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### In brief

## Audit: Sheriff should pay more than \$3K

The Associated Press

INEZ — An audit of Martin County Sheriff Garmon Preece says the sheriff should personally reimburse a \$3,126 deficit the office piled up for the 2006 fiscal year.

The audit released Thursday found that instead of using money for a program to prevent drug abuse, Preece used official funds to buy \$1,047 in anti-drug education materials.

The report also found his office paid \$604 for children's badges, \$295 for shirts and \$165 for advertising in a high school yearbook. All expenditures the audit called unnecessary and unreasonable.

Other charges the sheriff's office rang up include bank late fees and conference fees for employees' spouses.

Preece defended his actions, telling The Lexington-Herald Leader that he thought the purchases were allowed.

The audit has been sent to the Kentucky Attorney General's Office for further review.

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## Two killed, one jailed in Abbott shooting

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A long-standing family feud turned into tragedy Thursday night in Prestonsburg, when an Abbott Creek man reportedly gunned down his niece and her husband, as the couple's four children stood witness.

Berry Hall, 45, was arrested

by the Floyd County Sheriffs Office after he reportedly confessed to killing his niece, Lisa Tackett, 30, and her husband, Alan Tackett, 47.

Sheriff John K Blackburn, who arrived first on the scene with Kentucky State Police Trooper Chris Hicks, said, "He told me and Chris that he 'shot and killed both of them.'"

According to Blackburn, Hall

went upstairs in his home, took up a .30-06, and from his window, first shot Lisa Tackett while she was in her yard, then proceeded to shoot Alan Tackett as he stood on his front porch.

Hall then reportedly put down his weapon, and walked across the street to the Tacketts' home and retrieved their four children from the house bringing them back to his home where he wait-

ed for authorities to arrive.

According to Blackburn, Hall was arrested without incident and transported to Floyd County Detention Center. Hall's son reportedly made the 911 call that alerted authorities.

The Tackett children, aged 2-4 years, were taken into custody by social services, Blackburn

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Berry Hall

### PUBLIC UNVEILING



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Prestonsburg economic development director Brent Graden explained how the city's wireless internet service was built and the potential he believes it holds for the area.

## Prestonsburg unveils free wireless internet

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — "Things are starting to happen. People are starting to notice."

That's how city economic development director Brent Graden summarized the success of Prestonsburg's free wireless internet service, which was given its official unveiling Thursday evening at the Mountain Arts Center.

The service has actually been operational in various testing phases for several months. During that time,

Graden said the service has been embraced by the community.

Graden noted that on the day of the unveiling, the service peaked at a record 107 simultaneous users.

The city's wireless zone stretches roughly two miles along North and South Lake Drive. It allows people with wireless-enabled computers, cell phones and other devices to connect to the internet without having to pay a fee.

The project was accomplished at a bargain-basement price. When first investigating

the possibility of implementing wireless internet, the city received estimates from three companies ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000, making the project too expensive for the city to tackle.

But Graden said he happened to see an advertisement for Meraki Networks in the back of a magazine and was intrigued by the San Francisco-based company's claims that it could provide the tools for a wireless network at a far cheaper price.

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## State gears up for spring highway cleanup

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Volunteers will be out in force next week as the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet begins its annual Adopt-A-Highway Spring Clean.

"The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet appreciates the effort put forth by all Adopt-A-Highway groups in keeping our highways and communities beautiful and litter-free," said Joe Prather, Transportation Secretary.

According to KYTC, almost 1,100 groups participate in Kentucky's Adopt-A-Highway program during which volunteers clean almost 8,000 miles of road. In District 12, 188 miles of road have been adopted.

Many Adopt-A-Highway groups are partnering this year with their local PRIDE organizations.

"We have the same goal: to keep our roadsides litter-free and beautiful," said Tarnell Patton, AAH coordinator for District 12, "A PRIDE group can also be an Adopt-A-Highway group, and their cleanup efforts can count for both agencies. We are flexible, and we've worked very well with the PRIDE organization, especially in Johnson, Pike and Martin

counties. So if you are part of a PRIDE group, you may as well get Adopt-A-Highway credit for your work, too."

According to KYTC, enrollment in the program has been increasing. "This shows that Kentuckians place a high importance on maintaining and improving the scenic beauty of our state," Secretary Prather said. "Through their participation they are sending a message that littering is simply unacceptable in our commonwealth."

"The environment is everyone's responsibility," Patton said. "Adopt-A-Highway provides a chance to be part of the solution."

According to Patton about \$5 million and 200,000 hours of labor are spent each year to remove 96,000 bags of litter from state roadways. "As an Adopt-a-Highway volunteer, you will save thousands in taxpayer dollars and demonstrate to others that a clean environment is important."

To adopt a highway you must represent an established business, association, community or public organization, or government entity. Groups currently participating in the

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## Measure would allow people to eat deer that damage crops

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Buzzards could lose a bountiful food supply under a bill that's making its way through the Kentucky General Assembly.

The measure would change a law that essentially bars farmers who shoot crop-damaging deer from giving them to needy families.

With the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources issuing

about 3,500 permits for landowners to shoot troublesome deer each year, buzzards and coyotes have had lots of rotting carcasses to dine on.

If state Rep. Royce Adams, D-Dry Ridge, gets his way, those deer would be eaten by people.

"We're hoping we can encourage more utilization of the meat," Adams said. "There are all kinds of people out there who are hungry."

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

approved legislation Thursday to allow landowners to request a disposal tag so that the deer carcasses can be sent to butcher shops for processing. It now goes to the Senate floor for consideration. The House approved the bill last week, but would have to vote on it again because of a modification made in the Senate committee.

Bud Clancy, president of the Kentucky League of Property Owners, said the state's deer

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Not content to use traditional entry ways, would-be burglars breaking into the Prestonsburg Rite-Aid Friday morning tried to make their own door.

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Guest view

## Not just for the media

Those of us who raise our voices in protest whenever we think government is not being as open as it should are sometimes told by elected officials that only a handful of people in the media really care about open meetings, open records and the like.

Well, those elected officials are wrong about the public being disinterested in such matters. A new poll conducted by Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University has found that almost three out of every four Americans think their government is becoming more secretive and they don't like it.

According to the poll commissioned by the American Society of Newspaper Editors in observance of National Sunshine Week, only 20 percent of the American people — one in five — think the federal government is as open as it should be. Just two years ago, 33 percent of the respondents in a similar poll were satisfied with the openness of the federal government. During the same period, the percentage of those surveyed who thought the federal government was "very secretive" has doubled to 44 percent from 22 percent.

