FACULTY**

In 1996, Jackie King found herself in a rough spot. She was 36 years old and her husband of 17 years left her with two children—a 13 year old daughter and an 11 year old son-and no way to support herself. She only had a high school education, little work experience other than being a mother, and practically no

Jackie stayed that way for almost ten months. The shock of her husband's departure coupled with the sudden onslaught of uncertainty about her future sent her into a deep depression. Then she made the decision that would change her life: she would go to school to gain a college education, eventually earning her a degree in Medical Transcription in 1998 with a 4.0 grade point average and the added distinction of being the first person in her family to carn a college degree.

It was not easy at first. Jackie was nervous about attending college after being out of school for so long. But despite this initial nervousness, Jackie was determined to succeed. She spent every free moment studying to the point where she would attend her kid's ballgames with an Anatomy book she could read in quick snippets during halftime and time outs.

She succeeded in more than just academics, though. Jackie quickly overcame her nervousness and made quick friends with many students and teachers, some of whom she stays in contact with to this day.

Jackie graduated in December, 1998, and landed her first job in January, 1999. During her final semester, one of her teachers had encouraged her to create her resume, and this bit of good advice and a bit of lucky timing got Jackie her first transcriptionist job in a local physician's office.

She had come to the office for a checkup for her son, but in the waiting room she saw a notice for a transcriptionist. After the doctor examined her son, Jackie mentioned the job opening. The doctor said he would consider her but that she would need to bring in a resume; thankfully, Jackie had one in her car.

Eight months later, Jackie was hired at Pikeville Medical Center as a second shift transcriptionist. She stayed in that position until April, 2001, when her department was outsourced to a transcription company in Atlanta, Georgia. Jackie was offered the Transcriptionist Coordinator position on a temporary



Jacqueline King

basis, and five months later she was hired for the job

pus of BSCTC in the summer of 2003 to earn her Associate in Applied Science. With her new degree, Jackie went back to school for a third time—this time online through Alfred State College in Alfred, New York—for her Health Information Technology Degree. In addition to her academic work, Jackie works for the same company, only now at home as a Quality

Jackie has not only improved her own life with her decision to go to college, but the lives of the people around her. Her daughter recently graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Arts degree

When asked if she had any advice for people thinking of entering college, Jackie had only this to say, that has ever happened to me. You are never too young

As wonderful as her new job was, Jackie was not content to stop there. She reenrolled at the Mayo cam-

Assurance Specialist.

"The college experience is one of the greatest things or old to learn. Age does not matter."

Returning to school Derek Keene

by JOSHUA BEGLEY BSCTC FACULTY

It's hard to imagine that Derek Keene was ever nervous about the thought of entering college. He had already spent an extended tour of duty (nearly three and a half years) in the US Army. He served in Iraq, and worked as an LPN in the Burn ICU. When he returned home he was employed at a nursing home in Elkhorn City. However, Derek knew that in order to progress in his field he would have to go back to school and earn his degree. Although he had served his country in a dangerous area of the world and worked in literal life-and-death situations, he found himself nervous about going back to school after being away for so long.

He should not have been. Derek finished his first year at BSCTC's Pikeville Campus with a 4.0 grade point average and is currently a second year nursing student at Pikeville College with designs to complete his RN degree in May of Derek seems to naturally slide into



Derek Keene

2008.

Craighton Mauk, one of Derek's teachers, had this to say about him, "Derek is one of the most congenial students I have ever had the privilege of meeting. He goes out of his way to aid other students and tutor them whenever they seek his aid."

leadership positions wherever he goes and is counted a valuable member in both his work and

In fact, Derek still works at the nursing home in Elkhorn City while going to school, although he stressed to add that it was only for ten hours a week. In addition to his work and his classes, Derek plans on getting married in August to Bridgette Silcox, a first year nurs-

ing student. For the long term, Derek desires to earn his Bachelors in nursing, and perhaps even become a Nurse Practitioner. For the short term, though, he wants to take some time off after finishing his second year so he and his fiancée can enjoy life a little and concentrate on the completion of her nursing degree.

Derek has excelled in arguably one of the most difficult fields of study and does so out of a genuine desire to help others. He serves as an example and an inspiration for his peers and should go as far as he wants to in this world.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Children'

by TOM DOTY TIMES COLUMNIST

I first caught this flick in the summer of 1980 and it was quite an experience. The movie in and of itself was an okay thriller but the best part about seeing it was the venue, which was a little piece of grindhouse heaven called Times Square. There one could plop down \$2.75 and see all manner of flicks in one of a dozen theaters which often featured three movies, a ton of coming attractions and the most bizarre and vocal audiences on the planet.

On this occasion I wound up giving my last five bucks to a homeless

man in a nearby seat and then watched amazement as he exchanged the money for marijuana from a dealer prowling the aisles. 1 was tapped out after that but it didn't stop the man from

asking for more money when the effects of the drug



Tom Detv **Times Columnist**

brought on a case of the munchies. By the time our exchange was over, this film had begun and it would hold my attention for the next 70 minutes, except for a brief moment when I jumped two feet into the air upon feeling a furry critter brush past my ankles.

Turned out it wasn't a rat, but instead an oversized cat which had been brought into the theater (alongside several of its brethren) to live out the rest of its days on a strict diet of rats, popcorn and whatever else it could nab from the theater's floor, which included an ample bounty of spilled gummy bears, ju-ju-bees and assorted sticky patches whose origins I'd rather not explore.

The film opens with two inspectors at a nuclear plant knocking off for the day at the halfway point of their inspection of a power plant. Sure enough their departure is followed by a gas leak, with a cloud of yellow gunk freeing itself from the site and expanding into a full blown cloud.

A school bus winds up driving straight through it and is preceded by a parent, Cathy Freemont, who passes the bus on a one-lane road, all the while honking and waving to her daughter who is on board.

Mom's a bit of a whacko when it comes to safety and is later observed smoking a butt while watching TV after tossing a halfhearted apology at her belly, which is swollen from being in the ninth month of her pregnancy.

Moments later Sheriff Billy arrives on the scene and is perplexed at the site of a school bus parked half off the road in front of the town cemetery. He observes that the vehicle is empty and wisely posts his deputy at a roadblock while searching the area for the children, who were last heard singing "99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall" before passing through the toxic cloud.

The sheriff stops at the first student's house he comes upon and finds that the child's swinger/slacker parents are too busy smoking weed and

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'I was chosen'

by TUCKER VICCELLIO as told to Susan Alexander Yates and Allison Yates Gaskins "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE EXPECTANT MOTHER'S SOUL"

It was time for bed, and I really didn't mind too much. It meant that Mommy would smooth my sheets and crawl into bed with me. I'd snuggle in her arms and she'd rub my hair and tell me how special I was and how much she loved me. If it wasn't too late and Mommy wasn't too tired, I might get to hear The Story before we said our prayers together.

I never grew tired of hearing her tell The Story. It was so special because it was about me. I was an only child, and I was adopted. Mommy would begin by saying, "Your daddy and I always wanted a baby. We wanted one for so long, and we kept praying that I would get pregnant and have a baby. But after several years, when I didn't get pregnant, we began to realize that God had something even better for us. He decided that he was going to give us a very special baby - a baby that another lady was not able to take care of. He wanted parents who would be just right for this very special baby. Guess who that very special baby is?

