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In brief

BSACAP office moving

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County office of Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, currently located on Westminister Street, is moving, and will re-open in two different locations on Tuesday, February 19.

There will be no change in the services available to the public.

Persons needing help with home weatherization, emergency food and shelter, energy assistance, and housing may go to the office located at 193 East Court Street, Prestonsburg, in the building formerly occupied by Kirk Law Office. The building is across from the old Post Office. The phone number is 886-2929.

Adult and youth career services will be available at 253 University Drive, first floor, in the Redd, Brown and Williams Building, located across from Q-95. The phone number is 886-2948.

Office hours for both locations will be 8 am to 4:30 pm, Monday thru Friday.

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Sex offender trial ends with hung jury

Defendant, also facing abuse charges, to be retried

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The trial of a Floyd County man on charges relating to his alleged failure to accurately maintain his sex offender registration ended Wednesday in a hung jury.

In the trial of John Samuel Moore, 62, of Prestonsburg, the jury was unable to come

to a unanimous decision of guilt or innocence regarding the charges of sex offender registry violations, and thus a mistrial was called.

"We are disappointed," Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner said of the outcome. "He can't be tried again under this jury panel, but we plan to retry him later this year under the next panel."

Moore has been lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center since his arrest by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department in October 2006 for allegedly violating SOR laws. He was charged with failure to maintain SOR by not providing accurate address information, a Class D felony, and "living too close to a preschool, or day care facility, when he, being a registered sex offender, was residing within 1,000 feet of the Baptist Learning Center of Prestonsburg First



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John Samuel Moore

A MESSY PROBLEM



photos by Randy Bryant

Dump sites such as this one in Big Branch of Bull Creek have reportedly cost local taxpayers \$300,000 in clean up.

Couple fined \$1,000 for illegal dumping

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The measure of Judge R.D. "Doc" Marshall's resolve was tested regarding illegal dumping in Floyd County in a recent court case, and one local couple was fined \$1,000 as a result.

Adam and Sarah Little, of Prestonsburg, were found guilty of criminal littering Wednesday by Floyd County District Judge Eric Hall after failing to make an appearance at a hearing. Judge Hall sentenced each to 6 months in jail, probation, and a \$500 fine plus court costs.

The case came about when Code Enforcement Officer Randy Bryant, while investigating an illegal dump site at Big Branch of Bull Creek, discovered several articles bearing the name and address of the Littles among the garbage.

"I visited Mr. Little at his residence and advised him that he was believed by me to be in violation of the criminal littering statute," Bryant said. "I advised him that if he would like to clean at this site for eight hours, I would not enforce further fines or penalties."

Bryant said the complaint could have been resolved without court enforcement if the Littles had cooperated. Bryant said that Little declined the community service offer, saying "he would rather talk to the judge."

Marshall made the enforcement of antidumping measures a priority early on in his administration by having motion activated hidden cameras installed at known dump sites after a former Auxier dumpsite required one million dollars in clean up.

"We don't want that to happen again," said Marshall.

According to Bryant, 75 illegal dumping cases have been settled without court involvement through the compliance of violators to work off their time cleaning up dump sites.



Although the Littles did not take the county up on an offer to avoid criminal charges by cleaning the dump, other suspects who were given a similar chance took advantage of the offer, resulting in the look of the area today.

Kentucky Revised Statutes stipulate that a person is guilty of criminal littering "when he drops or permits to drop on a highway any destructive or injurious material and does not immediately remove it or knowingly places or throws litter on any public or private property or in any public or private water without permission; or negligently places or throws glass or other dangerous pointed or edged substances on or adjacent to water to which the public has access for swimming or wading or on or within fifty (50) feet of a public highway; or discharges sewage, minerals, oil products, or litter into any public waters or lakes within the state."

In a release from Code Enforcement, it is estimated that \$14 million in state funds and \$300,000 of local tax dollars are spent in garbage dump cleanup every year.

County sets procedure for rehiring workers

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The recent layoffs by the Floyd County Fiscal Court came back into the forefront Friday when a motion was made to rehire road crews by seniority when funds are available.

Magistrate Jackie Owens made the motion during the regularly scheduled meeting that when funds become available to rehire laid-off employees, that senior road crew members be the first brought back.

During discussion, Magistrate Donnie Daniels, of District 4, asked if this seniority was going to be overall, or within each dis-

trict. Daniels said that Owens had more senior members and that it wouldn't be fair to the other districts go without.

"My crew is just as important," Daniels said, adding that any measure should be "fair to all Floyd county."

Judge Marshall, quickly put an end to the debate, saying, "Employees will be brought back by need, and there will be an equal number for each district."

"No one will be slighted," Marshall added.

Magistrate John Goble, of District 1, said that there may be a legal issue and that they should table the vote so that they might have

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Lawmakers say gambling plan facing changes

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Some Kentucky lawmakers are saying Gov. Steve Beshear's gambling proposal likely faces major changes if it has any chance of survival.

House Speaker Jody Richards, for example, says the proposed constitutional amendment may need to be simplified. And, Richards says, the accompanying legislation that would set up

the law governing casinos seems too complicated.

The proposal may also face an uphill climb in the Senate.

Beshear is proposing 12 casinos throughout the state, split between horse tracks — including Thunder Ridge in Floyd County — and freestanding operations. The governor claims that taxes on casino revenue could eventually benefit the state by as much as \$600 million per year.



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Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, refers to the Kentucky Constitution during a floor speech in the Kentucky Senate on his opposition to expanded gaming.

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Barbara D. Allen, a native of Prestonsburg, passed away, on Saturday, February 9. She is survived by her husband, David Allen. Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ William L. Baldrige, 86, of East Point, a native of Floyd County, died Saturday, February 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Betsy Conley Baldrige. Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Talon Alexander Brown, the 1 year and 17 days old son of Carl and Sarah E. Brown of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Phillip Russell "Rusty" Chaffins, 36, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 13, at his residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Anna Mae Thornsbury Collins, 72 of Minnie, died February 6, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Winifred Virginia "Peachie" Howard Collins, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 10, at

Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 16, at 2 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Vicki Poole officiating. Carter Funeral Home, was in charge of arrangements.

■ Cornial H. Crum, 74, of White Lake, Michigan, a native of Banner, died Friday, February 8, in White Lake, Michigan. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12, under the direction of Black's Funeral Home, White Lake, Michigan.

■ Martin Gregory Halbert, 55, of Langley, died Thursday, February 7, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Belinda Lee Jones Halbert. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ethel Reed Hale, 87, of Georgetown, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, February 9. Funeral services were Tuesday, February 12, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Johnnie Howell, 57, of Dana, died Monday, February 11, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Ilene Boyd Howell. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Sandra June Howell, 62, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday,

February 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Larry Leonard Kidd, 60, of Grethel, died Friday, February 8, at U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Louis Keathley Kidd. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Audrey R. "Teri" Campbell Lamothe, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, February 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Wade Ousley, 68, of Martin, died Tuesday, February 12, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Audrey Scott, 88, of Martin, died Friday, February 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Norma Mae Spencer, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, February 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Curtis Lee Jarrell, (Harry Toe) 45, of Corinth, a native of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, February 9, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, in Williamstown. He is survived by his wife, Neda Kaye

Collins Jarrell. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Odessa "Nanny Babe" Bevins, 93, of Hatfield, a native of Pike County, died Monday, February 11, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 13, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Wade Conway, 47, of Shelbyana, died Sunday, February 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Tammy Conway. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 13, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Brian Douglas George, 34, of Houston, Texas, a Pikeville native, died suddenly as a result of a traffic accident on February 10, in Montgomery, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Mary Rebecca (Becky) Marks George. Funeral services were held Friday, February 15, at Forest Park The Woodlands Funeral Chapel.

■ Shirley Amburgey Goddard, 60, of Pikeville, died Saturday, February 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ George Griffey Jr., 83, of Phelps, died Monday, February 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Della Dotson Griffey. Funeral services were held Friday, February 15, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ronnie Hall, 55, of Jenkins, a Pike County native, died Monday, February 11, at the home of his niece, Karen Kinder and Randy Wolford. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, February 14, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Laura Justice, 100, of Pikeville, died Thursday, February 14, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Arrangements, were under

the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Peggy Crisp Keene, 87, of Pikeville, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, February 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Rhonda Mullins, 53, of Greenfield, Ohio, formerly of Virgie, died Friday, February 8, in Ohio. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Ballard Roy Newsome, 82, of Pikeville, died Saturday, February 9, at Pikeville Health Care Center. He is survived by his wife, Aileen Blackburn Newsome. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 16, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Irene Phillips Young Parsons, 81, of Varney, died Friday, February 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 10, under the direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.

■ Elmer Ratliff, 58, of Shelbyana, died Saturday, February 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Edna Slone, 63, of McCarr, a Martin County native, died Wednesday, February 13, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Ray Slone. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 17, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Harold Slone Sr., 86, of Virgie, died Sunday, February 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Allie Slone. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 13, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Joshua Shane Steele, 28, of Phelps, died Saturday, February 9, at Freeburn.

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In Memory of Sherry Sexton Craft
9/26/58 - 2/15/2007



Remembering Sherry
Even though Sherry is gone from us this day, She touched our lives in a special way.

She had her share of troubles in life, But she never ceased being a good mother, friend, and wife.

Some of us recall the laughter in her voice, It's those times we remember and rejoice.

Others think of the day she fell out with sin, We can imagine her face all happy with a grin.

Her knowledge of the Bible was an inspiration to us all, If you had a question, Sherry was the one to call.

She was a woman filled with love, A very special gift from God above.

Yet she wasn't perfect in any way, And she really didn't have much to say.

But, she did admit when she was wrong, She was faithful, true, and strong.

Now, at church, there's an empty space, And at home, it's an awfully quiet place.

