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In brief

Pike man hurt in plane crash

The Associated Press

PINEVILLE - A pilot has been injured in a small plane crash near the Tennessee state

Kentucky State Police and witnesses say a single-engine Cessna clipped power lines in a rural area near Pineville, then crashed. The pilot, Emory C. Hurley, 65, of Pikeville, was taken to the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville for treatment of numerous injuries.

Hurley told state police he could not remember what caused the crash. Witnesses say Hurley was flying over an old strip mine near Shilalah apparently didn't see the power lines across the mine until it was too late, according to Paul Wilson, emergency management director for the county.

The plane went down a round 3 p.m. EDT. Trooper say the pilot was the only person on

The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating.

2 DAY FORECAST

High: 49 • Low: 29

High: 59 • Low: 43

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Tomorrow

Partly

cloudy

Mostly

cloudy

Today

RALLY



photo by John Whitlock/Kentucky Press Association News Bureau Hundreds of miners and supporters wave signs and chant on the steps of the Kentucky Capitol Thursday to drum up support for coal-related legislation and to make their concerns over the future of energy in the commonwealth heard by lawmakers.



Members of the Kentucky State Senate Mountain Caucus attended a coal rally Thursday in front of the Kentucky State Capitol in Frankfort. Pictured left to right are Senator Brandon Smith, R-Hazard; Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, and Senator Walter Blevins, D-Sandy Hook.

> photo courtesy LRC Public Information

Governor warns House budget could cause layoffs

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - Gov. Steve Beshear warned that a nearly \$19 billion, two-year state budget approved by the House this week would likely force spending cuts and perhaps layoffs.

Beshear also said he's still pushing his plan to bolster the state's 30-cent-per-pack cigarette tax by 70 cents. He wants to use part of that revenue to borrow money to help the state

through the next two years. The approximately \$18.7

billion budget passed by the House includes a 25-cent-perpack increase in the cigarette tax. The spending plan will next be taken up by the Senate.

Beshear said Thursday that the House version assumes unrealistic savings and pushes excessive debt payments into the future. Asked if layoffs were a possibility, he said, "Certainly possible. We want to try to avoid that if we possibly

He said the House version also could paralyze some state services because it would prevent the administration from filling 3,300 state jobs. Beshear said he doesn't know yet which services might be hit hardest, but warned that larger agencies, such as the Health and Family Services Cabinet, would proba-

bly be affected most. "I think there are going to be people all across the board" whose open jobs won't be filled, Beshear said. "It could be social workers. It could be managers. Obviously, in the end, we'll deal with it in terms

(See LAYOFFS, page three)

attention to gambling

FRANKFORT — After a temporary hiatus, Gov. Steve Beshear is again calling on lawmakers to approve a constitu-

The first-term Democrat made the issue a centerpiece of his campaign last year, winning lopsided victory over a Republican incumbent who

subject obviously, and it has been in Kentucky for some years," Beshear told The Associated Press in an interview on Thursday. "It is an issue that some people look at from a morality standpoint, and others look at from simply an economic standpoint or a social

standpoint." Beshear put his push for casinos on hold while House lawmakers were developing the two-year, \$18.7 billion state budget. After the spending plan cleared the House Wednesday, the governor said he went back to work on the proposal.

At least 60 House lawmak-

State budget includes over \$1 million for Floyd County

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT - The budget which passed the Kentucky House Representatives Wednesday contains a significant amount of money for Floyd County in coal severance tax projects, as well as Transportation funds for the Route 680 connector project.

"I am extremely pleased with the House budget as it relates to our county," said Rep. Greg Stumbo. "I did not arrive in Frankfort to begin my service as state representative until Feb. 11, but Sen. Johnny Ray Turner had been meeting with House leaders, laying the groundwork for these projects, which I greatly appreciate." .

Stumbo also announced the Mud Creek Road project, known as the Route 680 connector, has renewed life.

"The House Transportation budget calls for the completion of the road, which the previous administration stopped without explanation, from Harold to Tackett Fork, and it appropriates new money to construct the Minnie to Little Mud section. Again, Sen. Turner had been working on this with House leadership to pave the way, and I'm very grateful for his efforts," said Stumbo.

Stumbo said the Route 680 connector was part of the six-year road plan until

it was removed by the Fletcher administration as a retaliatory tactic. "We're back on track now."

Stumbo hopes to secure funding for the fourth and final stage of the road, from Tackett Branch to Little Mud, in the coming years.

The budget, which is still subject to change as it moves into the Senate this week, appropriates a little over \$1.1 million to Floyd County in coal severance dollars for the 2008-09 fiscal year - an amount which closely mirrors the 2007-08 appropriations.

According to the budget approved by the House, "These projects are determined by the General Assembly to be important to the furtherance of the public policy objectives and economic development purposes for which the Government Local Economic Development Program was established."

The following is a list of the projects, and the estimated amount of coal severance tax dollars appropriated for the project is listed below with the 2008-09 amount listed first and the 2009-10 amount listed second:

City of Prestonsburg

Little League Improvements Operations: \$10,000/ \$10,000

Mountain Arts Center:

(See BUDGET, page three)



photograph courtesy of Bud Kraft, Legislative Research Commission Rep. Greg Stumbo, (D-Prestonsburg), on the House floor last week, discussing House Bill 654, legislation concerning independent contractors. House Bill 654, sponsored by Rep. Stumbo, passed the House with a vote of 89-7and now goes to the Senate for considera-

Beshear says he's turning

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

tional amendment to legalize casinos in Kentucky.

opposed casinos. Even so, Beshear has been unable to get enough support from lawmakers to get the proposal through the House.

"It is a very controversial

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Brenda Kay Craft, 45, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Juanita Mae Gibson, 88, of Prestonsburg, a Pike County native, died Saturday, March 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Woodrow L. Horne, 91, of Lackey, died Sunday, March 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Clarice M. Meadore Horne. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 12, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Eddic (Reverend) Jones, 44, of Hueysville, died Thursday, February 28, at KSR Nursing Care at LaGrange. Funeral services were held Monday, March 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Elizabeth Lafferty

Burkett

94, of Prestonsburg, died

Wednesday. March 12, 2008,

at the Pikeville Medical

Born May 18, 1913, in

Prestonsburg, she was the

daughter of the late James H.

and Malinda Lafferty. She was

a former nurse, homemaker,

helped with youth at Cow

Creek Freewill Baptist and

Martin Branch Freewill

Baptist Church for 30 years,

and was a member of

Highland Avenue Freewill

She was preceded in death

Survivors include a sister,

Prestonsburg; and several

Wallen of

by her husband, Jeff Burkett.

Baptist Church.

Alta Mae

nicces and nephews.

Elizabeth Lafferty Burkett,

Warren G. Adkins, 86, of Warren, Mich., formerly of Rockhouse, died Saturday, March 8, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Celia Fay Lester Adkins. Funeral services were held Friday, March 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Ernestine Scalf Blackburn, 87, of Canada, died Saturday, March 8, at Healthcare. Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Frank Caudill, 72, of Penny Road, died Friday, March 7, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Maudie Church, 82, of Feds Creek, died Sunday, March 9, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. She is survived by her husband, Charlie Church. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, under direction of Bailey Funeral

Eric Thornsbury Fields, 79, of McCarr, died Wednesday, March 5, at

Obituaries

In addition to her parents

and husband, she was preced-

ed in death by an infant son;

three brothers and four sisters:

Jerry Albert Lafferty, Bill

Lafferty, Seymore Lafferty,

Pearlie Stapleton, Florence

Lafferty, Annie Gray, and

Funeral services were held

Saturday, March 15, at 2 p.m.,

at Highland Avenue Freewill

Prestonsburg, with George

David Garrett and Clifford

Cemetery, in Prestonsburg,

under the direction of Nelson-

Frazier Funeral Home, in

Visitation was Thursday

after 5 p.m., at the funeral

home, and after 1 p.m.,

Active pallbearers: Larry L.

Lafferty, Billy Ray Burkett,

Charles Jermey Porter, Jerry

Burkett, Mike Starnes, and

Honorary: Forrest Elijah

Porter, Forrest Porter, Charles

Gray, Herman Gray, William

Adams, Roland Gray, Roland

Gray Jr., Gordon Hunter, Joe

Drew, Print Ball, Tommy

Lafferty, Tommy Lafferty Jr.,

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(Paid obituary)

and Joe Hammonds.

Saturday, at the church.

David Burkett.

Burial was in the Mayo

Church,

Dixie Whitaker.

Austin officiating.

Baptist

Williamson were held Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Freddie Jay Fields, 66, of Phelps, died Tuesday, March 11, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard. Funeral services were held Friday, March 14, under direction of Chambers Funeral Services Inc. of Matewan, W.Va.

Juanita Mae Gibson, 88, of Prestonsburg, a Pike County native, died Saturday, March 8, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Michael Dean "Marcel" Kiser, 45 of Caney Creek, died Saturday, February 23, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, February 25, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Grace Matthews, 75, of Phelps, died Tuesday, March 4, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Oliver Pinion

Ohio, formerly of Tram, died

Tuesday, March 11, 2008, in

Born August 20, 1918, in

German, he was the son of the

late Birdie Thompson; his

stepfather, was the late Burl

He was preceded in death by

Survivors include two sons

his wife, Elsie Music Pinion.

and daughters-in-law: Ray and

Mary Pinion of Tram; and

Teddy Joe and Phoebe Pinion

of Green Springs, Ohio;

daughers and sons-in-law:

Lillie Mae and Larry Stapleton

of Lincoln Park, Michigan;

Emma Lcc and Donald

Stanley, and Sue and Joe West,

all of Clyde, Ohio; Peggy Ann

and Ric Pierson of Fairfield,

Ohio; Debbie Lynn and Dana

Bryant of Betsy Layne; and

Brandy Lynn and Chris

Roberts of Banner; 15 grand-

children; and 17 great-grand-

Funeral services were held

Saturday, March 15, at 11

a.m., at Nelson-Frazier

Funeral Home, in Martin, with

Military services were con-

Burial was in the Davidson

Visitation was at the funeral

(Paid obituary)

ducted by Betsy Layne DAV

Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

children.

Chapter 169.

Bellevue, Ohio.

Thompson.

Oliver Pinion, 89, of Clyde,

■ Thelma Louise Mercer Hospital. Funeral services McCown, 76, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, March 11, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, March 14, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funcral Home.

Glenda Collier Smallwood, 46, of Dorton, died Monday, March 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 13, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Chad Edward Spears, 37, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., formerly of Pike County, died Sunday, March 9. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Margaret Ann Stiltner, 74, of Hatfield, a Pike County native, died Saturday, March 8, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 12, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Jean West Thacker, 70, of Canada, died Wednesday, March 5. She is survived by her husband, Edgar Thacker. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Langley Weddington Jr., 83, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, March 11, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Neva Jo Burnette Weddington. Funeral services were held Friday, March 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ruby Wolford, 64, of Phelps, died Friday, March 7, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ Vernal Wright, 82, of Myra, died Wednesday, March 5, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. He is survived by his wife, Billie Suc Wright. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 9, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

Nella Marie Jacobs Boddy, 60, of Sterling Heights, Michigan, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday, February 21, at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 24, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Henry Roosevelt Halcomb, 60, of Hindman, died February 28, at the Whitesburg ARH. He is survived by his wife, Pam Mullins Halcomb. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 2, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Homer Hall, 88, of Greenville, South Carolina, formerly of Knott County, died February 27, at his home. Funeral services were held Friday, February 28, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Richard Huff, 86, of Topmost, died March 2, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman.