"Mommy, tell me about the day

you got me."

"Well, Tucker," she would continue, "That was the most exciting day in my life! It began when the telephone rang, and a voice on the other end said, 'Mrs. Freeman, your beautiful baby girl has just been born. Would you like to come see her?"

"I called your daddy at the office, and he raced home and picked me up. and we hurried to the hospital. At first we stood outside the window where all the new babies were and just looked at them, trying to figure out which one was you! When we got to the end of the row of babies, there you were, and you turned your head and looked at us and seemed to smile!

"We couldn't wait to take you home and introduce you to our fami-

ly and friends. When we drove up in somehow been chosen. front of our house, there were lots of friends who had come to see you and to bring you pre-

sents. You have always been such a gift to us. Why, the smartest thing Daddy and I ever did in our lives was to adopt you."

Each time Mother told me The Story, she got excited.

She never tired of telling it, tell it. From the beginning, she made me feel that being adopted was tremendously special, that I had

months pregnant with my own child, my mother came to visit. It was one of those really Soup

for the Soul

When I was about seven

uncomfortable days, and the baby was kicking me nonstop. As I groaned and held my stomach, my mother said, "It must be amazing to feel her kick.'

Suddenly, it dawned on and I never got tired of hearing her me that my mother had never felt a baby inside her womb.

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Shop supplies are a legitimate charge

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

What are shop supplies? I always thought it was old rags and sprays to clean or lube. My recent visit to a dealer's garage cost me \$22.56 for shop supplies. My total bill was \$297.81. If I take my car to the dealer for repairs three times in a month, that will cost me a lot for supplies. Do I have to pay it? Is it a tip? - Carol

TOM: It's not a tip, Carol. If you want a tip, try Frau Blucher in the eighth to show.

RAY: The term "shop supplies" generally refers to things like solvents, cleaners, small quantities of fluids, rags, the servicing of the parts-cleaning machine, and the disposal of waste oil and other environmentally toxic mate-

rials. And perhaps antacids for treating the occasional sausage bomb ingested by one of our guys during his lunch

TOM: It's all stuff that does have to be paid for. But shops have different ways of dealing with it.

RAY: In our shop, we actually track the shop supplies that were used for a particular job and itemize them on the customer's bill. So on the bill, you might see a charge for brake cleaner, or for topping off your power-steering fluid or antifreeze.

TOM: The problem is, we have a relatively small shop. And when you have a dealership, with 20 bays going and a hundred customers a day, it's very difficult to keep track of that stuff on a job-by-job basis. It becomes a bookkeeping nightmare. Then you'd

have to add a bookkeeping charge to every bill, which wouldn't make you very happy either, Carol.

RAY: So in many cases, a shop will simply bury that stuff in the labor rate, and charge \$90 an hour instead of \$85. And that's fair. They tell you up front that this is the cost of doing business with them.

TOM: But other shops choose not to do that, probably for competitive reasons: They don't want their labor rate to be higher than other shops in the area. So in those cases, they often charge a percentage of the repair cost for "shop supplies." That's what happened in your case.

RAY: We don't particularly care for that approach, because then you may come in for a job like a window regulator, which requires no shop supplies - no rags, no cleaners, no solvents and you still end up paying 7 percent or 8 percent of your bill for supplies.

TOM: And somebody who gets a brake job (which uses a lot of supplies) essentially gets his job subsidized by

RAY: But like I said, it's very hard for large shops to track this stuff individually. So I would prefer that it either be included in the hourly labor rate, or made clear at the outset that there is a certain percent surcharge on each bill to cover these costs. At least that way, you know what to expect upfront and can make your decisions accordingly.

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Lagoon

prancing about their pool in enough to warn anybody and it European swim wear to be concerned about their child.

After dumping their stash in the drink, Billy approaches the town doctor, a woman, who accompanies him back to the bus, where a search turns up nothing. The sheriff splits but the doctor enters the cemetery, where she finds one dead bus driver and several preadolescent who now sport black fingernails, vacant stares and the ability to incinerate an adult by touching them. The doctor doesn't live long

takes the sheriff a good 45 minutes to figure things out despite the added help of Cathy's husband, John.

John isn't much of a bargain and insists on keeping the news from Cathy, though he does take time to bark at her like a dog and order her to make coffee despite her delicate condition. The kids eventually come home to roost and run amok.

One talks itself into the bedroom of the Freemonts' son, who then learns the hard way that nuked-out zombie kids take the game of 'hide and seek" way too seriously. In fact their variation could be more aptly titled hide, seek and kill.

The death of her son finally convinces Cathy that the kids are not alright, but she gets the message way too long after crushing the sheriff's head with a potted plant after she spies him shooting at the children through her living room

Things look pretty bad for awhile, as the tots appear impervious to bullets, but it turns out that they are quite susceptible to expiring after their hands are cut off. That's right, folks, this one ends with two adults chasing children around their backyard while trying to hack their hands off. Add to that one freaky birth scene and you have a very unhappy ending to a mostly mediocre horror fest.

Maybe this is best seen in a grindhouse theater, but you can still enjoy the experience if you purchase the "Grindhouse" Experience" DVD set, which

includes 20 films that routinely played at Times Square theaters. It's a good sampler which includes horror flicks, soft core sex romps, kung-fu action fests and even spaghetti western and gangster films. The transfers aren't the best but that only adds to the experience, though they should

have included sticky stuff on the discs to give you a real taste of the 42nd Street culture. At least they don't include the giant cats and hungry derelicts which harassed yours truly.

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Best line: "Bullseye, Billy, you just shot a dead dog." 1980, rated R.

American Heart Association.

Soup

"Mother," I said, "come and put your hands on my stomach. I want you to feel your grandchild."

The look of awe on my to give my mother a gift that

mother's face as she felt her granddaughter kicking inside my womb was so precious to me. I realized that I was able

■ Continued from p5 she had not been able to experience personally. She had given me so many gifts, and finally I was able to share a very personal one with her.



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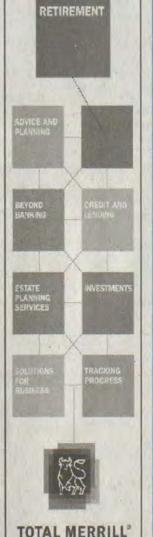
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Phillips to succeed Brooks at Kentucky

Current Wildcat head coach signs contract extension through 2011

by JEFFREY McMURRAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON Kentucky offensive coordinator Joker Phillips will eventually become Wildcats' head coach following Rich Brooks' retirement. The school had an afternoon news conference Friday that included Brooks,

Phillips, university president Lee Todd Jr. and athletic director Mitch Barnhart. The 66-year-old Brooks has not set a timetable for

his retirement. He signed a contract extension through 2011 on Friday that will pay him more than \$1.5 million a season.

Phillips, who just completed his third season with the Wildcats, helped engineer a potent offensive attack featuring quarterback

born in Franklin, played for Kentucky from 1981-84 and spent three seasons with the Washington Redskins.