There's so many memories, so many questions why, The loneliness often makes us cry.

But knowing Sherry is in Heaven today, Makes the pain seem so far away.

Sadly missed by Family and Friends

Obituaries

Earl Baldrige Jr.

Earl Baldrige Jr., 63, of Warsaw, Indiana, died Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Born August 25, 1944, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Earl and Mary (Blair) Baldrige Sr. He was a resident of Warsaw, Indiana, for 43 years. He was an employee of the Dalton Corp. shipping department in Warsaw, and was a member of the Steel Workers Union.

He is survived by his wife, Glenna Doris Baldrige.

Other survivors include a daughter: Dee Dee Jones of Warsaw, Indiana; a son, Chris Baldrige of Warsaw, Indiana; two sisters: Linda Bowling of East Point; and Marvaleene Lapp of Warsaw, Indiana; two brothers: Billy Baldrige of Atlanta, Georgia; and Ralph Baldrige of Prestonsburg; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 16, at 11 a.m., at the McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana, with Pastor Terry Bradford officiating.

Burial was in the Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, Indiana. Visitation was at the funeral home.

Memorials: The Earl Baldrige Family, 227 N. Roosevelt St., Warsaw, Indiana 46580. (Paid obituary)

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William L. Baldrige

William L. Baldrige, 86, of East Point, died Saturday,

February 9, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born June 1, 1921, in Floyd County, the son of the late William L. and Malta Watkins Baldrige. He was an employment service officer with the state of Kentucky, and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He was a past master of East Point Masonic Lodge No. 657, and had served the lodge as secretary for 60 years. He was an affiliated member of Zebulon Lodge 273, in Prestonsburg.

He is survived by his wife, Betsy Conley Baldrige.

Other survivors include two daughters: Sandra L. Baldrige of East Point; and Carolyn Baldrige of Hager Hill; and a brother, Clifford Baldrige of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, at 4 p.m., at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel, in Paintsville, with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Burial was in the Highland Memorial Park in Staffordsville, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home. Military rites were held by D.A.V. Chapter 15.

A Masonic service was conducted Sunday evening, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Willis Howard

Willis Howard, 70, of Osseo, Michigan, passed away Monday, February 11, 2008, in Dade City, Florida.

He was born August 1, 1937

in Hueysville, the son of the late Bechey and Zillye (Bally) Howard.

He was retired from Hillsdale Foundry, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by a daughter, Tammy Tucker of Hanover; two sons, Willis (Luanna) Howard of Quincy; and Timmy Howard of Hillsdale; two stepdaughters: April (Jack) Patterson of Hillsdale; and Darlene (Carl) Blankenship of Kentucky; four stepsons: Benjie Porter of Osseo; Shawn (Lauric) Porter of Ohio; Todd Porter of Jackson; and Tadd (Melissa) Porter of Albion; a sister, Japalene Bently; two brothers: Eugene (Cletis) Howard and Billie Howard; a half brother, Ronald (De Anne) Prater; five half sisters: Irma (Bobby) Shepard, Pauline (Charles) Stacey, Ruby (Doug) Schuster of Sturgis; Irene (Phil) Butler of Jonesville; and Ruth (Clyde) Shepard of Osseo.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step father, and a grandson, Christopher Blankenship.

Memorial services for Willis Howard were Saturday, February 23, at 11:00 a.m., at the Osseo United Methodist Church, with Pastor Donald Lee officiating.

Arrangements are entrusted to VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale.

To view this obituary and send condolences, visit www.caglefuneralhomes.com (Paid obituary)

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Mistrial

Baptist church," a Class A misdemeanor.

On July 12, 2006, a law was passed forbidding sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet of any school, day-care facility or public playground.

Turner said he believed the reason for the mistrial is because of an effort by the Kentucky State Police sex offender registry unit to lessen their workload by providing

offenders with a protection clause which had no legal foundation.

The problem Turner spoke of deals with the application of the pre-July 2006 statute, which defined residence for sex offenders as "where the offender sleeps."

However, during the trial KSP Sgt. Brian Sumner testified that to cut down on the amount of interaction with offenders who might be "visit-

ing a friend or relatives for a weekend," KSP issued "guidelines" which informed offenders they would only be in violation if they were "in the residence for 14, consecutive, or 30 aggregate days in a year."

Because of these guidelines, sex offenders found in violation have a defense that they were misled about the law by a state agency. Turner said the issue has been coming up in cases all over the state.

According to Turner, Moore will remain in jail until he can be retried later this year.

According to court documents Moore is also currently under indictment for two counts of first-degree sexual abuse, as well as a second-degree persistent felony order, stemming from charges leveled against him while he had allegedly been living at the Front Street address. Both charges of sexual abuse

involve minors, one of which was listed as being under the age of 12.

In 1991, Moore was charged with five counts of first-degree sexual assault in Cabell County, W.Va., with an 11-year-old girl whom he mentored as a gymnastics instructor. After pleading guilty in 1992, Moore served 12 years in a West Virginia state prison. Upon his release, he moved to Prestonsburg.

"After the retrial, win, lose or draw, we will move forward with the prosecution of these indictments of sexual abuse," said Turner.

Turner explained that mistrials are not subject to 5th Amendment rights to be protected from double jeopardy, because a mistrial concludes a trial prematurely bereft of a guilty or not guilty judgment.

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an attempt to confer with the county attorney.

However, Owens motion had been seconded and required a vote. The measure passed with Marshall breaking the tie after Goble abstained, Owens voted for and Daniels against.

In casting the vote, Marshall reaffirmed that any rehires would be fair and based on need.

The sale of East Kentucky Utilities was also brought up during the meeting, with Magistrate Owens saying that if the present bid couldn't be worked out, that "others are interested in it." Judge Marshall said he would be meeting with the concerned

parties next week, and that he would know more about the situation then.

During the citizen participation portion of the meeting, the court was petitioned by "The Nile," a not-for-profit, faith-based maternity home. Representative Charlene Williams asked the court to consider donating the cost per bed of those Floyd County Detention Center inmates who are now residing or will later reside with The Nile.

Two current and former residents gave testimonials to the care they received with The Nile, and the improvement in their lives since they sought help with the group.

Judge Marshall said, "The

board will look at this closely, and we will definitely be in touch."

Williams said that they would continue to take women even if they did not receive the funding.

According to its website, The Nile "serves women that find themselves in need of refuge in a time of crisis. While providing basic needs to these women, the Nile also provides parental training, medical support, mental health counseling and other core life application skills training. After the birth of their child these mothers are welcomed back to The Nile if they have no other place to go."

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Obituaries

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 13, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Etholene Taylor, 86, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, February 14, in Columbus. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Reba Joyce Taylor, 73, of South Williamson, died Thursday, February 14, in the Williamson (W.Va.) Memorial Hospital emergency room. She is survived by her husband, Jefferson F. "Frank" Taylor Sr. Funeral services will be held Sunday, February 17, at 11 a.m., under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Viola Jane Thacker, 65, of Lower Pompey, died Monday, February 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 14, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Marie Warrix Trimble, 83, of Pikeville, died Sunday, February 11, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday February 13, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Larry Gene Wolford, 59, of Phelps, died Friday, February 8, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Eddie Burchett Jr., 68, of Rush, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, January 29, at Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital, in Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Janice Depreiest Burchett. A service of remembrance was conducted Saturday, February 2, at the East Fork United Methodist Church in Rush.

■ James Click, 64, of Flat Gap, died Friday, February 8, at St. Mary's Medical Center, in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Picklesimer Click. Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Claudette Conley, 71, of Stockdale, Ohio, a native of Paintsville, died Thursday, February 7, at SOMC Hospice in Portsmouth, Ohio. Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, under the direction of the Erwin-Dodson-Allen Funeral Home in Minford.

■ George Edward Estep, 76, of Lexington, died Monday, February 11, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 16, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Sheila Faye Gibson, 38, of Wittensville, a Magoffin County native, died Thursday, February 7, at her

residence. Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ Laverne Home, 61, of Banner, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, February 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, February 15, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Anthony S. 'Tony' Lyons, 82, of Louisa, a native of Floyd County, and formerly of Hager Hill, died Friday, February 8, at Huntington Health and Rehabilitation Center in Huntington, WVa. He is survived by his wife, Joann Castle. Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Ernest James Music, 88, of Huber Heights, Ohio, a Johnson County native, died Sunday, February 3, at Heartland of Kettering Nursing Facility in Bellbrook, Ohio. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 6, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ James W. Parker, 80, of Flat Gap, died Tuesday, February 12, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 14, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Davis Burton Stapleton, 84, of Paintsville, died Saturday, February 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Stambaugh Stapleton. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Mary Evelyn VanHoose Teater, 86, of Frenchburg, a native of Thealka, died Wednesday, February 13, at her residence. Graveside services were held Saturday, February 16, under the direction of Northcutt & Son Homes for Funerals of Morehead.

■ Shirley VanHoose, 73, of Somerset, formerly of Versailles and Paintsville, died Friday, February 8, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, James C. VanHoose. Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, under the direction of Clark Funeral Home, Versailles.

■ Lorene Wright, 67, of Van Lear, died Thursday, February 7, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Carl Wright. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 10, under the direction of the O'Neil Funeral Home, Corbin.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Deborah Ann Carson, 49, of Titusville, Florida, a native of Louisa, died Monday, February 11. She is survived by her husband, Scott Carson. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 16, under the direction of Lewis & Ferguson Funeral Home, Sandy Hook.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Neil Edward Gibson, 40, of Salyersville, died Thursday, February 7, at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ William 'Bill' Barton, 49, of Tomahawk, died Sunday, February 10, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 14, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Sheldon Arthur "Hodge" Hardin, 89, of Inez, died Tuesday, February 5. Funeral services were held Friday, February 8, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

A Message From John Kirk

We, at Kirk Law Firm, have undertaken to do what we can to see that justice is done regarding the Tragic Deaths of Joe Rigsby, Ronald Haney, Joey Kirk, and Stacy Triplett Quesenberry. Ronald, Joe and Stacy died in crashes involving large trucks. Joey was killed by a drunk driver. The purpose of this message is to seek information from all those who have knowledge of the facts surrounding the events set out below. We respectfully ask that if you were a witness to any of the events, or if you have talked with anyone who was, or if you have any useful or helpful knowledge, that you please contact KIRK LAW FIRM: at any of the following numbers: 297-5888; 886-9494; 377-7785; 298-3575; 437-9234; or 739-8000, or go to www.kirklawfirm.net.

