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Court squabbles, then makes peace

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In brief 'Crack' charge nets 21 years

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

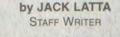
LONDON - A Eastern Kentucky man was sentenced to prison Thursday by U.S. District Judge Karen K. Caldwell after pleading guilty to drug charges.

Billy Ray "Mudd" Watson, of Stearns, was sentenced to 21 years in prison after he pleaded guilty in August to attempting to sell crack cocaine to a McCreary County deputy jailer.

The jailer had been acting on behalf of law enforcement officials. According to federal

law, Watson will have to serve 85 percent of his prison sentence before he can be released under the supervision of the United States Probation Office.

Watson will serve eight years of probation. The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration in cooperation with the Lake Cumberland Area Drug Task Force.



PRESTONSBURG - A special Floyd County Fiscal court meeting Friday had to be called to order by Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall after Magistrates John Goble and Jackie Edford Owens would not cease trading barbs at one another.

The war of words began as the treasurer's report was about to be voted on, when Goble, of District 1, asked David Layne, treasurer for the Fiscal court, "Did we have \$18 million?"

The tension in the room stemmed from a Floyd County Times report that Owens' wife and son, both employees of the fiscal court, had survived the 60 percent workforce reductions made by the court.

Owens responded with ads in both The Floyd County Times and the Big

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The battle lines were clearly drawn going into Friday's special meeting of the fiscal court. Following the meeting, the mood changed to cordial, as magistrates acknowledged misunderstandings and errors had led to recent controversies.



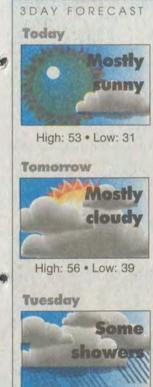
Floyd again among state **Trust leaders**

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -Floyd County licensed drivers showed their support for organ donation in 2007 by once again being "above average" in their donations of an extra dollar to the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks Trust for Life.

adding names to the donor said Trust registry," Executive Director Berkeley Scott.

Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks Association and the state legislature created the Trust for Life in 1992 in order to fund the yearround education and promotion effort to encourage organ and tissue donation in "This is a great program Kentucky. Hall has been president of the Trust for two consecutive terms. "That's a reflection of the generosity of the county," Hall said. "If our numbers weren't what they are, I probably wouldn't be president." In all, 1,525 county residents have put their names on the donor registry since May 15, when it was added to the drivers license process. Hall said that Floyd County is usually in the top three in the state in donations. Hall also mentioned that Magoffin County's donation percentage has increased considerably under new Circuit Clerk



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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Women, many dressed in the hallmark color of the month, came out in numbers to attend the second annual "Go Red for Women" luncheon, co-sponsored by Highlands Regional Medical Center and Jean Dorton, and held Friday afternoon at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. The American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign is designed to focus awareness on the dangers of heart disease in women. More on the Go Red campaign and Friday's luncheon in Wednesday's Lifestyles.

Nominations accepted for Teacher of the Year

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT --- Nominations are underway, and will run through April 30, for the Kentucky 2007-08 Teacher of the Year award.

The winning teacher will receive \$1,000 as well as a \$500 grant to that teacher's school The winner of the Kentucky Teachers of the Year Award will be eligible for the for the National

Teacher of the Year award, which includes a special recognition and \$2,500 travel voucher.

Teachers, students and parents may nominate any of the 55,000 accredited school teachers in the state of Kentucky.

Teacher of the year nomination forms can be found online at www.teachers.com/toty. The nomination form includes a place for a 250-word

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set up to promote organ and tissue donation," said Douglas Hall, Floyd County circuit clerk and president of the Kentucky Trust for Life.

According to the Trust for Life, the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk's Office collected the \$1 donation from 75 percent of those obtaining a license last year. The average number for Kentucky's 120 counties was, by comparison, a mere 41.6 percent.

"Floyd County has been very cooperative and generous in their donations." Hall said.

"Doug Hall and his staff should be very proud of their efforts in collecting the \$1 donations and in

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photo by Jack Latta

Floyd Circuit Court Clerk Douglas Hall, right, has been instrumental in improving donations to the Trust for Life program, both as clerk and the program's president.

Former trooper indicted for assault

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County grand jury has indicted a former Kentucky State Police trooper accused of beating and biting a West Virginia National Guardsman.

Jared Alfrey, 28, of Belfry, faces a second-degree assault charge. Alfrey resigned in July,

soon after National Guardsman Randall McCoy, of Williamson, W.Va., accused the trooper of driving him and his girlfriend to an abandoned mine in July and beating him after arresting the couple on a domestic violence call.

Alfrey, in the citations he wrote, said McCoy asked to move his handcuffs to the front because of a back injury. While the handcuffs were off, McCoy grabbed the trooper before being cuffed again, Alfrey wrote.

Alfrey joined state police in December 2005.

His phone line was disconnected and he could not be reached for comment Friday. It could not be immediately determined if he had an attorney.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

Bobbie Jean Beverly, 68. of Hueysville, died Thursday, January 17. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Margaret Conley, 94, of Garrett, died Saturday, January 26 at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were held Monday, January 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Minnie Conley, 93, of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, January 22, at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, January 28, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Waid Leroy Diddle, 73, of Auxier, died Sunday, January 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Betty Bentley Diddle. Funeral services were Wednesday, conducted January 30, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Charles Junior Hackworth, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mabel Owens Hackworth. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Phill Maurice Hall, 67, of Wabash Indiana, a native of McDowell, died Tuesday, January 29, in his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 2, under the direction of Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash, Indiana.

Reverend Daniel 10 Thomas Heintzelman (also known as Mr. Dan) of Martin, died Monday, January 28, at St. Joseph Hospital (Martin). He is survived by his wife, Sylvia . Van Stedum Heintzelman. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 30, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Carada Hunt, 81, of Stanville, died Friday, January 25 at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, January 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Calvin Johnson, 54, of

Tuesday, January 29, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Archer Shepherd Jr., 70, of Blue River, a native of Gunlock, died Friday, January 25, at Prestonsburg Healthcare Center. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Ann Shepherd. Funeral services were held Monday, January 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Wayne Timothy Shepherd, 44, of Hueysville, died Friday, January 25, at Hazard Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Melva Shepherd. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 27, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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

Ellis Slone, 94, of David, died Friday, January 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Cener. Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dora Dean Spencer, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at the Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, February 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Maggie Jarrell Wilcox, 60, of Lorain, Ohio, a native of Dana, died Tuesday, January 29, at Community Health Partners Regional Medical Center, Lorain. She is survived by her husband, Ward Wilcox. A memorial service was held Friday, February 1, under the direction of Schwartz, Spence, Boyer & Cool Home for Funerals, Lorain.

PIKE COUNTY

Earl Adkins Jr., 77, of Westwood, a Pike County native, died Saturday, January 26, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Trustee Adkins. Funeral services were held Monday, January 28, under the direction of Preston Family Funeral Home of Ashland.

Byrdstown, Tenn., formerly of Dorton, died Thursday, January 31, in Frankfort. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home. Justine Blackburn, 86, of Pikeville, died Saturday, January 26, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, January 28, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home. Jimmie Hayes 71, Blackburn, of McAndrews, died Tuesday, January 22, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Elena Thacker Blackburn. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, under direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home. Mary Louise Bevins Bragg, 71, of Williamson Towers, died Wednesday, January 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 2, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Juanita "Granny" Home

Bryant, 86, of Greenup, a native of Jonancy, died Tuesday, January 29, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Russell. Funeral services were held Friday, February 1, under the direction of Wright's Funeral Home of Greenup.

Lloyd "Coal Digger" Cable, 74, of John Cable Hollow, died Tuesday, January 29, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Georgetta Judson Cable. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 2, under direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Emma B. Coleman, 83, of Elkhorn City, died Sunday, January 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 30, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Tammy Coleman, 41, a daughter of Billy Bentley and the late Juanita Tackett Bentley, died Tuesday, January 22. She is survived by her husband, Timothy Brian Coleman.

Ralph Fannin, 83, of Majestic, died Friday, January 25, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 29, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Ted Wesley Herring, 86, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, January 25, at Middle Tennessee 'Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, January 28, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Denver Douglas "Doug" Harris, 56, of Huntington, Ind., a Pikeville native, died Sunday, January 27, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Jean Griffith Harris. Funeral services were held Friday, February 1, under the direction of Deal-Rice Funeral Home of Huntington.

Hazel Johnson, 88, of Virgie, died Thursday, January 24, at her residence, Funeral services were held Sunday. January 27, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Kenneth Ray "K.J." Justice, 48, of Mouthcard, died Monday, January 28, at Mouthcard. He is survived by Larry Baker, 60, of his wife, Renee Denise Murphy Justice. Funeral services were held Friday, February 1, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home. Patty Crum Mullins, 67. of Pikeville, formerly of Freeburn, died Thursday, January 31, at Pikeville Medical Center. Arrangements. under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home. Melvina "Nina" Myers of Millers Creek died Tuesday, January 29, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, February 1, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home. Orpha Ogle, 84, of Phelps, died Sunday, January 27, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 30, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home. Alma Williams Potter, 82, a Pike County native, died Thursday, January 24, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 27, under the direction of Bailey Funeral

Gabe C. "G.C." Ratliff, 78, of Shelby Gap, died Monday, Jan. 28, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Florene Potter Ratliff. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 31, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Mollie Rowe 100 Smallwood, 79, of Mt. View Healthcare Center, Elkhorn City, formerly of Rockhouse, died Thursday, January 24, at Mt. View Healthcare Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 27, under direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

Eddie "Windy" Wolford, 50, of Smith Fork, Phelps, died Friday, Jan. 25, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Vickie Gail Smith Wolford. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 29, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services of Matewan, W.Va.

Scotty Wayne "Buck" Young, 31, of Paintsville, a native of Pike County, died Saturday, January 26, in Pikeville. He is survived by his wife, Cindy VanHoose Young. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 30, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Tandy Amburgey, 89, of London, formerly of Knott County, died Friday, January 18, at the St. Joseph of London Hospital. He is survived by his Dorothy Blair wife, Amburgey. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

-Kathleen Combs Davidson, 82, of Columbus, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Friday, January 18, in Columbus. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Hattie Carol Ritchie-Goeller, 58, a Knott County native, died January 15, in her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 18, under the direction Zaboran Funeral Home, South Bend, Indiana.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY Elmer Adams, 81, of

17, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 21, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Minnie Rudd, 82, of Marion, Ohio, a native of Salyersville, died Saturday, January 19, at Marion General Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

Ray Watts, 78, of Burnside, formerly of Knott County, died Sunday, January 20, at the Lake Cumberland Hospital at Somerset. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 22, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Julie Brown Williams, 96, of Mount Sterling, a Magoffin County native, died Wednesday, January 16, at the Mary Chiles Hospital in Mount Sterling. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 19, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Robert Lee Borders, 58, a Paintsville native, died Thursday, January 24. Funeral services were held Monday, January 28, at the Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. Information, courtesy of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Josephine Hannah Brown, 89, of Swamp Branch, died Thursday, January 24. at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 27, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Judy Keel Meade, 65, of Defiance, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Friday, January 25, at the Toledo (Ohio) Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Eston Meade. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 30, under the direction of Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home, in Defiance, Ohio.