Phillips had been considered one of the top candidates for head coaching positions elsewhere. Before last year's Music City Bowl, which Kentucky won for the second straight season, Phillips was asked whether he planed to return to the

"I'm here now," he said. Phillips and defensive coordinator Steve Brown are both black, the first time

Andre Woodson. He was a Southeastern Conference team has had two black coordinators at the same

Phillips and Brooks have worked together to revamp Kentucky's program. Led by Woodson, the Wildcats have posted consecutive 8-5 seasons that included victories in the Music City Bowl. It marked the first time since 1951-52 the Wildcats made back-to-back bowl appear-

Brooks is 25-35 in five seasons with the Wildcats and 116-144-4 in 23 seasons overall at the college level.



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners
PIKEVILLE was one of the many 15th Region cheerleading teams in competition Wednesday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center during the annual regional KAPOS event.

Float and fly method works during wintertime

by LEE McCLELLAN KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT - It is now mid-January and the excitement of the holidays is gone till next December, Credit cards bills arrive in the mailbox and it's a long slog before warm weather or any significant time off. The biggest bummer is the water temperature in most Kentucky lakes and rivers. It hovers in the mid-40s, which for most anglers means no fishing for at least the next six weeks.

Don't despair. The float and fly method - suspending a light fly underneath a bobber - lifts the wintertime, post-holiday doldrums with chunky, mean smallmouth bass, plus spotted and largemouth bass, bluegill and even the occasional walleye. The float and fly method utilizes a long spinning rod, 4- to 6-pound line and a tiny duck feather or craft hair jig to fool suspended fish in winter. The technique works best in the toughest lakes to fish such as Lake Cumberland, Dale Hollow Lake and Laurel River Lake. The float and fly will also work in the lower sections of Green River Lake, Paintsville Lake and Barren River

The float and fly technique works best when the water is coldest in Kentucky. Water temperatures plummeting into the mid- to low-40s stress baitfish such as threadfin shad or alewife. They swim in circles and twitch erratically as they fight off death. Nature programs predator fish, such as smallmouth bass, to take advantage of the situation by eating this easily captured prey.

The technique harkens back to your early fishing days of bluegill fishing with redworms suspended ounder a bobber. You'll need a rod at least 8 feet in length. Many manufacturers offer rods specifically designed for this technique that retail for under \$50. Six to 9weight fly rods and the long, fiberglass crappie rods have guides too small for casting the extremely light fly and bobber much distance, but work in a pinch.

The fly of the float and fly is a small craft hair jig suspended under a ?- to 7/8-inch long, pearshaped plastic bobber. Tackle shops around Lake Cumberland and Dale Hollow sell specially weighted Styrofoam bobbers designed for extra casting distance. They easily tip on their sides if a smallmouth bass takes the fly and



THE FLOYD COUNTY GRADE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT tipped off Friday night at Adams Middle School. More on the tournament will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Valley girls defeat Phelps for 15th Region All 'A' title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PHELPS - Shelby Valley prevented first-year Phelps head coach J.R. VanHoose from guiding the Lady Homets to a 15th Region All "A" Classic championship in his debut season. Valley upended host Phelps Thursday nught, win-

ning 44-36. Kayla Cantrell scored 13 points and Laura Perkins pushed in 12 as the Lady Wildcats claimed the small-school regional champi-

onship. Shelby Valley established a lead in the opening half, limiting Phelps to just 12 first half points. The Lady Wildcats owned a 25-12 lead when the game entered its

Kaitlin Riley led Phelps with 13 points. Kayla Johnson followed with 12 points for the Lady Wednesday, Jan. 23

Jasmine Hall scored eight points and Taylor Keene collected three for host Phelps.

A scoreboard for the Girls' 15th Thursday, Jan. 24 Jan. 14-Allen Central 55, Pikeville 47 (Overtime); Phelps 68, South South Floyd-Piarist, 8:15 p.m. Floyd 51. Jan. 15-Shelby Valley 74, Piarist School 20; Paintsville ALL 'A' ONLINE: 58, Betsy Layne 41. Jan. 16-Phelps 55, Allen Central 47; www.allaclassic.org Shelby Valley 59, Paintsville 52. Shelby Valley 44, Phelps 36 (Championship Game).

BOYS' 15TH REGION ALL 'A' CLASSIC AT BETSY LAYNE

Phelps-Pikeville, 6:30 p.m. Shelby Valley-Betsy Layne, 8:15 p.m.

Region All "A" Classic follows/ Allen Central-Paintsville, 6:30 p.m.

57th District: Tigers topple Magoffin County

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE - Senior guard Landon Slone scored a game-high 28 points and senior forward Shane Grimm added 25 Thursday night as 15th Region title contender Paintsville continued to dominate in the 57th District, defeating homestanding Magoffin County 94-72.

The Tigers outscored Magoffin County in each of the first three quarters en route to the convincing win.

Paintsville packed a 22-17 lead out of the opening period and owned a 44-31 lead at halftime.

The Tigers solidified their lead early on in the second half, outscoring

Magoffin County 27-15 in the third matchup.

Senior guards Blake Bundy and Justin Murray aided the Paintsville offensive effort, finishing with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

J.D. VanHoose added seven points as the Tigers defeated defending district champion Magoffin County.

The Hornets pulled off an upset win over Paintsville in last season's 57th District championship game. Paintsville, Magoffin Johnson Central, Sheldon Clark and Lawrence County make up a very competitive 57th District.

Earlier in the week, Paintsville defeated crosstown rival Johnson Central in another 57th District

Four different players reached double figures in the scoring column for host Magoffin County.

Nine different Hornets provided scoring in the district matchup.

PAINTSVILLE 94, **MAGOFFIN COUNTY 72** PAINTSVILLE (14-2) - Slone

28, VanHoose 7, Bundy 16, Grimm 25, Murray 13, Pack 2, Vilapondo 2,

MAGOFFIN COUNTY (3-14) -Hunley 2, Francis 16, Lemaster 11, Shepherd 13, Carty 2, Minix 6, Sparks 7, Marshall 12, Russell 3.

Paintsville......22 22 27 23-94 MC......17 14 15 26-72

(See FLOAT, page two) bring Honey Project to East Kentucky Miners

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - In Eastern Kentucky, tomorrow's businesses are taking shape today. And the mold for many of the promising new business leaders is a sweet one. The East Kentucky Miners professional basketball team is bringing an international program called the "Honey Project" to the area.

In the program, high school students create their own company that imports and sells organic honey from Africa. The money raised is split between participating students from area schools and poverty stricken countries in Africa. Organizers say the idea is to teach students real-world business skills they can use later in life.

Many Eastern Kentucky cities, including Pikeville, continue to enjoy considerable economic growth. The emergence of young business leaders is vital throughout Eastern Kentucky.

Some business leaders in Eastern Kentucky believe The Honey Project can teach teenagers all they need to know about starting, funding and running their own businesses.

"They're competing in a global economy, so we want to expose them as much as possible to options and opportunities and business ownership is one of those options," said Honey Project Director Nathan Burrell. Last year, Florida students in the program earned more than \$6,000 dollars. Directors say most students in the program go on to own their own business after college.

"I've witnessed first hand how powerful this program is," Miners coowner and president Demetrius Ford added. "I've watched it turn young, shy teenagers into confident and outspoken young professionals."