We have filed Civil Actions for the children and wives of Joey, Ronald and Joe, and we will describe below the dates and events so that you can see if you were a witness to what we are talking about.

Joey Kirk was killed at Louisa on December 14, 2007

Joey and his wife, Sharon, lived near Inez. Joey died when the vehicle in which he was a back-seat passenger, was crashed into while it was stopped at a red light. The driver of the vehicle that crashed into the car Joey was in, has been charged with the crime of Second Degree Manslaughter. He was impaired by drugs or drink. He was not injured, but the other two people in the car Joey was in, Paul Justice and Mark Skaggs, were injured. The accident occurred on U.S. 23 at a red light at Louisa.



Joey Kirk

Ronald Haney was killed at Louisa on March 14, 2007

Ronald, age 34, and his wife, Wendy, were traveling south on US 23, when Ronald was killed in a crash with a loaded coal truck. Wendy was so seriously hurt that she spent months in a hospital and nursing home. The crash occurred at a red light, where you turn into the hospital. Wendy lives at Nippa with their infant children, Kirsten and Tony.



Ronald Haney

Joe and Stacy were killed on US 23 on February 5, 2007

Joe Rigsby and Stacy Triplett Quesenberry were killed where Dogwood Fork meets US 23 at Wittensville, when the vehicle driven by Joe was hit by a tractor-trailer which—according to a witness—was traveling 85 mph.

Joe left young sons, Seth and Aaron; and Stacy left young sons, Leslie and Jayden.

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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

A sport diminished

There are several ways to consider the bizarre spectacle of a House committee grilling superstar pitcher Roger Clemens and his former trainer, Brian McNamee, over allegations Clemens used steroids and human growth hormone. One is to wonder why Congress is trifling with a sports scandal. Another is to note that for all the hoopla, little new information came to light.

But one can hold both those dismissive views and still come to a more far-reaching conclusion about the import of the hearing: It diminished everyone. It diminished Clemens, whose bluster was baffling, given what he was expecting lawmakers to swallow: the contention that he had never heard of HGH, despite allegations by both McNamee and Clemens' close friend and teammate, Andy Pettitte, that he was a user - and despite his own wife's admission of HGH use. It diminished McNamee, who was lambasted for holes in his own testimony and for seeming to plan to betray Clemens for years by storing bloody syringes and gauze pads as evidence of his drug use.

It diminished Congress, with lawmakers showboating in ridiculous fashion - one telling Clemens he was sure to get into heaven, if not the Baseball Hall of Fame; another screaming at McNamee for undermining a "titan" like Clemens; still others asking the legendary pitcher idolatrous fan-club questions.

But most of all, the spectacle diminished Major League Baseball. The sport absolutely had it coming.

Past decades in baseball are remembered for their singular moments on the field - Boston's Carlton Fisk trying to will a home run ball to stay fair with body language in the 1975 World Series; Toronto's Joe Carter's joyous romp around the bases after his hit clinched the 1993 World Series; etc.

The modern era will be remembered for off-field farces such as Clemens declaring Pettitte had a habit of "misremembering" things and slugger Mark McGwire's evasive "I'm not hear to talk about the past" declaration at a 2005 congressional hearing on steroid use.

It didn't have to be this way. The explosion of home runs in the mid-to late-1990s - and the sudden profusion of hulking players with the physiques of NFL linebackers - demanded explanation. Former Sen. George Mitchell's recent report demolished the argument that coaches, team owners and Commissioner Bud Selig just didn't know what was going on. Instead, the signs were everywhere. Syringes in players' lockers. Packages from mail-order pharmacies being delivered to clubhouses. Unusual injuries related to rapid muscle growth.

But from Selig on down, no one did anything - because home runs, especially the riveting 1998 record chase involving McGwire and fellow steroid suspect Sammy Sosa, helped win back fans embittered by the cancellation of the 1994 season due to a labor dispute.

The result of this blithe indifference to mass cheating is that a stench hangs over the national pastime. It is a stench that will take a long, long time to fade.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune



Rich Lowry Column

Pennies from heaven

The housing market is caught in a downward spiral that might last the rest of this year, and banks are struggling under a staggering burden of bad loans that has created a severe credit crunch. Don't fear, though, a \$250 check might be making its way toward your mailbox.

That's the economic "stimulus" that Democrats are coalescing around to forestall a recession. Barack Obama wants a \$250 tax rebate and a payment of \$250 to Social Security beneficiaries. If that doesn't work, he has a Plan B: sending out another \$250 check. Hillary Clinton wants to try \$70 billion in new government spending first; then, if the new tide of red ink fails, blanket the country with \$40 billion worth of rebate checks.

With the White House considering its own rebate proposal, some such scheme is likely to emerge as the lowest common denominator of sophomoric economic policy for both parties.

A \$250 check is the equivalent of winning a tiny jackpot on a convenience-store lottery ticket. It's not going to spur any lifestyle changes or fund any major purchases. This is why the history of the tax rebates - including the last time it was tried in 2001 - is a sorry one.

Most people aren't stupid enough to think a \$250 check improves their economic standing. This is keeping with the late economist Milton Friedman's "permanent income hypothesis," which said that people don't change their spending habits based on small blips in their income.

In short: You can't fool people into thinking that they are richer than they really are.

So it is that research shows that most of the 2001 tax rebates were used to pay down debt or were saved.

According to a study by University of Michigan economists, only about 20 percent was spent - a tiny stimulus at best.

It is the curse of capitalism that it suffers boom-and-bust cycles. In recent economic history, we've had the savings-and-loan bubble, the tech bubble and now the housing bubble. The lesson of all of them is that if it's too good to be true, it is. The blessing of capitalism is that - often brutally - it adjusts and re-establishes its equilibrium. If too many houses have been built, the only way to stop it is if their price goes down - exactly what's happening now.

For the most part, government can't game the economy through clever temporary fixes. The key dishonesty in any stimulus debate is found in the phrase "jump-start," suggesting it's within the power of government to quickly and precisely influence the course of a \$13 trillion economy. The Clinton campaign promises not just to "jump-start" the economy, but to "jump-start green-collar jobs." Talk about a fairy tale.

Clinton is embracing the kind of massive stimulative public spending that her husband proposed in his 1992 campaign, before abandoning it as fiscally imprudent upon taking office. It turned out that the recession of the early 1990s was over even while Clinton was campaigning against it. That's the way it usually works - the market moves faster than politicians.

By the time you get your rebate check, the chances are a recession will already be upon us, or the threat will already have passed. Enjoy the extra couple hundred bucks.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



beyond the beltway

Wish the Dems luck with Iraq

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

After thinking it over, I've come to the conclusion that there's no way we can get out of Iraq. It would be nice and all but the more I look at the plans put forward by the Democratic presidential candidates the less I see. They're hardly more realistic than the rosy scenarios sold to us by the Republicans who got us into this mess.

Take, for example, Hillary Clinton's plan. She's for withdrawing rapidly but keeping a residual force in place to fight terrorists, protect the Kurds, fend off Iran and give the Iraq military a hand.

That's quite a lot, admittedly, but as "New York Times" correspondent Michael Gordon pointed out the other day, it doesn't go very far toward protecting the Iraqi people from insurgent violence, a key element in counter-insurgency strategy. To protect the people, Hillary says, would involve us in a civil war. Her words: "This is an Iraqi problem, we cannot save the Iraqis from themselves."

Perhaps not, but are we really prepared to stand safe in our Iraq bases while the civilian population outside is slaughtered en masse in a war that is essentially of our creation? It's bad enough we avert our eyes from far-away Darfur; have we really the stomach to ignore a genocide occurring in plain sight?

That doesn't sound like any

America I'm familiar with.

Then there's Barak Obama's blueprint, which calls for a withdrawal of troops within 16 months of his taking office, leaving behind only counter-terrorism units to prevent terrorists from setting up shop to attack us. He has said, however, he'd be willing to send troops back in as part of an international force to stop a genocide.

That sounds good too but as Mr. Gordon, a master of the inconvenient truth tells us, it will be a lot more difficult and dangerous fighting our way back into a civil war from the outside than what we're doing now. According to one expert:

"When you go over the roads you are going to come across IEDs because you did not spend the last few months patrolling the streets to know where they are planted. You are going to run into ambushes because you don't have any local informants working with you, because they will be the first ones targeted in the opening weeks of genocide."

Not good. So we move on to John Edwards' plan, which was a variation of the other two - with a 10-month timeframe - and shared the same drawbacks.

Edwards, however, argued that only a withdrawal of our combat troops will encourage competing Iraqi leaders to reconcile their differences and forge a unity government. Yes, unless - as seems far more likely - they start choosing up sides in order to prevail in a sectarian

bloodbath.

Nor will the damage be limited to the Iraqi people. I recently heard Ali Adeeb, a native of Iraq who spent three years as Baghdad news editor for "The New York Times." He thinks abandoning Iraq now would be an unmitigated disaster, a much worse blow to our international standing than Vietnam was.

Without the United States serving as a buffer between the Shia and Sunni factions, civil war is sure to break out, offering an opportunity for al Qaida to become dominant there.