Gary Thomas "Tom" Underwood, 50, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, January 29, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 2, under the direction

Regiona Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 26, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Donald Eugene Ward, 68, of Tomahawk, died Tuesday, January 22, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Palma (Pam) Justice. Funeral services were held Friday, January 25, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Obituaries



Margie Tackett Kiser Margie Tackett Kiser, 75, of Beaver, died Thursday, January 31, 2008, at her residence.

Born September 11, 1932, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Berry and Elva Hamilton Tackett. She was a homemaker and a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andy Kiser Jr.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law: Daylie and Patty Kiser of Howe, Indiana; Andy Jay and Cathy Kiser of Bronson, Michigan; and Zachary Kiser of Teaberry; a daughter and sonin-law: Angela and Jeff Brown of Beaver; two brothers, and one sister: Sterling Tackett of Betsy Layne; Jimmy Tackett of Pikeville; and Opal Reynolds of Beaver; eight grandchildren: Paul, Kent, Michelle, Heather, Anthony, Brandon, Shawn and Adam; and six great-grandsons:

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded

Bevinsville, a native of Martin, died Friday, January 25, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, January 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Etta Rose (Hopkins) King, 78, of West Chester, Ohio, a native of McDowell, died Monday, January 28, in the Bethesda North Hospital, in Montgomery, Ohio. Funeral services were held Friday, February 1, under the direction of Stine Kilburn Funeral Home, Lebanon, Ohio.

Eva K. Robinette Layne, 91, of Harold, died Saturday, January 19, at Pikeville Healthcare Center. Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Carol Ann Rowland, 61, of Blue River, died Saturday, January 26, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Cleaties Rowland. Funeral services were held



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Salyersville, died Thursday, January 10, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Burton Adams. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 13, under the direction of

Home. Joseph Claire Brubaker, 82, of Salyersville, died Friday, January 18. He is survived by his wife, Jean Booz Brubaker. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 22, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Magoffin County Funeral

Ruie Johnson, 94, of Paintsville, a Magoffin County native, died Saturday, January

10 Jones-Preston Funeral Home

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MARTIN COUNTY

Everett Hickman, 71, a Martin County native, died Saturday, January 26. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 30, under the direction of Woodyard Co. Chapel, Columbus, Ohio.

Darlene Moore Jennings, 50, of Inez, died Tuesday, January 22, at Highlands

in death by two brothers and one sister: Paul Tackett, John Tackett, and Olga **B**. Hamilton.

Funeral services will be held Monday, February 4, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, in McDowell, with Regular Baptist ministers of the Indian Bottom Association officiating.

Burial will be in the Kiser Family Cemetery, in Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is Saturday, at 6 p.m., at the funeral home. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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Mike Huckabee		(75 Votes, 21%)
Mitt Romney		(36 Votes, 10%)
Rudolph Giuliani	1	(14 Votes, 4%)
Ron Paul	1	(13 Votes, 4%)
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Doesn't matter, I'm voting Democrat	-	(105 Votes, 30%)

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U.S. mine agency approves tracking system to locate miners

by DIBYA SARKAR **AP BUSINESS WRITER**

WASHINGTON - Federal mine-safety regulators on Thursday said they approved the first wireless-tracking system to locate miners trapped underground.

The U.S. Mine Safety and

Health Administration said the technology was developed by Liberty Lake, Wash.-based Venture Design Services Inc., a subsidiary of Singaporebased Venture Corp. Ltd. "Since the Sago Mine dis-

aster, MSHA has received dozens of proposals from manufacturers and distributors of

emergency communication and tracking systems," Richard Stickler, acting assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health, said in a press release. The Venture Design system allows mine operators to track miners underground before and after an emergency event, he said.

sions in 2006, Congress passed legislation that year requiring that mine operators adopt wireless communications and electronic tracking systems by June 2009.

The wireless requirement was part of comprehensive safety legislation to improve conditions for the nation's 43,000 underground coal miners. In a January 2006 explosion at the Sago Mine in West Virginia, 12 men died from carbon monoxide poisoning. In May of that year, five men died in an underground explosion at the Kentucky Darby mine.

In August 2007, nine people died in two cave-ins at the

According to Trust for Life, currently there are more than

After deadly mine explo- Crandall Canyon mine in Utah.

> Since 2006, the agency issued 36 new or revised approvals for communications and tracking systems and is examining 41 more, including several applications for other wireless systems, an MHSA spokesman said.

> During emergencies, mine operators are required to shut down power, a cautionary move that also cuts off other mining-tracking systems. Dave Chirdon, MSHA's supervisor of the electrical safety division, said Venture's system resorts to battery power for up to 48 hours and more accurately tracks miners than other systems.

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Hall said.

The Big Branch mine in Naugatuck, W.V., has been using Venture Design's MineTracer Miner Location Monitoring System since May, said Jim Barrett, the product's research and development manager.

The complex system, which Barrett described as a cell phone network "blanketing a city that is shrunk down and installed underground," is designed to work during emergencies, especially in hazardous gas environments.

The installation cost is about \$35,000 per mile, or \$100,000 to \$1 million depending on the size of a mine, he estimated.

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they go in to renew their license. Those wanting to become a donor before their next renewal can access registry at

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Sandy News, blasting the other magistrates for "spending like drunk sailors.'

In the ad, Owens said that the other three magistrates had squandered an \$18 million budget, as well as \$500,000 in money borrowed from the bank.

According to the treasurer's report, the county actually spent little over \$13 million ---\$5 million under their budgeted amount.

"We can't spend money we don't have," said Goble. "It's like trying to get blood from a turnip.'

Layne said that a half-million-dollar Kentucky Advanced Revenue Program was needed at the beginning of the fiscal year in July, or "You would have been laying people off then." The fiscal court voted 3-to-1 to pay off the KARP loan after discussion ended. Owens was the lone magistrate to vote against the resolution.

Marshall said that the county had no other outstanding loans and that only the bond issues remain.

Also a source of controversy between the magistrates had been a proposal made by District 4 Magistrate Ronnie Akers that, "due to the financial circumstances," he have \$5,000 dollars withheld from his salary and donated to the fiscal court. District 3 Magistrate Donnie Daniels and Goble both also agreed to withhold \$5000 each.

The magistrates were however notified by the county attorney that because their salaries are set at the beginning of their term, KRS statutes forbid any changes be made to those salaries until the next elections. "Once it's vours, vou can donate it back

magistrates planned to "donate one red cent." When asked, Layne affirmed that \$200 had been withheld from each donating magistrate's paycheck, and that money would have to be credited back to them because of the law.

Marshall made the motion to rescind the resolution and then waited patiently for a second. When a second was not forthcoming, Marshall said, "Gentlemen, we can't break the law.

After Akers asked again if they were in violation, he offered a reluctant second. The vote to rescind the resolution featured Goble and Daniels abstaining, Owens voting against, and Akers voting for. Judge Marshall cast the tiebreaking vote to rescind the resolution.

Marshall had to call the meeting to order after Goble and Owens became locked in a back-and-forth over financial matters.

During a vote on a resolution to void and reissue checks, Owens vote against the measure was quickly followed by Goble interjecting, "As usual."

The vote to adjourn the meeting was the only unanimous decision during he special meeting.

After the meeting, Goble asked citizens and the media to stay and receive a "Factual Accounting of Fiscal Court Matters." The handout had been approved by Magistrates Daniels, Akers and Goble.

After some time to review, Magistrates Goble and Owens sat down and seemed to work out some of their issues, explaining a lot of the last two weeks controversy as being "big misunderstandings."

Owens admitted the state-

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Goble had told him he had to go), and I stated it as fact," Owens said.

The issue of Owens' brother-in-law arose when The Big Sandy News erroneously reported that Carl Cooley worked for the county. Magistrate Goble clarified that Greg Cooley, of no relation to Magistrate Owens, does in fact work for the county, and that Carl Cooley, as Owens stated, does not work for the county.

A dispute over a salt truck between Owens and Goble was also laid to rest, as both magistrates admitted that their argument over the issue had been a misunderstanding. While Goble had in fact volunteered to have the truck picked up by his rollback truck, the salt truck in question never left District 2.

"It was a bad week for all of us," Goble said.

Magistrates Daniels, Akers and Goble are all still planning to donate \$5,000 of their salaries back to the fiscal court, and will do so when they are certain they are not in violation of state law.

Daniels said he would like to set up a district fund, to insure that the money he donates goes back to the people of his district. Akers was also in favor of the donated money staying in his district.

When asked again if he would commit to donating a portion of his salary back to the fiscal court, or as the other magistrates had suggested, back to his own district, Owens remained steadfast.

"I wouldn't want to commit to something, without knowing what it is," Owens said.

It was also stated by the county attorney after the meeting that money for the Garth Landfill, \$212,000, has in fact been paid in full.

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Tonya Ward

770 Kentuckians on waiting lists for lifesaving organ transplants. The numbers are even greater for those needing lifeenhancing procedures that require donated tissue such as corneas, heart valves and veins.

if you like," said Assistant County Attorney Stacy Marshall.

Owens had said in his ad that he didn't believe the other

saying that controversy surrounding Rodney Ousley was

misunderstood. "Rodney stated to me (that

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ments he had made in his ad

Judge Marshall said afterwards that "Things are gonna be tight for a while, but we are on the right track."

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Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society. - Felix Frankfurter

Guest view **Science bills** deserve swift passage

On Jan. 23, the Kentucky Senate passed two important math and science initiatives, 36-0.

No doubt Senate leaders put these initiatives at the top of their agenda to make a point: Improving math and science education can't wait. In 2007, similar initiatives passed the Senate but then died in the House because of gubernatorial election-year politics and objections of the teachers unions. Modifications have been made to accommodate the teachers - although the offending parts will have to be confronted one day.

The House should act quickly on these bills. Kentucky lags in science and math the way it lags in so many areas. Consider a few statistics:

We rank 47th in the nation in the number of scientists and engineers and 42nd in high-tech jobs. And that situation isn't about to change.

That's because only 4.75 of every 1,000 Kentucky graduates get degrees in science or engineering. That low percentage - far below the national average of 7.82 - put the commonwealth in 49th place.

Why does it matter? First, many of the best jobs of the future will depend on math and science skills. The expanding fields in the new economy include computer science, environmental engineering, health care and biomedical engineering. At the top of the list of jobs that are on the decline are manufacturing and agriculture - two Kentucky staples.

But our extraordinarily low number of science grads is tragic for another reason: It shows our schools are failing to excite students in science. Certainly, more than 4.75 of every 1,000 students have a natural curiosity about science - and a natural inclination. Somehow that is being killed.

So, Senate Bills 2 and 64 are meant to attack the problem in many ways. SB 2, to cite just a few of many provisions, offers teachers professional development grants and high schools grants for creating Advanced Placement courses, and it demands that all middle schools and high schools implement courses of study that will get students ready for AP courses in calculus, chemistry and physics. SB 64 creates alternate routes for teacher certification to help lure real scientists and real mathematicians into Kentucky classrooms, where they can pass their passions along.



-Rich **fowry** Column

When an assassin succeeds

The roll call of U.S. allies in the Middle East and its neighborhood has always read like a target list: Maliki, Karzai, Sistani, Musharraf. One bullet or one suicide blast could wipe out all our work and rip apart a strategically important country.

Assassinations have steadily picked off pro-Western politicians in Lebanon, and one of our key tribal allies in Western Iraq, Sheik Satter, was murdered shortly after meeting with President Bush. But since Sept. 11, we have been lucky. There have been no assassinations of true geostrategic significance, except perhaps that of anti-Syria former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, whose killing prompted a popular backlash that ended the Syrian occupation of his country.