When asked why he wanted to bring the program to East Kentucky, Ford said, "After spending a few months in Pike County, I quickly learned that this area was built on coal mining. Most of the kids here believe that their careers will be tied in one way or another to the coal industry, and little thought is put into working in other sectors or professions. There is also a trend whereby those students who are a bit more ambitious and go off to college, don't return to East Kentucky and apply what they've learned here in the region. Business leaders I've spoken with fear that if and when coal production slows, there may not be enough non-coal related industry to continue to grow the local economy. What we're trying to do is reach out to the kids who have been blessed with skills and aptitudes they don't yet know they have, and encourage them to become the business leaders of East Kentucky's future. I firmly believe that if you give kids an opportunity they

didn't know existed, and through training, help them unveil talents and strengths they didn't know they had all along, they will be excited and encouraged to excel. The hope is that most of these young, future leaders choose to stay in Eastern Kentucky, and take what they'll learn and pass it on to the generations that follow.'

All area high schools will have an opportunity to take part in the Honey Project. The first class will commence on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at the Pike County Schools central office. For information about the Honey Project or how to help sponsor or support support the program, email Nathan Burrell at nburrell@honeyproject.com or Barb Johnson at bjohnson@ekminers.com.

ONLINE: www.ekminers.com www.honeyproject.com

20th-ranked Bears beat ALC, keep winning streak alive

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - No. 20 Pikeville College picked up its 12th straight win Thursday night, knocking off Alice Lloyd College

The Bears rank as one of the NAIA's top teams. The team has enjoyed a considerable amount of success under second-year head coach Kelly Wells.

The Eagles kept it close early, with Pikeville leading by five, 39-34, at the half. That is in stark comparison to the first meeting between the teams, where the Bears came away with a 90-47

The second half, however, was a little more to Wells' liking; the Bears outscored their hosts 48-26 to cruise to the win.

Senior Jeff Ferguson, limited to five minutes of time in the first half, led all scorers with 26 points. The Toronto product led five players in double figures. Ewan Linton followed with 14 points for the visiting team.

Junior William Harris followed with 11 points, 10 rebounds, four assists and two steals. Freshman Justin Hicks had 11 points to go with four assists and three steals, while Anthony Ighodaro came off the bench with 10 points.

Eric Mullins led Alice Lloyd with 13 points in off of the bench. Rodney Mitchell followed with 10 points for the Eagles.

Pikeville improved to 15-2 on the season and will return to action Jan. 26 versus West Virginia University Tech in the first Mid-South Conference opener.

Lady Bears outlast ALC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Pikeville College Lady Bears won back to back games for the first time this season after an 82-72 win over Alice Lloyd on Thursday night.

Bill Watson-coached Pikeville (5-14) placed five players in double figures, led by freshman Whitney Compton. The Haysi, Va., product came off the bench for 17 points and four rebounds. Junior Whitney Hogg followed with 13 points, five rebounds and three steals. Junior Alice Daniel followed with 11 thanks to hitting 3-of-6 from the arc.

Senior Heather English had 10 points and five rebounds, while junior Kristal Daniels who played her freshman season at Alice Lloyd - had a doubledouble with 10 points and 14 rebounds in only 19 minutes. Daniels is a Betsy Layne High School graduate.

Thanks to the efforts of Daniels, the Lady Bears won the rebounding battle 42-29.

Alice Lloyd was led by Kaylan Richardson's 22. The junior from Owenton hit 6-of-10 from the arc to go with seven rebounds.

Taran Cory had 14 points, while Whitney Frazier tossed in 13 and Nicole Lutes added 11. The Lady Bears will be back

in action on Saturday, Jan. 26, hosting West Virginia University Tech. The 2 p.m. tip will begin league play for the Lady Bears, who will play a grueling 10game round-robin against Mid-South Conference foes to end the season.

Williams scores 20, Cardinals dominate No. 13 Marquette

by WILL GRAVES ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE-Louisville coach Rick Pitino certainly didn't talk like a man who had just watched his team dominate No. 13 Marquette from start to finish in a 71-51 victory on Thursday, a win in which the Cardinals held the Golden Eagles to 30 percent shooting and totally shut down star guard Dominic James.

It is still just January after all. And for all the progress the Cardinals have made in the last three weeks, Pitino knows the verdict on his suddenly surging team is still

"We're still not where we need to be," Pitino said. "In another two weeks we're going to be really good."

Suffocating the Golden

Eagles with the kind of tough, gritty play that has keyed its surge from an early season funk, Louisville (13-4, 3-1 Big East) had little trouble shutting down one of the conference's most dynamic offenses.

"I've said it before, the staple of this basketball team is defense," said senior center David Padgett, who had 17 points and 10 rebounds. "If we keep getting better and better on defense, and pick up our offense, the sky is the

Louisville's revival has coincided with the return of Padgett from a fractured kneecap. Pitino credited his center's leadership with helping Louisville's underclassmen play with the sense of urgency they were lacking a month ago.

"When you have a player

that acts like a coach (like David), it's very easy," Pitino said. "He has a tremendous positive effect on Earl and Derrick."

The rest of the team too. Terrence Williams led all scorers with 20 points and Derrick Caracter added 11 points and five rebounds, but it was Louisville's defense that pushed the Cardinals to their eighth win in nine

The Cardinals silenced Marquette (13-3, 3-2) by extending their zone defense to cut off passing lanes and close off the middle. When the Golden Eagles tried to shoot over the top, they failed miserably. Marquette missed all 12 of its 3-point attempts, the first time it has been held without a 3-pointer since a loss to Wisconsin on Dec. 23.

"You can't settle for jump shots against good defenses,' said Marquette coach Tom Crean. "We played right into their hands. We wanted to attack their defense and get open shots or kick it for open 3s. We didn't attack well."

Jerel McNeal led the Golden Eagles with 16 points and Wesley Matthews had 14, but James scored a seasonlow three points before reaggravating a right wrist injury with just over six minutes remaining after being fouled by Padgett.

"You never imagine (shutting James down) because he's such a great player," Jerry Smith said. "He just had an off night. ... We wanted to stop them from 3. When they did get it up, we were able to get a hand up."

The rivalry has been marked by thrillers over the

last 22 meetings being decided by five points or less or in overtime.

There was no such drama this time around.

Louisville took the lead two minutes in, using its size to power past Marquette's guard-heavy lineup. Looking inside to Padgett and Caracter on offense and extending the zone on defense, Louisville played with the kind of efficiency Pitino preached would come once the Cardinals finally got healthy.

"We are still not where we need to be, but we played a great game tonight," Pitino said. "In another two weeks we're going to be really

Padgett made 8 of 9 field goals, many of them tip-ins after he maneuvered his way between bodies in the lane.

last decade, with 14 of the The Golden Eagles simply had no answer. Louisville outrebounded Marquette 43-30 and contested nearly every

"They were more aggressive on the glass than we were," Crean said. "We were not nearly as aggressive as we needed to be.

Louisville used a 12-0 run to take a commanding lead early in the second half, but Marquette managed to make it 50-40 with just over eight minutes left. The Cardinals responded with an 11-2 run, capped by a 3-pointer from Williams.

"If it doesn't (get people's attention) we're going to keep playing until it does," Williams said. "We're just going to keep playing and let everybody on the outside decide if they think we're back to ourselves."

No. 2 Lady Vols open cold, but beat Kentucky 65-40

by JEFFREY McMURRAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Even after a lopsided victory, Candace Parker did some selfdiagnosis of what she believes is ailing the defending national champions.