The south of Iraq would fall under the direct influence of Iran and Saudi Arabia and might very well fragment. The stability of the entire Middle East would be put at risk.

Did I mention oil? I know it's not fashionable to think that control of natural resources is a valid reason for war (truth, justice and democracy are so much more appealing) but the fact is our economy runs on oil. Chaos in the Middle East would not be good for our economy or anyone else's, except perhaps Venezuela and Russia.

So you see, we simply cannot afford to get out of Iraq.

On the other hand, we can't afford to stay there either.

Thanks, Mr. Bush.

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

Others may walk on the moon, if they like or can. What I would prefer, right now, is a walk in the sun.

ABOUT THE MOVIES

Out of respect for a certain dog that has departed our midst, I went to the movies, a week or so back. You guessed it—the picture was "101 Dalmations." And, being a story about dogs, it was as clean as the proverbial hound's tooth.

This newspaper does not lend itself to free advertising for any business that is in competition with others, but we must point to a recent statement of William Blair, manager of the Strand Theatre, which showed the film we young'uns enjoyed so much. He wrote Mrs. Clayton Holland, president of the PTA here:

"In recent months there has been a definite trend away from movies that are suitable for our very young to see. Yet, in spite of this, there are still good movies of the old standard available. We, at the local theatre are determined that our Little People shall neither be neglected nor deprived of...good, wholesome entertainment..."

We will not go into his plans for a special matinee on Saturdays and Sundays, but will hazard the guess that his and other theatres would be glad to get back to good, decent pictures—if viewers were good and decent enough to go, see them. Somebody in exasperation or desperation, or something, once cried "The public be damned!" but that wasn't a fellow in a highly competitive business. The public, you, and I, dictate by our patronage or lack thereof, the type of movies shown...even what businesses will be open on Sundays.

FARM REPORT

My annual supply of seed catalogues is far behind schedule, and that leaves me late with my 1970 crop. I usually do my farming in the depths of winter, from an easy chair, preferably before a crackling fire. It is then that I do a Walter Mitty, and put Luther Burbank and his whole tribe to shame, plants and shrubs and flowers springing up and blooming in sizes, shapes and colors that no other field or garden ever grew.

This is not to say that I haven't been occupied while waiting for the clouds to break and the winds to shift. There are the fishing magazines, and they have a few ads I haven't got around to yet.

GOOD ADVICE

I hope "Dear Abby" wrote this long enough ago not to mind my filching it:

Do your givin'
While you're livin';
Then you'll be knowin'
Where you're goin'.



The Big Sandy Stars Talent Showcase will feature (front row, from left) Susan Chaffin, Mary Lou Lavender, Nicole Pennington, Amy Hall, Daphene Goble, Jerica Blair, Rachael Hayes, Debbie Castle, (second row) Melanie Stapleton, Brandi Brown, Tom Vierheller, Doug Heman, Don Barlow, Ashley Hall, Michelle Fields (also featured but not pictured): Melissa Ramsey, Conda Little, Little's Tappers: a tap dancing troupe; Mike & Kathy Dixon, George Edwards, Gil Plants, Mary Stepp, Marquisha Matthews, Troy Burchett & Betsy Spradlin, the Perkins Boys, Clayton Case, Laura Ford Hall and The Big Sandy Singers.

BSCTC Presents Talent Showcase, Feb. 22

Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) will be holding its second annual Big Sandy Stars Talent Showcase Friday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. in Gearheart Auditorium, Pike Building, Prestonsburg Campus.

Nineteen acts will perform a variety of talents: from singing, to dancing, to instrumental selections. These acts include the students, faculty, staff, and community program members of BSCTC and include faculty and staff members: Featuring Susan Chaffin, Daphene Goble, Debbie Castle, Tom Vierheller, Doug Heman, Don Barlow, Michelle Fields, Melissa Ramsey, Conda Little, Mike & Kathy Dixon, George Edwards, Gil

Plants, Mary Stepp, Betsy Spradlin, Clayton Case, and Laura Ford Hall; community music program members Mary Lou Lavender, Nicole Pennington, Jerica Blair, Rachael & Will Hayes, Melanie Stapleton, Brandi Brown, & Ashley Hall; and BSCTC students: Troy Burchett, Amy Hall, Marquisha Matthews, and The Perkins Boys.

The Big Sandy Singers, the elite student singing ensemble from Big Sandy will open and close the showcase. Little's Tappers: a tap dancing troupe, directed by Conda Little will also perform.

The public is welcome to attend the Big Sandy Stars Talent Showcase. Tickets are \$4 each and all tickets are available at the door.

The auditorium will open for seating at 6:30 p.m. and all seating is on a first come, first serve basis. All proceeds will benefit the BSCTC Music and Drama Club for funding for the music and drama programs at the college.

"I am looking forward to performing," said performer Melanie Stapleton. "The talent show gives students, faculty, and staff a great opportunity to use their gifts. I am excited about the event and encourage everyone to come to see what our college has to offer."

Questions about the talent showcase should be directed to director Laura Ford Hall at laura.hall@kctcs.edu or (606) 424-2498.



Betsy Layne Elementary Governor's Cup team winners, first place in District 86 competition.

Betsy Layne Team

**MOVIES FROM
THE BLACK LAGOON**

'Bad Moon'

Man's best friend, in this case a pure bred German shepherd named Thor, is all that stands between a single mother and a hulking werewolf in this gory and effective shocker from the mid-1990s.

Things start off with a bang here, as the camera opens on a young couple in the midst of some heated tent shaking while camping out in what appears to be Tibet. You know there's trouble afoot when the horses get restless and the native bearers take off like someone announced a Black Friday sale. The couple in the tent, however, are oblivious to the scene and only realize there's trouble when a seven-foot werewolf tears open their tent and proceeds to gut the female after taking down the male with a firm backhand.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The man, who'll we'll come to know later as Ted, manages to get his shotgun in hand and promptly blows off the werewolf's head. This turns out to be only a small comfort for the lady who has been partially devoured.

The scene then shifts to a modest country home where Janet (Ted's sister) lives with her son Brett and their dog Thor. Janet is not too impressed when a smarmy salesman strolls up to her yard and makes a lame attempt to sell her a "Hooked on Phonics" collection. Thor is even less impressed and snarls at the man, who reacts by going for his briefcase, leading to a brief tussle with the pooch.

Janet pegs the guy for a scam artist and kicks him off her property. The guy lamely responds with a threat to sue her but backs off when Janet reveals that she is, in fact, an attorney.

That night a utility worker is getting set to climb a pole when a howl startles him and he rabbits like a decapitated chicken. Unfortunately he stops for a breath and is mauled by a second seven-foot werewolf which turns out to be Ted.

The next day Ted contacts Janet to let her know he's back in his trailer and only two hours away. She eagerly rushes out for a visit. While visiting, Thor stumbles upon the remains of the utility guy, which are strewn about the upper regions of a tree, while Brett pokes around Ted's room, where he spies a thick tome dedicated to werewolves.

Janet invites Ted to camp out on their property but he declines... that is until the local law digs up a passel of mangled corpses near his camp site. While the police search for a wild animal, Ted takes Janet up on her offer and parks his trailer in her back yard.

Ted's stay is made difficult by Thor, who smells trouble and keeps a close eye on Ted. Every night Ted shackles himself to a tree to protect innocents. Thor follows him one night and distracts him to the point that he doesn't get out the shackles in time and all heck breaks loose.

Fortunately it's the same night that

(See LAGOON, page six)

Handmade Valentines from the heart

by EVELYN WANDER

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE ROMANTIC SOUL"

I was the tender age of 16 and my husband was only 17 when we got married in 1966 in Welch, W.V. There weren't many jobs available in our small town. We had been married only two months when my husband found out that Trailways Bus Lines was taking applications for various positions.

My husband drove 100 miles to Roanoke, Va., to apply for a job with the bus company. They contacted him

the next week to come back to take a test that was one of the requirements for being hired. So once again, he drove the 100 miles to take the test. A few weeks later, he was notified that he had been accepted to a position as an apprentice mechanic. This was a great opportunity for us, but I was heartbroken when I found out that the job was in Roanoke and that we would have to move. We knew no one who lived there. It was very hard for me to move so far from my family and friends at such a young age.

We found a small furnished apartment, and I was lucky to find a job as

a sales clerk at Woolworth's during the day, but my husband was scheduled to work from midnight to 8 a.m. So as he came home from work each morning, I was getting ready to leave to go to work.

Naturally, we had very little money, so when Valentine's Day came around that first year, I knew we couldn't afford to buy anything for each other. I felt so bad that I wouldn't be able to buy him a present—not even a card.

After he left to go to work the night before Valentine's Day, I couldn't sleep. So I decided to stay up and

make a Valentine's Day card for him. I didn't have any construction paper, so I had to use regular notebook paper.

I worked so hard to compose a poem for him. I knew what I wanted to say, but couldn't seem to put it on paper. It took me most of the night, but by the time he came home the next morning, it was done!

I had made a valentine for my valentine. I felt foolish and childish as I handed him my homemade valentine, and I hoped that he wouldn't laugh at it. I held my breath

and watched as he opened it and started reading it. On the front of the simple piece of paper, I had written the following:



"We may not have a lot of money

To buy a card that's cute and funny.

But what we have can take the place

Of a paper heart with fancy lace.

We have each other, and that's the best.

Now open the card and read the

(See SOUP, page six)

Plug the pipe, kill the engine and other party tricks

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

True or false? In our clubhouse parking lot, I came across a car that was left with the engine running, keys inside and doors locked. Security was not able to help find the owner. I mentioned this incident to friends, and someone said that if I had put something, like a potato, in the tailpipe, the engine eventually would have shut off. Would this really have happened? Would it have caused any damage? — Mary

TOM: It certainly would have happened, Mary. Assuming the exhaust system is intact and not leaking, you can stop an engine by plugging

up its exhaust outlet.

