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briefs
Mayton named deputy AG

Attorney General-Elect Jack Conway announced that he has named Dana Bynum Mayton to serve as Deputy Attorney General, the top appointed position in his office, effective in early January.

Mayton is currently Associate Vice-President for Governmental Relations and Special Assistant to the President at the University of Louisville. Prior to joining U of L, Mayton was the Secretary of the Revenue Cabinet. She was appointed to that position by the Governor after serving in various roles at the Revenue Cabinet, including Commissioner of the Department of Law.

"Dana has a unique set of skills that make her a perfect fit for this particular position," Conway said. "She has been a litigator, general counsel, cabinet secretary and university administrator, and she has earned a reputation for working well with members of both political parties. I feel fortunate that she has agreed to serve the Commonwealth as our Deputy Attorney General."

The position of Deputy Attorney General is created by KRS 15.100, which states that the individual "shall have the same qualifications required of a Circuit Judge except for residence in a district and who shall receive the same salary as a Circuit Judge."

Nurses OK new contract

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

McDOWELL — The three-month-long nurses strike came to an end over the weekend when a tentative agreement was reached between the Kentucky and West Virginia Nurses Association and Appalachian Regional

Healthcare.

Pat Tanner, lead negotiator for KNA/WVNA, said, "We are happy to report that the registered nurses have ratified the tentative agreement and are looking forward to returning to work once again, providing patients with safe, quality care."

Tanner added that, "it is important

that we thank governors Manchin and Beshear for their role in helping the parties reach common ground."

In a press release, Gov. Steve Beshear expressed his gratitude that an agreement to settle the strike had been reached.

"ARH is the region's largest health care provider and I am pleased that an

agreement was made and patient care in Eastern Kentucky can again begin to take precedence over contract disputes," said Beshear.

Beshear added that he had been very concerned about the impact on health care in Eastern Kentucky. "This posi-

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MAKING CHANGES



Jody Stapleton was one of the graduates last Tuesday of the Lifeline drug rehab program offered at Floyd County Detention Center.

Highlands to honor appeals court decision

PRESTONSBURG — The United States Court of Appeals has denied a petition filed by Highlands Regional Medical Center requesting a review of a bargaining order that resulted from a 2002 order to negotiate with the SEIU 1199 union.

The issue dates back to 2001, when a group of RNs circulated a petition asking for the decertification of the union. That election was blocked by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), and the hospital was ordered to begin bargaining for a contract for

RNs. HRMC subsequently withdrew recognition of the union at that time. When the hospital gave pay raises to RNs who were previously members of the union, the SEIU filed charges against the hospital. The NLRB ordered the hospital to begin bargaining with the union.

HRMC appealed the decision because they felt that RNs were not in favor of having a union. Since then, the decision has been in US courts awaiting a

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Small cities feeling crunch of property tax cap

VINE GROVE — Vine Grove Mayor Donovan Smith is feeling the crunch. Smith's city of about 5,000 is trying to meet the costs of new roads, water lines and sewage systems, but is running into a state-imposed 4 percent cap on how much property tax revenue can increase in cities annually.

The result in Vine Grove the past two years the tax rate homeowners pay on real property per \$100 has decreased from 0.180 in 2005 to 0.164 in 2007, limiting money for projects city leaders would like to implement.

"It's gotten to the point now that the city has dipped into its reserves the last two years a little bit," he said.

"That's never happened in Vine Grove before that I'm aware of."

At issue is a 1979 law, known since its inception as HB44, which limited the amount cities could take in on property taxes. The law has cost cities millions, said Joe Ewalt, policy development director for the Kentucky League of Cities.

The Kentucky League of Cities researched in 2005 how much potential revenue cities lost in a 10-year period because of the tax provision. Ewalt said Owensboro lost \$22 million, Bowling Green \$8 million and Georgetown \$11 million. Those perceived losses came despite Bowling Green taking its maximum 4-percent

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Jail program helps inmates turn new leaf

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two new drug rehab programs being offered in jail saw the graduation of 42 prisoners in the Floyd County Detention Center last Tuesday.