Sure, No. 2 Tennessee weathered a sloppy first half and cruised to a 65-40 victory over Kentucky. Parker was still predicting the team would get an earful from coach Pat Summitt this week in practice because the Lady Vols were outrebounded 36-28.

'We're trying to take steps, and I guess admitting you have a problem is the first step," said Parker, who scored 23 points. "We know we need

rebounds."

Parker was accepting some of the blame, but in Summitt's mind, the All-American who Kentucky coach Matthew Mitchell calls the best female player in the country - college or professional — needs to get some help from her teammates.

"Sometimes we stand around and watch Candacc Parker play and rebound," Summitt said. "That's something we have to get better effort out of, across the board."

Parker had seven rebounds and made 10 of 14 shots, one below her season-high for baskets in game. Twice, she put up a highlight-reel left-handed hook shot that the Wildcat defenders could only watch sail through the net.

Things didn't start out quite so easy for the Lady Vols (15-3-0 Southeastern Conference). They had no assists and scored just a 27 points in the first half — their lowest total of the season.

"We came into the locker room pretty drained, and we didn't have much energy,' Parker said.

But despite Tennessee's early woes, the Lady Vols never trailed, largely because Kentucky's shooters were even worse.

The Wildcats (8-9, 2-1) connected on just 9 of 23 shots in the half, and six of the misses were airballs.

Second half, it was all

Tennessee. Kentucky had cut the deficit to 11, but the Lady Vols went on a 17-3 run during a six-minute span late in the

game to turn it into a blowout. "I didn't think that we gave enough effort over 40 minutes," Mitchell said. "About 32 minutes is what it looked like to me, so that's not going

to get it done." The Wildcats didn't get on the scoreboard until nearly six minutes into the game on a contested layup by Catina Bett. By then, Tennessee had built an 8-0 lead.

Kentucky pulled to within 11-9 with 9:30 left in the half after consecutive driving layups by freshman Amber Smith for at least giving his team a spark.

"I think we came out very aggressive," Smith said. "We never gave up, and we kept taking it to them."

The Wildcats won the rebounding battle in large part due to the return of senior center Sarah Elliott, who had been listed as doubtful for the game with a left knee strain.

Samantha Mahoney Kentucky with 12 points.

Tennessee extended its streak to 318 consecutive games with a 3-pointer, albeit barely. The Lady Vols missed their first seven attempts from long range and didn't connect Smith, but the Lady Vols on their lone one of the game scored the next six points to until Angie Bjorklund made

pad the lead. Mitchell credited one with under four minutes

The last time these teams met in Lexington in 2006, the unranked Wildcats shocked the top-ranked Lady Vols 66-63 at Rupp Arena. Kentucky hasn't beaten Tennessee at Memorial Coliseum, the regular home for the women's team, since 1986.

Mitchell, the first coach to start 2-0 in the SEC in his inaugural season at Kentucky, was handed his first league defeat. Mitchell was a graduate assistant at Tennessee during the Lady Vols' Final Four run in 2000.

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Float

moves shallower. These bobbers pinch the wallet, costing nearly \$5 for two.

The color and material of the fly makes a difference. Craft hair flies in combinations of chartreuse, white, pink, blue and grey work well. Duck feather flies with strands of chartreuse, blue or red tied into them excel when water temperatures drop below 47 degrees or when bass won't hit craft hair flies. A 1/16ounce fly is the best weight most of the time, but 1/32-ounce triggers strikes on those tough bluebird days after a cold front.

Suspend the fly about 8 feet under the bobber and adjust shallower or deeper until a smallmouth hits. Many float and fly specialists use petroleum jelly-based scent on their flies known as "dope" and available in tackle shops around Lake Cumberland and Dale Hollow. Some anglers trim their craft hair flies to parallel the bend of the hook or trim them to a point just beyond it. They then apply generous amounts of dope.

profile and more subtle action. Others don't trim at all and apply dope just to the jig head. This allows the craft hair to breathe and undulate in the water. Not trimming and applying dope just to the jig head seems to produce better in water with some color to it, but both ways catch smallmouth bass. You can either dope the jig head or the entire body when fishing duck feather flies.

Cast the float and fly to main lake and secondary points. If there is some chop to the water, allow the bobber to ride the waves for a few minutes. This puts plenty of action on the fly. Reel in about 5 feet and repeat until a fish strikes. If the water is calm, you'll have to impart some action on the fly. Move the rod up and down and make the bobber wink at you. Allow the rig to sit still for a few moments and repeat.

Watch the bobber intently. Big smallmouth bass often barely take the bobber under because they inhale the fly and This gives the fly a slimmer don't move. Trophy smallmouth

Continued from p1 bass coming from deeper water often take the fly and move shallower, causing the bobber to flop over on its side. Set the hook immediately if this hap-

Some float and fly anglers use 4-pound green or clear monofilament as their main line and attach the bobber directly to it. Others use 6- or 8-pound monofilament or a thin braided main line from the reel to a 3way swivel. They then tie an 8to 12-foot leader of 4-pound fluorocarbon to one of the other loops of the swivel and clip the bobber to the other. Both eatch fish. Those who use the 3-way swivel believe it makes for easier casting and imparts more action on the fly. Those who go plain feel more comfortable with one knot instead of three. Again, both ways fool big smallmouths.

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Thursday night's College Basketball THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three Top 25 teams fell to

improbable upsets Thursday night. None was longer in the making or by a less likely team than Cleveland State.

The Vikings knocked off No. 12 Butler for the first regular-season win over a ranked team in program history, winning 56-52 Thursday night.

"It's big," second-year coach Gary Waters said. 'What we're trying to do is establish a foundation. It (the win) will help people understand that there are some good things going on at Cleveland State.

It's been a while.

The commuter-school program has existed mostly in a state of disarray for the past two decades, since its monumental upset of Indiana in the 1986 NCAA tournament.

Students — many of whom weren't born the last time the Vikings beat a ranked team rushed the court where they danced, jumped and relished a night that made them even prouder to be Vikings.

"It was a beautiful feeling," forward J'Nathan Bullock

Bullock added 14 points, the last one coming on a free throw with 2.6 seconds left.

Horizon League) came in 1-26 in games against ranked opponents, with their only win coming on March 14, 1986, a shocking upset of No. 16. Indiana in the NCAA tournament under then-coach Kevin Mackey. Since that memorable win, Cleveland State had lost 19 straight games against ranked opponents.

Freshman Matt Howard scored 16 points and Pete Campbell 15 to lead Butler (16-2, 5-2), which missed a barrage of 3-pointers in the final seconds as the Bulldogs tried to tie it. Mike Green, their leading scored had 12 points on 4-of-11 shooting before fouling out and senior A.J. Graves had 5 and went only 2-of-11 from the floor.

It was Cleveland State's night from the start and the win validated Waters' impressive turnaround with the Vikings, who were only 10-21 last season and haven't had a winning season since 2000-01.

On its visit last year, Butler set a school and conference record with 20 3-pointers in a 92-50 thumping of Cleveland But other than State. Campbell, who made 5-of-7 3pointers, the Bulldogs were just 6-of-23 overall from behind the arc this time and

The Vikings (13-5, 6-0 couldn't buy a 3 when they needed one down the stretch.