Given the secretive nature of the administration of President George W. Bush, such numbers are not the least bit surprising. The Bush administration has consistently tried to keep public information from the public — all in the name of protecting "national security," of course. But this president seems to think that even the most mundane information is a threat to national security. Thus "national security" has become an all-purpose umbrella under which a wide variety of abuses can hide. No wonder the American people distrust this administration.

In the same survey, local and state governments fared better than the national government: 56 percent felt their local government was open or somewhat open and 50 percent felt that way about their state government.

Here in Kentucky we are fortunate to have one of the nation's strongest open meetings and open records laws, and a long line of opinions issued by attorney generals have come down solidly in support of open government. Since attorney general opinions on open records and open meetings carry the force of law in Kentucky, that's important.

However, even with strong laws protecting openness in government, we must be ever vigilant in our efforts to guard against those government officials who would deny ordinary citizens access to public meetings and public records.

Public officials in Kentucky have learned that the law demands that they conduct the public's business in the sunshine. They may not like it, but with few exceptions, they obey the law.

Responding to the latest survey on open government, Lucy Dalglisch, executive director of the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press, said, "It's not just the media that wants open government. The survey has consistently shown that 'ordinary' citizens want it, too."

Candidates for public office — and those who are serving in those offices — should take note. Open and transparent government is not only good public policy, it's good politics.

— The Daily Independent, Ashland



## Rich Lowry Column

### Whose politics of fear?

Last month, in the words of Nancy Pelosi, House Democrats struck back against "fear" and "fear-mongering." They let the terrorist surveillance program expire, thus making a stirring gesture of national self-confidence and fearlessness.

House Democrats probably can't sustain their stand against renewing the program over the long term, so they will have managed a Pyrrhic defeat, losing on the policy and exposing a major political vulnerability for the fall.

President Bush compromised with Senate Democrats on a renewal of the surveillance program that passed by a 2-1 margin. The program monitors the communications of terrorist suspects outside the United States, which the president has the inherent authority to do. The legal and political controversy has arisen because many overseas communications now — in the age of fiber optics — travel through the United States and has gotten entangled with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

FISA plainly isn't meant to apply to foreign communications. Its purpose is to protect people in the United States from being targeted for national-security surveillance unless there is a finding of "probable cause" by a

special FISA court that they are an agent of a foreign power. But a judge on that FISA court ruled early this past year that foreign communications must meet the same probable-cause standard under the law. According to Director of National Intelligence Mike McConnell, our intelligence yield dropped off by a catastrophic two-thirds.

The urgency of the situation led to the quick passage this past summer of the Protect America Act that exempted foreign communications from FISA's restrictions. The act had a six-month sunset. The House has now let it expire.

House leaders shrug and say that the essential authorities remain in place for another six months. This is a dodge. We can continue to surveil current overseas targets, but can't pick up any new targets without FISA's onerous restrictions — a severe hampering of our intelligence.

House Democrats tell themselves they are striking a blow against the politics of fear. But only if we suffer another mass-casualty terror attack will a politics of untrammelled fear be unleashed on the land. Best to do all

we can to avoid it, especially when it involves nonviolations of the non-rights of non-Americans.

It's not as though Democrats don't traffic in their own politics of fear. Barack Obama summons a dark vision in his speeches of Americans denied economic opportunity and health care by lobbyists and callous corporations. Indeed, Exxon puts our planet "at risk." It's just that terrorists don't make his fright list. In his victory speech after the Potomac Primary, Obama warned of using

"9/11 to scare up votes."

Naturally, Obama opposed the Senate's FISA deal, and he even denounced the telecoms that have cooperated with U.S. intelligence as "special interests." Here is a major opening for John McCain. The Arizona Republican will never out-inspire anyone, but he can lead a serious national discussion of what we reasonably should fear, and how Obama, and the Pelosi wing of the Democratic Party of which he is the soaring avatar, discount it at our peril.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

### The Rich Lowry column



## beyond the beltway

### Are the Democrats trying to lose?

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

If the presidential campaign were a heavyweight fight, I'd say the Democrats were trying to throw it.

Six months ago, I was getting out my old FDR campaign buttons and going around the house whistling "Happy Days Are Here Again." There was no way the Republicans were going to win.

Consider the evidence:

■ Their field of candidates was lame: a guy the Religious Right didn't trust, one nobody but the Religious Right trusted, a snarling New Yorker with more baggage than a luggage shop and an old guy Real Republicans couldn't stand.

■ They all supported the never-ending war in Iraq, the political equivalent of being in favor of diphtheria.

■ The economy was lurching toward recession or worse, the D word. And, mark this, never in living memory have the American people returned an incumbent party to the presidency during a recession.

In short, the election was all but wrapped up. The Democrats, I thought, had merely to choose among a number of excellent candidates and wait for Inauguration Day.

I should have known better.

Unnoticed by all of us was the fact that the Democrats had carefully choreographed a train wreck.

It wasn't enough to bring forward the first woman to mount a serious run at the presidency, they also pro-

duced the first black candidate with a chance to win. This split two core Democratic constituencies, ensuring that at least one segment of their most reliable supporters would feel betrayed and abandoned yet again. They then cleverly arranged to exclude from the primary process two of the states most important to their success in the fall, in effect telling Michigan and Florida to get lost.

Not content, they adhered to a selection system that made it almost certain that any contest between two evenly matched opponents would be inconclusive. And to put a cherry on this banana-republic split, they put the final deciding power in hands of "super delegates" — a polite term for party hacks — taking us back to the days of the "smoke-filled room."

As a result, Democrats are facing three months of guerrilla warfare between two estimable candidates, one of whom will leave the convention as the triumphant nominee — nose bent to one side, an ear hanging by a thread, missing three front teeth:

To be greeted by a tanned, rested John McCain who will then summon the justly famous Republican attack machine whose engineers will have spent the previous six months taking notes.

When Will Rogers said: "I don't belong to an organized party; I'm a Democrat," he wasn't kidding. You might say: "Senators Clinton and Obama shouldn't attack each other. They should just play nice."

They have very little choice. They are both center-left liberals; the difference between the programs they

offer is miniscule. They are separated mainly by race, gender and personality, not issues. So they are forced to attack each other's personal flaws and inadequacies.

Sen. Hillary Clinton's approach is particularly problematic. Her main argument against Sen. Barack Obama is that she is more experienced and would make a stronger commander-in-chief "from day one."

However specious those claims may be, she is taken seriously when she makes them. She will be laughed off the stage, however, if she makes them

against John McCain, who has more experience and is a war hero besides.