Until now. Until Benazir Bhutto was killed in a shooting and suicide bombing at the end of a political rally in the city of Rawalpindi. Until her return to Pakistan from exile a few months ago, met immediately with threats to kill her from Islamic extremists, ended in a tragedy that is still shocking even if it seemed inevitable.

infamously with Gavrilo Princip's shot that precipitated World War I, he succeeds. But it is much harder to do in stable, institutionally mature democracies where established parties can be as important as a single

man or woman. Pakistan, alternately ruled by civilian kleptocrats and generals, is not such Bhutto will be

hard to replace. In keeping with the clannishness of Pakistani politics. her Pakistan

> Peoples Party was entirely dependent on her (authoritarian-style) leadership. Her civilian rival, Nawaz Sharif, who also recently returned from exile, is soft on Islamic militants and has even been accused of having taken bribes from Osama bin Laden. That leaves President Pervez Musharraf, increasingly isolated politically, without a decent civilian ally with whom to try to broaden his support as his country totters from this latest blow. If Bhutto's murder were to create a spiral of violence in nuclear-armed Pakistan that Musharraf couldn't control, it would be the most successful post-Sept. 11 terrorist act since the bombing of the Golden Mosque

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in Iraq, which stoked a civil war that nearly brought us to our knees there. Chaos is militancy's friend, and it is much easier to bring about than lawfully constituted order.

For the terrorists, murder rather

than persuasion is the very stuff politics. of Where it has no majority support and no democratic inspirational leaders of its own, al-Qaida can always kill and hope to gain in the resulting whirlwind.

As Iraq during the past year

shows, chaos needn't prevail. As our Iraq policy spiraled downward in 2006, it benefited from the sort of thorough rethinking that we now need to bring to bear to Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Because what we always feared as happened . killed a strategically significant target. Bhutto's martyrdom will understandably obscure her misrule the first two times she was prime minister. But on her return, she was a frank voice against Islamism, and no one can deny her this: She was very brave.

country.

Clearly, not everyone is built to be a scientist. And universities have many more missions than to prepare the next generation for jobs.

But in most national rankings, something else is clear: We have one of the nation's lowest per capita incomes. Responsible lawmakers must confront that truth, as must responsible university presidents.

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It's always been the assassin's conceit that he can move history with a single blow. Sometimes, as most

beyond the beltway

The economy – another conservative screw-up

by DONALD KAUL MINUTEMAN MEDIA

The world's financial markets have reacted to the bursting of the U.S. housing bubble with the quiet, calm confidence of 14-year-olds fleeing a burning building. Make that 10year-olds.

From Hong Kong to London, from Tokyo to Paris and back to Frankfurt, the world's financiers are trembling in their custom-made boots. Markets plunged as investors rushed to dump stocks.

The spectacle so unnerved Ben Bernanke, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, that he called his board members together and lowered the Fed's benchmark interest rates by [begin ital] three-quarters of a percent. [end ital] (This is a group that normally treats a one-quarter ratedrop as surrender to licentious urges.)

The cutting of interest rates seemed to help some and congressional leaders quickly gathered to promise a "stimulus package" (which the Democrats define as giving cash to working stiffs and Republicans as tax cuts for people who are having trouble financing their third homes) but the situation remains muddled.

Some say we're headed for a recession. Some say we're in one already. Others favor the "don't just do something, stand there" approach.

I don't know what to think. I just know that if God really did make George W. Bush president, as Mr. Bush claims, He's got a lot to answer

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for. At everything the president has tried his hand at - foreign affairs, domestic affairs, environmental affairs, energy policy, economic policy, administration of justice - he's been a disaster. If he were a boat he'd

be the Titanic: a car. the Edsel. It's not just that he's gotten us in this hole, he and his gang have used the available ladders for kindling.

Any stimulus package will increase the budget deficit, already huge, which will require us to go begging to Japan and

China to bail us out, which they might not want to do because the dollar keeps getting weaker because we're running so large a budget deficit.

And don't forget, we've got a war to pay for.

So the next president will come into office facing a huge deficit, a staggering economy, an endless war, an empty treasury and bad credit.

Not only that, if he or she is a Democrat, he or she will have promised to give health care and a variety of other goodies to the masses - if a Republican, big tax cuts with no way to pay for it.

It kind of makes you wonder why anyone would want to be president doesn't it?

The situation reminds me of an old baseball joke. A rookie in spring training takes the field playing third base. A batter hits the ball to him; he boots it. A second batter hits the ball to him; he boots it again. Improbably, a third batter finds him with a grounder. It goes through his legs.

The manager yanks the kid and

puts in his veteran third-base man. The next batter hits the ball to him and [begin ital] he [end it] boots it.

At which point the old third-baseman throws down his glove and storms off the field, saying:

"That kid's got the position so screwed up, can't nobody play it.

Which is pretty much the situation with George W. Bush and the presidency.

To be fair, however, (and there's no reason to be fair; I'm doing it out of the goodness of my heart) Mr. Bush

had help principally Alan Greenspan, Mr. Bernanke's predecessor as Fed Chairman.

As the housing bubble grew to alarming proportions, Mr. Greenspan refused to be alarmed. Rather than impose lending restrictions on banks, he dismissed the bubble as mere froth, something trivial and of little concern.

This contempt for regulation is part of the laissez faire economic philosophy he shares with President Bush, Milton Friedman and most doctrinaire conservatives. They hold that all government regulation is bad; that only through the working of free markets can an economy reach its potential. The invisible hand of competition sorts things out.

Well, what we've been seeing of late is that invisible hand at work.

How do you like it so far?

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SCIENTIFIC QUEST

The Groundhog, if he or she was in the neighborhood of where I was, and if he or she ambled forth at the right moment, Monday afternoon, saw his or her shadow. I would have passed up that earthshattering truth, had not a certain scientist been quoted as saying the groundhog doesn't look for his shadow, that he rises from his long winter's nap to look for a female groundhog. Being of a scientific turn of mind myself, as all who know me are aware, that statement set me to thinking. If the groundhog that came out from aforesaid hole was a female, what was she looking for?'

IN REBUTTAL

I knew when I printed that bit about Minnesota being the Land of Ten Thousand Lakes and only 500 fish, that we would stir something up. Now comes a letter from Mrs. David Armstrong, of La Rue, Ohio-not Minnesota-to say that the woman who made this report must be a fisherman of my calibre; that she knows one body of water. Juggler Lake, which produced more than 599 fish during one resort season, and that she has never failed to catch fish in Minnesota during 12 years of fishing. And she sends along a picture of as fine a string of crappie as you'll see, to prove she's not the liar, most fisher-folk are said to be.



Kory Caudill, of the Kentucky Opry, will perform tomorrow night in the Belmont University School of Music's 16th Annual Commercial Music Showcase, in Nashville.

Caudill making name for himself in music world

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

With already having made quite a name for himself locally, Kory Caudill, whose talents are displayed seasonally on the Mountain Arts Center stage as a veteran member of the arts center's Kentucky Opry, is fast making quite a name for him Hornsby's "Spider Fingers," the traditional hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness," and Stephen Still's "Love the One You're With."

In September, 45 students auditioned on the first of two nights of try-outs in front of a diverse group of music industry professionals for one of four coveted showcase spots. Ten students were called back for the second night of auditions. Kory Caudill, also appearing in the showcase as solo performers will be: Jordan Dean, of Lexington, Alabama; Cheryl LuQuire, of Meridian, Mississippi; and Mary Maples, of Cookeville, Tennessee.

Kory, the 21-year-old son of Keith and Kathi Caudill, of Prestonsburg (formerly of Hi Hat), has performed with the Kentucky Opry since the age of four. He is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

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by TOM DOTY TIMES COLUMNIST

A long neglected gem finally joined the DVD marketplace last Halloween when Lions Gate Films released this classic monster movie to DVD.

If you like 1950s-style creature features, but crave 1980s-style gore, then this effort should be in your collection and will doubtless see many spins in your player.

The film opens in Florida as a family of tourists, from Chicago, enjoy a gator wrestling show. The event goes better

for the gator, which manages to take a bite out of its slow witted opponent while an emcee tries to make light of the attack by noting, "Sometimes the gator wins."

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The couple's young daughter, Marissa, has a great time and

Tom Doty Times Columnist

happily accepts a baby gator for the trip home. All it takes is one bad day at the office for dad to lose it and send that baby reptile down the drain.

Cut to 12 years later where we meet a harried detective, Madison, charged with tracking down a killer when the leg of a sewer worker turns up in a storm drain. Meanwhile, a shady pet store operator is observed kidnapping pooches and selling them to an unscrupulous pharmaceutical company (is there any other kind?). Madison buys a puppy from said pet store shortly before the creep behind the counter is gobbled up by the film's killer, which is same gator glimpsed in the prologue, though now it's grown to super size due to a steady diet of animal corpses fresh from the lab seen earlier. When pieces of the pet shop guy show up in the same storm drain, an autopsy reveals that an animal is the culprit. Madison realizes he must search the sewer system and looks for a uniformed volunteer. This turns out to be tougher than it sounds owing to Madison's lousy reputation, which he earned after losing his last partner in a gun battle. One brave young officer (read: a hotshot waiting for his abilities to catch up with his attitude) agrees to help but is soon regretting his decision as he is being chewed on by the mutant reptile. That development doesn't help Madison's reputation and it's further complicated by a brash reporter who does a big story on Madison's ability to survive encounters which kill his compatriots. Said reporter gets wind of the alligator angle and is soon treated to an up close and personal interview with the beast when he enters its lair. This turns out to be good news for Madison, as it kills the stories about the high mortality rate of his partners. Better yet, the reporter turns out to have had a Protestant work ethic which compelled him to snap pictures of the critter as it was tucking into him.

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Wish I had, ready for the telling, something that would brighten up the scene. There's so much that is deadly serious, often sad and discouraging, that we all could do with a bit of the lighter side, these days. But I haven't been fishing in months, and I can't truthfully say that I have done a bellybuster in any of our lakes or streams, or have hooked myself in the seat of the pants on the backcast, or anything of that sort. And those fellows who usually have one to tell about somebody else have hibernated; so, till fairer weather we must struggle along in our bumbling, prosaic way. But just let me near the water!

LETTER FROM A DEBTOR

The following, handed to me, purports to be a letter from a fellow whom most of us know, or have some sort of rapport with. He's writing one to whom he owes a bit of money.

Dear sir:

It is impossible for me to send you a cheque.

My present financial condition is due to the effects by federal laws, county laws, corporation laws, by-laws, brother-in-laws, mother-in-laws and outlaws, that have fostered upon an unsuspect-

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fast making quite a name for himself in parts away from here as well.

On Monday, February 4, Kory will distinguish himself by performing in the Belmont University School of Music's 16th Annual Commercial Music Showcase. The free, one hour concert will feature the school's best solo performers, arrangers, instrumentalists, background vocalists and production crew in the university's commercial music program. Kory is one of only four students selected for this prestigious concert.

A senior commercial music major with a piano performance emphasis, Kory will perform Bruce

Belmont's commercial music program is designed for students who wish to study contemporary/non-classical styles of music. The solo performers in the Commercial Music Showcase are indicative of the broad range of the university's commercial music program. The annual concert also features the best of the School of Music's background vocalists, instrumentalists and crew. All of the music charts for the concert have been arranged by students of Belmont's arranging classes.

In addition to Floyd County's

The Commercial Music Showcase is open to the public free of charge and will be held in the Massey Concert Hall, on the Belmont campus, in Nashville, at 6 p.m. For more information, you may call (615) 460-6408.