No. 6 Tennessee 80, No. 16 Vanderbilt 60: In Knoxville, Tenn., Wayne Chism scored a scason-high 18 and had a career-high 18 rebounds to help No. 6 Tennessee win a

matchup of the Southeastern

Conference's best shooters. The Volunteers (15-1, 3-0 SEC) were 8-for-22 on 3s. while the Commodores (16-2, 1-2) completed only 3 of their 21 attempts. Vanderbilt entered the game averaging 9.29 3-pointers a game, second in the SEC only to Tennessee's

The Commodores' 36.8 percent on field goals and 14.3 percent from behind the arc were their worst of the season.

No. 9 Indiana 65, Minnesota 60: In Minneapolis, D.J. White had 17 points and 10 rebounds and Lance Stemler hit a crucial 3-pointer to lift the ninth-ranked Hoosiers to a 65-60 victory over Minnesota on Thursday

night. On a night when their super freshman struggled in all areas, Gordon's supporting cast came up huge to extend Indiana's winning streak to 11 games, their longest since a 13-game streak in 1992-93.

Outdoors woman worskshop scheduled for Feb. 22-24

Cumberland Falls to host latest BOW event

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - Women who like the outdoors and need an enjoyable and refreshing weekend away should consider coming to the Becoming an Outdoors-Workshop, at Woman Cumberland Falls State Resort Park Fcb. 22-24.

The Kentucky Department Wildlife Fish and Resources offers these unique workshops in conjunction Kentucky the with Department of Parks. The weekend program will offer women 18 and older a chance to learn a variety of outdoor skills amidst the backdrop of the world-l'amous moonbow at Cumberland Falls near Corbin, Kentucky.

This workshop will feature a guided tour around the falls, along with a night hike to observe the moonbow. Participants will have their choice of numerous hands-on classes, including the basics of fishing, archery, firearms use, hiking, camping, wildlife and plant identification, and hunt- shooting or hunting is only for ing. Classes are presented in a non-threatening and relaxed atmosphere targeted to begin-

Pre-registration is required and is now underway through Feb. 14. The workshop fee of \$175 includes six meals and lodging for two nights, general sessions and materials and transportation to and from workshop class sites. You may register with a credit card, or get a form by calling toll-free 1-800-858-1549 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time on weekdays. Forms are also on the Internet at fw.ky.gov. The workshop begins with checkin at noon Eastern time on Friday, Feb. 22. It will conclude at noon Sunday, Feb. 24.

"This partnership between Kentucky State Parks and Kentucky Fish and Wildlife gives women who want to learn about outdoor activities a chance to do that in a setting that's very hard to find elsewhere," said Beth Spivey-Minch, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's volunteer coordinator for the Becoming an (BOW) Outdoors-Woman

program. Often women are reluctant to try activities related to the outdoors because they believe that fishing, archery, target men. Sometimes, women simply don't get a chance to see what these activities are about in an environment that assists them in learning how things

BOW workshops are designed for women to "get their feet wet" with professional instruction from a teacher whose goal is to ensure participants have fun and come away with confidence in their new skills.

"There's no better way to get started in these endeavors than coming to a Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshop at a Kentucky state park," said Spivey-Minch. "You make a lot of new friends and realize there are lots of other women out there who enjoy the same kinds of activities. Our classes help reduce the anxiety, and by the end of the workshop, it's amazing how comfortable our participants become with things they never thought they'd be able to accomplish.

"I promise you'll want to show off your new skills when you get home. You'll be ready to be part of the next family fishing, camping or hunting outing and it will be much more fun because you'll know more about how to do it," said Spivey-Minch.

Knott County Central handles Jenkins

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JENKINS - Knott County Central won its second straight game Thursday night, defeating Jenkins 62-48 in a 53rd District regular-season matchup. Jenkins faltered late. Knott County Central held the host Cavaliers to 24 second-half points.

Sophomore Stuart Stamper led Knott County Central to the win, scoring a game-high 22 points. Richard Caudill followed Stamper in the KCC scoring column, finishing with 13 points. The Patriots outscored Jenkins in every quarter. Knott County Central owned a lead over the

Cavaliers at the end of each period. The visiting team outscored Jenkins 13-12 in each of the first two quarters en route to a 26-24 halftime lead.

Knott County Central stretched its lead in the second half and finished strong, outscoring Jenkins 17-9 in the fourth quarter.

Seven different players dented the scoring column in Knott County Central's winning effort. Guards Eric Grimm and Chris Puckett paced Jenkins with 11 points apiece. Stephen Stephens added 10 for the Cavaliers.

Knott County Central improved to 8-7 after claiming the win. Jenkins slipped to 6-12 as a result of the setback.

KNOTT COUNTY CENTRAL 62, JENKINS 48
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Patriots defensive vets face Chargers in AFC championship contest

by HOWARD ULMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. -The last time Junior Seau played in an AFC championship game, his team was given little chance to beat the top seed.

In, January 1995, the Steelers won their first playoff game in a rout, while the Chargers eked out a one-point victory that set up the matchup between those teams the following weekend.

"Sitting in my hotel room in Pittsburgh and hearing all the cheers and pep rallies that were going around and all the Super Bowl videos that were being taped, everything was against us," the Patriots linebacker said. "The yellow towels were flying around. It was definitely a time when we thought we were against the world.

But San Diego won 17-13 in Pittsburgh then went on to one of the toughest losses in Seau's 18-year career, a 49-26 rout by San Francisco in the Super Bowl.

Thirteen years later, the Chargers aren't given much of a chance against the perfect Patriots on Sunday, the day after Seau's 39th birthday.

But he knows expectations can fall short. Didn't the Patriots squander a 21-3 lead in last year's AFC title game and lose to Indianapolis, 38-

So Seau and safety Rodney Harrison, a rookie on that 1994 Chargers team, are working hard to avoid an upset that can stop New England's unbeaten season one game short of another Super Bowl appearance.

"I tell the young guys, 'Don't take anything for granted because at any point in time it can be over with, whether it's a season, whether it's a game, whether it's your career," the 35-year-old Harrison said Thursday. "I think I have a greater appreciation now that I'm older.

Seau sees many comparisons between this year's San Diego team and the one in 1994 — the last two Chargers clubs to reach the AFC cham-

"The major comparison is that they're confident," he said. "We look forward to moving on, growing every day to the day it comes we have to go out and perform."

Scau and Harrison will play against the Chargers as teammates for the first time in their long careers. Both missed last season's 24-21 upset playoff win at San Diego with injuries.

Sunday's game, then, should have some special emotions for them, especially since Seau is a native of San Diego.

"I try not to get too Oprah with it and know that it's just another game and know that I'm so happy for the city of San Diego, my hometown," he said, but "it's going to be a challenge of the game of football, nothing more."

Harrison, a fiery, hard-hitter like Seau, also prefers to show his emotions on the

"It's just special to be in the AFC Championship," Harrison said. "I don't know

necessarily Chargers makes it any more special."

The Patriots have spent the week building up the Chargers as the best team in the NFL since Thanksgiving. They were 5-5 before the holiday but 8-0 since then.

New England coach Bill Belichick likes to point out that his team has won fewer games in that stretch. But that's because they had a playoff bye and are 7-0 after Thanksgiving — but 17-0 overall.