Obama's message of change, hope and soaring rhetoric might be a bit ephemeral for some but it at least provides a contrast to McCain, whose speeches are Rotarian in style and who offers only more of President George W. Bush's magic elixir.

Now ... it could be that the economy is such a horror show by November that a Republican victory is truly impossible. But should the economy go that far south, the Republicans are perfectly capable of convincing voters that the Democrats are at fault.

Remember, you don't have to fool all of the people all of the time; you have to fool half of them for a single day in November, once every four years.

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Swathi Gutti, of Floyd County, competed in the Kentucky Derby Festival Spelling Bee, held recently at Churchill Downs in Louisville. Pictured left to right are Nancy Norris, Kentucky Derby Festival Chair; Dana Johnson, Director of Community Relations for Churchill Downs; Gutti; David S. Beck, Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation Executive Vice President and Steve McCormick, Director of Administrative Services for Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Company. A total of 45 youngsters from Kentucky and Southern Indiana competed in the annual event sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau, Churchill Downs, WHAS Radio and Insight. Joshua Caplinger, a seventh-grade student at West Carter Middle School in Olive Hill, won the Spelling Bee and will represent Kentucky in the Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee, to be held May 29-30, in Washington D.C..

Cleanup

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program range from Girl and Boy Scout troops to adult civic clubs. Highways are typically adopted in two-mile sections through KYTC, and the contracts can be renewed every two years. Groups interested in the program can contact Tarnell Patton or Ruby Bowling, Assistant Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator for Highway

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Murder

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said. According to Blackburn, Hall had reportedly been feuding with the Tacketts for some time over issues ranging from dogs to blocking the driveway. Both sides had filed complaints with law enforcement authorities before and, in 2006, Charlotte Hall, wife of the accused, had issued a complaint against Alan Tackett for terroristic threatening.

Sheriff Blackburn seemed to have no words for the double murder except to say, "It's a troubled, sad situation." Hall was arraigned before Judge James R. Allen in Floyd County District Court Friday morning, and has been charged with two counts of murder, as well as four counts of first-degree wanton endangerment due to the Tacketts' children being home when the shooting took place.

In court, Judge Allen said that Hall would be held in jail without bond at least until after the funeral of the Tacketts, at which time Allen said he may review the bond. Hall will appear in court next Wednesday for his preliminary hearing. The case is still being investigated by KSP and the Floyd County Sheriff's Office.

Wireless

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As a result, Graden was able to secure the entire network — including all hardware and two years of service — for roughly \$8,000. Mayor Jerry Fannin said the service has proven popular with the community and he is already fielding requests from residents outside the wireless zone for the city to expand it. Both he and Graden predicted that would happen. In addition to the downtown wireless zone, the city has expanded service to Archer Park and the MAC, and work is currently underway to provide the service at Stonecrest Golf Course. Graden said the wireless network will help the city compete for 21st century jobs, especially if the city follows through on plans to open a high-tech business park. He said such investments are nec-

essary for Prestonsburg to compete in the modern economy. "We're not competing with the next town over," Graden said. "We're not competing with the border of Indiana. We're competing with China and India ... It truly is a global economy without borders." In addition, Graden said the network will improve quality of life in the areas of education, medicine, tourism and communication.

One positive impact that is already being felt, Graden said, is increased exposure for the city. Graden said he has fielded calls from people in 20 states who are interested in Prestonsburg's wireless network. The network is one-half of a plan to modernize city government, with the second part being the creation of a new website for the city that will allow residents to take care of much of their business with

the city — such as paying taxes — online.

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Deer

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population has grown so large that they have devastated crops. "In some areas, it's worse than others," Adams said. "I've heard from people who say they get up and look out at night and see 20 or 30 deer in one alfalfa field. You can imagine the amount of damage that many deer could do in a short time." State law allows the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to issue permits to farmers to shoot deer, but not to donate them for venison. "This is objectionable to us," Clancy said. "Anything that's edible should be eaten." Elbridge Cook Jr., a nuisance wildlife trapper from Corinth, said deer herds have been known to ravage gardens, cornfields, even apple orchards in Kentucky despite the best efforts of landowners to chase them away. "If the deer needs to be put down because of crop damage, someone should be able to use it," he said. The legislation is House Bill 618.

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### Reverse is no substitute for parking brake

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## This Town, That World

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

Spring officially arrived at 7:57 last Friday evening, and a few minutes later was unceremoniously blown back whence it came by an arctic blast. Whatever happened to the fishing season, don't mention it.

### TIME AND A HALF

Watt Hale tells a story that may have within it, somewhere, the beginning of overtime pay. This was in the days when a man on the farm drew the lordly sum of 50 cents a day for sunrise to sundown work. The old farmer had worked his crew to a frazzle, and at the end of the day was paying the boys off.

Fifty cents here, and on down the line till he came to a fellow with a peg-leg. He handed the fellow his pay, and the other, honest yeoman that he was, remarked "You've paid me too much—you gave me 75 cents."

"That's all right, son," the farmer replied. "I'm payin' you time and a half, for every time you stepped with that peg-leg of your'n you made me a hole to set a sweet tater plant in."

### AND THAT'S HOW

Not to be outdone, but always careful to protect his reputation for truth and veracity, Lenna Moore tells one which he lays to the credit (?) of one of his fellow-workers down at the parking lot. Says this fellow tells of tangling with a monster bass while fishing over one of these sunken car bodies in Dewey Lake, and of losing the fish after a terrific struggle of some minutes "what happened—why did you lose him?" he was asked.

And, according to this version of the matter, the fisherman explained: "That's simple. That fish just crawled back into that car and rolled the window up on me."

### PALMER TELLS HOW

Saw a magazine article this week by Arnold Palmer, who took several pages to tell how, any golfer could take 10 strokes off his score for 18 holes. I was beginning to be impressed till it suddenly occurred to me that Mr. Palmer needed to take just about that many strokes off his own score in some of these recent tournaments.

### BUT THAT WOULD HURT "BUSINESS"

Gallup, New Mexico, is having one horrendous time with its drunks—drunken Indians, mainly. The police jammed the jail till the health authorities became concerned. Drinking became so universal among these native sons of ours, that Gallup officials consulted psychiatrists, doctors, everybody—even considered a bigger and more modern jail. What was so amusing about the whole sad story was the failure of the Gallup city fathers to use their noggins and consider getting rid of some of those 40-odd bars that have been set up to catch the Redskin trade.