Belmont University School of Music offers students a comprehensive curriculum in diverse musical styles for students of all ages, including bachelor's and master's degree programs, as well as preparatory study.

Dave Evans at Appalshop

Dave Evans, one of bluegrass music's most popular performers, will be in concert at WMMT's Bluegrass Express Live, Thursday, Feb 7, at the Appalshop Theater in downtown Whitesburg. The concert will be broadcast live on WMMT-FM, 88.7.

Dave Evans, with his band River Bend, is among the most requested performers on WMMT. He has been performing since 1968 and has been a part of such bands as Red Allen and the Kentuckians, The Boys from Indiana, the Goins Brothers, and Larry Sparks and the Lonesome Ramblers. In 1978 he formed Dave Evans and River Bend.

At the age of eight, Evans was introduced to the clawhammer banjo by his father. That was when he gave up the accordion and fell in love with the "five-string banjer." As he says, "After six or seven years of hard, never ending practice and determination, I found I was well on my way to becoming what I wanted: to be called a 'banjer picker.""

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Dave Evans, a bluegrass favorite, will appear in concert on Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Appalshop Theater in downtown Whitesburg.

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Follow through

by SALLIE A. RODMAN "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WOMAN GOLFER'S SOUL"

"I don't want to go! How stupid, pushing little white balls around with a stick? Who ever heard of playing 18 holes as a final exam?" I fumed at my mom.

"Sallie, you have to go," she reminded me. "Your sister plays golf all the time, and she'd love to take you out on the course."

"I think I'd rather flunk out right now than play that dumb game," I said as I stomped off to my room.

Mom was right. I did have to take the final. And my sister, Gloria, was a semi-pro golfer, so she'd probably want to get it over with quickly and painlessly. Playing with me wasn't going to be a cakewalk for her. She might even let me take a couple of mulligans to end the game faster.

The Saturday of my final arrived, and Gloria appeared at our door bright and early. How could she look so chipper and pulled together in her red, white and blue ensemble at 5 a.m.? I trudged to the car like a woman condemned to death.

We pulled into Meadowlark Golf Course in her convertible, and she unloaded her Calloways and put her golf shoes on. I admit she did look like a pro. I got my rental clubs and headed for the first tee.

"Whoa there, Sis," Gloria called out. "If you're taking your final, you're doing it in style. We're getting a cart, and you're driving."

A cart and I'm driving. Now this is getting interesting, I thought. Maybe I'll even get to yell "fore!"

We hopped in the cart, bags of clubs in the back, and with a jerk took off for the first tee. I felt very grown up; we were playing with the big boys now.

"Head down, hips first, knees

bent, let your arms glide along after sister. your shoulders. Always

ohicken

for the Soul

remember to follow through," Gloria

coached me. "I'm tryin', Sis,

but this isn't as easy as it looks. The followthrough is hard." "Took me

awhile to get the hang of it, too," she said with a knowing smile.

Why did I feel as though we weren't talking golf anymore?

"I only took golf as a college elective because all the guys in the dance class were geeks," I confessed to my "I know, Mom told me," she replied. "I'm proud of you taking a Saturday off from your friends to finish your class. Do you know why I started playing this game?"

"No," I admitted. "I thought you loved golfing."

"Oh, I do now. But in the beginning this was the only place

where I could go to be alone. Just me; no kids, no husband, no house, no phone. Out here I'm only

Tom and Ray play referee

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray: Please save me from the brutal verbal badgering I must endure every time my husband rides with me. We have a manual transmission. Sometime during my lifetime I developed what I perceive a harmless, if not helpful, habit. As I approach slower-moving traffic or a red light, I push in on the clutch and begin to brake. When my speed gets down to, know it's not "down gearing"

say, where it would be in since I don't actually use the because downshifting occurs fourth gear, I put the car into fourth but don't release the clutch. I do that all the way down the gears, never releasing the clutch unless traffic starts to move, at which time I am in the proper gear and simply let out on the clutch, and voila — I am in the right gear for my speed. My husband insists that this is "down gearing" and that I am wearing out the transmission linkage or gear shifter or something. I

Evans

Evans began his picking with traditional tunes, such as "Pretty Polly," "John Henry," and "Little Maggie" and began writing his own songs at the age of 13. His music today is a blend of the traditional and modern. In fact, his most popular songs "One Loaf of Bread" and "Be Proud of the Gray in Your Hair" have become classics in their own right. He has spanned the spectrum and his rendition of "Pretty Green Hills" is on current bluegrass hit lists.

As an added bonus, Mountain Drive, a local band formerly known as Pine

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Suzanne

are fine.

Mountain Grass, will open the show at 7:30 p.m.. They have delighted audiences in the mountains for years.

Tickets are \$15 for adults \$5 for students. and Reservations may be made by calling the Appalshop at 606-633-0108.

88.7 WMMT-FM is a noncommercial community public radio station and is part of the Appalshop, central Appalachia's not-for-profit arts and education Center. WMMT has been broadcasting The Bluegrass Express Live since 1986.

really, am I causing enough wear on the transmission in any way that would require maintenance sooner than the way he does it - which is to push in the clutch, leave it in until he knows what gear he wants and then move directly to that gear? My contention is both off the hook. that if there is an impact, it is so minimal that the car would be a rust bucket before the added "wear" would affect anything. A lot is riding on this. If I am right, I get to say "Tom and Ray say it's .OK"

lower gear to slow down. But

every time I get into the car with him. But if I'm wrong, I have to do it his way. TOM: The answer is, It hardly matters, Suzanne. While neither of you is doing it exactly as we would recommend, both of your methods

RAY: Neither of you is technically "downshifting,"

only when you let out the clutch in a lower gear. When you downshift to slow the car for a red light, for instance, that does wear out your clutch disc — the most expensive and most rapidly used-up part of the clutch. But that's not an issue for you guys. So you're TOM: Technically, by pushing in the clutch and hold-

ing it in, you are putting a little bit of extra wear on the "throw out" bearing, which is involved in engaging and disengaging the clutch. But in most cars, that lasts for the life of the car anyway, or certainly longer than the clutch disc. The same is true for the shifter linkage and synchros, or anything else you might be using a little bit by driving your way. So I wouldn't even worry about it. Like you said, Suzanne, your car will be on my brother's shopping list (it'll be a heap) by the time

CLICK & CLACK

any of this stuff matters.

Talk Cars

RAY: But if you both wanted to be exactly correct, what you would do is NOT shift out of gear. If you were in fourth gear, for instance, and a light up ahead turned red, you'd take your foot off the accelerator and brake if necessary, and just slow down while still in fourth gear.

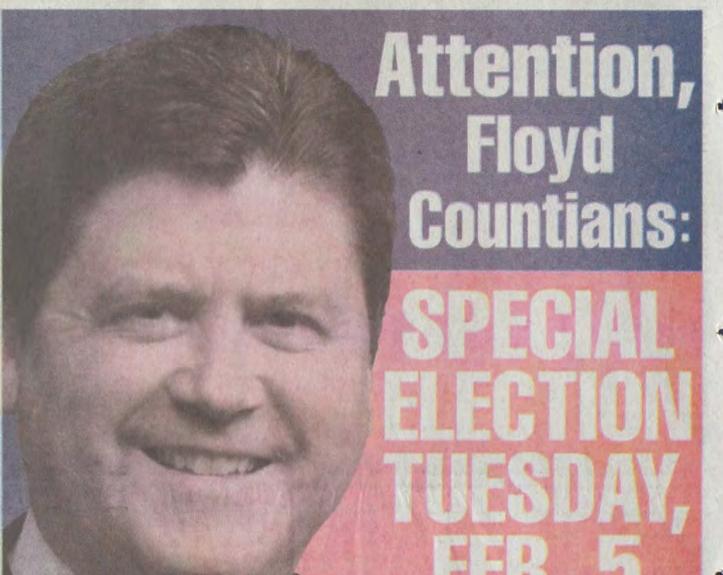
TOM: When you slowed

the engine down to 1,500 or 1,000 rpm, before the car started bucking or protesting, THEN you'd push in the clutch, put the shifter in Neutral, let out the clutch, and come to a stop with the clutch still out - and leave it out until it's time to go again.

RAY: Or if, instead, the light turned green anytime while you were slowing down, you'd just shift into the appropriate gear then, let the clutch out and keep going.

TOM: So now, if you so desire, you can verbally badger your husband for not doing it the right way either, Suzanne. Or you guys can have peace talks and create a demilitarized zone on the console between the front seats.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email them by visiting the Car Web site Talk at www.cartalk.com.



Allen

ing public. These laws compel is that I am supplicated for me to pay a merchant's tax, capital tax, income tax, real estate tax, property tax, auto tax, gas tax, water tax, light tax, cigar tax, sales tax, street tax, telephone tax, telegram tax, food tax, and carpet tax.

The Government has so governed my business that I do not know who owns it. I am suspected, expected, inspected, disrespected, examined, re-examined, until all I know

Lagoon

Armed with photographic that a director pressed for time proof, Madison is able to would stick to his script and enlist the aid of a reptile spe- the result is a heck of a moncialist who turns out to be ---

money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race, and because I refuse to fall down and go out and beg, borrow and steal money to give away. I am cussed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied to and lied about, held up and held down, and robbed, until I am nearly ruined-so the only reason I am clinging to life is to see

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what in hell is coming next.

ster flick that acknowledges all things sewer related. The best joke is that the first victim, the sewer worker, was named Ed Norton (a wink to you "Honeymooners" fans) but there are plenty of other bits, such as some scribble on a sewer wall that "Harry Lime lives." Lime was the name of Orson Welles' character from the spy classic "The Third Man" who appears to perish in a sewer during the film's climax. Sayles' script is well directed by Lewis Teague ("Cujo") who assembles an amazing cast. Robert Foster anchors the film as the laconic Madison and proves to be a true professional by insisting that the screenplay incorporate lines about his encroaching baldness rather than making with a comb over. Henry Silva, of Rat Pack fame, is appropriately arrogant as the hunter, and character veteran Sydney Lassick ("One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest") is suitably sleazy as the pet store owner. Also look for Michael V. Gazzo ("The Godfather, Part 2") as a harried police chief and Vegas comedian Jack Carter as the glad handing mayor. All in all, this is a smart low-budget treat from the same guy "Piranha" who wrote "The and Howling." Best line: "I could bring mother. She could talk it to death." 1980, rated R.

wait for it - Marissa. She even tells Madison that she lost her pet alligator, which she named Ramon, but nobody does the math so that angle never goes anywhere.

After a concerted effort to comb the sewers proves fruitless, Madison decides to investigate the pharmacy chain which endorsed the experiments. He runs into a brick wall and is later booted off the force when the pharmacy's billionaire owner, Slade, gets wind of his investigation. Slade also opts to milk the situation for publicity and publicly grants the mayor a generous stipend to hire a great hunter named Brock.

Meanwhile, the gator goes on a rampage that includes fishing for tots at a pool party and crashing the wedding of Slade's daughter. That sequence is the highlight, with the creature alternating between chomping on guests and sending others into orbit with its massive tail. Brock eventually corners it in an alley but realizes too late that his ammo is not up to the task.

It all comes down to a showdown between Madison and the gator in its sewer lair in an action-packed sequence that delivers on all fronts.