Raymond Eugene Reynolds, 82, of Litt Carr, died Tuesday, February 26, at the Whitesburg ARH. Funeral services were held Friday, February 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Jack Kenneth Blackburn, 76, of Woodstock, Ohio, a Louisa native, died Saturday. March 8, at Milcrest Nursing Home, Marysville. He is survived by his wife, Madaline Moore Blackburn. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 12, under the direction of Freshwater, McDonald & Vernon Funeral Home of North Lewisburg, Ohio.

MARTIN COUNTY

Daniel (Dan) Howard Copley, 73, of Warfield, died Monday, March 3, in Tavares, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Caroline McCoy Copley. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, March 8, at Greenlawn Cemetery, Louisa.

Ruth G. Endicott, 82, of Inez, died Monday, March 3, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Friday, March 7, under the direction Richmond-Calliham Funeral Home.

Mary D. York, 95, of Kermit, died Sunday, March 9, at Trinity Healthcare Facility, in Williamson, WV. Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 12, at the Warfield Cemetery, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Fave Castle, of Urbana, a Paintsville native, died Tuesday, March 11, in the Ohio State University Medical Center, in Columbus, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, Gary Castle. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 15, under the direction of the Vernon Funeral Home of Urbana.

Richard Lee Caudill, 49, of Lexington, formerly of Sitka, died Wednesday, March 12, at UK Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 15, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Roger Willis Conley. 59, of Clearfield, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, March 11, at the UK Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 15, under the direction of the Northcutt & Son Homes for Funerals of Morehead.

Mark Anthony King, 45, of Flat Gap, died Tuesday, March 11, at Delbarton, W.Va. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 13, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Lifes Vanhoose, 30, of Nippa, died Sunday, March 9, at Highlands Regional Center, Medical Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 11, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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Lawmakers call for quicker medical evacs after mine accidents

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - A severely burned Ora Murphy lay on a gurney at a coal mining operation in the remote mountains of eastern Kentucky waiting for a medical helicopter to transport him to a hospital nearly 100 miles away.

Problem was, no one had the GPS coordinates needed to guide the pilot to Long Fork Coal Co.

Murphy's situation last year has sparked legislation in Kentucky that would require coal companies to post their GPS coordinates for employees and to provide them to

emergency dispatching centers. The measure has already been approved by a Senate committee and is on a fasttrack for vote in the full Senate, possibly as early as next week.

The legislation is Senate Bill 213.



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RESULTS FOR THE WEEKS OF MARCH 2 - MARCH 15, 2008

Do you think the University of Kentucky Wildcats have a shot of making the basketball playoffs this year?

Yes, they've really improved Maybe, but they still need to

win more games Only if they win the SEC tournament

Not a chance

(156 Votes, 40%) (90 Votes, 23%)

(61 Votes, 16%)

(82 Votes, 21%)

Go online today and answer this week's question! What is Floyd County's most pressing need?

> · More "good" jobs Better roads

Better schools

More tourist attractions

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Casinos

ers would have to vote for the proposal to send it to the Senate for consideration. Beshear said more than 50 have committed to vote for it. House Speaker Jody

Richards, D-Bowling Green, said there's still hope for the proposal. 'I'm going to go back and

try to work on it some more and we'll see where we are by the first of next week," he said Thursday.

John-Mark Hack, head of the anti-casino group Say No To Casinos, said he doesn't understand why Beshear keeps pushing the issue.

"It's clear that the votes are not there and that the people of the commonwealth consider this to be bad public policy," Hack said. "House Democrats would be wise not to get on a train that's going off the cliff."

In the AP interview, Beshear said legalizing casinos could generate muchneeded revenue for the cashstrapped state. Approving his plan to open and tax casinos, Beshear said, could generate up to \$600 million a year in additional revenue.

Kentucky economists project that the state faces a \$900 million revenue shortfall over the next two years - the result of an economic downturn. That was in addition to a \$434 million shortfall this year.

"The one thing I didn't expect was to come in and find Kentucky in as deep a financial crisis as it is," Beshear said. "I had a general feeling that, because of the downturn in the nation's economy, that we would probably have some difficult times ahead, but I had

of running the government, but

it just needs to be clear what the

ments in interviews with The

Courier-Journal of Louisville

and the Lexington Herald-

Harry Moberly, a Richmond

Democrat, said the budget bill

includes a provision giving

Beshear "unprecedented flexi-

bility" to remake state govern-

ment's structure to move key

positions where they're needed

House budget chairman

Beshear made the com-

effect of this is going to be."

Layoffs

Leader.

no idea that we would be facing the deep deficit that we inherited."

Beshear had promised during his election campaign to expand medical coverage to children and senior citizens and to increase funding for early childhood education.

"Unfortunately, we had to hit the pause button on many of those issues because of the severe financial crisis we're in," he said.

Revenue generated by casinos, Beshear said, could gencrate money to get his education and health care proposals back on track.

Although Kentucky has a long tradition of wagering at horse tracks, the constitution specifically forbids casinos.

If Beshear is able to convince lawmakers to approve a constitutional amendment, Kentucky voters would get to ratify or reject the proposal in a ballot referendum.

Discord among lawmakers over how many casinos should be opened and where, Beshear said, has hampered efforts to get the amendment through the legislature. Beshear had proposed that seven casinos open at horse tracks and five in communities along the state's borders. A House committee revised the proposal to allow nine casinos, none of which were guaranteed to go to horse

With both proposals languishing, state Rep. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, proposed an amendment that would allow slot machines to be placed at horse tracks.

'I'm open to any and all of those ideas," Beshear said. "I

"I believe if they're good

managers and they restructure

state government to do away

with the waste and get more

efficiency, then I don't think it

The House version assumes

\$85 million in revenue each of

the next two years because of

what Moberly projects will be

vacant state government posi-

tions created by retirements at

the end of this year before an

enhanced retirement benefit

affect services,"

should

Moberly said.

would like for us to take any of those ideas that have the most support and move it down to the Senate, because, obviously, it will continue to be debated and continue to be

■ Continued from p1

changed." With prospects of passing the casino measure waning, Beshear said he looked for other ways to increase revenue, despite pledging during the campaign not to raise taxes. He settled on a proposal to increase the state's eigarette tax by 70 cents a pack and use the revenue to leverage bonds and generate about \$800 million over the next two years.

"We're faced with either raising more revenue or making some very severe cuts in K-12 education, higher education, health care and social services to the point that it could damage us," Beshear said in the interview.

The House rejected his proposal, opting instead for a cigarette tax increase of 25 cents a pack. Beshear said he still intends to push for 70 cents, which would raise the cigarette tax to \$1 a pack.

"If we're going to raise the cigarette tax, let's do it substantially enough that we will both raise significant revenues and incur the health benefits that a substantial increase would give to the people of this state," he said. "Every study I've seen indicates that a substantial increase will greatly decrease the number of children that will begin smoking and also have a big effect on adults that smoke. That in turn will reduce the cost of health care in this commonwealth significantly."

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expires. It also would restruc-

ture all outstanding state

General Fund debt at a savings

of \$150 million in each of the

Beshear said his budget pro-

posal — which made deep cuts

in higher education and social

services - accounted for sig-

nificant retirements later this

year. He said the House is

counting an additional \$85 mil-

lion in annual savings that

could not be attained without

next two years.



The picture above ran on the front page of our Friday edition with the incorrect caption. The caption should have read as follows: "Prestonsburg Police Detective Steve Little was part of a joint law enforcement raid Thursday that netted four people suspected of drug crimes. Ronald Hamilton, above, was charged with four counts of trafficking in a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school, and four counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance." The Floyd County Times apologizes for the error.

Beaver

Improvements - Operations:

Martin Fire Department -

Maytown Fire Department

Equipment/Operations:

Creek

Equipment/Operations:

Care - Layne House -:

Mountain Comprehensive

Mountain Top Recreational

Creek

Equipment/Operations:

Equipment/Operations:

Right Beaver Area - Park

Sheriff's Department - One

Operating: \$70,000/\$70,000

Southeast Floyd

Equipment/Operations:

Repair/Upkeep:

Bookmobile,:

Left

Department

\$2,600/\$2,600

\$2,600/\$2,600

\$2,600/\$2,600

Middle

\$2,600/\$2,600

\$40,000/\$50,000

\$200,000/\$200,000

Prestonsburg

Mud

Department

\$2,600/\$2,600

\$2,600/\$2,600

Purchase

\$40,000/\$40,000

Vehicle: \$0/\$25,000

Senior

Department

\$2,600/\$2,600

Department

\$75,000/\$0

Department

\$30,000/\$30,000

Little

Budget

\$75,000/\$75,000

Floyd County Board of Education

Betsy Layne High School -Academic and Athletic Program/Athletic \$25,000/\$25,000

Prestonsburg High School -Academic and Athletic Equipment/Operations: Program/Athletic Teams: \$25,000/\$25,000

South Floyd High School -Athletic Academic and Program/Athletic Teams:

\$25,000/\$25,000 Allen Central High School Academic and Athletic Program/Athletic Teams: \$25,000/\$25,000

Floyd County Fiscal Court Allen Fire Department -Equipment - Operations:

\$2,600/\$2,600 Allen Golf Course -General Operating - Row Acquisition: \$25,000/\$25,000 Allen Golf Course -Maintenance: Repairs

\$25,000/\$25,000 American Legion Post 283 of Martin: \$2,500/\$2,500 Veterans:

American \$2,500/\$2,500 the likelihood of painful cuts Auxier Fire Department

Equipment/Operations: \$2,600/\$2,600 Betsy Layne Fire

Department Equipment/Operations: \$2,600/\$2,600 Branch Library at Minnie:

\$25,000/\$25,000 Cow Creek Fire Department Equipment/Operations:

\$2,600/\$2,600 David Area Department Equipment/Operations:

\$2,600/\$2,600 Develop New Mud Creek Park: \$75,000/\$75,000

Develop Veteran's Cemetery: \$50,000/\$50,000 Disabled American

Veterans Post 128 Equipment/Improvements: \$5,000/\$5,000

Disabled American Veterans Post 169 Equipment/Improvements: \$5,000/\$5,000

Disabled American Veterans Post 18 Equipment/Improvements: \$5,000/\$5,000

Drift Park - Improvements: \$25,000/\$25,000

Drug Court Initiative: \$50,000/\$50,000

Feasibility Study Trail Rides: \$10,000/\$10,000

Garrett Fire Department -Equipment/Operations:

■ Continued from p1 \$2,600/\$2,600 Toler Creek

Fire

League

Equipment/Operations: Equipment/Operations: \$2,600/\$2,600 Wayland Area

Department

Department Equipment/Operations: \$2,600/\$2,600

Fire

Wayland Park,: \$3,000/\$3,000 Wayland Sports Hall: \$100,000/\$0

Wheelwright Department Equipment/Operations: \$2,600/\$2,600

Wheelwright Swimming Pool - Renovations/Repairs: \$40,000/\$25,000

World War II and Korean Memorial: \$30,000/\$0

Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP to conduct March meeting at East Ky. Science Center

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will, in its first meeting of the year, meet Tuesday, March 18, at 6 p.m., at the Eastern Kentucky Science Center for a brief meeting.

Following the meeting they will attend a planetarium show.

All members and friends are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for the

Program to provide farmers drought relief

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

A multi million dollar program designed to assist Kentucky farmers who faced difficulties during last years drought was announced Thursday.