"Marylin," 2007 acrylic and cutout.

photos by Kathy J. Prater

## BSCTC Art Gallery hosts exhibition of works of new instructor, Tim Smith

Currently showing at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Art Gallery, located on the Prestonsburg campus, is an exhibition of recent works by BSCTC art instructor, Timothy Smith. The exhibit includes a variety of materials including a marble carving, bronze casting, photo collage and abstract-style paintings. Smith's most recent works displayed are large acrylics on canvas of roughly textured compositions with a surrealist tone.

In attempting to describe his work, Smith said, "I prefer not to talk about the content of the paintings. They can be interpreted based on the viewers own experiences. The experiences and processes involved in making the images are important aspects to me. The painting becomes almost a record of the actual experience of creating it. This is very exciting to me. That's where the surrealist character comes in. I like the idea of trying to get close to a subconscious expression, loosely based on art history and personal concerns. The image is important, also. Images can have a powerful impact. It's sort of a struggle between image and idea. It's an exciting way of approaching art. When I work on a painting, I never know exactly where I'm going with it. That's the best way that I can explain it, after all, art is a visual language. Must we also describe it verbally?"

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College Art Gallery is located in the Magoffin Building on the Prestonsburg Campus. BSCTC administrators, Smith and Gallery Curator Timothy Sizemore invite everyone to stop by to view this unique showing.



"John," 1991, cast bronze sculpture with wood base.

## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Hatchet'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

A talented cast and breakneck pacing distinguish this return to the "slasher" cycle of films.

Director Adam Green has said that his intent was to duplicate the 1980s-style horror movie, but he actually soars above that goal by injecting the film with loads of humor and over-the-top gore. Unlike a 1980s horror fest, this one provides you with characters that are over 18 and actually gives them more to do than party and wait around to be killed by a super-human psycho in a plastic mask.



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

The film opens in a misty swamp, where father-and-son poachers are looking to grab some gators. After a banal conversation about the logistics of relieving one's bladder we get a first, albeit false, scare as the son decides to go over the side of the canoe. A gator (about the size of a Volkswagen) doesn't take kindly to Cajuns who treat his home like a fire hydrant and springs up long enough to teach the young man some manners, and give him a stain that will be hard to explain.

The gator scene is quickly followed by a vague humanoid shape which rips the men apart and we are off to the races.

Next up the film shifts to the French Quarter of New Orleans. Here we meet the despondent Ben, who has just broken up with the girl he had dated since seventh grade. His buddies are mostly drunk frat guys looking for the next Mardi Gras party, but all Ben wants is to go on a haunted swamp tour. He gets his wish when his best friend Marcus opts to keep him company.

The tour group is an eclectic bunch that transcends the usual suspects in a slasher film and includes: Marybeth, a withdrawn girl; Misty and Jenna, models there to film bits of a "Girls Gone Wild"-style film; Shapiro, a film maker with no shame; and the Permatteos, a retired couple who speak like they walked off the set of "Fargo" to be in this movie. The group is led by a shady character named Shawn, who appears to have little experience with the region, though that doesn't stop him from trying to sound like he's always in the know.

The group heads out to the swamp after an embarrassing bus tour where the Permatteos show that they read up on Cajun lore and challenge all of Shawn's patter. Shawn does get their attention by telling the story of Victor Crowley and here things get interesting. Through flashback we get the whole story of a deformed boy raised in the swamp by his loving dad. We get to see how he was ostracized for looking different and how a prank by local kids backfired and set his house ablaze with the boy trapped inside. When dad came to the rescue, he had

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## Her 'American Idol'

by SALLIE A. RODMAN

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE AMERICAN IDOL SOUL"

The phone always rings right at 9 p.m. on the dot.

"It's time for 'Idol,' Mom. Are you ready?" It's my oldest daughter, Jennifer.

"Sure am, and I'm crossin' my fingers for Melinda and Jordin. I heard Jennifer Lopez is coaching them this week!"

"That is so cool!" she replies. "I'm saying a little prayer that Jordin and Melinda will be on sea duty for another nine months. Watching "American Idol" together is one of my ways of reaching out to her so that she doesn't feel so alone."

that she hangs up.

Thus starts our weekly journey into an hour of time that is all ours — just me and my daughter, who lives a thousand miles away.

Jennifer is a military wife. She lives with my two grandchildren in Washington state, a long way from her hometown of Los Alamitos. She moved there in the middle of last year and is slowly making friends, but it's not easy being alone. Her husband, Ed, is in the Navy serving in the North Arabian Sea, supporting the troops on the ground in Afghanistan in Operation Enduring Freedom. Ed

will be on sea duty for another nine months. Watching "American Idol" together is one of my ways of reaching out to her so that she doesn't feel so alone.

She grabs a Coke and I grab my tea, and we each settle down in front of our respective TV sets. Her kids are in bed at last, and she can have a little time to herself. We call back and forth on our cell phones between contestants. She's voting for Jordin Sparks, and I was voting for Gina Glocksen until she was voted off last week. We both cried when Gina left. So now we're both voting for Jordin, but we also like Melinda a lot — and Chris, Lakisha and Blake.

Whoops, there goes my phone again.

"Can you believe that Sanjaya?" she says before I even get a chance to say hello.

"What does everyone see in him?"

"I don't know, hon, but they must see something. I know the teenyboppers who work part time in my office just love him to death."

"Oh," she giggles, "I forgot about them. Haley's up; gotta run. Catch you after," and she's gone again.

And so it goes, week after week. When the show is over, we recap what Haley wore, how long Melinda

held her notes, how rude Simon's remarks were and who we think might get the boot tomorrow night.

For the contestants, "American Idol" is the dream of a lifetime. For me, "American Idol" is a time to connect with my daughter during these difficult days in her life and hopefully help keep her spirits afloat. For Jennifer, "American Idol" is her little hour of fun where she can escape into a world

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# Reverse is no substitute for parking brake

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

Several years ago, my Ford Ranger coasted out of my driveway at about 2 a.m. and rammed a minivan across the road. (I parked on a very steep driveway.) I learned to drive on my grandparents' cherry farm and was taught to put everything — tractors, pickups, cars, anything with a standard transmission — into reverse when I parked it, because that would keep it from rolling backward. It seemed to work for many years ... until that night, at least. My question is: Will putting a vehicle in reverse make it less likely to roll backward down a hill? It seems counterintuitive. When I got to my truck that night, the door was locked and it was in reverse. — Brendan

RAY: Will parking a manual-transmission car in reverse make it less likely to roll down a hill? Yes. Will it guarantee that the car won't roll down a hill? Absolutely not.

TOM: Whether you put the transmission in a forward or reverse gear makes less difference than the ratio of the gear (the compression in the cylinders will make the engine resist moving in either direction — forward or

backward). You want a high gear ratio in order to give the wheels a mechanical disadvantage. First and reverse have the highest gear ratios.