RAY: Here's why. If the exhaust gases can't escape from the cylinders, then there's no room for the fresh gasoline and air to get in. So the engine gets starved for fuel.

TOM: Think about it this way: If someone stopped you from breathing out, you wouldn't be able to breathe in, would you? No room! And your engine would stop, too.

RAY: Now, a potato is the time-honored vegetable of choice in the fraternity community because of its wide availability, appropriate selection of sizes and tendency to stay put once placed firmly in a tailpipe. But the truth is, holding a thick rag over the end of the tailpipe would cause

the engine to stall, too.

TOM: In fact, we do that as a test in the garage, to see if a car has an exhaust leak. If you plug up the end of the tailpipe and the car keeps running, you know the exhaust is escaping from somewhere else (i.e., leaking).

RAY: There's one other consideration in your case, Mary. When the engine dies, the key will still be in the "run" or "on" position. That means that any electrical accessories that are turned on (blower motor, lights, CD player) will continue to run off the battery. So there's a chance that the battery will be dead if the car is left all day like that.

TOM: Of course, if you leave it running, it could run out of gas and THEN run the battery dead.

RAY: So it's a judgment call, Mary. A car with a properly functioning cooling system won't be harmed if it sits and idles for hours.

TOM: But if the car is in a place where it's unsafe to let it idle — if it's indoors, near people, in a place where it might be stolen — or if it's clearly overheating, then plug up the tailpipe and kill the

engine. The owner may have to get a jump-start later, but the tow truck presumably will be there anyway to help him break back into his car and get his keys.

Sorting out struts

Dear Tom and Ray:

My '91 Buick LeSabre Custom needs replacement struts, and I am stumped. I went to the mechanic the other day, and he asked me what type of struts I wanted. I had no idea what he meant. So he asked me if I wanted gas-charged struts, quick struts, or the Monroe Matics or Monroe Sensa-Trac. My question: What is the difference between these, and which are better? — Gregory

RAY: Good question, Gregory. On a 1991 Buick, you could probably put a jello mold at each corner of the car and not notice any difference in handling. But our liability lawyers won't let us recommend that.

TOM: The terms "strut" and "shock absorber" often are used interchangeably. But technically, a McPherson Strut is a shock absorber that's surrounded by a coil spring.



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RAY: And a "quick strut" is the whole package. It includes a shock absorber, a coil spring and the strut mount, which houses the bearing. That's a complete McPherson strut, and it gets bolted right in and replaces everything all at once.

TOM: A quick strut is expensive. You'd pay around \$400 each for them on this car, just for the parts. So, you don't want that unless you need it — if, for example, your springs are also shot, or one of your springs is broken.

RAY: Since your mechanic didn't tell you that you need springs, let's eliminate the

quick strut.

TOM: So then it's a question of whether you want gas shocks or not. The Monroe Sensa-Tracs are gas-filled, the Monroe Matics are not.

RAY: All shocks use oil to dampen the bouncing motion of your springs. Gas shocks normally fill the "air space," where the oil expands into, with nitrogen. Why? Manufacturers claim that nitrogen reduces foaming and bubbling of the oil during harder driving, and therefore leads to better overall damping and handling.

TOM: Is it true? We don't know. But it sounds good!

RAY: And since the difference between the gas shocks and the non-gas shocks is about 10 bucks in your case (\$120 versus \$130), we'd suggest that you opt for the gas shocks. The nitrogen industry will thank you. Good luck, Gregory.

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

Soup

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rest." On the inside, I had colored a large red heart and written "I Love You." I stood waiting and watching, afraid that he would start laughing at any moment. When he had finished reading it, he slowly raised his head and looked at me. Then the corners of his mouth started moving up! But all he did was smile tenderly.

While looking into my eyes, he reached down into his pocket. When he pulled his hand out, he was holding something. He told me that he had made it for me during his lunch hour, and was afraid to give it to me. He said that he thought I might think it was silly, and that I might laugh at it.

I took his hand in mine and turned it over. As I looked down, he slowly opened his

fingers, and I saw a small heart made out of aluminum. While I had stayed up all night making him a valentine's card, he had been cutting out a heart for me from a piece of aluminum. He said the guys he worked with had laughed at him for making the heart, and he'd been worried about giving it to me.

I still have the aluminum heart, and I keep it in my desk. Every once in a while when I open the drawer and see it lying there, all those memories come flooding back to me. Over the years, we've been able to buy each other very nice, expensive presents for Valentine's Day. But none has ever been as dear or has meant as much as those handmade gifts made from our hearts the first year that we were married.

Lagoon

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the sour salesman returns for some revenge, which turns out to be dish that can't be served if there's a werewolf on the premises. The conman winds up as algo for Uncle Ted.

Thor responds by attacking Ted the next day and Janet reluctantly agrees to have him taken to the pound when the attack coincides with the discovery of what's left of the salesman. What follows is an excellent finale that finds Brett breaking into the pound to save Thor, while Janet chooses the wrong time to confront her brother. It all leads to an exciting showdown that pits brother against sister, boy against canine authorities, and dog against wolf.

This one got by everybody in 1996 and was only barely released to theaters. What a shame, as it delivers on all fronts.

First off it offers some excellent wolfman carnage and an impressive beast to boot. This werewolf is about seven feet tall and walks erect, though it has the countenance of the four-legged variety. It's a creepy visual that is well rendered by choice FX work.

The other cool angle here is the star — Thor. He's an excellent dog actor and handles a third of the film's running time with his canine antics. It's no surprise that the film features him so much, as it was based on a book wherein the entire tale was told from his perspective. If you can get a copy of "Thor," by Wayne Smith, then you're in for a treat (especially if you're an animal lover who also digs horror novels).

Lastly you have to credit writer/director Eric Red ("Body Parts"). He fashions some great scares here and doesn't skimp on the gore either. Red also deserves credit for hiring Ken Kirzinger (who went on to play Jason Vorhees in " Freddy vs. Jason ") to handle the stunts and play the werewolf after Ted (played by Michael Pare, of " Eddie and the Cruisers " fame) has transformed.

Kirzinger handles some wild stunts here that must have been made more difficult by performing them under intense make-up alongside a dog who probably had no idea what was going on. The final battle in the family home is tightly choreographed and there's never a dull moment as all of

the players take part in a smackdown for the horror history books.

The best news is that this film is under \$20 and comes in a set of four features that also includes "Coma," a medical thriller with a heck of an ending; "Wolfen," in which a pack of wolves feed on the homeless in New York's South Bronx; and "Body Snatchers," where Abel Ferrara ("Driller Killer") stages a new take on the classic "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" and sets his tale on a military base where strict codes of behavior make it difficult to tell which characters have been turned into emotionally-dead space zombies.

All in all there's not a bad movie in this bunch, which is saying something when it comes to movie collections, since they inevitably contain at least one dud that no one would buy if it were offered solo.

Best line: "You should have listened to the dog, Janet. He was trying to protect you." 1996, rated R.

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LL requires background checks

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Little League Baseball and Softball is the first and only national youth baseball program to require background checks on its volunteers. For such piece of mind to be effective, local leagues must stay true to the intent of the regulation.

Dan Kirby, Director of Risk Management for Little League Baseball and Softball, has spoken to thousands of volunteers about the importance of completing the required background checks on all volunteers with repetitive access to children.

"The reality is, we really don't know everyone who is living in our communities and neighborhoods," Kirby said. "Everyone knows that Little Leagues must do the checks as part of a person's eligibility to be considered as a volunteer, but too many leagues may not be doing the checks properly. We've found through our partnership with ChoicePoint that for every 100 completed background checks, 14 percent discover criminal offenses."

The cost of fulfilling Little League's background check requirement is offset by Little League International's televi-

sion contract with ESPN. Beginning with the 2007 season, the first year of an eight-year contract, each Little League in the United States received their first 80 checks for free through ChoicePoint with each search above 80 costing only \$1.

"The background checks were put in because we believe there was, and is, a necessity," Kirby said. "We need all local leagues to take this same level of responsibility and accountability with the choices they make on behalf of the children and volunteers in their leagues."



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PRESTONSBURG GUARD JODY TACKETT eyed a Breathitt County ballhandler during a recent game.

HS football rules changes announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Four changes in rules regarding penalty options for teams that are fouled on scoring plays were among the 17 revisions in high school football rules approved for the 2008 season by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee at its January 19-20 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Rules 2-16-2e and 10-2-4 were revised to state that a team must foul twice during the same down to commit multiple fouls. These changes allow for enforcement of both fouls when the opponent of the scoring team commits a foul on both a touch-down-scoring play and the subsequent try.

An addition to Rule 3-3-4 clarifies issues at the end of the half if there is a foul by either team and the penalty is accepted for unsportsmanlike fouls, non-player fouls, fouls that specify a loss of down and fouls that are enforced on the subsequent kick-off as in Rule 8-2-2.

Changes to Rule 8-2-2 stipulate that fouls by the opponents of the scoring team on the last timed down of the first half can carry over to the second-half kickoff; however, fouls by the opponents of the scoring team on the last timed down of the second half cannot carry over to overtime play.

"By adopting these changes, the rules committee has further clarified that fouls by opponents of the scoring team may be fully enforced," said Brad Cashman, executive director of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and chairman of the NFHS Football Rules Committee.

In other rules changes, the committee removed the option of carrying over unused second-half time-outs into overtime. The NFHS-recommended overtime procedure continues to provide for one time-out per overtime period with the revisions stipulating that unused time-outs do not carry over to subsequent overtime periods.

A change in Rule 3-5-2a provides the head coach an option of designating another coach for the

(See RULES, page two)



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Josh Pace (25) and James "Boo" Jackson (34) rank as two of the top players in minor league basketball.