Governor Steve Beshear Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer said that the Kentucky Agricultural Relief Effort (KARE) will be appropriated \$8.15 million in moneys generated through the master tobacco settlement and will be administered through the Governors Office of Agricultural Policy (GOAP).

"Farming is a challenging way to make a living and some years its more stressful than others, but because of the \$8.15 million investment in the KARE program, we will be able to reach out to farmers

whose crops were devastated," said Gov. Beshear. "Farmers need help developing alternative water sources that will head off the impacts of future droughts; assistance with renovating and reestablishing pastures and hay fields; along with equipment and facilities that will help improve forage

quality." According to officials, KARE is a program which will help pay for improvements and investments to on-farm production to negate the impact of the drought.

'I am optimistic about the future of Kentucky agriculture," Commissioner Farmer said. "Better days are ahead of us. Today's announcement will help insure that all of Kentucky agriculture can get there together."

An estimated \$6.15 million is allocated to one KARE fund, with a reported \$4.1 mil-

lion of that money come from county tobacco settlement funds and \$2.05 million from

state tobacco settlement funds. A separate pool of \$2 million exists for Counties to apply for with funds be distributed based on the agricultural impact of the drought to that

In 2007, due to a late freeze in April as well as the summer drought, corn, soybeans, tobacco, and hay reportedly experienced a substantial decrease from 2006.

Farmers will be able to use the funds for water projects, forage projects, and other pro-

jects such as crop insurance. Producers apply for the funding by Aug.1.

Farmers can apply for reimbursement of eligible expense retroactive to Dec. 1, 2007. Guidelines for the project can be found on the GOAP web site, http://agpolicy.ky.gov.



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- Felix Frankfurter

Guest View

Moral low ground

Be wary of those who plant their flags on the moral high ground to open the door for doing what is patently immoral.

It is what President Bush did last weekend when he vetoed legislation that would limit the CIA to interrogation techniques contained in the Army field manual. It's about protecting us, the president said in his Saturday radio address. And he cited terrorist acts thwarted because the administration gave its interrogators some flexibility. The problem with the president's claims is that, among others, Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, says they can't discern evidence that they are true. On Tuesday, the House, requiring a two-thirds vote, failed to override the veto, 225-188.

Many of the votes against this bill allegedly were about the pork hidden in the measure. Yes, unvetted earmarks are objectionable. But don't buy the moralizing here, either. We'd bet a good number of consistent trough feeders were among those voting against the override.

This bill and the president's veto are about torture. The president avers that it's about allowing what is legal, but his definition of "legal" has been suspect. And the CIA chief says the handbook does not represent the universe of effective interrogation techniques. Fine, ban torture - in statute. Any takers in this crowd?

The United States' top general in Iraq, David Petraeus, whose troops are certainly faced with the dayto-day necessity to get information fast, has some words of note on the topic.

In a letter last year to the troops, the general said, "Our values and the laws governing warfare teach us to respect human dignity, maintain our integrity and do what is right. Adherence to our values distinguishes us from our enemy. This fight depends on securing the population, which must understand that we - not our enemies - occupy the moral high ground."

He added, "Some may argue that we would be more effective if we sanctioned torture or other expedient methods to obtain information from the enemy. They would be wrong. Beyond the basic fact that such actions are illegal, history shows that they also are frequently neither useful nor necessary."

Well put. Enough said.

- The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



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-Rich Sowry Column

Re-liberators

BAGHDAD, IRAQ-"Greeted as liberators" has become one of the most scoffed-at phrases of the Traq War. But a top U.S. general here plays on the phrase in describing security gains during the past year. "In some ways," he says, "our soldiers have come to be seen as re-liberators.'

The neologism seems apt in the crisp, cool dusk of a Saturday evening in a Sunni neighborhood here in the Dora section of this city.

American soldiers, who a few months ago couldn't venture here without being shot at, are mobbed by clamoring children as soon as they leave their vehicles. Stores are open on a street that was deserted just months ago. An American captain — "the mayor" of the neighborhood is greeted by name by an Iraqi boy who runs up to shake his hand, and two women approach him to ask about being hired by the Iraqi government as teachers.

The neighborhood is a showcase of a counterinsurgency campaign that has emphasized securing the population and getting to know local players. "We live in the neighborhood," explains Col. Ricky Gibbs. "How did we get there? We moved to the sound of the guns." It took months of combat for his troops to roust al-Qaida and establish outposts in his section of the city. Once it became clear that

the Americans weren't going anywhere, "the people came out in droves."

The Army has contracted with an influential (and very brave) local doctor-turned-businessman in the neighborhood for road repairs, trash pickup and electricity generation. All of which means local jobs.

The question now is whether the enhanced security will harden into - in a phrase the U.S. military uses often now -"irreversible momentum" that will make

the second liberation more enduring than the first, even as the U.S. begins to draw down the additional brigades of the surge.

It should be the Shia-dominated Iraqi central government contracting with people like the doctor. It can't (out of incompetence) or won't (out of sectarian motives). "We've had an American awakening and a Sunni awakening," he says, referring to the surge and the Sunni turn away from the insurgency. "Now we need a government awakening."

The central government hasn't attempted to consolidate change bubbling from below. There are 80,000 mostly Sunni security volunteers seeking integration into official security forces or transition into civilian jobs. There are volunteer teachers like those petitioning the American captain - who await government salaries. Yet the government has left billions of dollars in revenue unspent.

In the meantime, we fill the gap, in

keeping with the military's axiom that "money is ammunition." Commanders use discretionary funds at their disposal to contract for services and provide seed money for businesses.

"I can't spend it fast enough,"

Col. Gibbs says. This so-called CERP funding will run out in the summer, and Gen. Petraeus is asking for \$480 million more of it. Congress would be scandalously foolish to reject him.

Everyone acknowledges that Iraq's progress is fragile. The country is still violent, al-Qaida hasn't been totally vanquished, and the Shia south has its own alarming problems. But we have to try to capitalize on the opportunities created by the surge. There's not going to be a third libera-

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

beyond the beltway

Bill Buckley: Able man, faulty goals

by DONALD KAUL MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Let me be clear about one thing: I come here not to bash William Buckley. I am willing to stipulate that he was a boon companion, a good husband, a terrific father and able to brush after every meal. He was also good on television.

And even if I were a Buckleybasher, this is hardly the time. The poor man is hardly in his grave. He died last week at the age of 82.

But all of this post-mortem talk of him being a towering intellectual and a great thinker ... Give me a break.

Yes, he was the Godfather of the modern conservative movement and, yes, his magazine, The National Review, became an influential journal of the Right and, yes, he inspired many young people to become conservatives.

People say that as though those were good things. Not really. The fact is that he and his magazine and the conservative movement they spawned have been wrong about nearly everything, right from the beginning.

He founded the magazine, in part, to provide opposition to the "modern Republicanism" of Dwight Eisenhower. (You remember that Republicanism, don't you? The one that made some sense?)

In due course he defended the anti-Communist witch-hunt of Sen. Joe McCarthy, lionized the Spanish dictator Francisco Franco, opposed the civil rights movement, flirted

with White supremacy and did his by his libertarian streak. best to undermine the social safety net erected by Franklin Roosevelt's

For this President Ronald Reagan awarded him the Medal of Freedom. That's like naming Britney Spears Mother of the Year.

The fact that he became so influential is yet another black mark on our educational system. He wasn't

even that good a writer. He used big words to show he was better than the rest of us but as he became increasingly occupied with outside projects his columns became slapdash to the point of incoherence.

New Deal.

I'll give him this: the man had style. The Catholic son of a

nouveau riche oilman, he lived life with the upper-class panache of a wealthy WASP aristocrat - limousines, yachts, "Tennis anyone?" the whole nine yards. But he also worked hard. He published 50 books, more than 5,000 newspaper columns and his magazine, at its zenith, reached 150,000 subscribers. One weeps to think of the trees that gave up their lives for that man.

He did make some good calls. He rejected the support of the anti-Semitic John Birch Society, he called for President Richard Nixon's resignation after Watergate blew up and he came to oppose the war in Iraq. On his PBS television show, "Firing Line," he engaged some of the most prominent figures of his time and made the resulting conversations vastly entertaining.

He also, rather curiously, endorsed the legalization of marijuana, although I suppose he was led there

But an intellectual giant? I don't think so. We'd be better off if he'd gone into the oil business with his old

May he rest in peace.

As Mr. Buckley left the scene, another old face reappeared. Ralph Nader.

Yes, he's running for President again. What was that you said? "Oh

no, not again. He's already given us Bush and Cheney. What's he selling this time, Asian Bird Flu?" I used to feel that way myself but then I saw the documentary, Unreasonable Man," and I changed my mind. The film convinced me that Nader's got every right, consti-

tutionally and morally, to run. If people want to vote for him, they have to accept the consequences. It called democracy.

Besides, he didn't cost Al Gore the election in 2000. Nader was a crucial factor only because it was so close an election. It shouldn't have been.

Gore was a sitting vice president in an administration that had given us eight years of relative peace and prosperity. He was running against a know-nothing, do-nothing Texas governor with virtually no accomplishments to go with his famous name. It should have been a land-

Al Gore cost Gore the election.

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by TOM DOTY

TIMES COLUMNIST

This Town, That World

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

Yea, Wheelwright! Haven't seen a basketball game in two years-but I'll be listenin'.

AT LAST ...

Fact is, Wheelwright saved my sports season for me. I have had a bad time of it for almost a year now, managing, coaching and quarterbacking with a 23-inch screen for a playing field. First, the Cincinnati Reds let me down, then the Cleveland Indians failed to make it, Arnold Palmer failed to make a two-foot putt, and last Saturday afternoon the roof caved in when Kentucky let an unknown, Jacksonville, do in...Saturday night, however, ended the losing streak, and I'm ready to follow the old favorites again.

THAT CONFOUNDED CAT ... "

I have always considered a cat a savage predator, unworthy of my confidence—cunning, treacherous, full of guile, a bird killer, and so on. The kindest words Γ ve had for their kind is "confounded cat." And now I've become attached to a white kitten that would scratch or bite me just for the pleasure of hearing me howl-if it could hear. Somebody remarked that I would become attached to a buzzard, if it was a pet.

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As a defense against such an event, I boldly predict a heavy snow before this gets into print.

"THE BILLFOLD TEST"

If you think tourists don't contribute to the economy, consult your billfold. The way you do it, take all the folding money in your pocketbook out, lay the bills face up, then observe the letter printed within a circle on the left side of each bill. If the letter is a D, chances are the bill comes only through local circulation, since that letter denotes the money was issued from the Federal Reserve Bank at Cleveland, Ohio, which serves eastern Kentucky. But the bills bearing other letters tell a

The Federal Reserve Banks do not send their coded currency outside their respective regions, and so the only way bills with the letters indicating Reserve Banks of other areas could reach this section is for somebody to bring them in. That means tourists.

If you care to try the "billfold" test," here are the letters that appear on bills and the banks which each represents.

- "A" Boston
- "B" New York
- "C" Philadelphia "E" Richmond, Va.
- "F" Atlanta "G" Chicago
- "H" St. Louis
- "I" Minneapolis
- "J" Kansas City
- "K" Dallas
- "L" San Francisco

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Thomas J. Whitaker and the Creekers in concert

Big Sandy Community and Technical College's Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society will present a concert by Thomas J. Whitaker and the Creekers Band on Thursday, March 20, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Gearheart Auditorium on the Prestonsburg Campus.