RAY: By putting the vehicle in gear, you're making a direct mechanical connection between the engine and the wheels. You're making it so the wheels can't turn unless they force the engine to turn.

TOM: So, what you've done, when you put the car in gear and connect the engine to the wheels, is made a bet that the compression inside the cylinders is strong enough to counteract the effect of gravity trying to pull the weight of the car down the hill. And on mild-enough hills, you'll win that bet.

RAY: But you could lose the bet on steep hills — or if your engine's compression is low, or if your clutch is slipping, or if there's ice on the ground.

TOM: That's why we have this relatively new invention called — pay attention, Brendan — the parking brake.

RAY: Putting a vehicle in gear — even the most mechanically disadvantageous gear — doesn't guarantee that your car won't roll down a hill. So we always suggest that you put the car in

first or reverse AND apply the parking brake.

TOM: If your Ranger used to hold on that same hill, under all the same conditions, then something may well have changed, and you'll want to have a mechanic check out the condition of the clutch and get a compression test. But regardless, even when everything else is working perfectly, you still should make a habit of using the parking brake.

RAY: It's good insurance, Brendan. It's why my brother's dates always bring two paper bags with them — one to put over my brother's head, and one for themselves, in case my brother's falls off.

### A hairy problem

Dear Tom and Ray: Please help me. I have a 1996 Honda Accord that runs great — no complaints. However, this morning, coming back to my car in a parking lot, I noticed some long hair or fur hanging out from my exhaust pipe. I removed some of it, and a kind gentleman pulled some more out and thought he got all of it. After driving 60 miles back home, I parked the car in the garage and noticed a lot more hair/fur

hanging out of the same exhaust pipe. It is long, soft-black/gray/white hair or fur. I noticed a foul smell in the trunk as I was getting the groceries out. Please, what could this be, and how did something — an animal of some kind — get in there? Did it get in from another part of the car, like somewhere under the hood? I am afraid to touch the car again. Who do I go to or call to get this taken care of? Thank you so much. — Linda

TOM: Call the Hair Club for Men, Linda. You might be able to sell this stuff and supplement your income.

RAY: Did the "kind gentleman" happen to mention anything about being a president and a client? He might have been Sy Sperling.

TOM: What you've got actually is something we refer to as muffler hair, Linda. It seems to be unique to Hondas. At least, those are the only cars we've seen with flowing muffler locks.

RAY: Honda apparently uses some sort of insulation in its mufflers that looks an awful lot like human or animal hair. It's not hair. It's probably fiberglass, or some such thing. It's used to keep the baffles in the muffler from rattling when the muffler starts to get old and the parts loosen up.

TOM: But when the interior of the muffler really begins to disintegrate, the baffles no longer hold the insulation (i.e., muffler hair) in place, and it gets pushed out the tailpipe.

RAY: This leads to a fair number of blood-curdling screams coming from people's garages when they go out in the morning and think Grandma has been stuffed up the tailpipe.

TOM: So, it means you need a new muffler, Linda. In the meantime, try putting it up in a bun or something so it doesn't look unruly.



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## Lagoon

to break in using a hatchet which wound up wounding the boy, who was cowering on the other side of the door as dad chopped it down.

This bit explains to the audience who killed the poachers, but our tourists appear to know nothing and are soon trapped in Crowley country when their boat sinks.

The stranded tourists observe a house in the swamp and begin to make for it until Marybeth speaks up and says that it is the Crowley house. She reveals that her father and brother went missing in the area two nights before and that she took the tour to investigate their whereabouts. She goes on to note that nobody comes there because of the Crowley legend, which made the area attractive to her desperate dad. Turns out there is something to fear and Crowley promptly shows up and hacks away at the Permattoes.

The movie doesn't fool around here and their fate is graphically over-the-top demonstrating that special effects men are still capable of blowing away CGI. The group

panics like Britney Spears when she spots flashing blue lights in her rearview mirror and quickly abandons the best strategy here by splitting up.

They eventually regroup and we learn that everyone has a secret, especially Shawn, who turns out to be a Detroit hustler still learning the ropes in the Big Easy. They eventually decide to fight back, but Crowley is as indestructible as any 1980s horror creature and he proceeds to whittle down the cast like "Gong Show" rejects.

What separates this one from the pack is the editing, which makes for a quick ride (under 90 minutes) and doesn't allow for time to catch a breath.

Then there are the characters who are actually fun to be around. Ben is a good lead as he proves resourceful and has a sardonic outlook which resembles the early seasons of "Friends" when David Schwimmer was allowed to be morose and consequently funny.

Marybeth makes for a tough final girl, though even this

cliché is upended in the final scene, which I won't ruin here.

All of the characters are allowed to be funny, with the two actresses topping the list as they are shown to be real people desperate enough for fame in a "reality TV" culture that they would abandon their dignity, and clothing, at the drop of a hat.

The real surprise here is Kanc Hodder as Crowley, and in flashbacks as his own dad. He was always good as a lumbering killer (witness his work in the "Friday the 13th" films), but here he also shows he can emote with the best of them.

Top it all off with New Orleans as a scenic backdrop and you have a perfect slice of 2007 cheese. This should fill the bill for those who are starved for an 1980s-style horror picture made with more respect for the genre than most 1980s filmmakers could muster.

Best line: "But you only shot him once, right? Maybe you gotta shoot him more times, like four or six. Maybe you gotta shoot him six times." 2007, unrated edition.

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## FCT ONLINE POLL

RESULTS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 16 - MARCH 23, 2008

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

More "good" jobs	██████████	(143 Votes, 59%)
Better roads	██	(11 Votes, 5%)
Better schools	██	(16 Votes, 7%)
Water and sewer lines	████	(29 Votes, 12%)
More tourist attractions	██	(10 Votes, 4%)
Stronger ethics in government	██████	(34 Votes, 14%)

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of feuding judges, beat-boxers and rockers, celebrity coaches and songs gone awry, while her real American Idol is on the other side of the world, defending our freedom. And Jennifer has a dream, too — to have her idol come back safe and sound to her and her two sleeping children.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Rita Gay Swiney Branham, 51, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 4, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Andrew Elliott, 78, of Eustis Florida, formerly of McDowell, died Saturday, March 1, at home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Berla Mae Estep, 71, of Minnie, died Friday, March 14, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, March 17, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Linzie Hale, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Hatfield Hale. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Wilma Hall, 86, of Pikeville, died Monday, March 17, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Dorothy Hamilton, 79, of Drift, died Saturday, March 15, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Alpha Jean Johnson, 50, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, March 16, at the Hazard ARH. She is survived by her husband, Russell Johnson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ivel Joe McSurley Sr., 69, of Emma, died Friday, March 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Doris Hughes McSurley. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Maxine Reynolds, 74, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 18, at the Riverview Health Care, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Friday, March 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Terry David Walk, 58, of Wabash, Indiana, a Martin native, died Thursday, March 13. He is survived by his wife, Jane Walk. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 18,

Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Services were in charge of arrangements.