Pace, Jackson ranked among Top 20 players

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ProBasketballNews.com, under the guidance of Editor Sam Amico, has released its Top 20 Minor Leaguers list. Compiled by Amico, the latest list includes a pair of East Kentucky Miners. East Kentucky guard Josh Pace and forward James "Boo" Jackson were both in the ProBasketballNews.com Top 20, ranking 14th and 15th, respectively.

Pace was averaging a team-high 22.9 points per game and also led the Miners in assists (174) and steals (65) when the list was compiled. Jackson was averaging a double-double of 20.7 points and 10.1 rebounds per game. He scored a career-high 40 points Wednesday night in East Kentucky's 111-103 win over Great Falls.

Morris Almond, a first-round pick of the Utah Jazz who currently stars for the Utah Flash of the NBA D-League, tops the list. East Kentucky was the only CBA franchise to have two players in the Top 20 list. The list also includes Yakama Sun King Desmond Ferguson (6) and Butte Daredevil Odell Bradley (11).

Here's the ProBasketballNews.com Top 20 Minor Leaguers list in its entirety: 1. Morris Almond, 6-6, G, Utah Flash (NBA D-League); 2. Billy Thomas, 6-5, G, Colorado 14ers (NBA D-

League); 3. Anthony Anderson, 5-11, G, Manchester Millrats (ABA); 4. Carlos Powell, 6-7, F, Dakota Wizards (NBA D-League); 5. Elton Brown, 6-9, F/C, Colorado 14ers (NBA D-League); 6. Desmond Ferguson, 6-7, F, Yakama Sun Kings (CBA); 7. Eddie Gill, 6-0, G, Colorado 14ers (NBA D-League); 8. Sun Yue, 6-10, G, Beijing Aoshen Olympian (ABA); 9. Tyrone Rayson, 6-6, F, Texas Tycoons (ABA);

10. Cedric McGinnis, F, 6-9, Wilmington Sea Dawgs (PBL); 11. Odell Bradley, 6-4, G/F, Butte Daredevils (CBA); 12. Lance Allred, 6-11, C, Idaho Stampede (NBA D-League); 13. Ryan Edwards, F, 6-5, Quad City Riverhawks (PBL); 14. Josh Pace, 6-5, G, East Kentucky Miners (CBA); 15. James Jackson, 6-9, F, East Kentucky Miners (CBA); 16. Kasib Powell, F, 6-7, Sioux Falls Sky force (NBA D-League); 17. Taurean Minor, 5-11, G, Houston Takers (ABA); 18. Ian Mahinmi, C, Austin Toros (NBA D-League); 19. Stanley Thomas, 6-5, G, Chicago Throwbacks (PBL); 20. Terrance Green, 6-3, G, Vermont Frost Heaves (ABA).

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Explorers derail Miners

CASCADE — The Great Falls Explorers, playing on the hardwood of nearby Cascade High in a non-conference contest, defeated the visiting East Kentucky Miners 126-108 Thursday night. Great Falls and East Kentucky exited the two-game series with a 1-1 split.

The Explorers had a dominating performance, winning three of four quarters and grabbing seven of the eight available points. Great Falls claimed the quarter points 6-1.

A resurgent team, Great Falls improved to 11-22 overall following the triumph. East Kentucky dropped to 20-20 after suffering the loss.

Six of the seven Great Falls players finished in double figures scoring. Guard Pele Paelay led Great Falls with 27 points. Mike Peoples, a 6-7 swingman, added 26 points, five blocks, four assists and two steals for the Explorers.

Junior Burrough added 22 points for host Great Falls. Maurice Carter and Marlyn Bryant scored 15 points apiece for the Explorers. Jason Clark turned in a double-double effort of 14 points and 14 rebounds in the home team's triumph.

Boo Jackson, who scored a game-high 40 points on Wednesday in an East Kentucky win, led the Miners offensively with 25 points. Josh Pace added 24 points, Jason McLeish scored 20 and Mike Dean netted 15 for the Miners.

East Kentucky will be in Albany today for a game against a familiar American Conference foe. The Patroons will host the Miners in a conference matchup at 7:35 p.m.

— Times Staff Report



photos by Jamie Howell

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL Coach John DeRossett (left) and members of his staff recognized players from the 2007 season during a banquet held earlier in the month. Senior Taylor Clark (right) was among the Blackcats honored. Clark was a receiver/defensive back for Prestonsburg, one of the state's top Class 2A high school football teams. The Blackcat gridiron program is already gearing up for the 2008 season.



Growing elk herd benefits Eastern Kentucky

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Attention elk hunters.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission allotted 400 elk hunting permits at its December meeting for the 2008 elk season, and it's time to get your applications in. The deadline to apply is April 30, three months sooner than in previous years.

Four hundred elk hunting opportunities in Kentucky? It's been only a decade since seven wild elk from Kansas leapt from a truck onto a reclaimed Perry County strip mining operation and signaled the start of one of the nation's largest wildlife restoration efforts. Larger truck loads followed a month later, giving Kentucky its first free-ranging elk herd since before the Civil War.

In the next few years, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, with partners the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Wild Turkey Federation, and a number of volunteers, trapped about 1,500 wild elk from western herds and trucked them to several release sites in southeast Kentucky.

They became the nucleus of a herd nearing 7,300 animals today and are well on the way to a target of 10,000. Department Big Game Program Coordinator Dr. Tina Brunjes is looking forward to some tremendous elk hunting in the not-to-distant future.

"I predict we'll be issuing many more permits someday soon," said Brunjes. "Our herd is growing quickly and it's a high quality herd too. We have a good number of record book quality elk here now."

While hunters clearly benefit, as they should since they paid millions through their license purchases and support of conservation organizations involved in the restoration, others have benefited as well.

Wildlife watchers flock to the elk zone year-round to see and hear the majestic animals, spending their tourism dollars at hotels and restaurants in a part of the state almost barren of watchable wildlife only a few generations ago.

Businesses offering elk tours capitalize on their magnetism.

But despite their tremendous popularity and the attention focused on Kentucky's elk zone by enthusiasts from across the country, elk sometimes get into trouble. They're attracted to lush golf course fairways, backyard gardens and landscaping, well-kept yards and family cemeteries. Their size and weight can leave deep hoof prints, destroy fences, golf course greens and grave stones.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife biologists, technicians and conservation officers will help minimize their impacts. They employ hazing devices and other methods to deter offending animals.

"The positive impact elk have had on the communities of east Kentucky exceeded our predictions," said Dr. Jon Gasset, commissioner of the department. "We know that they sometimes cause a bit of trouble, but we hope a people who are experienc-

(See ELK, page two)

Harden leads Arizona State past No. 7 Stanford 72-68 in OT

by **ANDREW BAGNATO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEMPE, Ariz. — After two Arizona State starters had fouled out, James Harden knew it was up to him to carry the Sun Devils.

The freshman guard scored 23 points, including eight in overtime, as the Sun Devils rallied to stun No. 7 Stanford 72-68 in overtime on Thursday night.

"I tried to step up and make big plays for my team," Harden said. "It's crunch time, and my teammates look for me."

Harden scored the Sun Devils' last four points in regulation and the first eight in overtime as Arizona State pulled off one of the more memorable comebacks in its history.

The Sun Devils trailed 51-37 with 7:59 to go and 57-50 with 1:49 to play.

"It's just remarkable that this team somehow found a way to land on their feet tonight," Arizona State coach Herb Sendek said.

In other Top 25 action it was No. 9 Butler 89, Youngstown State 73 and No. 21 Washington State 70, Oregon State 57.

The Sun Devils' improbable comeback began with a 3-pointer by Rihards Kuksiks, cutting Stanford's lead to 57-53 with 1:37 to play.

After a Cardinal free throw, Ty Abbott hit a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 58-56 with 33 seconds remaining.

That's when Harden asserted himself. He scored four points in the final 26 seconds — two on a jam and two on a rebound of his own miss to tie it at 60-60 with 6 seconds left.

Harden's heroics might not have mattered if the Cardinal had been able to convert from the free-throw line. Stanford

missed 4-of-8 free throws in the final 1:49.

"We had an opportunity to close out the game in regulation if we make a few free throws," Stanford coach Trent Johnson said.

The Cardinal left the door open for Harden, who showed no signs of a flu virus that had slowed him last weekend.

"I'm fine," Harden said.

He was more than that. Harden hit 8-of-17 shots from the floor, and 2-of-3 from beyond the arc. He also had five steals and five assists — along with four turnovers — in 41 minutes.

It's the Sun Devils' third victory over a ranked team in two seasons under Sendek — one more than they managed from 1995-2006.

Arizona State (16-7, 6-5 Pac-10) played the overtime without Jeff Pendergraph, who had 15 points and 12 rebounds before fouling out late in regu-

lation, and Rihards Kuksiks also fouled out with 15 points.

The Sun Devils are 4-0 in overtime, including a victory over Arizona in Tucson four days earlier.

"A lot of guys don't like to play OTs," Pendergraph said. "We love it."

For a long time, overtime seemed like a dream for the Sun Devils, who watched as Stanford went on a 26-2 run midway through the second half. That spurt wiped out a 10-point ASU lead and gave Stanford a 51-37 lead with 7:59 to play.

"It seemed like about 100 to 2 to me," Sendek said.

But ASU began to chip away, battling the taller Cardinal for every rebound and loose ball.

"They made plays," Johnson said. "We didn't. You have to give credit to Arizona State. They played well."

Brook Lopez scored 30

points and twin brother Robin Lopez had 16 for Stanford (20-4, 9-3), which snapped a seven-game win streak.

No. 8 Butler 89, Youngstown St. 73: At Indianapolis, Mike Green scored 17 points, and Butler won its seventh straight.