The music of Thomas J. Whitaker and the Creekersincluding Julius Ryan Mullins, Adrian Preston, and Jackie Williams-has been described as a mixture of mountain folk and gospel, with a touch of Bob Dylan, John Prine, and Dr. Ralph Stanley. They will be performing songs from their latest CD, Both Sides of the

Greatest Appalachian Artist," Whitaker retired from BSCTC last year after over 30 years of teaching art on the college level. In accepting Phi Theta Kappa's invitation to perform a benefit concert and being asked to define his genre, he said, "Our 'Creeker' band is a combination of dif-

ferent energies from many roots. We project the known as well as the unknown. I do not think we can be labeled."

PTK Faculty Advisor Bill Loftus said, "It's always a pleasure to connect talent and enjoyment with service." "He added, "Raising funds is also raising friends and this concert will provide a wider audience for the Creekers."

Several student performers are expected to open the show for Whitaker and the Creekers.

Tickets come at the cost of a \$5 donation. All proceeds will go to PTK and God's Pantry, a non-profit agency that provides food to the hungry. Loftus said, "Assisting Billed as "The World's our Phi Theta Kappa Chapter's travels to Philadelphia in April along with making a contribution to God's Pantry is a great way to kick-off a much larger service initiative."

> For more information about the concert, contact Bill Loftus, PTK Faculty Advisor, at (606) 886-3863, ext. 64770.

HCTC success stories: Shauna and Joseph Gilbert



Well known for his talent at the easel, Tom Whitaker will showcase another side of his creative talent when he and his band, The Creekers, take the stage at Gearheart Auditorium on March 20.

> Technician in Ashburn, VA. He is responsible for installation, config-

> uration, and maintenance of all

In May 2006, Joe and Shauna

moved to the Northern

Kentucky/Cincinnati area to start

their careers as Information

Technology Professionals. They

initially registered with Robert Half

Technology recruiting services and

had opportunities to work a variety

of IT/computer jobs in the area.

Within a few months, Shauna

accepted a permanent position as a

help desk analyst for a software

hosting company in Cincinnati. Her

duties were to provide customer

support for the end users of

Enterprise Asset Management soft-

ware by IBM, called Maximo.

Recognizing Shauna's talent and

potential, she was challenged with

the hardware and software setup

and configuration of a Maximo

training environment. Impressed

with her work ethics and accom-

plishments, she was asked to assist

the Chief Information Officer on

the network infrastructure and

maintenance of the Windows 2000

hosting servers. Within two months,

Shauna was promoted to Network

Administrator. Joe accepted a posi-

tion with Pomeroy as a Helpdesk

Analyst and provided user support

for the Fifth Thirds Bank network

Chief Information Officer left the

company and she was asked to

absorb the duties and responsibili-

ties of the CIO as well as retain her

Network Administrator responsibil-

ities. Shauna became a valuable

company employee and directly

In October of 2007, Shauna's

nationwide.

hardware at that facility.

A mad business executive tries to cover up a corporate scandal by unleashing a hoard of alien-esque monsters in this low-budget sci-fi hor-

' This one opens with your traditional aerial view of Los Angeles before

setting down at an office complex for Cyberdine Systems (hey, wasn't that from "Terminator 2"?) for the majority of the running time.

The first characters we meet are two oily ad executives who are smuggling a pair of hoochie girls



Tem Dety Times Columnist

into their work place. They spirit the women down to the research floor (located in the basement) where one man (whom we later come to hate under his surname of Brewster) unlocks a door before making good his escape. Out of the door comes an impressive rubber suited monster, which promptly gobbles up the ad man with a double floozy chaser.

Next we are treated to an older gentleman working at home, but his labor is interrupted by the same monster, which thrashes him like he outed the creature for taking performance enhancing drugs. It turns out that he did, as this guy (Valentine) created the beasts and they aren't exactly grate-

Next up we meet Valentine's niece, Susan, who is more than a little surprised to find her uncle all torn up and gasping his last breath. She runs to a phone (this was 1990 and people didn't carry them around) but is interrupted by the monster. It breaks through several doors and lumbers after her, with all the dexterity of a pregnant yak, but loses interest when she pitches a vase, holding some day old flowers, at it.

Susan makes good her escape via a MacGyver moment when she converts a can of hairspray into a flame thrower. She runs straight to the cops, but even her uncle's best friend, a sergeant, can't help her as the police have been bought off by Cyberdine.

Meanwhile, an ethically challenged reporter, Nick, is nosing around Cyberdine and finds out that Valentine quit the organization so he decides to interview him. He hooks up with Susan and she relates the attack she suffered and the pair team up to bring down the company.

This development shifts the focus back to Cyberdine where they make widgets, weapons of mass destruction and synthesized genetic organisms, or 'Syngenors." The last product is what has been causing the ruckus. It's a supersoldier bred for desert combat which doesn't need water to live as it feeds on the spinal fluids of its victims. It's also a killer without conscience which can do something no other soldier can - reproduce asexually every 24 hours.

Now we finally meet Cyberdine

(See SUCCESS, page six)

A child's gift

routers and learn as much as we center for Ask.com as a Data Center

Joseph and Shauna Gilbert

could," noted Shauna.

"We love constantly being chal-

lenged with new technologies. The

IT field is very intriguing; no two

problems are ever the same.

Concepts are concrete, and that's

important to us. We learned early

on the best troubleshooting skills

and I'd have to say that's almost the

best quality to have in IT. We both

have fixed numerous issues in the

field that we never knew anything

about. To be good in this field you

have to know how to control your

environment, change variables, and

interpret those results to aid in find-

Hamilton as a Senior Consultant in

Herndon, VA. Currently, she is on

the USMCmax project working

with the United States Marine

Corps' centralized Maximo applica-

tion server and Oracle database

server. Joseph works in the data

Shauna works for Booz Allen

ing a solution," Shauna said.

Shauna Gilbert and husband

Joseph have a passion for the

Information Technology (IT) field

which prompted them to get

degrees from Hazard Community &

Technical College. With education

in hand, the couple has already

started a very successful career

which started in Cincinnati and is

August 2006 with an associate in

science degree, emphasis in

Networking Administration (Cisco

track.) Shauna and Joseph praise

HCTC's faculty, especially

Jeremiah Bryant, for the instruction

they provided. "We both felt the

quality of the education we

received was very distinguished.

We learned the most from the

hands-on experience in the lab. Joe

was actually doing work study for

Jeremiah, so every chance we had

we would go to the lab to configure

Gilbert graduated from HCTC in

now in Virginia.

by PAMELA STROME-MEREWETHER

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: CELEBRATING PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

About a year ago, I was volunteering at a home for elderly women. On this particular day as I prepared to leave for the home, the telephone rang. For a fleeting moment I toyed with the idea of not answering it, but I ran back to the kitchen anyway.

It was my husband, "Sorry, honey, but I have to work overtime. Guess you'll just have to pick up Taylor after school. I'll be home as soon as I

Each week I set aside several hours to bring a little joy into the lives of elderly women. Today I was bringing freshly cut red and yellow snapdragons and mammoth zinnias. As I gathered the bouquets to carry them to the car, I decided that rather than find a babysitter, I would take Taylor with me to visit the residents.

With my unexpected companion, we started our rounds. After Taylor and I had visited the third or fourth woman, I noticed that just as we were ready to leave each room, my son would hug each woman and whisper made them happy." As I stood up to something in her ear. Because I wanted to make sure

time to visit all of the residents, I didn't stop to ask him what he was whispering; but he elicited a huge smile from every lady.

that Later evening, during dinner, my husband asked how my volunteer job worked out with our son in tow.

"It was actually lots of fun," I said. "We were quite a pair. Whatever Taylor said to the ladies, it definitely

for the Soul

clear the dishes, I stopped and glanced across the table at our son. "What was it that you whispered?"

Looking up at both his dad and me, with his big brown eyes and angelic face, he responded: "I whispered, 'I love you Grandma, And I just wanted you to know that you look sooooo

(See LAGOON, page six)

I asked Taylor why he did that. He responded, "I just knew it would make them feel good."

beautiful today."

that we had enough

Air bags have you covered, even if the car is off

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

Will an air bag deploy if the vehicle is running but not moving? For instance, you are waiting at a red light minding your own business, and a vehicle plows into your grill. Will the air bag deploy? What if the car is turned off? Let's say you're sitting at the side of the road, out of gas, and you get hit. Will the air bag work even if the ignition is off? Thanks for knowing the answer. - Patrick

question is yes, Patrick. The air bag is you turn it off. But it's probably closdesigned to work even when you're not driving.

RAY: If you're at a traffic light with the engine running, the air bag is absolutely powered and ready to half an hour, we still send my brother deploy if necessary. It's ready anytime the engine is on or your ignition key is on (even if the engine is not

TOM: In a situation where the engine is turned off - even if the key is removed - the air bag will still have enough stored battery power to deploy for at least a few minutes. That covers you if you park the car and get hit while you're collecting your Sleepy LaBeef CDs and getting ready to go into your girlfriend's house.

RAY: In fact, when we do work on a steering wheel or steering column at the shop, we're always advised to disconnect the battery and let the car sit for at least half an hour to be sure that the stored power is completely depleted before we start monkeying around in the vicinity of the air bag.

TOM: The number of minutes of reserve power varies from car to car, so there's no way for us to tell you exactly how many minutes YOUR TOM: The answer to your first car's air bag will remain ready after er to five or 10 minutes than to 60 or

RAY: But just to be safe, even after we leave the battery disconnected for in first. Why should those of us who still have passable faces take that kind

Diverse locations, same great advice

Dear Tom and Ray:

I'm a big fan of your show and column, and sure can use your advice. I've applied to nursing schools in both Portland, Maine, and Hilo, Hawaii. I

currently live in Seattle and have been carless since 2000. I am required to own a car in nursing school and am a little nervous about purchasing the wrong car and ending up with a lemon (I will be on a VERY tight budget, and my mechanical expertise ends at changing the oil). I'm hoping you can help provide some car-related pros and cons for both locations, and help me decide where to go to school. Any general car-buying advice for both locations would be greatly appreciated too (e.g., wait to get there before purchasing the car, don't buy a convertible, etc.). Thanks very much! -

RAY: This is an easy one, Natalia. If you buy a used car in Portland, Maine, it's probably going to be beat up and rusted from having suffered through a lifetime of winters and road salt. And if it breaks down, you may have to walk miles in the snow, sleet or ice to get help. So, make sure you pay attention during frostbite class!

TOM: Whereas if you buy an old car in Hawaii, it will have been perfectly preserved by the Pacific sunshine, and might even come with a surfboard rack.

RAY: And if your car breaks down

ple, get invited to a luau and learn to dance

the hula. TOM: But regardless of where you go to nursing school (go to Hawaii, Natalia), wait until you get there to buy a car. Maybe some nursing student who's graduating will have a car he or she wants to unload. Or maybe someone connected to the school will know someone with a good used car to sell.

RAY: You also can use our database of

mechanics who have been personally recommended by our readers and listeners. It's called the Mechanics Files, and it's on our Web site, www.cartalk.com.