"These are both excellent programs," said Roger Webb, Floyd County Jailer. "This program is being offered in 14 jails statewide, and thus far has almost a 70 percent success

rate."

According to Webb, after a prisoner's release, the counselors follow up with them after six months, and then again in a year. The programs also offer post release counseling and continued support.

There were several county officials in attendance at the graduation including Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, who congratulated all of the graduates, saying, "This is a step in the right direction."

Also in attendance, Judge Eric Hall said, "Drugs are an ever increasing problem, and putting people in jail over and over again doesn't help."

During the graduation, Hall cautioned graduates, "Someday you will be out of here, and then it will be up to you. Stay away from the people and places that got you here."

Mike Vance, who works as a counselor for UNITE, told

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Battlefield site of stream restoration

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, in conjunction with the Big Sandy Resource Conservation and Development, sponsored a stream restoration presentation at Middle Creek Battlefield last week.

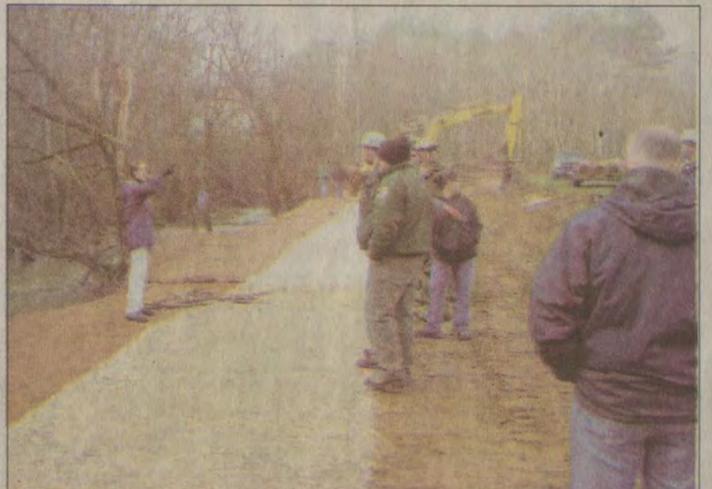
Bill Sampson, streams coordinator with KDFWR, said the Stream Restoration and Enhancement programs are designed to "restore and enhance the stream site, while improv-

ing water quality and habitat."

Wanda Lawson, project Engineer for CDP Engineers, said that the program "increases ecological values while fulfilling mitigation." Lawson stated that the increased sedimentation which stream restoration projects combat, is the worst pollutant found in the waterways.

According to the KDFWR, as part of the project riffles, pools, and gravel bars will be created in the streams while stream side vegetation will

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Wanda Lawson, of CDP Engineers gave a presentation on Stream Restoration and Enhancement, Thursday at Middle Creek Battlefield.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today
Partly cloudy
High: 53 • Low: 33

Tomorrow
Partly cloudy
High: 49 • Low: 39

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

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Eastern Kentuckian's nearly 90 years have been devoted to music

by MIKE JAMES
THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

ASHLAND — The big double bass shows a little more wear than it did when he bought it in 1936, but when Edward L. Buchanan draws his bow across its strings, the

opening notes of "Amazing Grace" rumble out clearly.

The instrument is 71 years old and Buchanan is 89. He sings the first lines of the old hymn in a quavering voice and then chuckles at the effect.

"The voice sings and the bass answers," he says.

Buchanan keeps the bass in the living room of his house on Central Avenue where he lives and still works.

He played in the Marshall University Symphony Orchestra until a few years ago. He tries to practice an hour a day but doesn't always keep to the schedule. The bass is as big as he is and gets heavier every day, Buchanan said.

There's plenty to keep him busy whether he practices or not. Retired after an academic career and then a second career in the sound and electronic alarm business, Buchanan took up a third career, when he was 82, in the stringed instrument repair business.