San Diego coach Norv Turner isn't surprised that Belichick fawned over the

"Everyone knows that New England right now is playing the best football in the league and it's going to be a real challenge for us," Turner said.

Tom Brady's 50 touchdown passes and Randy Moss' 23 scoring catches are NFL single-season record. So are the 589 points the Patriots scored.

But the advanced age of their defense may be catching up. They allowed three scoring

last Saturday night's 31-20 playoff win over Jacksonville after giving up four touchdowns in a 38-35 win over the New York Giants in the regular-season finale.

The Chargers' defense is younger with a knack for creating turnovers. They led the NFL with 30 interceptions and 48 takeaways then added two interceptions and one fumble recovery in last Sunday's 28playoff win at Indianapolis. All-Pro cornerback Antonio Cromartic's 10 interceptions led the league.

"It's remarkable the things we've done defensively,' Turner said. "It seems like one guy tips (the ball) and it goes up in the air and one of our guys finds a way to get

The Patriots also have some pretty solid defensive players.

Seau had three interceptions and 31/2 sacks this season and Harrison ended Jacksonville's hopes with an interception with just under four minutes left. One more

drives of at least 80 yards in win, and the Patriots will have a shot at their fourth championship in seven years.

That's a long way from San Diego. Seau and Harrison left there after the 2002 season, when the Chargers lost their last four games to finish 8-8 and miss the playoffs for

the seventh straight season. "Whether you want to judge my play, whether you want to judge the morale or having the same people there lose and not making any strides forward," Seau said, "you have to look at that and say, 'maybe it's time to change.'

Harrison went straight to New England. Seau spent the next three seasons with Miami and is in his second with New England.

On Sunday, for the first time in 13 seasons, they'll play again as teammates in an AFC championship game.

"It's a lot of hype around this game and deservedly so, but, at the same time, it's a football game," Harrison said. "It doesn't matter what we've done in the past."

Favre vs. Manning matchup highlights NFC title

by BARRY WILNER ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREEN BAY, Wis. - A sack is like a bases-loaded double play or a blocked shot in the final seconds of a tight game. It's dynamic or deflating, depending on which side of the line a player makes his

Whichever team gets the quarterback on the ground most often in Sunday's NFC championship game could be the one headed to the Super Bowl. And both the Giants and Packers excel at pressuring and punishing opposing passers, even if Brett Favre or Eli Manning gets his pass

"I think a sack is a glorified stat," Green Bay defensive end Aaron Kampman said. "Trust me, we all try to get them. I try to get them. You know, it's a great thing. But in the end, if I, or anyone, can force an incompletion, can force a hurried throw that he's a pretty stationary target.

leads to an incompletion, a That means if the Packers (14- avoiding pressure and sacks, a four-DE alignment on passball hit afterwards, all those things factor into the game. So yeah, I feel very comfortable with how we're rushing."

Which should make Manning feel, well, very uncomfortable.

Then again, Manning has gotten strong protection late in the season and in the playoffs. One major reason for the Giants' astounding 9-1 road mark is that Manning has remained upright so often in away games.

"I don't know if that is going to happen, but just to be in situations where you can still run the ball possibly, you can still throw it," Manning cites as the key to offsetting the Packers' sack patrol, "You can get the ball out quickly and do some shorter throws if you have to get the ball in the receiver's hands to see if they can run for a first down."

Manning won't be doing much running or scrambling; 3) can slow Brandon Jacobs, Ahmad Bradshaw and New York's running attack, they can tee off on the fourth-year quarterback playing in the biggest game of his life.

"I have a lot of faith in our guys up front, in our pass rush, and they'll get there. They'll do what they have to do." linebacker Nick Barnett said. "They work hard every week to get there. And sometimes, we may not get the sacks in the game, but we have a lot of pressures, a lot of knockdowns, hurries, and that's just as good as sacks for us, incomplete passes."

Last week, on a snow-covered Lambeau Field turf, the Pack had little trouble styming Seattle's formidable pass rush. While playing conditions figure to be drier, but much colder, on Sunday, the footing isn't likely to be ideal for Osi Umenyiora, Michael Strahan and company.

moving just enough to find passing lanes, and using a quick release to get the ball downfield. That's one reason Green Bay so often uses four and even five wide receivers; the coaches have tremendous faith in the offensive line's protection skills.

"They are very difficult to have a sack (against)," Giants sacks leader Umenyiora said of the Packers, who allowed only 19 sacks all season, 15 on Favre. "They have a good offensive line, but he doesn't take any sacks. He throws the ball very, very quick. So we are going to have to really try to get our hands up, get in his face a little bit and see if we can play the game that way."

The Giants (12-6) have played the game that way extremely well, and their 53 sacks topped the NFL this season, with Umenyiora pacing New York with 13 - one more than Green Bay leader ing downs since linebacker Mattias Kiwanuka, a converted end, broke his leg on Nov. 18. But even with a more conventional scheme, the pressure remained staunch, and the sacks kept coming.

Considering New York's banged-up secondary, the Giants might need to be in Favre's face on every snap.

"We have confidence in all the guys that are on our team," defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo said, "so when one guy goes down, we put another guy in. I guess I would be lying if I didn't say there was some concern and you think about some change, but if you're too far from what you are and what you do, I think you can get into trouble that way, too.'

The idea, then, is stay true to your roots, which is exactly what Strahan expects both sides will do.

"This is going to be a game Plus, Favre is a master at Kampman. They've scrapped of will, a game of whoever

wants it the most," he said. "That is what the playoffs are all about, so this is going to be a very interesting battle. Us, a team that has a strong will and plays well on the road, and that team that has a strong will and plays well at home.'

NFL Playoffs: Saturday, Jan. 5-Seattle 35, Washington Jacksonville Pittsburgh 29. Sunday, Jan. 6-N.Y. Giants 24, Tampa Bay 14; San Diego 17, Tennessee

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Super Bowl, Sunday, Feb. 3, Glendale, Ariz.-AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:17

Pats coach Belichick backs Moss over restraining order

by HOWARD ULMAN ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick expressed strong support Thursday for wide receiver Randy Moss, the subject of a temporary restraining order obtained by a longtime friend.

Belichick said he wasn't concerned about the allegation brought by Rachelle Washington that Moss committed battery or about how it might affect Moss on Sunday in the AFC championship game against the San Diego Chargers.

Washington's attorney issued a statement Thursday tives were the first to suggest that Moss pay the woman to keep the issue quiet, according to NBCSports.com. The attorney, David McGill, and Moss' agent, Tim DiPiero, did not returns telephone calls from The Associated Press.

On Wednesday, Moss said that suggestion came from her side and totaled "six figures." He called it "a situation of extortion."

No criminal charge has been

brought. Belichick spoke briefly on questions about the matter Thursday.

"I think Randy's covered saying that Moss' representa- those and I've talked to Randy about it, and I support Randy 100 percent," he said.

Moss spent about 10 minutes in front of his locker on Wednesday vehemently denying the allegations.

On Monday, the temporary restraining order was issued in Broward County, Fla., ordering Moss to stay at least 500 feet from the home of Washington, who alleged he committed "battery ... causing serious injury" to her at her home in Fort Lauderdale on Jan. 6, the Sunday of the Patriots playoff bve week.

six days before the Super Bowl.