TOM: You put in your new ZIP code (96720 is Hilo, by the way), and you'll get a list of mechanics who our listeners and readers say they trust. Call one or two of them, tell them www.cartalk.com.

in Hawaii, what do you care? It'll you're moving there, and ask them to inevitably be a nice day for a walk. keep an eye out for an older Honda You might meet some interesting peo- Civic or Toyota Corolla in good con-

dition for you. RAY: Even if the mechanic doesn't find you a car, you'll still want to know a mechanic when you get there so you can have any car that interests you

checked out before you buy it. TOM: Well, I hope I've made my CLICK & CLACK opinion on this matter perfectly clear,

> RAY: I'd think twice about specializing in geriatric

nursing if I were you, Natalia, because it sounds like my brother's getting ready to move to Hilo and join

Natalia.

Talk Cars

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Lagoon

head honcho Carter Brown. This guy is not playing with a full deck and has succumbed to paranoia which is fueling his already shaky decision making skills. It doesn't help that two of his board members, the scheming Paula and her toady Brewster, are actually out to get him. This pair of "Apprentice" rejects mean to wrest control of the company away from Brown after leaking to the press that Brown is responsible for the Syngenors invading L.A.

Brown, however, has other ideas on how to solve his public relations nightmare which involve firing his management team (literally, with a supergun) and injecting himself with Syngenor sauce till he sports a neck pustule so big he

ought to name it Frank.

Into this ripe boardroom dynamic comes Nick and Susan, who find out firsthand what the company's been up to. The problem becomes getting out alive, as Brown suffers a major breakdown while the Syngenors bust out of the basement and decide to take up their grievances with the

It all leads to a spectacular boardroom showdown with Syngenors, the heroes and Brown all struggling for dominance. There will be blood on the floor for this finale, but it's a shame that this scenario is fictional as the big wigs at Enron would have deserved the fate that awaits the board of directors here.

Three factors make this one

a winner and they include a sharp screenplay, great monster suits and a ferocious performance by David Gale (last seen as the evil killer head in 'Re-Animator").

The script paints a bleak picture of corporations and takes some great jabs at commercialism. One bit that you'll love is peeks at promotional videos meant to sell investors on Syngenors. You get peeks at the scaly critters sitting in jeeps, saluting and waving the

The plot also proves prophetic by claiming that the next great war will be in the Middle East. The dark tone is obviously inspired "Robocop" and is well illustrated, albeit on a tight budget.

The syngenors look great in

their rubber monster suits, though it is obvious that they can't move quickly. One shot of a critter riding the hood of a car, ala T.J. Hooker, shows how bulky they are and your heart goes out to the poor stunt man sealed within the cos-

The late David Gale offers an all-systems-go performance as Brown and makes for a Donald Trump-like villain with a much better haircut. He builds the role evenly and goes from a few twitches to an eye bulging, screaming madman by film's end. It's a sharp performance that marked him as a worthy successor to horror stars like Vincent Price and

Christopher Lee. Too bad he never got the chance to play enough of these roles to make it into that exalted club.

Lovers of camp will also enjoy this one as there are a few gaffs. One of my favorites is a shot of Brown jumping up and down with glee after shooting one of his security guards. The camera stays on him even when he veers off the set to reveal a glimpse of the sound stage they are shooting on. Another case finds an actor mispronouncing hologram while a shot of a Syngenor dummy plummeting off of a car roof is so obvious it's downright comical.

A special shout out goes to

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Riva Spier in the role of Paula Gorski. She deserves kudos for uttering lines like, "I am not in any mood to have my head ripped off," without batting an eye.

All in all, this one is fun and it's actually a sequel to 1981's "Scared to Death" (due to hit DVD this month) in which one "Syngenor" makes L.A. a hell on earth when it emerges form the sewers to embark on a low budget reign

Best line: "In the past, wars were fought by men - men susceptible to fear and bul-

1990, rated R.

Success

impacted the success of the company. She effectively and efficiently loaded and configured new Windows 2003 servers in the hosted environment with IBM Websphere, Maximo 6.2, SQL server 2005, and Actuate 9.0 iServer This accomplishment was mission critical for the future and growth of the company.

In November 2007, the couple had a lead that Booz Allen Hamilton in Herndon, was seeking IT Professionals who had experience with the IBM Maximo software. On Dec. 22 Shauna was offered a job as a level 2 Senior Consultant and placed on the USMCmax project.

Joe & Shauna relocated to Leesburg, VA on Jan. 4, 2008 to begin new employment opportunities. Since then, hauna has continued to learn more. She recently passed an exam qualifying her as a Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator.

Besides both graduating from HCTC, both are graduates of Jackson City High School.

Shauna is the daughter of Kenneth and Yolanda

Campbell. Her mother passed away in 2002, her first semester in college. Her father remarried to Lavonna Robinson Campbell and they reside in Jackson. She has one brother, Shane Campbell and a very dear grandmother, Lois Gross. Joseph is the son of Robert and Sundra Gilbert of Jackson. He has two brothers, Brent and Tyler Gilbert.

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Swathi Gutti, center, an eighth-grader from Mountain Christian Academy, was all smiles as she was named winner of the county's spelling bee Wednesday. Patricia Watson, right, presented the winning speller with her award, as runner-up Andrea Akers, an eighth-grader from Betsy Layne Elementary, looks on.

MCA student finishes spelling bee V-I-C-T-O-R-I-O-U-S

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

Editor's Note: Portions of the following story were inadvertently deleted when it originally ran March 7. It is reprinted in its entirety here.

PRESTONSBURG

She'll most likely never bake an angel food cake without thinking about it; for the word that finally stumped eighthgrader Andrea Akers, after going 76 rounds in the Floyd County Spelling Bee, was 'separate.

Swathi Gutti, an eighthgrader from Mountain Christian Academy, however, spelled the confounding word correctly, followed by the next, "September," to win the first-place slot in the district

It was well after 1 p.m., following a full morning of

spelling rounds, when the contest finally came to an end this past Wednesday morning in the Gearheart Auditorium of Big Sandy Community and Technical College's Prestonsburg campus.

"All the contestants did a wonderful job. This is not an easy thing," said Beverly Crisman, community education liaison with the Floyd County Board of Education.

Having been canceled due to inclement weather earlier this year, the district's spelling bee got underway this past Wednesday with several of the county's very best spellers vying for the winning title.

Those competing and representing their respective schools Wednesday morning were Summer Ousley, Adams Middle School; Holly Donohoe, Allen Elementary School (third-place winner); Braxton Burke, Allen Central

Middle School; Andrea Akers, Betsy Layne Elementary School (second-place winner); Stumbo, Elementary School; Jordan Pack, May Valley Elementary School; Coleman Giese, McDowell Elementary School; Swathi Gutti (firstplace winner), Mountain Christian Academy; Audrey Caudill, Osborne Elementary School; Tate Greene, Prestonsburg Elementary School; Josh Akers, South Floyd Middle School; and Liz Farley, John M. Stumbo Elementary School.

The competition, held for grades 4 thru 8, was held for the first time on the BSCTC campus. The winner will now advance to state level competi-

A student of Ms. Cindy Hall, at MCA, Gutti is the daughter of Drs. Sai and Sujata Gutti, of Pikeville.



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·Archers headed to state tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - Both boys and girls will compete for top honors during a different kind of school tournament March 18 in Louisville.

Kentucky's National Archery in the Schools tournament will feature more than 1,800 high school, middle school and elementary school students from 100 schools throughout the state. The daylong tournament begins at 9:15 a.m. at the Louisville International Convention Center on Fourth Street.

"The kids are really excit-

ed," said Jennie Richardson, able-bodied peers. archery program coordinator for the Kentucky Department Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The winning teams get to take back tournament championship banners and all the kids want a banner for their school."

All students complete with Mathews Genesis bows, a uniquely designed bow that can be used by the biggest and strongest or the smallest and weakest archer. Several handicapped students, including two vision-impaired students using a special aiming aid, will complete alongside their

Archers from Adams Middle School are scheduled to compete in the state tournament.

Kentucky began the National Archery in the Schools Program in 2002. The first tournament attracted 651 participants. Since then, the program has spread to schools across the United States and several foreign countries. Still, Kentucky hosts the largest state tournament in America, Richardson said.

Kentucky's tournament has grown so large that students now must qualify in regional

tournaments to reach the state. More than 6,000 students participated in nine regional tournaments held around the state this winter for the right to shoot in Louisville.

The tournament is open to the public. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Kids under five are admitted

The tournament is divided into three flights, beginning at 9:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. Eastern time. The top shooters also compete for college scholarships prior to the 6 p.m. awards ceremony.



photo by Jamie Howell

BRANDI BROWN (15) helped to lead Allen Central to the 15th Region Tournament.

Girls' title game featured region's top coaches

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

For one brief, fleeting moment in the fourth quarter of Monday night's 15th Region championship game, Pike Central had a chance. One final chance.

Trailing 44-35 after a layup by Bri Hatmaker, the Lady Hawks came up with a steal. A bucket cuts it to seven; a trey, a more manageable six. But thanks to the frenetic pace forced by Johnson Central's defense, Pike Central did one of the three things that cost them the championship: It turned it over.

It was one of 24 Lady Hawk turnovers Monday night, a total that led directly to Phillip Wireman returning to the mountaintop, leading Johnson Central to a 60-45 win at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

It marks Wireman's record fifth 15th Region championship, surpassing the husband-wife combination of Mary & John Haney, who led Sheldon Clark to the first four regional crowns after girls' basketball was reinstated in 1975.

The turnovers, however, were just part of the story on Monday. Pike Central, a team with boatloads of experience, managed to sink only 12-of-23 from the free throw line on the region's brightest stage.

Combine those two things with Johnson Central's surprising domination on the glass, 31-21, and you get a recipe for disaster for last year's state semifinalist.

So as it stands, Pike Central's reign, for now, is over. The Lady Hawks have won two regional crowns in the last five years, a surprising total in my estimation. Five championship nights ago, I wrote that, for the foreseeable future, the regional title would go through Pike Central.

I sat in the Hawks' Nest the night I wrote that. And since then, I've been right: The three regional championships won by someone other than Pike Central in the last five years have come at their expense on championship night: By Betsy Layne in 2005, Magoffin County in '06 and, last night, by Johnson Central.

It says a lot about the Lady Hawk program that they could play in five straight regional championship games, but on that night back in 2004, I'd have never believed they'd be under .500 in that stretch.

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photos by Greg Moore and Kody Little

PAINTSVILLE has worked its way back to the top of the 15th Region. The Tigers defeated defending champion Shelby Valley in double overtime in the regional tournament semifinals. In the championship game, Paintsville defeated crosstown rival Johnson Central.

TBALL

15TH REGION	
Team	Record
Paintsville	29-3
Shelby Valley	24-5
Allen Central	21-9
Phelps	20-7
East Ridge	17-13
Pikeville	16-12
Belfry	15-15
Johnson Central	14-19
Pike County Central	13-16
Sheldon Clark	10-16
Prestonsburg -	9-19
Magoffin County	9-20
Betsy Layne	8-18
Lawrence County	8-20
South Floyd	2-26
Piarist School	1-24

15TH REGION GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Pike County Central	25-6
Johnson Central	25-7
Shelby Valley	19-12
Betsy Layne	18-10
Pikeville	18-10
Sheldon Clark	17-8
Paintsville	15-11
Belfry	15-14
Phelps	13-11
East Ridge	11-16
Magoffin County	10-20
Allen Central	8-18
Lawrence County	7-20
South Floyd	6-19
Prestonsburg	5-22
Piarist School	0-23



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REALES

ALL FIVE JOHNSON CENTRAL STARTERS earned a spot on the All-15th Region *Tournament Team.