A glance anywhere in his home reveals signs of all of Buchanan's careers and a life spent making and working around music.

Next to his front door is the sign "Plaza Music Productions," a holdover from when Buchanan was in the recording business. He's left recording pretty much behind, although he does still dabble in transcribing music from reel-to-reel tapes to CDs.

Inside he keeps the house pretty dark; a pool of light illuminates the workbench he uses for repairs.

Down on the main living room floor is his 9-foot Baldwin concert grand piano, a magnificent instrument that would be at home on a theater stage.

It's the same house in which he founded and operated Buchanan Sound, which grew into an immensely successful security and alarm business. Buchanan eventually sold the company to Ashland businessman Perry Madden.

He can look out his door and see another old workplace: the sprawling brick building across the street that now houses Ashland school district offices once was Ashland Junior College, precursor of Ashland Community and Technical College.

Buchanan taught music theory there and directed the student chorus. Many Ashlanders remember he also directed the Ashland Community Chorus.

What they remember is an unassuming demeanor coupled with high expectations.

"Ed's style was rather quiet. He expected us to come in with our part in our hands ready for performance," said Carl Taylor, who now teaches music at Boyd County High School and is a choral director himself — of the Singing Kernels barbershop chorus.

"His expectations were high. He cracked the whip rather well," said Max Jackson, a retired Ashland Community College music instructor who sang in the chorus and took piano lessons from Buchanan.

The businesslike approach extended to classes as well.

"He had a nice tempera-

ment, but in class we had business to do and we did it," Jackson said.

"He led me to discover what college would be like, that they'd expect a lot more

from me than I was aware of," he said.

Retired piano teacher Ramona Scaggs took piano

(See MUSIC, page seven)

Obituaries

Anthony "Tony" Griffith

Anthony "Tony" Griffith, age 54, of Ivel, departed this life on Thursday, December 20, 2007, in the St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead, after a sudden illness.

He was born in Prestonsburg, on July 21, 1953, the son of the late Dock Griffith and Nellie Powers Charles.

He was a mechanic for Bizzack Construction Co., a member of the United Steel Workers, Local Union No. 14581, the Dewey Lake Fish and Game Club, and a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Cathy Ann Hurd Griffith; two sons: Anthony Andrew Griffith of Lexington, and Brett Preston of Ivel; two daughters: Andrea Denise Griffith of Lexington, and Leigh Ann Preston of Pikeville; a brother, Jason Griffith of Somerset; two sisters: Gracie Ellis of Prestonsburg, and Irma Sue Hager of Mt. Sterling; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Donald Ray Griffith and Kevin Griffith; a sister, Yvonne Goble; and his other mom, Phyllis Hurd.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 23, at 2:00 p.m., in the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, with Bobby Spencer officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Visitation was after 4 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home, and Sunday, after 1:00 p.m., at the church.

Pallbearers: Larry Lafferty, Johnny Lafferty, Earl Cline, Steve Hager, Jeremy Click, Cody Click, and Tim Overbee.

Honorary pallbearers: Palmer Powers, Darvin Lafferty, Glen Woods, Clyde Woods, Bill Rorrer, Shular Hurd, and Jimmie Goble.

(Paid obituary)



Gloria Jeanne Castle Spurlock

Gloria Jeanne Castle Spurlock, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, December 21, 2007, at the Cleveland Clinic.

Born June 2, 1940, in Paintsville, she was the daughter of Lorraine Stambaugh Stapleton of Paintsville, and the late Jack C. Castle. She was a Thoroughbred trainer, a homemaker, and a former registered nurse.

She is survived by her husband, Burl Wells Spurlock. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Paintsville, and the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

In addition to her husband and mother, survivors include a son, Beau Spurlock (Susan Rose) of Prestonsburg; and two grandchildren: Julia Rose Spurlock and Elizabeth Ivy "Libby" Spurlock.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 29, at 1 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Mark Walz and Rev. Wesley Stedtfeld officiating.