What makes this work is a sharp screenplay by independent filmmaker extrodinare John Sayles. He admits on the featurette that he loved the challenge of writing a monster movie under a two-week deadline. His reasoning was

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responsible for me. I have a good time, then I go back home refreshed and ready to follow through, so to speak."

I thought about that for a moment and the different reasons people golf. All of a sudden it didn't seem like such a stupid game after all.

Now, I won't lie and say I



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took up golf after that day, so many years ago. I still prefer to dance rather than play 18 holes. My sister went on to win many golf tournaments before she lost her life to cancer. But I learned one thing that day - in golf, as in life, you always have to follow through.

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No. 2 G'town clips No. 10 Pikeville in OT

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN - No. 2 Georgetown scored the final nine points in overtime Thursday night to knock off No. 10 Pikeville College 87-79 in Alumni Gymnasium.

Georgetown remains one of three unbeaten teams in NAIA Div. I basketball at 22-0 and 2in the Mid-South 0 Conference. For Pikeville, a 14-game win streak comes to an end; the Bears are 17-3 and 1-1 this season.

Pikeville scored the first five points in the extra frame as senior Anthony Ighodaro sank a three and freshman With 24 seconds left Saxton Justin Hicks scored to give Pikeville a 76-71 lead.

After the teams traded baskets, Jerry Turner scored before Taylor converted on a layup to tie the game at 78 with 2:30 left in overtime.

Nine seconds later, senior Jeff Ferguson sank one of two from the line to put the Bears back on top; from there, however, the Tigers scored the game's last nine points to win.

Kyle Sexton tied the game with a free throw with 1:57 left, and from there, it was all Taylor. Consecutive layins put the Tigers in front by four. hit two free throws for a team that finished 13-of-31 from the stripe on the night.

Taylor finished it with a pair of free throws himself.

Junior William Harris led Pikeville with 19 points. Ferguson had a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Hicks had 16 to go with seven rebounds.

Georgetown put five players in double figures, led by Gus Chase with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Taylor had 16 markers, while Saxton and David Graham followed with 14 each. Jerry Turner tossed in

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL **UPCOMING GAMES:** Feb. 7-at Lindsey Wilson, 9 p.m.; Feb. 9-Cumberlands, 4 p.m.; Feb. 12-Brescia, 7 p.m.; Feb. 16-at West Virginia Tech, 4 p.m.; Feb. 21-Georgetown, 8 p.m.; Feb. 23-at Campbellsville, 4 p.m.; Feb. 28-Lindsey Wilson, 8 p.m.; March 1 Cumberlands, 4 p.m.



courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miner EAST KENTUCKY MINER JOSH PACE missed Thursday's game versus the Albany Patroons. Pace is due back this week for the Miners.

H.S. volleyball rules changes announced TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS - Three revisions related to officials are among changes in high school volleyball rules approved by the National Federation of State School Associations High (NFHS) Volleyball Rules Committee at its January 6-8 meeting in Indianapolis. The changes subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

In an effort to reflect current terminology, all references to referee and umpire in the NFHS Volleyball Rules Book will be changed to first referee and second referee, respectively.

"The other major rules codes - the NCAA and USA Volleyball - use this terminology, and officials refer to themselves in this manner as well," said Becky Oakes, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Volleyball Rules Committee.

In a similar type of "name" change, the position of "assistant scorer" will now be referred to as "libero tracker." Since the duty of this individual is to track libero replacements and substitutions, the committee determined that this change more easily iden-

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BESTY LAYNE won all three Floyd County grade school boys' basketball divisions last week. Bobcat fans had plenty to celebrate Wednesday night as Betsy Layne won the A-, B- and C-team Floyd County championships. Betsy Layne Coach Mike Howard (pictured to the left) was named the Floyd County Coach of the Year in the B-Team and C-Team divisions. Allen Central Coach Brad Short (not



Lady Bears fall to Georgetown TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN - The Georgetown Lady Tigers improved to 2-0 in Mid-South Conference play with a 74-43 win over Pikeville College Thursday night.

For Pikeville (5-16, 0-2), the downfall was shooting from all three spots. The Lady Bears hit only 26 percent from the field and only 4-of-12 from the arc. But the most problematic shooting came from the line, where they sank only 13-of-26.

The 43 points are a season low for the Lady Bears, who had scored at least 55 points in all 20 of their previous games.

Georgetown, on the other hand, was 23-of-29 from the line for 79.3 percent for the game, connecting on 16-of-20 in the second half, when the Lady Tigers outscored Pikeville 40-22.

Georgetown (14-6) had three players in double figures, with sophomore Jayme Gilbert and senior Kim Ingle tossing in 17 apiece. Gilbert, who was 9of-9 from the free throw line, had six rebounds and four assists on the night.

Junior Makaine Huffer came off the bench for 10 points.

Pikeville was paced by

tifies the position and its responsibilities.

Although the use of flags by line judges is not required in high school volleyball and has been optional, the committee revised Rule 5-8-4 to allow the use of flags on a state association-adoption basis.

"The opportunity to use flags continues," Oakes, "but the use of flags will be determined by the various state high school associations rather than on an individual basis."

A final change in Rule 1-6-2 will allow a team to have more than one captain at the pre-match conference. Previously this conference was conducted with only the head coach and one captain from each team.

"Since many teams have cocaptains, the committee believed this change was needed to more accurately reflect what many states already permit," Oakes said.

As it does each year, the Volleyball Rules Committee adopted several points of emphasis for the upcoming season. The six topics identified this year were risk minimization during

(See VOLLEYBALL, page two)

pictured) was named the Floyd County A-Team Coach of the Year.

photos by Jamie Howell

Lady Eagles defeat Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Hayley Meek scored a game-high 12 points and Celena Conley added 10 Thursday night as perennial 15th Region title contender Johnson Central upended Allen Central 57-37.

Johnson Central set the tone early on in the non-district game. The Lady Eagles outscored Allen Central 22-8 in the opening quarter. Johnson Central held a scoring advantage over the Lady Rebels in each quarter.

The Lady Eagles carried a 30-12 lead into halftime.

Johnson Central improved to 15-6. The Lady Eagles own the 15th Region's second-best record.

Amber Shepherd scored a teamhigh nine points for host Allen Central. Sara Johnson added eight points for the Lady Rebels.

With the loss, Allen Central dropped to 3-12.

In another game involving a 15th Region team, host Pikeville defeated Williamson, W.Va. 55-43.

Pikeville jumped out in front in the first quarter, leading 15-8 at the end of the initial period. The West Virginia team managed to battle back before Pikeville finished strong. Pikeville outscored Williamson 19-9 in the final quarter.

In a 14th Region matchup, Heather Sturdivant scored 20 points as Perry

County Central defeated Knott County Central.

The Lady Commodores improved to 11-8 after posting the win.

Megan Mosley paced Knott County Central (13-6) with a gamehigh 24 points.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (15-6) -Meek 12, Conley 10, C. Salyers 8, B. Salyers 7, Young 5, Workman 4, Mollette 3, Burton 2, K. Wireman 2, Stacy 2, E. Wireman 1, McKenzie 1.

ALLEN CENTRAL (3-12) -Shepherd 9, Johnson 8, Mullins 7, Brown 5, Biliter 4, Jones 4.

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McLeish leads Miners past Patroons, 113-108

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Former Eastern Kentucky University point guard Jason McLeish scored a game-high 31 points, dished out six assists and pulled down five rebounds Thursday night as the host East Kentucky Miners defeated CBA American Conference rival Albany 113-108 at the Expo Center. The Miners outscored Albany in both the first and fourth quarters of the conference matchup.

East Kentucky won without the services of leading scorer Josh Pace, who endured cortisone shots to his feet earlier in the day and was unable to play against the Patroons.

East Kentucky won the quarter points 5-2.

The Miners led 30-27 when the first quarter drew to a close. East

ond period as Albany entered halftime and defeating the Miners 109-108. out in front 55-53.

McLeish, registering the career-high 31 points in 48 minutes, ended the game as one of five players in double figures scoring for the Miners. Boo Jackson scored 26 points and pulled down eight rebounds for the East Kentucky professional basketball team. Lawrence Barnes, who earned a starting role in

Pace's absence, contributed 14

added 13 points apiece for the Miners. East Kentucky center Reo Logan

flirted with a double-double. Logan scored nine points and hauled in a team-high 10 rebounds.

Albany left East Kentucky stunned

Kentucky wasn't as sharp in the sec- Wednesday night after battling back from the charity stripe.

"I'm proud of the way our team played," East Coach Kentucky Kevin Keathley commented at the end of the conference game. "Despite putting a defense in new recently, we played defensively. well From top to bottom, our guys played well

- especially coming off points. Mike Dean and Marcus Heard of such a heartbreaking loss one night earlier.'

> East Kentucky, trailing at the end of each of the two middle quarters, finished strong. The Miners outscored Albany 113-108 in the fourth quarter. East Kentucky went 29-for-38

Defensively, East Kentucky excelled on several trips down the floor. The Miners forced Albany into committing 21 turnovers

The Miners improved to 17-16, rising one game back above the .500 mark.

Nat Burton led Albany with 29 points. Jason Williams netted 24 points and Dajan Smith scored 22 for the Patroons. Lucious Jordan and Chad Timberlake also reached double figures for Albany, finishing with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

The Patroons dropped to 16-12 after suffering the setback.

East Kentucky will return to action on Monday when the Great Falls Explorers visit the Expo Center for a non-conference matchup. Tip-off for Monday's game is slated for 7:05 p.m.

freshman Lakia Bailey, who came off the bench to lead the Lady Bears with 13 points and seven rebounds. Only one other Lady Bear had double figures, as junior Alice Daniel hit four three-pointers and finished with 12 points.

PC coaches, staff wear sneakers to support fight against cancer TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - On Saturday afternoon at the Pikeville College Gym, Pikeville College and Campbellsville University joined the National Association of Basketball Coaches and their staff members as they wore sneakers with their game attire to show their support in the fight against cancer.

By wearing sneakers with their suits, participating coaches drew attention to the fact that while cancer remains a major health concern, we can all reduce our risk; for those who don't smoke, control their weight, exercise, and maintain a healthy diet are the best ways to reduce the risk of cancer. The American Cancer Society can help by providing free, lifesaving information, resources and services to anyone affected by cancer.

"Cancer is a disease that affects most every member of all our teams in some way," said Coach Kelly Wells. "We were honored to participate in cancer awareness.'

"None of us are immune to cancer and we've all felt the effects of it on our lives in some way," said Coach Bill Watson. "Anything we can do to raise awareness of the efforts of the NABC is well worth it, and we're proud to participate on Saturday."

The Pikeville-Campbellsville men's and women's basketball games ended too late to make this edition.



Jason McLeish

extremely

boys bring dad to Super Bowl 2 years in a row Manning

by JIM LITKE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX - The patriarch of the NFL's first family settled deep into a plush sofa and recalled the day his sons announced they intended to make football their business, 100.

"In a way," Archie Manning said, "it kind of scared me."

His two older boys, Cooper and Peyton, weren't much taller than a pair of football pants at the time. They walked into the house wearing expressions so serious Manning wondered what was coming next.

"Dad," they told him, "you really need to push us a little more.

"That's not what I do," Manning said, chuckling at the memory. 'I'd already seen a little too much pushing at the ballpark. But I supported them, and the most I did, really, was explain that it's not just about showing up at practice. It's about the offseason, too, lifting and running and such all the time. But that's exactly what they went out and did.