E-Town 51, Johnson Central 31

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ing 29 turnovers by the

BOWLING GREEN Jenna Goblirsch scored 22 points to lead Region 5 champion Elizabethtown to a convincing 51-31 victory over Region 15 representative Johnson Central Thursday in the Girls Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament.

Elizabethtown (27-7) controlled the game from the outset, leading 12-6 at the end of the first quarter and 27-15 at halftime. Elizabethtown continued fourth quarter, leading by as many as 24 points late in the game.

The Lady Panthers'

Lady Eagles (25-7).

Johnson Central not only struggled holding on to the ball, but had shooting problems as well, shooting just 30 percent from the floor in the game.

Alex Jones added 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds Elizabethtown, which moved on to face Region 2 winner Henderson County in the quarterfinals on

Celena Conley led to stretch its lead into the Johnson Central with 10 points. The Lady Eagles defeated defending 15th Region champion Pike County Central to earn the defense was strong, forc- state tournament bid.

Reflecting on a Tiger region title run

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

Notes I scribbled on the Expo Center floor over the last couple of weeks:

- If Bill Mike Runyon sticks to his guns and calls it a career after next week's run to the Sweet 16, it truly will be the end of an era at Paintsville High School.

For the majority of the time I've spent writing about sports in the 15th Region, there were three big dogs in the coaching profession, and all were in Tiger Country: Walter Brugh, Charlie Adkins and Bill Mike Runyon.

Brugh coached football at Paintsville for 39 years, rolling up 280 wins to go with 136 losses and five ties. He left as the alltime winningest coach in Kentucky high school history.

Adkins' win total is one of those that sounds as if it's made up. He won 785 times in 33 seasons at Paintsville and Johnson Central, losing only 316 in nearly 1100 games as a head coach. To this day, his total is fifth on the alltime list, and of course, he too brought a state title home to the mountains in 1990.

After this year, all three will be retired. It's a sign of the times, I know, but it's no less sad for all of us, even those of us who have taken our beatings at the hands of the three legends.

- The other interesting thing is that while Runyon has been the basketball coach, he was on the football staff with Brugh and the baseball staff with Adkins. And, for what I'm sure was one long, long year, Runyon served as the head coach of all three sports.

- For the record, my semifinal predictions for the SEC tournament were Tennessee v. Vandy and Kentucky v. Mississippi

- To wrap up the Mid-South Conference tournament, held here last weekend, half the field made the national tournament. Three men's teams - Georgetown, Cumberlands and Campbellsville - and three women's teams -Georgetown, Lindsey Wilson and Cumberlands – are in the 32-team national-tournament fields.

- Talk about kicking off the Sweet 16 with a bang. Wednesday's first state-tournament game will feature Lexington Catholic against Randy McCoy and the Blazers of University Heights. McCoy has guided Scotty Hopson and crew to a 30-4 record after their 90-86 win over Christian County in the Region Two finals Wednesday night. The Blazers have now won 17 straight games, including the 2008 All "A" Classic state title.

Tipoff, for those attending, will be at high noon.

- The most accurate line I heard this week was about Syracuse Coach Jim Boeheim. The guest was asked who would be on the outside looking in after Sunday's selection show to announce the 65team field for the NCAA tournament. The scribe in question first noted Boeheim would be whining before adding, "He'll be whining one way or the other."

- If I'm right and Kentucky makes it to the semifinals of the SEC tournament, expect them to be seeded in the top half of the draw. Of course, it doesn't really matter; if they're seventh they'd be facing the two seed in their bracket in the second round, the eight would mean No. 1. But if they could somehow get to the six seed

Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2008 set to be inducted

Wayland coach "Copper" John among inductees

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Twelve former high school coaches, athletes, officials administrators and/or contributors make up the 21st class to be inductinto the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The class was first recognized at the annual Dawaharcs/KHSAA Hall of Fame golf outing scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington. The class of 2008 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, April 12 at the Lexington Convention Center. The induction of the 12 will bring the total number of individuals honored to 355.

The 2008 class is as fol-

"Copper" John Campbell -"Copper" played basketball for Hindman Settlement where he was a three year starter. In 1939, he helped Hindman to the State Tournament and was selected All-State Tournament for his efforts. Later, he coached the Wayland Wasps for 11 years, winning four district titles, three regional titles, including his 1959

squad that set many State Tournament records.

Joe Carr, Jr. - Carr was an All-American wrestler for Woodford County where he amassed 242 high school career wins. He was a fourtime state champion including his eighth grade year in 1993. He received First Team All-America honors in 1997 by Wrestling Magazine and was a two-time National High School Finalist. In addition, he qualified for the NCAA Tournament four times while on the mat for West Virginia University and his 101 career wins rank seventh all-time at

Gloria Compton Compton started the gymnastics program at Bryan Station High School in Lexington in 1962 and the Track program in 1964 where she coached those teams until 1974. It is in the area of Spirit Cheerleading that Compton has made her mark. She coached varsity cheer from 1962 until 1990. Under her guidance, the Defenders captured the Sweet 16 Cheer competition championship in 1972 and again in 1974. She was one of the primary leaders in (Kentucky KAPOS Association of Pep Organization Sponsors) and continues to serve the organization to date as a member of the advisory board. In addition, Compton was a cofounder of the Kentucky Girls

Sports Association.

Nancy Crutcher Martin -Crutcher Martin was a three Golf Hall of Fame in 1992. sport athlete at Oldham County where she earned five individual state championships and was a member of four team state championships. She captured the Class 3A Cross Country State Championship twice as an individual and was a member of the State Championship team three times. She also captured individual championships in the 1600 Meter and 3200 Meter State Track and Field Meet. Crutcher Martin was a member of the 1986 Girls' Sweet 16 State Championship basketball team and was named "MVP" of the tournament.

Charles "Doodle" Floyd -"Doodle" Floyd was a star and leader in basketball for the legendary Cuba Cubs. He was a member of the 1951 State Runner-up team and the 1952 State Championship team. He led the team in both scoring and rebounding in both trips to the State Tournament and was named to the All-Tournament team both years. Gene Hilen- Hilen was a great contributor to high school athletics in the sport of golf. He was a golf teacher to those from the Frankfort area and instrumental in many high school players improving their game and going on to receive college golf scholarships. Hilen was a three-time 'Teacher of the Year" honoree and was Phelps High School. During inducted into the Kentucky

E.G. Plummer - Plummer was a track standout for Danville from 1953-65. He captured seven state championships while setting a state record in the mile run. He went on to run for the University of Kentucky and finished as Southeastern Conference runner-up in the Mile Run in 1958 and was a member of UK's undefeated Championship Cross Country team in 1958. In addition,

Plummer captured the SEC Championship in the 880 yard dash while tying the SEC record in the event. Plummer went on to enjoy a successful career as track and field coach for Danville. His teams captured five girls' cross country, two boys' cross country, seven girls' track and three boys' track State Championships. Plummer has also served as a track official for many years. William Burton Rankin -Rankin was a star runner for Somerset in the sports of track and cross country. He was cross country state runner-up in 1965 and state champion in the two-mile run in 1966 - the first state champion in any sport for the Briarjumpers. He was one of the first three minority athletes to receive an athletic scholarship to the University of Kentucky.

Ervin Stepp - Stepp was an all-star basketball player for his prep career, he tallied 3.228 points en route to an incredible career scoring average of over 40 points-pergame. He was named All-State his junior and senior seasons. His career accolades include a senior year scoring average of 53.7 points-pergame highlighted by receiving

the honor of Mr. Basketball in

Grant Talbott - Talbott was girls' basketball coach for Owensboro. Taking the reigns of a second year program in 1975, Talbott built the Lady Devils into a power. Over the course of the next six years his teams captured six district titles, five regional titles and one regional runner-up finish. His coaching mark during that time was an impressive 152-21. Following his coaching career, "GG" continued as an ambassador for the third region by helping those from the area advance to the college level. Talbott also is a former Board of Control member of

the KHSAA. Wilkerson Brad Wilkerson was a multi-sport standout for the Apollo Eagles. He was a three-time AllState honoree in baseball and soccer and received honorable mention All-State honors in football and basketball. In all, he earned 15 letters in four different sports from 1991-1995. He was finalist for Mr. Soccer in 1994 and was

Kentucky's Mr. Baseball in 1995. It was on the diamond where he enjoyed his greatest success. He ranks among career state leaders in many categories including 194 runs scored, 198 RBI, 165 walks, 1.58 ERA and 151 strikeouts in a season. After a collegiate career playing for the Florida Gators, he was a first round draft selection by the Montreal Expos in 1998. At the time of his induction he continues his Major League Baseball career as a member of the Texas Rangers.

Rozella Young - Young has served as a contributor to high school athletics for over 60 years. She started her service in 1946 as official scorer while attending Blandville High School in Ballard County. She later moved to Carlisle County and has worked as official scorekeeper for the Comets since 1965. In addition, she has served as the official scorekeeper for several district and regional tournaments. Two other individuals have previously been voted into the Hall of Fame but declined induction at that time. Kelly Coleman (1989) and John Reynolds (1994) have yet to accept the honor. They or their representatives would be added to the induction class in the year the honor is accepted.

Online: www.khsaa.org

Roush Fenway opts not to appeal penalties levied after Vegas race

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CONCORD, N.C. - Roush Fenway Racing on Wednesday announced that it will not appeal the penalties imposed by NASCAR following postrace inspection of the No. 99 car at Las Vegas

Inspectors found that the

cover of the oil reservoir encasement mounted behind the driver's seat was off, a circumstance that constitutes an unauthorized aerodynamic modification. NASCAR rules require that the cover be bolted securely to the encasement.

As a result, driver Carl Edwards and car owner Jack Roush were penalized 100 championship driver and 100 championship owner points. In the event the No. 99 team qualifies for the Chase, the team will not receive the 10 bonus points for the UAW-Dodge 400 victory used for determining the seeding order.

Also, crew chief Bob Osborne was fined \$100,000, suspended for six Cup Series events, suspended NASCAR until April 30 and placed on probation until Dec.

"We have conducted a thorough internal investigation and have found no evidence whatsoever that anyone intended for the bolt/nut fastener to fail to secure the lid for the entire race," team

"We have subsequently added protective measures to insure that the lid will remain fastened even if a failure of this type should again occur."

Roush Fenway Racing president Geoff Smith said, "We realize in the NASCAR system of penalty administration that simple negligence, by

itself, is never sufficient grounds to overturn or reduce a penalty. Consequently, no appeal will be made of the penalties assessed NASCAR.

Online: www.nascar.com

Region

Of course, it's not exactly been a smooth ride for Pike Central. A coaching change that would qualify as something less than smooth led to some turmoil, and the loss of last year's 15th Region player of the year in Haley Ratliff - a rock solid point guard - couldn't have helped this year.

I'll say this much though for Steven Butcher: It's my belief that he's done a phenomenal job in taking over the Lady Hawk empire. His run through last March is one I'll never forget. I sat in the press room and listened to him give a speech about mountain pride that I'd only heard elsewhere when it fell from the lips of the incomparable Bobby Keith.

He's a classy young man, one who I hope - and believe will win several more regional titles in his career. The job he did in calming the rough waters that was the Pike Central program a couple of years ago was nothing short of magical.

There are good guys, really good guys and then guys like Steven Butcher.

Which leads us to the loss of

the region's best post player in years in Kayla Lowe. On Monday night, she poured in 23 points in her final appearance in a Pike Central uniform, a stretch that has included many more ups than downs.

Her college of choice will be a fortunate one. I believe in Kayla Lowe, believe she's been a phenomenal high school player and her college years could still be her best.