Burial will be in the Spurlock Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation is 1 p.m.-9 p.m., Friday, at the First United Methodist Church.

Memorials are suggested to Kentucky Horse Park Foundation, 4089 Ironworks Pk., Lexington, Ky. 40511-8400, www.khpfoundation.org, or Highlands Foundation, 5000 Ky. Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, Jeane C. Spurlock Memorial Fund-Emergency Department.

The family has entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Eugene Mullins would like to thank all those friends, relatives and neighbors for their prayers, kind words, food, flowers, and presence, during our loss. We especially want to thank Rev. Larry Adams, Rev. Randy Osborne, Billy Ross Francis, and Dr. Robert Marshall, for their words of comfort; Donnie Francis and Ruth Karen Marcum for the beautiful songs; the James W. Alley Masonic Lodge No. 869 for their service; the Marine League for their salute; the Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All your kindness during this time will always be appreciated.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

Highlands Regional Medical Center

Dec. 27 - Kiwanis, meeting Place B, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 Jan. 10 - Kiwanis; Meeting Place B, 12 to 1:30 p.m.
 January 12 - Smoking Cessation; Meeting Place A & B, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 Jan. 15 - KODA; Atrium, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Jan. 24 - Kiwanis; Board Room, 12 to 1:30 p.m.
 Jan. 30 - Living Well With Diabetes Support Group; Meeting Room A & B, 5 to 6 p.m.
 For more information concerning these support groups, contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 886-7424.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at Floyd Co. Library
 The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., at the Floyd County Library.

Hope in the Mountains
 Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junc-

tion of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club
 Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Scratch Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the SECOND Monday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce? If you are at least age 55,

the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell; at ext. 160 to make an appointment. GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
 Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.
 David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
 Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
 Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.
 Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.
 Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.
 South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)
 Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elm. School Library.
 Special interest groups:
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Cinema 2—Held Over
 P.S. I LOVE YOU (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 6:50-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:30) 6:50-9:30.
Cinema 3—Held Over
 I AM LEGEND (PG13), Mon.-Sun. 6:45-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 6:45-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:25) 6:45-9:25.
Cinema 4—Held Over
 NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:30 ONLY.
 FRED CLAU (PG), Fri.-Sat.-Sun. Matinee ONLY (2:00-4:25).
Cinema 5—Held Over
 CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:00-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:25) 7:00-9:25.
Cinema 6—Held Over
 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG), Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20.
Cinema 7—Held Over
 THE WATER HORSE (PG), Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:05-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:20) 7:05-9:20.
Cinema 8—Held Over
 ALIEN VS. PREDATOR (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 9—Held Over
 NATIONAL TREASURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG13), Mon.-Sun. 6:45-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 6:45-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:15) 6:45-9:15.
Cinema 10—Held Over
 ENCHANTED (PG), Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:10-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:20.

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This is a ranch style home on public water and aerator system. It is well located in a quite neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and laundry. This property is considered unsuitable for the Rural Development, Rural Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property will be \$24,455.

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Prestonsburg Rural Development Office within 30 days of the date of sale.

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Guest View

Congress should have last word on gas mileage rules

Detroit's federal lawmakers won a rare victory when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency turned down requests from California and a dozen other states to impose their own limits on tailpipe emissions.

The ruling came on the same day President George W. Bush signed into law a bill raising corporate average fuel economy standards 40 percent by 2020, a measure the Big Three automakers say will cost them \$85 billion during the next two decades.

Still, the automakers accepted the higher CAFE mandates from Congress, but asked that the congressional number be the final word.

Congress refused to do that, leaving the door open for the EPA to allow states to also regulate the performance of the industry.

That's an untenable and unfair prospect. The automakers may be able to meet the federal numbers set by Congress, but it would be impossible for them to make different vehicles for each individual state.