A.J. Graves scored 15 points and Matt Howard added 12 for the Bulldogs (12-2 Horizon League), who are a school-best 23-2 for the second consecutive season.

Byron Davis led Youngstown State with 20 points and Vance Cooksey added 15 for the Penguins (8-17, 4-11), who have lost eight of nine.

Butler set season highs for points and field goal percentage (.623). The Bulldogs made 13 of 20 3-pointers.

No. 21 Washington St. 70, Oregon St. 57: Taylor Rochestie had a career-high 24 points, Derrick Low added 21

and Washington State handed host Oregon State its 14th straight loss.

Robbie Cowgill and Aron Baynes had nine points for the Cougars (19-5, 7-5 Pac-10), who entered the game holding opponents to 55.5 points a game, third best in the nation. They held the Beavers to 32.1 percent shooting.

Lathen Wallace had 13 points for Oregon State (6-18, 0-12), which matched the 1995-96 team for the longest skid in team history. Marcel Jones added 10 points, all in the second half.

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OVC: Eagles rally for key OVC road win at rival Samford

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Down by 13 points with less than 10 minutes left to play, the Morehead State University Eagles rallied to defeat the Samford Bulldogs, 64-58, in a key Ohio Valley Conference game Thursday (Feb. 14) evening at the Pete Hanna Center in Birmingham.

MSU, a winner of nine of its last 11 games, is now 13-11 overall, 10-6 in the conference. The Eagles are in a third place tie with Eastern Kentucky in league standings. ECU lost at Jacksonville State, MSU's next opponent, on Thursday. MSU and ECU are just a half game behind second place Murray State (11-6) who lost at Tennessee State on Thursday.

Maze Stallworth and Jamyron Steward scored 15 points each for the Eagles.

Leon Buchanan had 11 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

Samford, now 11-14 overall and 8-9 in the league, got a game-high 16 points from Travis Peterson. Joe Ross Merritt had 12 points and a team-high eight rebounds. Bryan Friday added 12 points.

"I thought our guys showed real character tonight," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "We were down 13 points with 9:47 left to play, and we just kept battling and plugging away."

"I'm proud of my guys. Samford is a good team. They've beaten some quality opponents in this arena."

MSU led by as many as 10 points in the first half, but Samford cut the Eagle lead to two points, 28-26, at halftime. The Bulldogs ended the first half on an eight-to-zero run. They continued the run in the second half, at one point scor-

ing 12 straight points, and went on to build the 13-point lead before the Eagles started their rally.

MSU hit 48.4 percent (20-of-41) from the field, Samford hit 47.6 percent (20-of-42). The Eagles were nine-of-18 from behind the arc, the Bulldogs were 11-of-25. At the free throw line, MSU hit 15-of-18 while Samford managed only seven-of-12.

The Eagles won the rebound battle, 30-19. In the turnover category, MSU had 11 while Samford committed 10.

Samford edges Morehead State women, 59-57: The Morehead State University women's basketball team led host Samford for 39 minutes and 50 seconds Thursday night, but the visiting Eagles fell victim to a late Bulldog rally, including the winning two points from the free throw

line with 4.4 seconds left, as MSU fell 59-57 to Samford at the Pete Hanna Center. MSU, whose five starters played all but about 40 seconds of the game, dropped to 7-17 and 5-10 in the Ohio Valley Conference. Samford moved to 19-6 and 12-3 in the league.

The Eagles led by as many as nine points in the second half with 5:03 left in the contest, and possessed a six-point (57-51) lead with 3:02 left after a Brittany Pittman layup. But, the Eagles were held without a field goal or a point for the final 3:02, and Samford got three layups to tie the game at 57 with 10.4 seconds left. Samford attempted to foul the Eagles with the game tied as it had only five team fouls at the time, but no fouls were called.

MSU tried to get the ball inbound from in front of its bench with Samford looking to

foul. However, the ball was knocked away from an MSU player, who was knocked to the floor, and immediately MSU's Chynna Boveman was whistled for a foul. Samford's Monica Maxwell went to the charity stripe and sank the winning two free throws with 4.4 ticks left. A desperation three by Anitha Smith-Williams went awry.

The loss overshadowed a career high effort from sophomore Brandi Rayburn. She scored 18 points, bettering her career best of 17 set just last week at Virginia. Also, the Eagles hit 11 three-pointers in the game and in the process set the MSU single season record now with 198 treys. Bozeman netted 13 points, and Tarah Combs added three treys and scored 11. Pittman had nine points, seven boards and four blocked shots. Combs now needs just six more three-

pointers for an MSU individual season record.

Samford was paced by Maxwell with 18 points. Alex Munday produced 14 off the bench, and Savannah Hill scored 12.

Both teams pulled down 31 rebounds. MSU, however, was only able to grab one offensive rebound.

The Eagles built a 10-point, 30-20, lead at halftime as they held Samford to just 27 percent shooting. The Bulldogs shot 58 percent in the second half though as they outscored the Eagles 39-27.

Morehead State, which has dropped six consecutive games, was looking to get back in the win column Saturday on the road at Jacksonville State. The Morehead State-Jacksonville State men's and women's basketball games both ended too late to make this edition.

Rules

purpose of requesting time-outs. The appointed replacement shall remain in place for the entire game except in case of emergency.

Six changes were approved by the committee in Rule 1 - The Game, Field, Players and Equipment. References to hip pads, knee pads and thigh guards in Rule 1-5-1 will now state that these required pieces of equipment must not be altered from the manufacturer's original design or production. Also, shinguards, if worn, must meet specifications of the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE).

"There are concerns that players and coaches are altering mandatory equipment and, therefore, sacrificing safety by changing the original design by the manufacturer to protect the player," said Bob Colgate, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Football Rules Committee.

In Rule 1-2-3d, the committee altered last year's rule change regarding the use of a 4-inch-wide restraining line around the outside of the field to state that this line can either be solid or broken. The committee recommends a broken line be used and marked by

placing 12-inch-long lines separated by 24-inch intervals.

Although the rules allow for use of other colors for field markings when appropriate, the committee clarified that white is the recommended color for all field markings.

In Rule 1-5-2, the committee provided a definition for hand pads and delayed the implementation date for a mandatory securely attached label or stamp on hand pads to 2012. A hand pad is now defined as "a covering for the hand which may have separate openings for each finger and thumb, is absent of any web-like material between the finger and/or thumb, and not covering each finger and thumb."

Other changes approved by the committee:

In Rule 10-4-6, the basic spot is the 20-yard line for fouls by either team, in addition to just the team without the ball, which went into effect last year.

A change in Rule 10-4-7 helps clarify the basic spot on running plays for fouls by the opponent of the team in possession when the team in possession puts the ball in the end zone and, subsequently, possession is lost.

New wording was formulat-

ed for Rule 4-2-3 regarding the inadvertent whistle, which makes the choosing of an option an easier process to understand.

In Rule 9-9-4, the use of an illegal kicking tee will now be penalized as an unfair act committed by the player.

Hiding the ball under the jersey will be enforced as a basic spot foul and makes the enforcement consistent with the all-but-one principle.

In addition, the committee identified five points of emphasis for the 2008 season: MRSA and Communicable Skin Conditions; Purpose of a Football Helmet; Altering Legal Football Equipment; Sideline Management and Control; and False Starts, Shifts and Motion.

In terms of the number of participants, football is the most popular high school sport for boys. According to the 2006-07 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, 1,104,548 boys played 11-player football with another 26,000 involved in six-, eight- and nine-player football. In addition, 1,073 girls played high school football in 2006-07.

a Ball State assistant for 10 seasons — two as a graduate and eight as one of Lynch's full-time assistants.

In his three seasons coaching running backs at Bowling Green, they averaged more than 2,100 yards and one of his prized pupils was P.J. Pope, who now plays for the Chicago Bears.

The Fort Wayne native graduated from Butler in 1993 after helping the Bulldogs win three conference championships. He spent two seasons playing for Lynch.

IU names Springer running backs coach

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The Indiana Hoosiers named Dennis Springer their running backs coach and special teams co-coordinator Thursday.

Springer, who spent last season at Western Kentucky, replaces Gerald Brown, who took a job with the Atlanta Falcons last month.

"Dennis is an excellent football coach, an outstanding recruiter and has a history of developing great relationships with his players," Hoosiers head coach Bill Lynch said.

"We look forward to Dennis joining our staff and welcoming his family to Bloomington."

Springer graduated from Northrop High School in Fort Wayne and was Western Kentucky's assistant head coach and defensive coordinator last season. The Hilltoppers allowed 20.8 points per game, forced 29 turnovers and held five opponents to 14 points or fewer.

He also spent four seasons at Bowling Green, three as the running backs coach and one in charge of the safeties, and was

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"There are a number of ways to change their behavior without resorting to lethal means. Our professionals have a lot of experience and understand the elk and have a whole playbook on how to deal with them." Persons experiencing issues with nuisance elk may call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549 for assistance.

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No. 25 Vanderbilt 66, Kentucky 49

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Christina Wirth scored 20 points to lead No. 25 Vanderbilt to a 66-49 victory over Kentucky on Thursday night.

The victory moved the Commodores two games in front of the Wildcats for third place in the Southeastern Conference.

A 14-0 run to open the sec-

ond half gave Vanderbilt (19-6 overall, 8-2 SEC), a lead it would not relinquish. Kentucky (12-12, 6-4) led 25-19 at halftime.

Chelsea Chowning led Kentucky with 14 points. The Wildcats shot 32 percent from the field in the second half.

A 9-0 run to close the first half gave Kentucky its half-time advantage before Vanderbilt rallied. Wirth and Merideth Marsh made 3-point-

ers in the early second-half flurry.

The Wildcats tied the game at 33 on a 3-pointer by Chelsea with 12:05 remaining.