I'm sure of one thing: It's been a pleasure to watch her in her time at Pike County Central, a run that takes a backseat to very few in the history of 15th Region basketball.

But Monday was Johnson Central's night. The Lady Eagles followed the lead of their outstanding coach, as good as we've seen in the last two decades, and he led them back to the apex.

Johnson Central won its seventh regional title last night, and won the 16th for the 57th District in the 34 years since its reinstatement.

I'd call that domination, myself.

Now, the Lady Eagles made

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the quick turnaround to the Sweet 16, where on Thursday they played for not only their first state-tournament win ever, but also for the first in the 16 trips a 57th District team has

night for the Lady Hawks. Johnson Central built itself an 8-0 lead, and while it evaporated quickly, they stayed on course and used a 10-0 run in the middle of the second quarter to take a lead it would never lose.

I have a feeling, though, that we haven't heard the last of the Lady Hawks and Coach Steven Butcher. The classy coach strolled to the end of his bench as time expired on Monday night, so he could be in position to speak to the officials as they

He didn't have a complaint. Instead, he extended a hand to all three and complimented them on the job they'd done.

Not every coach is willing to do that. Only the classy ones

Steven Butcher is one of them. Pike Central is lucky to

Lifetime memories made at conservation camp

by HAYLEY LYNCH KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT - Spring is it's time to sign kids up for conservation camp. The camps are only one week long, but the memories and skills last a life-

"A lot of the kids that we get at camp are kids who have never caught a fish, shot a gun or driven a boat," said Jay Webb, assistant director of Information and Education for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "That's really a big thrill for them. They remember it for the rest of their lives."

Kids learn skills at conservation camp that other camps don't offer. Outdoor skills like boating safety, gun safety, archery, fishing and wildlife identification are hallmarks of conservation camp.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife operates three camps. Camp Robert Webb is located on Grayson Lake near Grayson, Camp Earl Wallace is located on Lake Cumberland near Monticello, and Camp John Currie is located near Benton on Kentucky Lake.

"A lot of parents tell me when they send their kids to camp, it helps them grow up," said Camp Webb Director Jack

"Mainly we teach them about safety," he added. "We teach them how to be safe in the outdoors."

Lee went to conservation camp in 1970 and remembers wearing the patches he earned school in the fall.

"I wore them around like a badge of honor. I said, 'Look at what I got at camp this summer," Lee remembered. He sees the same enthusiasm in kids who attend camp now.

"You can see it in their eyes," he said. "They just light up when they tell you they passed gun safety or archery."

Owsley County native Greg Mays credits conservation camp for helping him save two lives. Forty years ago, just a year after he attended Camp Earl Wallace, he was swimming with his cousin in the South Fork of the Licking

"He got caught up in the current and it was taking him down the river," Mays remembered. "They taught me at camp to come up and grab a swimmer from behind, not from the front. I saved his life. I give the credit to Camp Earl Wallace."

Mays used his training again five years ago during a family trip. His niece was having trouble while swimming and Mays went in after her.

Mays saved a second life that day, again crediting the lessons he learned at conservation camp. He says those lessons are just as important today as they were 40 years ago when he attended camp.

"Kids are so fied up with indoor activities anymore," said Mays. "They need to get approaching, and that means there when he returned to out and experience nature. They need to get out in the woods, learn to identify poison. ivy, learn to hunt and fish. The outdoors allows you to get away from the world for a while."

Mays, who now lives in Boone County, visited Camp Earl Wallace again last summer. "They showed me all the improvements to the camp," he said. "T remember when the cabins had screens and fans. Now they have windows and air conditioning."

The amenities are only one reason Mays thinks kids should attend conservation camp. He recalls camp as the first time he left home. He made friends and played sports. He earned patches in first aid, gun safety and

"It was wonderful," Mays remembered. "Any kid who doesn't take advantage of it is missing out."

Conservation camps run June through July and are open to boys and girls ages 9-13. The application deadline for camps this year is May 1. The cost is \$215 for mail-in applications and \$200 for online applications. Scholarships are available. Visit fw.ky.gov to apply online, or call the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at 1-800-858-1549 for more information.

photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners

STEVE THOMAS (30) AND MIKE DEAN (10) helped to push the East Miners into the CBA postseason. East Kentucky fell to Pittsburgh in a play-in game Tuesday night. The Miners ended their inaugural season 26-23.

Goodyear not taking AMS tire to Texas last lap to become the first

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FORT WORTH - Texas Motor Speedway officials were informed by Goodyear that the tire manufacturer will utilize the same tire compound that produced dramatic racing in both Sprint Cup Series races last season for the upcoming Samsung 500 on April 6.

Following several driver complaints at Sunday's event at Atlanta Motor Speedway where the new Sprint Cup car competed for the first time, Texas Motor Speedway president Eddie Gossage reached out to Goodyear because that Speedway Motorsports Inc. sister track is nearly identical to TMS. Both are 1.5-mile ovals with 24-degree banking in the corners, among the fastest tracks on the circuit and host to the new car for the first time in competition.

"I called Goodyear and they told us they never planned to use the same tire they used in Atlanta for our upcoming race," Gossage said. "The tire they will use

for the Samsung 500 will be effectively the same tire they used in Texas last year, and those two races resulted in a last-lap pass in April and a side-by-side duel for the lead down to the finish in November. Both the left-side and right-side tires will effectively use the same compound as in 2007, but with a slightly different construction for the new car. The engineers feel quite good about their plans.'

The left-side tires are designed to provide grip. While the rubber compound is effectively the same as Goodyear used in Texas in 2007, the 2008 tire will utilize a slightly different mold and construction to better suit the new car. The rightside tires are designed to benefit handling.

Last year showcased arguably some of the best racing and dramatic finishes of the Sprint Cup season. In last year's Samsung 500, Jeff Burton battled Matt Kenseth in the final laps before making a dramatic pass on the

two-time Cup winner at Texas Motor Speedway. He edged Kenseth by .410 seconds for the third-closest Sprint Cup finish in the history of the speedway. The Dickies 500 in November chosen by many media as one of the best races of the year was highlighted by 27 lead changes among 12 drivers and a stunning side-by-side duel between Jimmie Johnson and Kenseth in the closing laps. Johnson finally prevailed, winning by .944 seconds and grabbing the championship lead that he never relinquished.

Once again as Gossage did last week with NASCAR, he will make Texas Motor available to Speedway Goodyear should they be interested in additional testing prior to the Samsung 500. Sprint Cup drivers Juan Montoya and Clint Bowyer participated in a two-day Goodyear test Jan. 15-16 at



Young scores 21, leads Pittsburgh past No. 13 Louisville

by DAVE SKRETTA ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Rick Pitino didn't glean any useful knowledge sitting behind Pittsburgh's bench for the opening round of the Big East tournament. It's simply where organizers decided to put him.

Too bad, because it's quickly becoming evident the Louisville coach could use some help dealing with the Panthers come March.

Sam Young had 21 points and 12 rebounds, and hit a pair of free throws with less than a minute left in overtime to help Pittsburgh beat the No. 13 Cardinals 76-69 Thursday night and advance to the tournament semifinals.

Pittsburgh has knocked Louisville out of three straight conference tourna-

"Give them credit for their defense," said Pitino, who fell to 3-8 in his career against Pittsburgh and is just 1-3 in the tournament since joining the Big East.

"Our guys did a good job of fighting back to get into overtime. Sometimes it's just about making shots. It's a simple explanation," he said. "But you've got to give Pitt credit. Their defense had a lot to do with it."

Seventh-seeded Pittsburgh (24-9) outscored Louisville 12-2 to start the overtime, and its 74-64 lead with 30.9 seconds left was its biggest of the game.

"We went cold at the wrong time," Pitino said.

DeJuan Blair added 16 points and eight rebounds for Pittsburgh, which has been to the last two tournament

seven. The Panthers are now 4-0 at Madison Square Garden this season, and 21-8 dating to the 2001-02 season.

"It was a great win for us," coach Jaime Dixon said. "We battled through some things. We had foul trouble early, got performances from everybody. ... And like I said, our defense has been getting better and better."

Earl Clark scored 19 for Louisville (24-8), which struggled when Pittsburgh clogged up the middle and forced the Cardinals to take perimeter shots. Derrick Caracter, Juan Palacios and David Padgett had 11 points each, but they got virtually no help from their guard

"They were aggressive in

finals and six of the past give them credit. They played very well on defense. They were very aggressive in what they did.'

Young's basket with 1:50 lest in regulation gave Pittsburgh a 62-60 lead, and Clark's putback with less than a minute to go knotted the game.

After a timeout, the Panthers held for the last shot - but may have held too long. Levance Fields made a move to the basket with just over 5 seconds left and got caught in the corner, where he heaved up a contested shot at the buzzer that clanked harmlessly off the rim.

Fields made up for the gaffe with six of his 13 in overtime. points Backcourt mate Ronald Ramon added four of his 13

loose ball that made it 70-64 Pittsburgh. with 1:08 left.

"I was just trying to make a play," Ramon said. "DeJuan made a great pass, guys were in the paint trying to dig the ball. So the ball got loose and they were all trying to go for the ball. Once I got it, wide open lay-up."

That the game came down to the final minutes should come as no surprise for these two teams. Pittsburgh beat Louisville by five in the first round of the 2006 tournament, and by six in last year's semifinal, when the Cardinals were also a No. 2 seed.

Their only meeting earlier this season was a back-andforth affair that ended after Padgett and Andre McGee each made a pair of free their defensive game plan," in the extra session, includ-Padgett said. "We've got to ing a runner in the lane off a to seal a 75-73 victory at throws in the closing seconds

The two teams swapped the lead 10 times and were tied eight times in the first half of this one, before a late burst gave Louisville a 33-30 lead at the break.

The Panthers used a 9-0 run midway through the second half to build a 51-43 advantage, but Blair picked up his fourth foul a couple minutes later and Louisville closed in. Terrence Williams' basket with 4:44 to go gave the Cardinals a 56-55 lead, and the teams matched baskets through the end of regulation.

"We battled through against a very good team," Dixon said. "I'm so proud of these guys, every one of them. They just battled. That's really the best way to

boom leads to tough tickets with colossal costs Baseball

by RONALD BLUM ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Even Keith Olbermann had sticker shock when he saw the Ruthian prices for Yankee Stadium's final year.

His family first purchased four season tickets for seats behind the Yankees dugout in 1972 at \$4 per seat for each game. This year, the price jumped to \$250 from \$150 more than double the \$112 average for equivalent seats near the Mets' dugout across

"The thought did cross my mind, my investment in this might be better spent at Shea Stadium and Citi Field," the MSNBC broadcaster said.

Still, he kept the seats. All the offseason talk of the Mitchell Report and steroids hasn't dented baseball's

The Chicago Cubs have sold more than 2,775,000 tickets and had just 500,000 remaining at the start of the week. The Red Sox capped full season equivalents at just under 22,000 at Fenway Park, where capacity is 37,400 at night and 36,984 during the day. And Major League Baseball says the sale of season-ticket equivalents is up 4

"I think we'll draw etween 80 and 81 million this year, which is an amazing number," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said. "We're having explosive growth right now. This sport has never been more popular, and the interest is just unbelievable."

Bascball is coming off a milestone year. The 30 teams drew 79.5 million fans in 2007, a record average of 32,785.

This year, fans who want

smokin' seats for the Bronx Bombers have to be nearly as wealthy as the star players they watch. And still, the Yankees might sell out the season or come close before opening day.