Moss said the woman has been a friend of his for 11 years and that she asked for "six figures" for what he said was an accident in which she was hurt. Washington, 35, alleged they had been in an "intimate relationship" since 1997.

Her attorney's statement said she "has cared deeply for Mr. Moss and has been there for him throughout all of his trials and tribulations" over the past 11 years and didn't intend

to hurt Moss. "However, she has suffered

A hearing on issuing a per- mental and physical harm as a Moss denied that. McGill's scheduled for 3 p.m. Jan. 28, ment said. "She simply wants injury. him to take responsibility for what he has done. As a battery victim, she has shown great strength throughout this entire ordeal.

"Ms. Washington has been unfairly characterized as someone simply seeking financial gain. In fact, it was Mr. Moss' representatives who first contacted our office to offer a 'six figure' settlement with hopes of not having this incident become public record."

Washington also alleged that Moss refused to allow her to seek medical treatment.

manent restraining order is result of his actions," the state- statement did not specify an

"He has acknowledged that he was at Ms. Washington's Florida residence and that he was 'guilty' of an 'accident' which occurred," the statement said. "However, Mr. Moss fails to mention how his reckless and degrading conduct rendered Ms. Washington unable to drive her vehicle to seek

medical attention." Several teammates have expressed support for Moss.

"When there's an attack on someone in the family," tight end Kyle Brady said, "there's a sense of loyalty that kicks in."

008 Fan Advisory lications for BMS accepting app

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. Geared toward better serving the hundreds of thousands of spectators who visit "The World's Fastest Half-Mile" each year, Bristol Motor Speedway's Fan Advisory Board enters its second year in 2008. For 2008, the board will add 10 new members.

Applications are being accepted through Friday, Jan. 21. Interested race fans who

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The BMS Fan Advisory Board consists of a group of loyal fans who provide feedback and offer new ideas that aid in the growth and development of the Speedway and its ability to exceed expectations by delivering the ulti-

mate fan experience. "The Fan Advisory Board proved to be beneficial in its first year and we are looking forward to another season of effective interaction with the board in 2008," said BMS general manager, Jeff Byrd. We implemented a variety of board ideas last year, including queue lines at shuttle stops that improved the Bristol experience for fans.

As always, BMS management continues to be available for direct communication and correspondence with fans. The FAB simply increases the level of communication and provides BMS with an immediate sounding board in which to solicit fan opinions, ideas and suggestions, all with the best interest of the fan experience in mind.

Via online message boards and annual meetings, the Fan Advisory Board targets visible issues, identifies challenges and presents ideas to enhance and better the

an active role, as those who are not a part of the board can communicate with FAB members by utilizing Bristol's online message board.

The FAB is comprised of 30-40 members, consisting of a demographic cross-section of fans. Correspondence and meetings include Bristol senior level management to ensure action items are executed in the vision of the fans "Bristol Experience." All fans and the board. Board mem-

have the opportunity to play bers serve a term that spans a year and a half, giving members the opportunity to serve for three NASCAR race weekends at Bristol.

The FAB meetings take place during NASCAR event weekends at Bristol Motor Speedway for board members in attendance. The online message board serves as an ongoing open line of communication and

involvement/activity unlimited



photo by Jamie Howell ALEX HAMMONDS (above, second from left) and his Allen Central teammates will face Paintsville in the open-

Kaumeyer to coach UK defensive backs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON Kaumeyer, whose varied experiences include stints as a Division I defensive coordinator, junior-college head coach, National Football League player, and NFL assistant coach, is the new defensive backs coach at the University of Kentucky,

Coach Rich Brooks has announced. Kaumeyer comes to Kentucky from Tulane University, where he was the defensive coordinator and cornerbacks coach in 2007. During his one season there, Tulane improved its national rankings in scoring defense, total defense, and rushing defense compared to the '06 season.

Kaumeyer coached at San Diego State from 2002-06, including four seasons as the defensive coordina-

Kaumeyer gained coaching experience in the National Football League when he spent two seasons (2000-01) with the Atlanta Falcons. He was the defensive quality-control coach and also helped coach the secondary. Brooks was defensive coordinator for the Falcons in the 2000 season.

"I'm excited to be with Coach Brooks again and the opportunity to coach in the Southeastern Conference," Kaumeyer said. "I also had known Steve Brown and look forward to coaching with him on the defensive staff.

Kaumeyer completed his bachelor's degree at Regents College in Albany, N. Y., and earned a master's in education at Azusa Pacific in Azusa, Calif. He is married to Kayoko Kaumeyer.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-8064 Amendment 6

accordance KAR with 405 8:010. notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642. has applied for an amendment to a permit for a coal processing facility, refuse disposal, underground, and contour and auger mining operation, located 1.9 mile southeast of Printer,

The facility is approximately 1.4 mile southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030, and located 0.004 mile northeast of Spurlock Creek

in Floyd Coun-ty.

The amendment will

add 3.30 surface

acres and 963.82

acres of under-

ground disturbance,

making a total of

733.38 acres within

houndary.

amended

The facility is on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour, auger, and area methods of mining. The surface area to be disturbed by the Black owned by Diamond Land Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Black Diamond Land Company, LLC, The Elk Horn Company,

LLC and Cindy The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Divi-sion of Mine Re-clamation and Enforce-ment Regional Office. 3140 South Lake Drive. Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Ken-41653. Written comments. objections, requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application

Amendment No. 2 accordance with KRS 350.070. notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch Prestonsburg Kentuc-ky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an surface existing coal mining and reclamation operation. located 2.6 miles north of Emma, Floyd County. The amendment will add 199.80 acres of surface disturbance. and will underlie an additional 328.30 of which 164.15 acres overlie area mining area, making a total area of 618.72 acres. within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approxkmately 0.70 mile northeast from Sugar-loaf Branch Road's junction with KY 1428, and is located on Dials Branch of Sugarloaf Branch Levisa Fork proposed

amendment is located on the Lancer USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, E. L. and Bertha Cline, Malcolm Layne, Rebecca Jarrell, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham, Clark Pergrem and Jesse Rudd, Tom and Melissa Albert Reynolds. and Janet Ratliff, Johnny and Patricia Huffman, Taulbee and Renisa Branham, Michael Hunt, Ransom and U.S. 127 South, Betty Hunt, and Frankfort, Kentucky Maxine Crider. The

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Rebecca The Elk Coal Horn Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs. John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham. Clark Pergrem and Jesse Rudd. The operation will use the contour, auger and highwall methods of surface min-The amending. ment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 Suite 6. Prestonsburg,

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

> NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE Application No. 836-5488

In accordance with the provisions KAR 16:120 Section 3, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co. Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg 41653 Kentucky 886-5488. (606)proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting consists approximately 25.51 acres, located approximately 3.92 east Lancer, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The area is locatapproximately 2.94 miles east from State Route 3386's junction with State Route 3. and located 3.5 miles east of Brandy Keg Dike, at Latitude 37º40'06' Longitude 82940'54 Detonations explosives are proposed

underlie land owned daily, sunrise to sunset. January 16, 2008, to January 2009. Control blasting area will be

blocking the access

roads to the area at

least ten (10) min-

utes prior to the

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the blast, to prevent

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area. Entry to the

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