■ Charles Yates, 65, of Honaker, died Tuesday, March 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Wilma Hall, 86, of Pikeville, died Monday, March 17, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, March 21, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ James "Jimmy Milkman" Justice, 68, of Majestic, died Friday, March 14, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Montgomery Justice. Funeral services were held Monday, March 17, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Tandy Lowe Jr., 85, of Hatfield, died Sunday, March 16, in Asheville, N.C. Arrangements, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Kent Douglas Owens, 52, of Lincolnton, N.C., a Pike County native, died Sunday, March 16, at the Lincolnton Nursing Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 19, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Edis Marie Blevins Reed, 88, of Nolan, W.Va., a Pike County native, died Tuesday, March 18, in Louisa. She is survived by her husband, Harry L. Reed. Graveside services were held Thursday, March 20, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel of Toler.

■ George David Trent, 90, of Grundy, Va., formerly of McAndrews, died Monday, March 17, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 20, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

## KNOTT COUNTY

■ Danny Ray Pigman, 55, of Lexington, formerly of Knott County, died Monday, March 3, at the UK Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, March 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Woolery John "TJ" Reynolds, 74, of Mallic, died Saturday, March 8, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home,

Hindman.

■ Madison Hope Sparkman, infant daughter of Dustin and Glenda Hayes Sparkman, of Kite, died Wednesday, March 5, at St. Joseph East Hospital, Lexington. Graveside services were held Saturday, March 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Arthur "Root" Thornsberry, 82, of Kite, died Sunday, March 9, at McDowell ARH. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Mirzie Blair, 92, of Paintsville, a Magoffin County native, died Thursday, March 13, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 16, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Elizabeth Holbrook Adams Castle, 78, of Sitka, died Monday, March 17, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Friday, March 21, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Faye Castle, of Urbana, Ohio, 54, a Paintsville native,

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

■ Bobby Jean Conley, 73, of North Manchester, Indiana, a former long-time resident of Riceville, died Thursday, March 13, at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester. Funeral services were held Monday, March 17, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Loran Davis, 87, of Ashland, a Paintsville native, died Tuesday, March 11, at the Woodland Oaks' Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 16, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Beatrice N. Dennison, 83, of Ethel, W. Va., a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, March 11, at the Logan Regional Medical Center, in Logan, W.Va. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 15, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Gladys Estep, 77, of Flat Gap, died Sunday, March 16, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held

Tuesday, March 18, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Janice Houston Pelphrey Johnson, 69, a Paintsville native, died Sunday, March 9, at Central Baptist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Bobby Johnson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 12, under the direction of Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Harrodsburg Road.

■ Fred Newman, 66, of Offutt, died Monday, March 10, in Houston, Texas. Funeral services were held Monday, March 17, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Thomas Earl Wells, 62, of Van Lear, died Friday, March 14, at Hager Hill. Funeral services were held Monday, March 17, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

## LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Goldia R. Combs, 86, of Columbus, Ohio, a Lawrence County native, died Thursday, March 13, at Mt. Carmel West in Columbus. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 19, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

## MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Orville Arb Rife, 68, of Falcon, died Saturday, March

15, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 19, under the direction of the Magoffin County Funeral Home.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ Martin Crum, 62, of Inez, died Friday, March 14, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. He is survived by his wife, June Dalton Crum. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Joseph Johnson, 46, of Inez, died Tuesday, March 11, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Bonnie Lou Marcum, 62, of Inez, died Tuesday, March 11, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, March 14, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Glen H. Maynard, 76, a native of Pilgrim, died Sunday, February 24, after an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Irene Margot Maynard. A memorial service was held Friday, February 29, under the direction of Maxwell P. Dunne Funeral Service.

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## 2008 Great Easter Egg Hunt

### CLUE #12

Three goats once had an enemy. He's gone now, leaving only me.

## Bentley claims annual MSC AD award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — While Pikeville may have been the site of the crowning of the new Mid-South Conference champion Georgetown Tigers earlier in the month, one of Pikeville's own was given one of the conference's highest achievements.

Rick Bentley has faithfully served as Sports Information Director and Assistant Athletics Director at Pikeville College for 12 years, and for the fourth time he is being honored by the MSC with its annual Bill Sargent Award for

Sports Information Director of the Year.

"It's always special to be recognized by my peers, because these are people I share a calling with and whom I care very deeply about," said Bentley. "But that's certainly not why I do what I do. This is about a love of the student-athletes, of sports and of writing."

Anyone who knows Rick Bentley knows that to be true. His standard for excellence comes not from a desire to prove himself or pad an already impressive resume, it comes from an undying love of athletics.

"The good Lord saw fit to grace me with the talents to be in this business, and I thank Him every day for that," he said. "I do what I do because it's fun and I have a blast with it."

As if it were not enough to maintain the statistics and Web sites for all 19 of Pikeville's varsity sports, Bentley also volunteers as the radio voice of the Bears, as well as local high school teams, for East Kentucky Broadcasting. He also writes a weekly column for the Appalachian News-Express and The Floyd County Times.

"There are two groups of people I share this with," he said. "First, the coaches I work with every day make my job as enjoyable and as easy as they possibly can. They mean the world to me. Second, of course, is the members of the media I work with on a regular basis. They help me in my duty of getting word out about what we're doing and what's going on here in the athletics department. They are the ones who make my work qualify for an award like this."

And it does not matter

(See BENTLEY, page five)



Pikeville College AD Rick Bentley (right) was recently honored for his work.

## Affordable turkey hunting is available

by LEE McCLELLAN  
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — If you watch a sports channel on Saturday morning during the early spring, there is a good chance you will see footage of someone turkey hunting. Squatting against a tree with a camouflaged semi-automatic shotgun, dressed in full camouflage from head to toe, wearing a turkey hunting vest that has a seat cushion, the television hunter looks like he threw out \$2,500 in gear.

An average person can do the same thing for a fraction of that amount if they are patient. "Take the time to learn to hunt before you buy anything," said Norm Minch, avid turkey hunter and assistant director of the information and education division of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Getting a turkey close is much more important than the cost of your equipment. Increase your woods-manship and decrease your cost."