Scrambling for tickets is at its most frenzied in New York, where both teams are entering the final seasons of their ballparks. The Yankees have sold 3.75 million of about 4.4 million available tickets, and the Mets are on track to draw 4 million at home for the first

Tickets for the Yankees' final regular-season game, against Baltimore on Sept. 21, were listed this week at up to apiece StubHub.com. Of the 3,000 seats originally priced by the team at \$250, only 111 weren't renewed as season tickets, and the Yankees said they were resold within 24

Olbermann remembered back to 1972, when four seats for the season wound up costing \$1,056 (there were 15 doubleheaders). Now the seats - so close to the field that his mother got hit by a ball when Chuck Knoblauch overthrew first base eight years ago cost him \$81,000.

"From \$1,000 a season, it's \$1,000 a game," he said. "So literally they've now crossed that mark where it's 81 times more expensive to see the season as it was in 1972."

According to the Consumer Price Index, \$4 in 1972 is about \$20 now - meaning even when adjusted for inflation, there's been a 12-fold

increase for the best box seats. Twenty years ago, many teams had just two prices -

box and reserved. Now, most clubs have dozens of ticket levels, sometimes different ones for season tickets, advance sales and day-of-game purchases. Some teams also charge differing amounts depending on the opponent and the day of the week.

This season, clubs also must contend with StubHub. Twenty-nine clubs - all but the Red Sox — have agreed to make the Web site their official resale outlet. As of Tuesday, 434,000 Yankees home tickets were available on the Web site, including more than 6,000 for some

Bob Bowman, chief executive officer of Major League Baseball Advanced Media, said 400,000 tickets already have changed hands on StubHub, where buyers pay a 10 percent fee and sellers are charged a 15 percent commis-

The Washington Nationals, who move into a new ballpark, had 2.7 percent of their scats available on StubHub this week. For the Chicago Cubs, 6.8 percent of Wrigley Field's tickets are on the Web site. For Dodger Stadium, it's 3 percent.

Bowman said he thinks StubHub makes fans less reticent to purchase seats from teams because they know there's an easy resale market: 'If the average fan see there's a vibrant, legal, robust secondary market, the more likely they are to buy tickets."

Even for the Florida

Last in the major leagues with 1.37 million fans at home last year, the Marlins command \$179 for tickets in the first row of scats behind home plate and \$153 for rows two through four. But their Fish

Tank section of bleachers in down for years. It is a very right goes from \$9-15, depending on the opponent and when the tickets are

"A baseball stadium is a microcosm of a civilization, where very often it is the wealthy who support the programs and services that are taken advantage of by the less fortunate," Marlins president David Samson said.

Although Kansas City has 240 Crown seats behind home plate that sell for \$185-240, the Royals' equivalent of Olbermann's seats cost \$29 as part of a season ticket - up \$5 from last year. They're \$37 when purchased individually for most games, going up to \$44 when the Yankees, Red Sox and St. Louis Cardinals come to town.

With a good airfare, it would be cheaper to fly from New York to Kansas City and buy tickets for a series against the Yankees than to take the subway and watch three Royals-Yankees games in the Bronx.

Then again, premier seats to "Young Frankenstein" on Broadway were priced at \$450 in the Wall Street-driven economy of New York, where dinner at Per Se sells out at \$275 a head, not including wine, and private-school tuition can top \$32,000 per child.

There are some cities, particularly the ones on the East Coast, that can charge more than they do in middle America or even on the West Coast," Selig said.

Before setting their prices, the Royals compared what they charged with 10 other small-market teams and found they were significantly below

"Tickets have been held

price-sensitive market," said Kevin Uhlich, the Royals' senior vice president for business operations.

Kansas City hasn't been to the playoffs since winning the 1985 World Series, and home attendance dropped below 1.4 million in 2002, 2005 and 2006. The total rebounded to 1.6 million last year, still 28th in the majors, and sales for this year are running 18 percent ahead.

"Once we do start moving up on the wins and losses, I think it's going to make a difference," Uhlich said. "To this point, it's been real tough. We've had to continually kind of reinvent the packages. We started the buy two, get two free last year to get people reintroduced to coming out to the ballgame, and that was quite successful. We sold about 1,000 full-season equivalents."

San Francisco has had a tougher time selling tickets this season. Last year, when the Giants sold 26,000 season tickets, they hosted both the All-Star game and Barry Bonds' pursuit of Hank Aaron's home run record.

To boost sales, the Giants are building a 20-seat McCovey Suite jutting out of the wall by the right-field foul pole at SBC Park. The suite will cost \$5,000 to \$8,000, depending on the game.

'It will have a glass view of the field, and you'll also be able to see, at the back of the suite, McCovey Cove," Giants

owner Peter Magowan said. The Giants, who hope to draw 3 million to their bayside ballpark for the ninth straight season, also created a 100-scat party suite in the left-field corner of the club level that goes for \$12,000 to \$17,000 a game.

"I think more and more teams are doing that," Magowan said. "What we see is an increasing demand for day-of-game suites. People would prefer to spend a lot of money for one game and take a bigger crowd than can fit into a 12-18 seat normal luxury suitc."

Some might argue all Yankees tickets are a luxury, and prices will only increase.

Lonn Trost, the club's chief operating officer, said the cost of about 50 percent of the team's tickets will rise again next year, the first in the new Yankee Stadium.

But the price will not go up for many of the sections farthest from home plate. Bleacher seats are \$12-14 this season, depending whether they are bought in advance, and upper reserved in the outfield is \$20-23.

"I have to make sure the fan .who can afford it subsidizes the fan who otherwise couldn't afford that price," Trost said. "It's a real estate play."

Olbermann isn't pleading poverty, but the cost of his Yankees real estate is giving him and the friends he shares the seats with second thoughts.

"If you were going to get Yankees tickets in lieu of Mets tickets at these prices and suddenly switched, said, 'No, I'm going to get Mets tickets,' you could afford limo service to each of these games with the difference,' he said. "So even for the guy who lights his cigar with \$50 bills, there is some logic to giving up on the Yankees and going to get tickets at Shea

Franklin-Simpson, Montgomery County advance in girls' Sweet 16

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BOWLING GREEN - Franklin-Simpson, sporting the best record in the Girls Sweet 16 at 32-2, held Simon Kenton to just two points in the fourth quarter of its 54-40 victory Thursday night in the Girls Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament.

Chrissy Gooch was Franklin-Simpson's star, scoring 26 points and grabbing 11 rebounds, while Kelleshia Cook added 10 points for the Region 4 champion Lady Wildcats.

Montgomery County (27-6) held off Henry Clay (17-14) of

Henderson County bested Conner 60-47.

Elizabethtown eliminated Johnson Central, 51-31.

Franklin-Simpson blew a 14-point first-half lead and allowed the Lady Pioneers (26-9) of Region 8 to tie the game at 38-all late in the third quarter, before closing the game with a 16-2 run, including outscoring them 14-2 in the fourth quarter.

Montgomery County's Maggie Prewitt scored 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead the Lady Indians past a Henry Clay team that trailed 50-38 at the end of the third quarter, but pulled within four points on Brittany Coles' 3-pointer with 28 seconds

McKenzie Lee and Prewitt each made free throws on Montgomery County's final two possessions to push the lead back to six points with just five seconds to finish off the Lady Blue Devils (17-14), who were representing Region 11.

Kayla Webb came off the Montgomery County bench to score 13 points, while Elizabeth Prewitt added 10 point for the Lady Indians.

Coles led Henry Clay with 14 points, while Hanna Blankenship chipped in 12 and Gwen Rucker scored 10 before fouling out with 6:01 to play.

Henderson County's Alyse Poindexter turned in the most dominating performance of the day, scoring 27 points and grabbing 17 rebounds to lead the Region 2 champions scrappy Region 9 representative Conner Thursday

The Lady Colonels (24-4) eased out a 33-22 with 5:59 to play in the third quarter, but had to weather a comeback attempt by the Lady Cougars (28-6), who got as close as four points on Gela Haynes' two free throws at the 6:57 mark, making the score 46-

Conner would get no closer as Poindexter scored eight of Henderson County's final 14 points to close out the victory. In addition to Poindexter's efforts, senior guard Rinesha Soaper finished with 19 points for the Lady Colonels.

Phillies score 7 runs off Reds' Affeldt in 10-7 win

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SARASOTA, Fla. - Reds starter Jeremy Affeldt gave up seven runs in a 10-7 spring training loss to the Phillies on Thursday night.

Casey Smith drove in four runs for the Phillies with his second home run and a single as the No. 9 hitter. The eighth hitter, Greg Golson, had a single and a double and drove in two.

Affeldt, competing for a job in the Reds' starting rotation after a year-and-ahalf of pitching in relief, had his second straight ineffective outing. He allowed six runs to the Atlanta Braves in his last outing. The lefthander pitched 3 1-3 innings. Five of the nine hits off him were for extra

"Another rough one for me," Affeldt said. "I basically set up a whole at-bat and I don't execute the pitch I need to execute and gave up a knock on it. I'm trying to go up and in on guys and leaving it over the middle. Basically, the main pitch was the three-run homer with two outs."

Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker said the team will eventually have to decide whether to put Affeldt in the bullpen or

"He made some good pitches," Baker said. "Then he would get one over the plate and up, and they didn't miss."

For Philadelphia, Jamie Moyer pitched two scoreless innings, lost his control for one, and threw two more scoreless. The usually accurate Moyer walked three in the Reds' four-run fourth. Three singles and a two-run Brandon Phillips double kept Cincinnati in the game.

They were the first runs Moyer (2-0) gave up this spring. He pitched five

"Yeah, it was good to see Moyer have a solid five innings," Philadelphia manager Charlie Manuel said. "They scored in one inning and outside of that he did pretty good."

Cincinnati's Andy Green hit his second home run off Josh Outman in the sixth.

The Phillies won for the first time in six games.

"We were aggressive, stole some bases and set our runs up," Manuel said. "We manufactured some runs and got some big hits which is something we haven't been

and Citi.'

Notes: Bronson Arroyo will pitch in a minor league game to allow the sensation of the Reds camp, Johnny Cueto, to start against the Detroit Tigers on Monday. . Phillies starting pitcher, Cole Hamels gave up two hits and struck out six in a minor league game earlier. He was scheduled to pitch Wednesday but was scratched with the flu. He has lost four pounds since becoming ill. ... Kris Benson also pitched in a minor league game on Thursday. Benson had surgery on his rotator cuff last March. His pitched four innings, threw 58 pitches and gave up two runs "First of all, and this is nothing against young kids, some balls do get caught in our games that don't get caught in their games," said pitching coach Rich Dubce of a defense that did not include names like Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley and Shane Victorino.

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

The proposed amendment is locat-

Legals

Amendment No. 2

In accordance

with KRS 350,070 John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham. Clark Pergrem and Jesse Rudd, Tom Reynolds, and Janet Ratliff, Johnny and Patricia Huffman, Taulbee Renisa Branham, Michael Hunt, Ransom and Betty Hunt, and Maxine Crider. The amendment underlie land owned Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, E. L. and Bertha Cline, Malcolm Rebecca Lavne. Jarrell, The Coal Horn Company, LLC. Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs. within the amended John Dallas and permit boundary. Vina Sue Branham, Clark Pergrem and Jesse Rudd. The operation will use

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the Division of Mine Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 Kentuckv final advertisement Melissa of this application: objections. requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date

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