The current EPA leadership wisely recognizes the damage that would do. But who knows if the next administration will see things the same way?

That's why it was important to get language into the CAFE bill that would prevent the EPA, individual states or other agencies from imposing a different set of standards than the one Congress approved.

Michigan's congressional delegation fought for that language but lost. The best U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Michigan's senior Democrat, could do was secure a so-called "colloquy" letter from the bill's Senate sponsors, Sens. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., stating the intent of the bill is to have a consistent fuel economy standard.

The letter is intended to inform the courts of the intent of Congress, but it is not binding.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is vowing to sue the EPA to force it to give California the emissions waiver. A lawsuit will likely drag into a new administration and Congress.

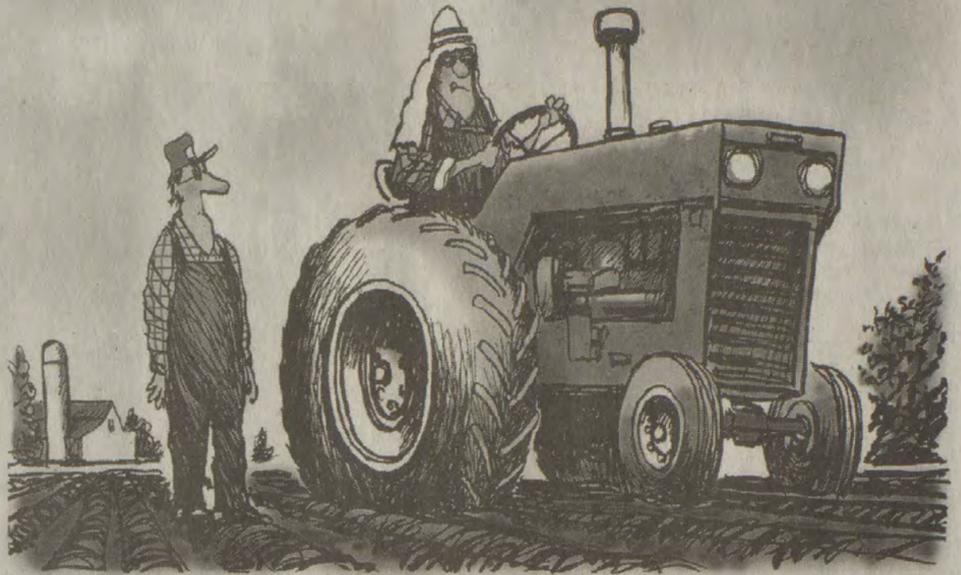
Meanwhile, automakers have to get busy now if they have any hope of meeting the deadlines for delivering higher mileage vehicles. The uncertainty about what the final number will be makes their job more difficult and expensive.

Ultimately, the courts will likely determine the weight of the Feinstein/Inouye colloquy, and whether automakers will face a patchwork of regulations. Congress, by not guaranteeing a consistent mileage standard, left the door open for federal judges to decide how the automotive industry will be regulated. That's not where such vital decisions should be made.

Congress should go back and modify the energy law it just passed to make sure it is the final word on fuel economy standards.

— The Detroit News

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"I started wearin' this when I realized how much money there is in ethanol."

Guest Column

What Darwin teaches about the drug war

by SANHO TREE
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

With every passing year the drug problem seems to get worse. The U.S. government responds by pumping billions more dollars into the war on drugs. Federal spending for this "war without end" is more than twenty times what it was in 1980 and still the drug traffickers appear to be winning. Despite more than six billion dollars spent on "Plan Colombia" alone, cocaine production has actually increased in that country. Now the Bush Administration is asking for \$1.4 billion more to aid the Mexican government's drug crackdown through the "Merida Initiative."

Although it may seem counterintuitive, the "law and order" response by our politicians only intensifies the problem. Instead, they might turn to Charles Darwin's theory of evolution to glean insight as to why these "common sense" reactionary solutions often are counterproductive.