Ask turkey hunting friends or relatives if they have any old calls they will sell. There is a good chance they'll give you one, as most turkey hunters collect calls like bass anglers collect crankbaits. Slate, push button or box calls are good choices for a beginner. Mouth calls take more time to learn, but are convenient to use because they keep your hands free.

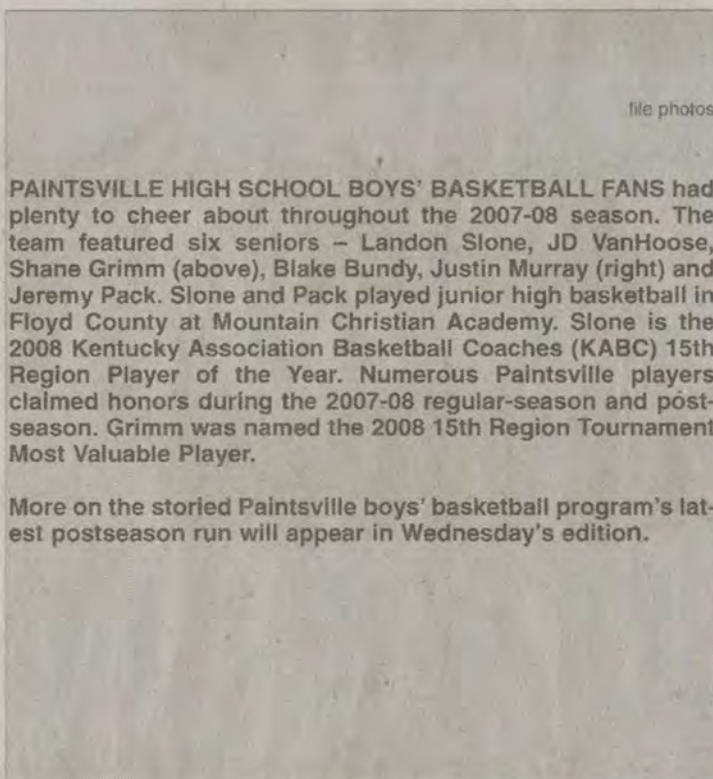
Learn the cluck and yelp calls first before advancing to the purr, the kee-kee run and the cackle. You can buy inexpensive cassette tapes that teach the basics of calling. Local libraries sometimes have these tapes that you can check-out for free.

"Learn to use your calls. That is the most important thing you can do to help yourself," said Minch, who can be found on a Shelby County hillside with his father many mornings during turkey season. "Also, after the season is over, take care of your calls. Many hunters throw their calls behind the seat of their trucks or in the trunk of their cars and forget about them. Heat is hard on the diaphragm of mouth calls. Moisture and heat can warp a box call. If you abuse your calls, you have to replace them again next year, which is expensive."

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## PAINTSVILLE BASKETBALL



PAINTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL FANS had plenty to cheer about throughout the 2007-08 season. The team featured six seniors — Landon Slone, JD VanHoose, Shane Grimm (above), Blake Bundy, Justin Murray (right) and Jeremy Pack. Slone and Pack played junior high basketball in Floyd County at Mountain Christian Academy. Slone is the 2008 Kentucky Association Basketball Coaches (KABC) 15th Region Player of the Year. Numerous Paintsville players claimed honors during the 2007-08 regular-season and post-season. Grimm was named the 2008 15th Region Tournament Most Valuable Player.

More on the storied Paintsville boys' basketball program's latest postseason run will appear in Wednesday's edition.

## LL PSA targets parents and sportsmanship

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — A Little League public service announcement (PSA), to be seen on the ESPN family of networks this spring and summer, deals with parents and sportsmanship.

In this still photo from the PSA, the batter, played by Johnny Maio of Tampa, Fla., waits in the box for the pitch, but steps out for a few words with his dad.

"Little League has always been looked upon to provide leadership in youth sports, and we are taking this subject head on as well," said Stephen D. Keener, President and Chief Executive Officer of Little League

Baseball and Softball. "The vast majority of the millions of Little League parents who sign their children up each year never cause any problems. But we do see a few who overreact and take the game too seriously, and they, unfortunately, are the ones everyone remembers."

The 15-second PSA opens with a batter at the plate during a game. An adult voice weakly cheers the player on, and the player turns toward the stands to berate his father for not cheering loudly enough.

"Come on dad, is that the best you can do?" the Little Leaguer, played by Johnny Maio, 12, of Tampa, Fla.,

screams toward the stands. "That's pathetic. I don't even know why you bother showing up. Why can't you be more like Jimmy's dad? All the other parents are going to laugh at you. You make me sick."

In the midst of the tirade, a title appears on the screen: "Now you know how it feels. Just let them play."

The PSA, along with several other videos produced by or for Little League, can be found online at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/DugoutTheMascot>.

The four PSAs for 2008 were filmed at Cross Bayou Little League, in Seminole, Fla.

## Pack earns boys' 15th Region scholarship

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Floyd County native Jeremy Pack is one of 32 Sweet Sixteen scholarship winners. Pack, the sixth man for the Paintsville High School boys' basketball team, claimed the 15th Region Boys' Sweet Sixteen scholarship. Pack, who played his junior high basketball at Mountain Christian Academy, helped lead Paintsville to this year's Sweet Sixteen boys' basketball tournament.

The 2008 KHSAA Sweet Sixteen Boys' Scholarship Winners: Region 1 — Travis Spiceland, Marshall County High School, Sport: Basketball; Region 2 — CJ Croft, Fort Campbell High School, Sport: Football; Region 3 — Nicholas Hoffman, Owensboro High School, Sport: Soccer; Region 4 — Dustin Stovall, Allen County Scottsville High School, Sport:

Baseball; Region 5 — Justin Pile, Nelson County High School, Sport: Basketball; Region 6 — Jeff Mullaney, DeSales High School, Sport: Basketball; Region 7 — Joshua Shannon Nicholas, Eastern High School, Sport: Football; Region 8 — Cody Lassigne, South Oldham High School, Sports: Football and Wrestling; Region 9 — Brian Hamilton, Villa Madonna, Sports: Basketball, Baseball, and Golf; Region 10 — M. Wylie Brace, Mason County High School, Sport: Football; Region 11 — Chris Morford, Woodford County High School, Sport: Baseball; Region 12 — Kenneth Dale Hughes, Somerset High School, Sport: Football; Region 13 — Jared Scott Jeffrey, Pineville High School, Sports: Basketball, Baseball, and Golf; Region 14 — Corey Davidson, Jackson Independent School, Sports:

Soccer and Baseball; Region 15 — Jeremy S. Pack, Paintsville High School, Sport: Basketball; Region 16 — Nathan A. Miles, Rowan County High School, Sports: Soccer and Baseball.