"When Eli came along five years later, I thought he might go another route, do something different, because he didn't say much. But very quietly, he followed the same path and one day he just comes out and says, 'I want to play quarterback," Archie added. "And then he just went to work at it, too."

Because Eli did, the whole Manning clan is back at the Super Bowl for the second year in a row, this time with a rooting interest in the New York Giants. It's a game Archie never dared dream about while starring for 11 years as quarterback of the woeful New Orleans Saints, followed by one-season stints as a backup with the Oilers and Vikings.

His middle son, Peyton, capped last season's Super Bowl with an MVP-winning performance that gave Indianapolis its first championship. The Colts got knocked out of the playoffs this time around. But Eli's ascendance not only softened that blow, it has made the premise of all those games the Manning boys played on the lawn behind the big house in New Orleans' Garden District a real possibility - brother vs. brother with a Super Bowl on the line.

"It would be hard to tell you until that night what the reaction would be," Peyton said. "I believe Eli and I would be pretty good about it.

"But that guy over there," he added, with a nod toward Archie, "would have a rough two weeks, along with my mother."

people, Archie included, are surprised to find out what a family affair the NFL has become.

Sons have followed their fathers into the league 161 times since pro football opened shop in 1920. Brothers following each other is more common still. There were 313 sets recorded when the 2007 season kicked off. There have even been nine instances of brothers following their father into the family business, with celebratcd names like Shula, Matthews, Hannah and Hasselbeck joining the Mannings.

"Now that you mention it," Archie said, "In 1984, I was in the twilight of a pretty mediocre career in Minnesota and we had a journeyman tight end named Don Hasselbeck. He had three boys and I had three boys and they used to play together. Think about it: Four of those kids wound up being NFL quarterbacks."

And there might have been a third Manning in the league if Cooper's playing career hadn't been cut short. He was a wide receiver at Ole Miss who had to quit the game following surgery to correct a chronic spinal condition.

"I try to put myself in his shoes and it would be hard to

It's hardly far-fetched. Most take," Eli said earlier this week.

> "But I never heard him have a regret, any bitterness or complaints. He got his cards and played them the right way."

Cooper, two years older than Peyton, honed the middle brother's competitive skills in a way few coaches could, usually on the small basketball court behind the house that required Archie to step in more times than he cares to remem-

"Every day," he said ruefully, again leaning back on the sofa in the G2 Lounge, set up to promote Gatorade's new drink. "You play to 20 by twos and when it got to 18, there was going to be blood before somebody scores. It was just a big fouling match, then a fight, then screaming.

"But Eli was five years back. They abused him a little bit, had fun with him, but they probably took care of him more than anything. It wasn't until Peyton came back from college where they started competing a little bit. But they were never competitors," he added, "and they're really not to this day.'

Eli confirmed that version of events. But just as Cooper taught Peyton a few things not always purposefully --Peyton passed on a few to him.

Because Eli spent several years as the only son still at home, he and his mother, Olivia, bonded closer than she did with either of the other boys. He absorbed her quiet, levelheaded demeanor -- "I call her the 'Great Equalizer,'" Archie said, "because she can take a crisis and get it back to normal in no time" - and happily accepted whatever role his brothers carved out for him in their games.

Most of the time, that meant being the center. But being quict and casygoing didn't mean he wasn't soaking up important lessons.

"I still remember when Peyton was about to start tackle football in the seventh grade, his first year of playing with pads and everything, and him being nervous about taking snaps under center," Eli said. "In pickup games, I'd just snap it from the side, or shotgunstyle, but then he actually made me be a real center, you know, he's underneath, and I was doing real snaps.

"And the whole time he's getting mad at me," he added, with a familiar shrug, "because I wasn't snapping it with the laces up."

Peyton doesn't have any stories that revealing, at least none he wants to share, about his little brother. But he's

picked up a lesson or two from Eli.

"Eli's taught me not to read the papers," he said. "But if somebody e-mails you something and it flashes in front of you, it's hard to ignore. You might want to take that older brother's protective stance, but it's a no-win situation. Soon as I come out and defend him, it's 'Oh, the little brother can't speak up for himself."

"So I don't say anything. But it's not the kind of thing where I have to call and say, 'Keep your head up,' because his head's in the exact same place after a tough game as it was after they beat the Packers. I think that's his best quality as a quarterback."

Archie insists the boys learned more of the craft from each other than they inherited from him. Few things, though, have given Eli and Peyton more satisfaction than paying him back, no matter how large or small that contribution was.

"He is enjoying this as much as any of us are," Eli said. "This is kind of getting to go to his Super Bowl in his own way."

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County Times. Additional

Reds RHP Belisle gets \$1.25 million deal, avoids arbitration

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Righthander Matt Belisle agreed to a one-year, \$1.25 million contract Thursday, leaving the Cincinnati Reds with one

player left in arbitration.

The 27-year-old Belisle went 8-9 with a 5.32 ERA in 30 starts last season. He is one of several pitchers who will compete for a spot in the rotation behind Aaron Harang and Bronson Arroyo.

Belisle made \$390,000 last innings pitched. season and was eligible for arbitration for the first time. He asked for \$1.65 million, and the club offered \$1 million. His deal includes a chance to make up to \$100,000 in bonuses for

Belisle pitched a careerhigh 177 2-3 innings last season. He would get paid an additional \$25,000 bonus for reaching 175, 185, 200 and 210 innings.

Second baseman Brandon Reds throughout the year in

Phillips is the only Reds play- the pages of The Floyd er left in arbitration. Phillips asked for \$4.2 million, and Reds news is also available the Reds countered with a online at the following \$2.7 million offer.

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replacement penalties, officials signals and mechanics, fan behavior and respect for the game, communicable discase and skin protection procedures, and libero uniform in contrasting color to teammates' uniforms.

Oakes noted that risk minimization and fan behavior will be particularly stressed.

"During a team warm-up period, all personnel actively

said.

"Any type of cheering, yelling or other action that is done in a manner to disconcert, be derogatory or taunting toward the opposing team or a specific player, is considered inappropriate. Cheering and other support should always be positive. Inappropriate behavior, if not addressed, allows a

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loss of respect for the game and players.'

Volleyball is the third-most popular sport for girls at the high school level, according to the 2006-07 NFHS Athletics Participation Survey, with 405,832 participants nationwide. The sport ranks fourth in school sponsorship with 14,881 schools sponsoring the sport. In addition, 46,224 boys participate in volleyball at 2,006 schools.

Stay warm without bulk in late winter and early spring*

by LEE McCLELLAN **KENTUCKY AFIELD**

FRANKFORT The advances in the science of keeping warm are miles ahead of where they were just 15 years ago. The development of synthetic base layering and clothing with wicking properties makes going afield in winter and early spring pleasurable compared to the way things used to be in the days of wool and cotton.

Gone are the bulk of those

skin. These materials allow perspiration vapor to escape and wick away moisture from the skin. This is what keeps you warm.

Do not use a cotton tee-shirt and cotton sweat pants as a base layer. Late winter and carly spring weather changes by the hour. It could be 30 degrees at 6:30 a.m., 48 degrees at 10 a.m., 52 degrees at 2 p.m. and back into the low 30s when the sun dips behind the hills in late afternoon. If you've exerted yourself during the day and sweated in your cotton tee-shirt and sweat pants, those damp garments become blankets of frost at 5 p.m. Cotton just doesn't dry and loses all insulating properties once it gets wet.

when you slow down again. Don't put on your heavy, warm boots until you arrive at the snow goose blind, tailwater or lake. Your feet sweat like crazy in a heated vehicle while wearing heavy winter boots. Your damp feet feel like frozen blocks of wood two hours after you leave the truck. You'll be miserable the rest of the day. Wear some slip-on shoes until you arrive at your hunting or

Winter anglers often use

The dampness becomes cold

fishing destination.

warm-ups, illegal libero conducting the activities should be properly attired for the duties required," Oakes

trout to boost populations affected by water quality problems

Cumberland River receives extra

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - While last summer's low water flows into the Cumberland River tailwater made it a fishing paradise for wading anglers, the higher temperatures that resulted downriver created stressful conditions for trout.

To help boost the trout populations in the lower section of the river, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will stock 21,000 brown trout into the tailwater this week. The bonus stocking is in addition to the 38,000 brown trout normally stocked in March.

Water quality in the tailwabelow Burkesville decreased last summer due to higher temperatures created by the ongoing work to repair Wolf Creek Dam at Lake Cumberland. The flow of cold water through the dam is being reduced because the lake is being held at a lower level while construction is underway.

Biologists did not observe fish kills in the tailwater last year. However, the higher water temperatures stressed trout, and researchers believe the fish responded by moving upriver. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife employees will stock the 6-inch brown trout at public access areas and boat ramps from Helms Landing downstream to McMillan's Ferry. The March stocking will include 8-inch fish.

It will take several years before anglers may keep these fish. The Cumberland River tailwater has a one fish, 20inch size limit on brown trout.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources personnel also stock 161,000 rainbow trout in the tailwater each year, beginning in April. All rainbow trout between 15 to 20 inches caught in the Cumberland tailwater must be released immediately. Anglers may keep five rainbow caught from the tailwater, but only one fish may exceed 20 inches.

Anglers fishing the Cumberland River tailwater from Wolf Creek Dam downstream to the state line must possess a valid trout permit.

outer garments that made one feel inflated with air. They also greatly constricted movement. Also gone is the cold that comes from exerting oneself enough to sweat and then sitting in cold damp cotton clothing the rest of the day.

Outdoors enthusiasts underestimate nature's chill in late winter and early spring more than any other time of year. Those first warm spells that hit in mid-February to mid-March lull hunters and anglers into a false sense of security. They don't prepare enough for warmth when chasing sauger in a tailwater, trout fishing, snow goose hunting or deepwater crappic fishing during this time of year. It is easy to wind up so cold you wonder if your teeth will crack and break from chattering in the last few hours of the day.

Hunters and anglers can prepare for this situation and stay warm without much bulk. A thin base clothing layer of polypropylene, breathable micro-fiber or breathable fleece is the most essential ingredient to staying warm. Silk is another great base layer - and it feels great against the

You can exert yourself while wearing a breathable base layer and the perspiration mostly evaporates off your skin. You stay warm in late afternoon.

Layer some medium to heavy weight insulating fleece over the thin breathable base layer and add a windproof rain suit. You'll stay remarkably warm with a non-constricting, comfortable outlit. If it is going to stay under 40 degrees for the entire day, you may need some insulated bibs and a jacket or coveralls. Bibs and a jacket offer much more comfort and you can remove the jacket in the mid-day sun and stay comfortable with the bibs and

under-layers. Once the sun drops, slide the jacket on again. Use a thin polypropylene layer sock over thick wicking socks and your feet stay warm and dry all day. A wool sock works as well, but wool makes

your fect sweat when walking.

fingerless wool or fleece gloves, but they aren't too comfortable after a soaking in 38-degree weather. A trick winter trout and smallmouth anglers use is to spread an even coat of petroleum jelly on their hands and slide a pair of latex gloves over them. Your hands stay warm and the latex gloves shed water. Thin latex gloves allow complete freedom of finger movement, making tasks like tying knots or releasing fish much easier. Pack several pairs of the latex gloves. A puncture hole from a hook or a fish fin ruins the insulating effect of the entire glove.

Use these simple tips during this late winter and spring and you won't have to leave the trout water three hours early because your hands are so numb you can't tie on a fly.

Lee McClellan is an awardwinning writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. He is a lifelong hunter and angler, with a passion for smallmouth bass fishing.