The Commodores went ahead for good with an 8-0 run, pushing the lead to 41-33 with 9:45 left. Vanderbilt shot 53.3 percent in the second half.

Jennifer Risper added 15 points and eight rebounds for Vanderbilt.

Louisville to help Northern open Bank of Kentucky Center

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LOUISVILLE — Rick Pitino and the Louisville Cardinals will help Northern Kentucky University open its brand-new arena in style.

Louisville will play NKU in the first-ever men's bas-

ketball game at the Bank of Kentucky Center as part of a doubleheader on Nov. 8. The game will be preceded by a matchup of between the Louisville and NKU women's basketball teams.

It will be the first-ever meeting between Louisville

and NKU, a Division II school that plays in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Norse will move into the 9,400-seat arena next year after playing the last 35 seasons at Regents Hall.



photos by Jamie Howe
DARRIN LAWSON (51) and MATT BLEVINS (52) were two of the Prestonsburg High School seniors honored during the Blackcat football program's annual banquet held earlier in the month. Remaining Prestonsburg players who won't be lost to graduation are busy with off-season workouts.

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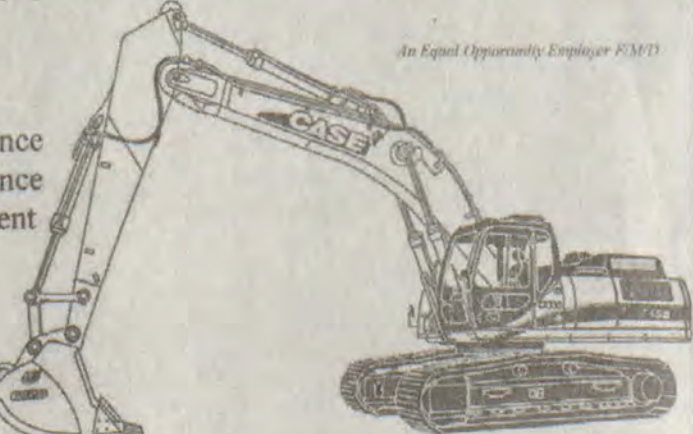
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Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0307

Amendment No. 2 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.6 miles north of

Emma, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 199.80 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 328.30 acres, of which 164.15 acres overlie area mining area, making a total area of 618.72 acres, within the amended permit boundary.

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

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

and highwall methods of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

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

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 295.0 acres and will underlie an additional 433.0 acres, located 1.8 mile southwest of Grethel, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 mile west from Frasure Branch Road junction with KY Route 979, and located in Frasure Branch of Mud Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2

minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour strip and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Stelton & Eugenia Reynolds, Parson Heirs, Bobby Lawson, Thomas Kidd, Palmer Hamilton, Lewis Moore Heirs, Richard Moore, Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, Greeley Newsome, and Miller Bros. Coal, LLC et al. The operation will underlie surface area owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Stelton & Eugenia Reynolds, Parson Heirs, Thomas Kidd, Palmer Hamilton, Lewis Moore Heirs, Richard Moore, Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, Greeley Newsome, and Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, et al. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road, Frasure Branch County Road, but no closer than 0' of Frasure Branch County Road. The operation will not involve relocation or temporary closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources,

Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARY ENGLAND WARNING ORDER

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned attorney has been appointed to notify the Defendant, U N K N O W N SPOUSE OF MARY ENGLAND, that a civil action has been filed against him in Floyd Circuit Court, Division I, as C.A. No.: 08-CI-00175. Said Defendant must immediately file an Answer in this matter, otherwise, judgment may be entered against

him. Said Defendant should contact the undersigned attorney immediately.

Anthony Craig Davis
Davis Law Office
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Betsy Layne, KY 41605
Office:
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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-5253

Single Area In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Dema Coal Company Inc., HC 80, Box 1070, Dema, Kentucky 41859, intends to apply for a Phase III bond release for Single Area on permit number 836-5253, which was last issued February 1, 2008. The application covers an area of approximately 83.15 acres, located 1.60 mile southeast, of Wayland, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.50 mile northwest from Ky. 7's junction with Ky. 899, and located 0.10 mile north of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 25 minutes, 22 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 47 minutes, 59 seconds. The bond now in effect for permit No. 836-5253 is a certificate of deposit for \$ 4 , 0 0 0 . 0 0 . Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$4,000.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: grading, seeding and mulching, and successful establishment of the post-mining land use, which was completed June, 1996. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 23, 2008. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 24, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 23, 2008.

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Fletcher takes on new role as hospital consultant

by ROGER ALFORD
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FRANKFORT — Former Gov. Ernie Fletcher has added another title to an already long resume.

The former fighter pilot, preacher, physician and politician is now a consultant to Pikeville Medical Center, according to an announcement the small-town hospital distributed to reporters on Thursday.

"I'm not particularly trying to make a big deal of it," said Chief Executive Officer Walter May in a telephone interview. "You can't ignore the fact that he's a former governor."

Fletcher, a former family practice physician who once headed the Saint Joseph Medical Foundation in Lexington, left the governor's office in December after losing a bid for re-election.

"I'm very interested in improving the health and well-being of the people of eastern Kentucky," Fletcher said in a written statement. He said he is "grateful for the opportunity" to use his medical experience to do that.

According to the announcement, Fletcher will review the hospital's physician residency

program and its employee wellness program. May declined to say how much Fletcher is being paid. May said Fletcher will remain at the hospital until his reviews are complete, but he didn't know how long that would take.

At the Pikeville hospital, Fletcher is among friends. Employees there contributed \$19,750 to his failed re-election campaign. While he was governor, Fletcher reappointed May's wife, Pamela May, to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees.

Fletcher became mired in a troublesome political scandal during his final two years as governor. He was indicted in 2006 on charges that he illegally rewarded political supporters with protected state jobs after he took office in 2003. The indictment was dismissed in a deal with prosecutors, but the fallout weakened him politically.

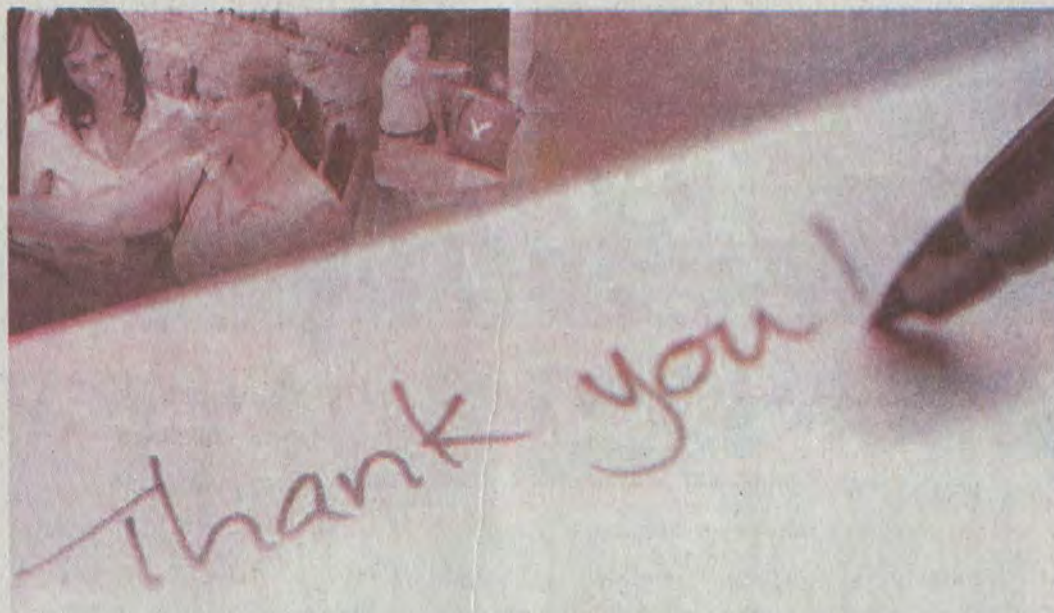
In his campaigns, Fletcher talked nostalgically about his youthful ambition to become an astronaut, a desire that was kindled when he, as a wide-eyed teenager, saw Neil Armstrong make man's first footprint on the moon in 1969. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a

mechanical engineering degree in 1974 in what he hoped would be a step toward the space program. He then joined the Air Force, intercepting Soviet jets that tested U.S. defenses during the Cold War.

Amid military cutbacks during the Carter administration, Fletcher left the Air Force, returned to Lexington, enrolled in the University of Kentucky medical school, graduated in 1984, and went into family practice.

Fletcher was ordained and served as a pastor at a Primitive Baptist church in Lexington from 1989 to 1994. He has been active in Pro-Family Kentucky, a political action committee, and the conservative religious group Concerned Christians in Kentucky. He remains a member of the Kentucky Right to Life Association, an anti-abortion group.

He won a seat in the state legislature in 1994, but was gerrymandered out. He then ran for Congress, winning on his second try. At that point, he gave up his job as president and chief executive officer of the St. Joseph Medical Foundation in Lexington and headed for the nation's Capitol.



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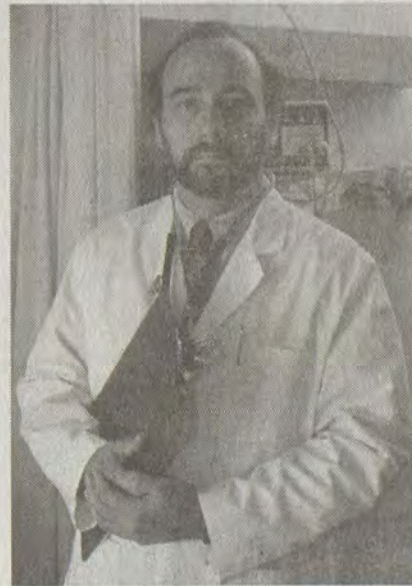
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