The 2008 Girls' Sweet Sixteen Scholarship Winners: Region 1 — Meagan Pickett, Ballard Memorial High School, Sport: Cross Country; Region 2 — Angel Williams, Webster County High School, Sports: Soccer and Track and Field; Region 3 — Carrie E. Himmelhaver, Breckinridge County High School, Sport: Fastpitch Softball; Region 4 — Ashley Edwards, Russellville High School, Sport: Basketball Manager; Region 5 — Madelynn Ringo, Bethlehem High School, Sport: Basketball; Region 6 — Brittany Luster, Bullitt Central High School, Sport: Basketball; Region 7 — Meredith Doll, Assumption High

School, Sport: Cross Country; Region 8 — Stacey Corry, Trimble County High School, Sports: Volleyball and Track and Field; Region 9 — Courtney Crank, Boone County High School, Sport: Cheerleading; Region 10 — Jenny Moran, Calvary Christian, Sport: Basketball; Region 11 — Sarah Tandy, Lafayette High School, Sport: Volleyball; Region 12 — Jesslyn Long, Lincoln County High School, Sports: Cross Country and Softball; Region 13 — Melanie Rose Y. Uy, Middlesboro High School, Sport: Golf; Region 14 — Arielle Alexandra Engle, Hazard High School, Sports: Basketball and Volleyball; Region 15 — Kathryn Claire King, Johnson Central High School, Sport: Volleyball; Region 16 — Tori Smith, Paul G. Blazer High School, Sport: Soccer.

## 'Copper' John set to be inducted into KHSAA HoF

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Twelve former high school coaches, athletes, officials administrators and/or contributors make up the 21st class to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The class was first recognized at the annual Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame golf outing 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. Among the inductees is former Wayland High School boys' basketball coach "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.

Others due to be inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame are Joe Carr Jr., Gloria Compton, Nancy Crutcher Martin, Charles "Doodle" Floyd, E.G. Plummer, William Burton Rankin, Ervin Stepp, Brad Wilkerson, Rozella Young.

Two 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. Coleman played under Campbell's watch at Wayland High School.

## Floyd-Johnson NWTF to hold first banquet

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd-Johnson Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) will hold the 1st Annual Hunting Heritage Banquet on Friday, March 28 at Heritage House Hotel. The banquet will run from 6-10 p.m. The banquet will include games, raffles, silent auction, dinner and live auction. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

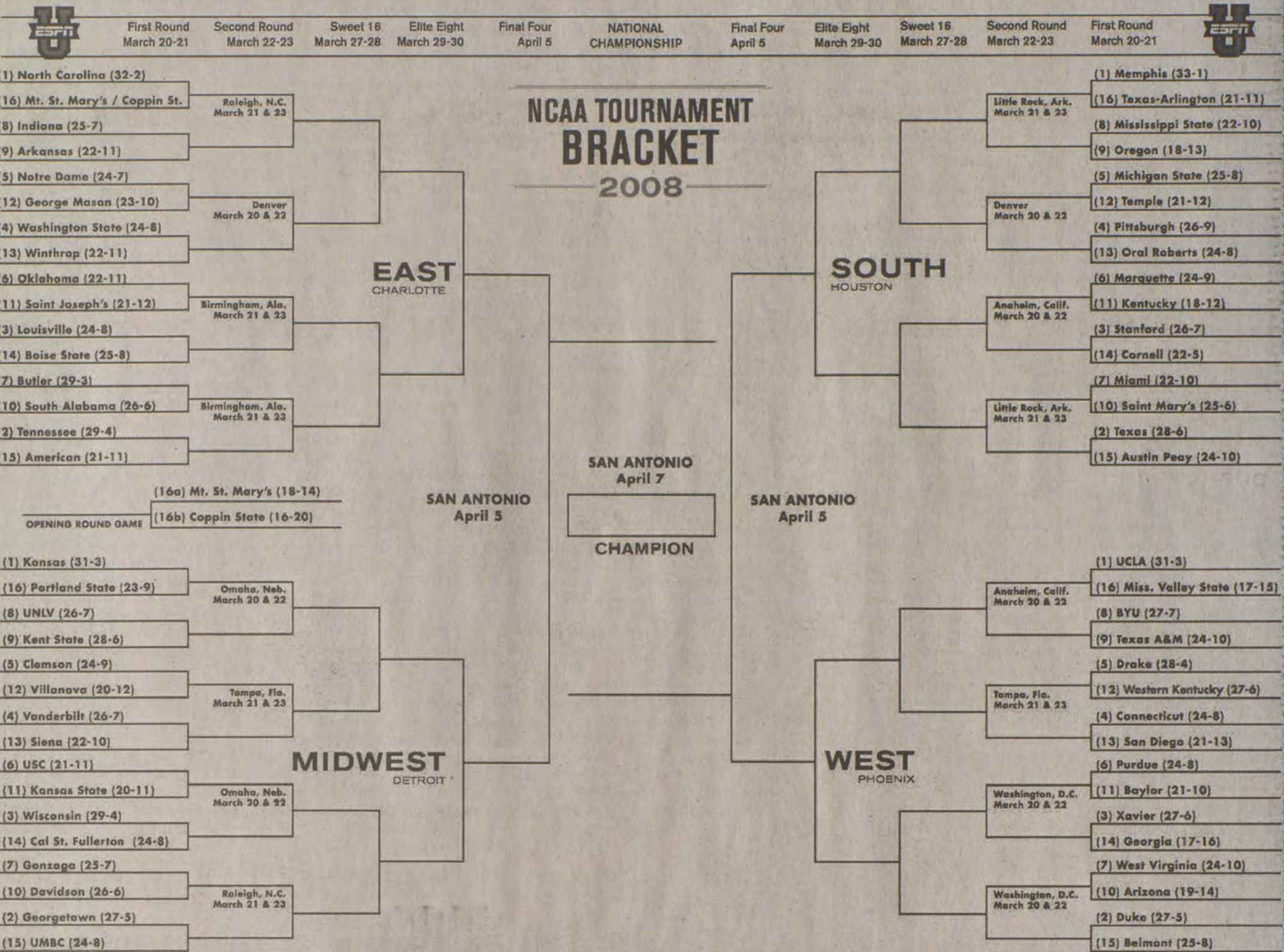
The Floyd and Johnson county chapters of the NWTF recently combined to form one chapter. Tom Scott is the Floyd-Johnson NWTF Chapter President. Prior to combining, both NWTF chapters enjoyed growth and success.

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