Cards to participate in 2008 SEC/BIG EAST Invitational

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - The University of Louisville will be one of eight schools participating in two college basketball doubleheaders in the second annual SEC/BIG EAST Invitational next season, Louisville, Marquette, Cincinnati and South Florida will represent the BIG EAST Conference in the event while Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Mississippi and Mississippi State will represent the Southeastern Conference.

The 2008 SEC/BIG EAST Invitational, an ESPN Regional Television owned and operated event that features four games over two nights, will be played Dec. 16 at Nashville's Sommet Center and Dec. 18 at Cincinnati's U.S. Bank Arena and will be televised by ESPN and ESPN2. The annual event matches four teams from the BIG EAST Conference against four teams from the Southeastern Conference.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16 in Nashville, Tenn., Vanderbilt will face South Florida while Marquette, plays Tennessee. On Dec. 18 in Cincinnati, Louisville will play Mississippi and Cincinnati will play Mississippi State.

The BIG EAST and SEC have combined to produce four of the last five NCAA Men's Basketball Champions (Florida - 2007 and 2006, UConn - 2004, Syracuse - 2003) and seven of the last 12 national champions (UConn - 1999, Kentucky - 1998 and 1996). In 2007, the SEC qualified five teams for the NCAA Tournament, with Florida capturing the national championship for the second straight season, and Tennessee and Vanderbilt finishing in the Sweet 16. The BIG EAST placed six teams in the NCAA Tournament last season, with Georgetown advancing to the Final Four. The BIG EAST sent a record eight teams to the NCAA Tournament in 2006.

In the 2007 SEC/BIG EAST Invitational, Villanova overcame a 21-point deficit to heat LSU 68-67 in Philadelphia and South Carolina beat Providence by the same margin, 68-67. At the second doubleheader in Birmingham, Ala., Georgetown defeated Alabama 70-60 and West Virginia beat Auburn 88-59.

Game times and details on how to purchase tickets for the 2008 SEC/BIG EAST Invitational will be released at a later date.

Spring soccer registration scheduled

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG -

Floyd County Youth Soccer Association has announced that registration for the spring 2008 season will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Prestonsburg McDonald's. Voluntcers will be at McDonald's to accept registrations between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The registration fee is \$40 per child.

Parents may also register their children by accessing the league website at HYPER-N L K

http://www.kysoccer.net/ekys a,www.ekysoccer.org.. The registration form posted online should be printed, completed by the parent, and mailed to Robin Simpson Smith, Registrar, P. O. Box 746, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Be sure to include a check or money order in the amount of \$40 for registration fccs. Floyd County Youth Soccer is not responsible for mail delivery, and registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

All children at least four (4) years of age, but less than ninetcen (19) years of age on

August 1, 2007, are eligible to participate in recreational soccer. Parents may be asked to provide a birth certificate or other record for verification of the child's birthdate. Players in the Under6 and Under8 divisions play against other Floyd County teams only. Teams in the Under10 division and older also play teams from surrounding counties. Last spring, over 200 boys and girls from Floyd County participated in youth soccer. For more information, contact Robin Simpson Smith, Registrar, at 886-9562.

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At Earnhardt's urging, TMS to change promo billboards

DEI, Junior set to start '08 season apart

by STEPHEN HAWKINS ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas Reason No. 1 for Texas Motor Speedway to replace billboards: unhappy Earnhardts.

Four identical billboards referring to the strained relationship between Dale Earnhardt Jr. and his stepmother, Teresa, will be replaced within the next two weeks. The flap is over ads featuring a picture of the driver and the wording "Reason.88: Step-Mom."

TMS president Eddie Gossage said Thursday night that the billboards, part of a

series of similar ads to promote the Sprint Cup weekend at the track in April, will be changed after a request from Kelley Earnhardt Elledge, the driver's sister and business manager.

"The first thing I told her when I answered the phone was if you guys are uncomfortable with it, all you have to do is say the word," Gossage said. "We had a very pleasant talk."

No. 88 is a reference to Earnhardt's new car number with Hendrick Motorsports, the team he went to after last season when he decided to leave Dale Earnhardt Inc., his late father's company that is run by Teresa Earnhardt. He left DEI after months of contentious negotiations with his stepmoth-

Earnhardt will still be displayed on the billboards, but the wording will change to "Reason.88: New Car Smell."

Gossage said Elledge thought the new slogan "was cool, and Dale Jr. loved it."

There are billboards with catchy slogans featuring the car numbers of three other drivers.

One features a wide-cycd, grinning Tony Stewart with "Reason.20: Road Rage!" Then there is one for Jeff Gordon with "Reason.24: 81 Cup Wins. Zip At Texas!", and one for two-time defending Cup cham-Jimmie Johnson, pion "Reason.48: Twice As Good As 24!"

After getting the call from Elledge, Gossage decided to make sure Stewart was all right with the No. 20 ad.

"I e-mailed Tony, 'What do you think?' He thought they were hilarious," Gossage said.

Gossage said he didn't follow up with Gordon and Johnson, Earnhardt's new teammates with Hendrick, because the TMS president ads in the coming weeks. considers those slogans "benign" despite one small glitch. Johnson's slogan "Twice As Good As 24!" was supposed to end with a question mark, not an exclamation point.

Elledge told Gossage that she and her brother still have friends and family at DEI and want to see the company succeed, but that they were "excitabout ed Hendrick Motorsports" and saw no reason to point to past issues.

"We were trying to be edgy," Gossage said. "If this went over the line, in their opinion, we don't want to."

There are 15 billboards, three featuring Johnson and four for each of the other drivers, displayed on Interstates and busy highways throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Gossage said there will be similar-themed broadcast and print

Junior OK with DEI memorabilia move

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dale Earnhardt Jr. said his feelings about the removal of show cars and memorabilia at Dale Earnhardt Inc. were mischaracterized, and he has no ill will toward his late father's company.

Max Siegel, president of DEI's global operations, said that the cars and memorabilia were returned to the showroom after the media luncheon on Jan 23.

"There is no anger or illfeeling towards DEI, period," Earnhardt wrote on his Web site. "Nearly half the cars that were moved out of the showroom to accommodate the media tour consist of cars Tve won races and championships with, and any fan of mine who wants a glimpse of my past can still and always will find it at DEI. I know that DEI is proud of its past."

Siegel has maintained that the memorabilia was moved for the luncheon. He said Monday that "as far as memorabilia, more than half of the showroom floor is dedicated to Dale Jr.'s history here."

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP Fcb. 9 Budweiser Shootout

at Daytona International Speedway

Feb. 14 Gatorade Duel at Daviona

Feb. 17 Daytona 500

at Daytona International Speedway

Fans confident in state of Kentucky Speedway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA - A solid majority of more than 944 Greater Cincinnati area sports fans participating in the Kentucky Speedway. section of The Cincinnati Enquirer "State of Local Sports Poll" expressed confidence in speedway management and indicated they are satisfied with the facility and its event offering.

The poll was posted on The Cincinnati Enquirer Web site, www.enquirer.com, through a two-week period that concluded Sunday, Jan. 20. Poll questions solicited readers' opinions of major professional franchises, venues and collegiate programs such as the Cincinnati Reds Major League Baseball franchise, Cincinnati Bengals National Football League franchise, Kentucky Speedway, the University of Cincinnati, University of Kentucky and Miami University football and men's basketball programs along with the Xavier University men's basketball program.

Readers were able to rank each of the 12 entities on the ability to produce a consistent product and had the option to respond to entity-specific surveys where they ranked elements such as management confidence, schedule and general future optimism regarding the entity.

A total of 944 readers chose to complete the 11question Kentucky Speedwayspecific survey which ranked responses on a 1-to-10 scale with 10 representing the highest ranking.

Sixty-seven percent of speedway survey respondents ranked their overall satisfaction of the facility at 7 or greater. Thirty-six percent of those voters ranked their satisfaction at 10. Sixty-three percent speedway survey takers indicated the facility was "better off than it was two to three years ago." Forty percent of those voters indicated the speedway is "a lot better off."

Nearly 64 percent of speedsurvey respondents way

ranked their overall "optimism of the speedway's prospects in five years" in the 7 to 10 range with 38 percent of that total resting in the 10 ranking. Sixty-nine percent of speedway poll respondents rated their "overall faith in Speedway Kentucky Chairman Jerry Carroll and Executive Vice President and General Manager Mark F. Cassis" between 7 and 10 with 42 percent of that group ranking their confidence at 10.

"The 'State of Local Sports Poll' reaffirms what we already knew - our venue receives the support of the most loyal fans in motorsports. It's always great to view a snapshot of the prevailing attitudes toward your operation and we certainly appreciate the time the Tri-State fans took to provide their feedback. We view the results as a vote of confidence moving forward," Kentucky Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager Mark F. Cassis said. Ten thousand eight hundred forty-six readers cast 535,530 overall votes to rank product consistency among the sports entities highlighted by the survey. Kentucky Speedway ranked second among professional sports entities and eighth overall after receiving 38,955 votes for producing the most consistent product. The showing was one spot behind the Cincinnati Reds' 39,069 votes and three spots ahead of the Cincinnati Bengals' 34,371 votes. Ohio State University football received the most votes for consistent product with 72,845, Xavier University men's basketball was second with 65,087 tallies and University of Cincinnati football was third with 57,982 nods. Five hundred seventyseven readers completed the Ohio State University football section of the survey.

The six-weekend Kentucky Speedway season will open May 10 with the ARCA **RE/MAX** Series Drive Smart Buckle-Up Kentucky 150." The 150-mile street stock the speedway infield. Each

Frank Kimmel Enduro main event will include a con-Nationals II Presented by Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati and the

Harley-Thoroughbred Davidson Shop of Florence Kentucky will be held May 24 and will be followed by a June 14 visit from the NASCAR Nationwide Series for the Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo. The July race weekend will feature the ARCA RE/MAX Series Kentucky 150 July 18 and the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Built Ford Tough 225 Presented by the Greater Cincinnati Ford Dealers July 19. The IndyCar Series and Indy Pro Series will practice at the track Aug. 8 before respectively competing in the Meijer Indy 300 and Indy Pro Series Kentucky 100 under the lights on Aug. 9. The season will come to a thunderous close Sept. 20 when the Major League of Monster Trucks races its high-horsepower side-by-side machines through an obstacle-filled, custom-designed dirt track on cert with a nationally-known artist. The concert schedule will be announced a future date. The track also will play host to Fanfest events June 13 and Aug. 8 during which fans will be able to tour garage areas, participate in racerelated family activities and receive autographs from their favorite competitors.

Single-race tickets are on sale now and can be reserved online through the tickets pages of this Web site or by phone at 888-652-RACE (7223). Fans also can visit any Meijer store or the Kentucky Speedway ticket offices at 200 Buttermilk Pike, Suite 100 in Ft. Mitchell, Ky., next to Montgomery Inn or the speedway Fan Center off of I-71 Exit 57 and Ky. Hwy. 35 in Sparta, Ky. Season race plans also are available now and can be reserved by phone at 859-578-2300, online through the Kentucky Speedway Web site or through track ticket offices.

Marshall defensive coordinator Rick Minter named

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. Marshall University Head Football Coach Mark Snyder announced Friday that veter-

record of success not only as a head coach in Conference Dame and South Carolina. ances. He brings a lot of intangibles to our program." Minter most recently served as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Notre Dame from 2005-06 under Charlie Weis, helping the Irish to two BCS bowls the Fiesta Bowl and the Sugar Bowl. He held the

Holtz at Notre Dame during

same position under Lou but the program as a whole. I 2003, posting 53 wins and am looking forward to work-USA, but as a defensive the 1992 and 1993 seasons, ing for Coach Snyder and ningest coach. He guided the coordinator and linebackers helping the Irish to back-to- coaching at a school where Bearcats to the Humanitarian port the program with pas- first bowl berth since 1951), sion. I see great things ahead for Marshall football and 1 am glad to have the opportunity to be a part of it.' Minter also brings a wealth of head coaching experience in Conference USA to Marshall. He was head coach at the University of Cincinnati from 1994-

leaving as the school's wincoach at such places as Notre back Cotton Bowl appear- the fans and community sup- Bowl in 1997 (the school's the Motor City Bowl in 2000 and 2001 and the New Orleans Bowl in 2002. Minter's 2002 squad was the C-USA Co-Champions. Minter coordinated Ball State's defense from 1985-91 and held the same post at South Carolina in 2004 where he rejoined Holtz.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education (1977) and a M.S. in Education (1978) from Henderson State (Ark.).

Minter is the father of two

an coach Rick Minter has accepted the position of defensive coordinator and linebackers coach al Marshall.

"I am extremely pleased to have someone of Rick's caliber join our staff," Snyder said. "Rick has a wealth of experience and a



photo by Jamie Howell

PRESTONSBURG SENIOR GUARD JORDAN HALL eved a Letcher County Central defender Tuesday night. The visiting Cougars defeated the Blackcats 93-62.



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners EAST KENTUCKY POINT GUARD Jason McLeish worked against Albany backcourt foe Nat Burton during Thursday night's American Conference matchup at the Expo Center.

"It is a privilege and an honor to be associated with a

program with such a rich history and tradition as Marshall University," Minter said. "This is a program that I have followed closely through the years and I have been thoroughly impressed with not only the success on the field,

sons - Josh (26), who resides in New York City, and Jesse (24), who resides in Cincinnati where he is a graduate assistant with the UC Bearcat football program.

ONLINE: herdzone.com

Super Bowl QBs offer competitive marketability off-field

by SARAH SKIDMORE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. - Super Bowl advertising opportunities don't end when the game does, particularly for the star quarterbacks facing off Sunday.

A Super Bowl win means a chance at added multimilliondollar endorsement contracts. And advertisers are looking at two players who cover the marketing spectrum - from Tom Brady's savvy, downtown good looks to Eli Manning's quiet, boy-next-door charm.

"The combination of perpurity, both of these guys have that," said Bob Dorfman, executive creative director at the San Francisco advertising firm Baker Street Partners. 'It's just kind of a question now of who can win the ring and have the staying power."

But it is an uneven matchup going into the game.

The Patriots are favored on and off the field. They have a superstar quarterback with sex appeal who courts supermodels and actresses. Brady already has contracts with Nike, Movado and Glaccau Smart Water. He's even appeared in Gap ads.

Sports Illustrated estimates Brady pulled in \$9 million in endorsements in 2007.

Eli Manning by contrast, is quiet, and engaged to his college sweetheart. He has appeared in commercials for ESPN and Oreos - but primarily with his family. He has yet to hit the marketing spotlight on his own, lingering

instead in the shadow of his brother, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, and his father, former NFL quarterback Archie Manning.

Estimates put the value of Eli Manning's endorsement deals around \$5 million.

"It's (the Super Bowl) much bigger for Eli Manning than for Tom Brady," said David Carter, professor of sports business at the University of Southern California.

The Davie Brown index, created by Dallas-based Davie Brown Talent and used by marketers to measure the conformance, personality and sumer influence of stars and athletes on consumers, shows a gap as well.

> Overall, Brady is on par with celebrities like actors Jude Law or Don Cheadle, with a score of 55.6. He scores high in terms of consumer appeal - putting him in the ranks of actress Nicole Kidman or TV weatherman Al Roker.

> By contrast, Manning scores overall at 48 - in the same neighborhood as comedian Stephen Colbert or Jon Heder, the star of "Napoleon Dynamite." But he is highly ranked in the trust category, put in the same neighborhood as TV host Regis Philbin and actors Ben Stiller and Steve Carell

> To give some perspective, a top athlete endorser like Tiger Woods would come in at 90 and Manning's marketing friendly brother Peyton (who has a reported \$13 million worth of endorsement deals) gets a score of nearly 62.

But sports marketing experts say this could be Eli Manning's breakout if he pulls off a Super Bowl win or establishes a style and panache of his own.

The potential endorsement line-ups would be different, experts say.

Brady's got the sex appeal that makes him an easy pick for high-fashion or style-oriented products like clothing or cologne. But experts say Manning has more appeal to younger crowds and everyman products like cell phones, video games and the like.

Experts say Manning could capitalize on his family's squeaky-clean image if the public docsn't have Manning fatigue. But clean-cut is a safe bet these days; no one wants another Michael Vick, the football player sentenced in December to 23 months in federal prison on dogfighting charges.

Manning may choose not to seek out the opportunities. When asked by The Associated Press what he would endorse if he could endorse anything, Manning replied: "I'm the spokesman for the New York Giants."

Brady, on the other hand, already has his choice of many deals and given his regular appearances in celebrity news and tabloids, risks overexposure

But experts say the sight of Brady hoisting a trophy amid the confetti and crowds could prove a powerful one that may sway Brady's endorsement decisions and not smack of overexposure.

Regardless of their choices, the Super Bowl will be a key day of exposure for both play-CTS

"It's pretty significant because there are 90 million people watching and it's a lot of non-football fans," Dorford said. "It's a lot of people who wouldn't normally watch these guys.'

NFL PLAYOFFS

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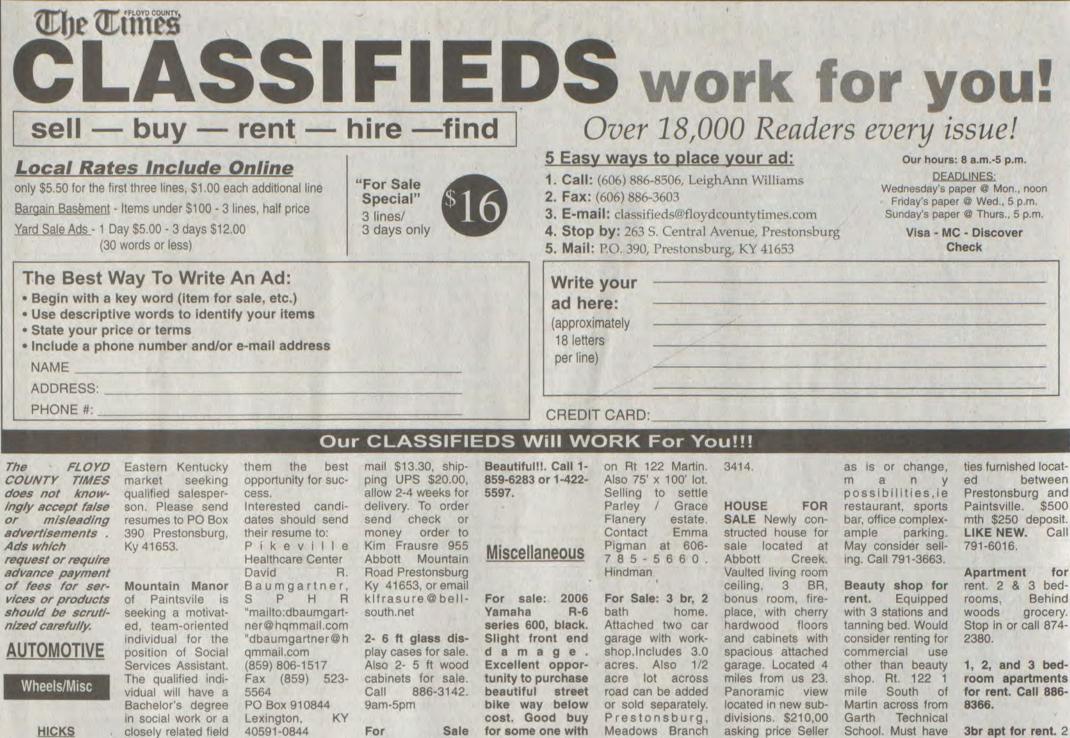
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The objections, OL requests for a permit conference must be received within and will underlie an 30 days of this date.

> NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-8064

Amendment 6 accordance In from with 405 KAR 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, in Floyd Coun-ty. The amendment will add 3.30 surface acres and 963.82 acres of underground disturbance, making a total of 733.38 acres within amended the boundary.

> 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.

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 amendment owned by Black Diamond Land Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Black Diamond Company, Land LLC, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, and Cindy Kidd

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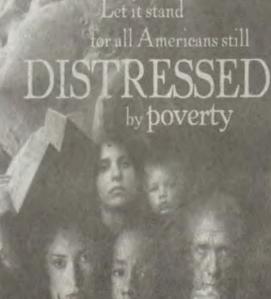
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It's 1974 and you're almost out of gas. Thanks to the oil crisis, a fill-up will be expensive, and might involve waiting in line — but at least those government gas rationing coupons haven't gone into effect.

Gas rationing coupons?

Whether or not you have memories of this chapter in American history, you might be curious to know what these 4.8 billion coupons were all about — and what ever happened to them all. That curiosity inspired one of five readersubmitted questions being answered in this installment of "Ask AP," an interactive Q&A column where AP journalists respond to questions about the news.

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What can a person or family do to help stimulate the economy and avoid a recession? That is, if we weren't getting checks and someone had the idea of just TELLING the American people how they can help, what would they say? Sharon O'Connor Scottsdale, Ariz.

For starters, think about a poster on every street corner that reads, "Uncle Sam wants you to ... spend, spend, spend."

The fact is, fear of a recession can lead to behavior that causes a recession.

When times are uncertain, consumers and businesses become reluctant to spend their money. So, for example, companies don't build new factories or hire new employees if they're not sure they'll be able to maintain production. And consumers don't invest in a new car or TV if they're unsure they'll have a job in three months.

On the other hand, if consumers keep spending, it has a cascade effect. The consumer's money goes to the retailer, which pays its workers as well as its wholesalers; the wholesalers, in turn, pay their workers and their manufacturers;

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The problem, of course, is that what's good for the economy may not be good for an individual's pocketbook. Spending without regard to the security of your job — or the amount of savings and debt you've got — could be hazardous to your personal finances.

Eileen Alt Powell AP Business Writer

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What happened to the gas rationing coupons printed the 1970s?

Richard Deon Dover Plains, N.Y.

In response to the Arab oil embargo that began in October 1973, the idea was hatched to limit gas consumption by distributing coupons that drivers would need to present whenever they went to fill up their cars. The plan was to let most drivers have 32 to 35 gallons of gas a month.

(Rising gas prices, apparently, weren't enough to limit consumption. The average price for a gallon of gas went up from 38.7 cents before the embargo to 54.2 cents a year later — in today's dollars, that's a jump from \$1.81 to \$2.28.)

The 4.8 billion coupons, created in 1974, were never distributed. Ten years later, most were shredded and buried by the Department of Energy at an estimated cost of \$145,000.

At least two sheets of the coupons were saved for the National Archives and the Smithsonian. And few other coupons managed to avoid the shredder — one is among the items on display in an ongoing exhibit on the 1973 oil crisis at the Canadian Centre for Architecture in Montreal. The museum says the coupon was bought on eBay for \$95.

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