As illegal drugs become easier to obtain and more potent, politicians respond in a knee-jerk manner by ramping up law enforcement. After all, drugs are bad so why not escalate the war against drugs? Politicians get to look tough in front of voters, the drug war bureaucracy is delighted with ever expanding budgets, and lots of low-level bad guys get locked up. Everyone wins - including, unfortunately, the major drug traffickers.

As politicians intensified the drug

war decade after decade, an unintended consequence began to appear. These "get tough" policies have caused the drug economy to evolve under Darwinian principles (i.e., survival of the fittest). Indeed, the drug war has stimulated this economy to grow and innovate at a frightening pace.

By escalating the drug war, the kinds of people the police typically capture are the ones who are dumb enough to get caught. These criminal networks are occasionally taken down when people within the organization get careless. Thus, law enforcement tends to apprehend the most inept and least efficient traffickers. The common street expression puts it best: "the dealer who uses, loses." Conversely, the kinds of people law enforcement tends to miss are the most cunning, innovative and efficient traffickers.

It's as though we have had a decades-long unintended policy of artificial selection. Just as public health professionals warn against the overuse of antibiotics because it can lead to drug resistant strains of bacteria, our overuse of law enforcement has thinned out the trafficking herd so that the weak and inefficient traffickers get captured or killed and only the most proficient dealers survive and prosper. Indeed, U.S. drug war policies have selectively bred "super-traffickers."

Politicians cannot hope to win a war on drugs when their policies ensure that only the most efficient trafficking networks survive. Not only do they survive, but they thrive because law enforcement has destroyed the competition for them by picking off the unfit traffickers and

letting the most evolved ones take over the lucrative trafficking space. The destruction of the Medellin and Cali cartels, for instance, only created a vacuum for hundreds of smaller (and more efficient) operations. Now the police cannot even count the number of smaller cartels that have taken over - much less try to infiltrate and disrupt them.

Moreover, the police have constricted the supply of drugs on the street while the demand remains constant thus driving up prices and profits for the remaining dealers. Increasing drug interdiction creates an unintended price support for drug dealers which, in turn, lures more participants into the drug economy. Of all the laws that Congress can pass or repeal, the law of supply and demand is apparently not one of them.

A public health approach to dealing with illicit drugs should take precedence over "law and order" approaches. Treatment and prevention must take priority over interdiction and eradication because drugs are a demand-driven problem. Politicians, however, continue to devote most drug funding toward cutting the supply. The proposed aid package for the notoriously corrupt Mexican drug war establishment would be better spent on providing treatment for addicts in the United States. Over reliance on politically expedient "get tough" policies will only continue an endless spiral of drug trafficking evolution.

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Odds & Ends

■ **BREMERTON, Wash.** — Art Conrad has an issue with the commercialism of Christmas, and his protest has gone way beyond just shunning the malls or turning off his television.

The Bremerton resident nailed Santa Claus to a 15-foot crucifix in front of his house.

"Santa has been perverted from who he started out to be," Conrad said. "Now he's the person being used by corporations to get us to buy more stuff."

A photo of the crucified Santa adorns his Christmas cards, with the message "Santa died for your MasterCard."

The display is also Conrad's way of poking fun at political correctness. He believes people don't express their feelings because they're afraid of what other people might think.

His neighbors found the will to express their feelings this past week. Some were offended but many were just curious.

Jake Tally walked by on Friday and chuckled, but didn't pretend to understand the message.

"I don't really know what to think. I know it's about God but Santa has nothing to do with it," he told the Kitsap Sun newspaper.

■ **BAL HARBOUR, Fla.** — A baby Jesus statue here is getting a Global Positioning System for Christmas.

The statue, part of a nativity scene, will be equipped with the device after the previous statue went missing, even though it had been bolted down.

"I don't anticipate this will ever happen again," said Dina Cellini, who oversees the display, "but we may need to rely on technology to save our savior."

The Mary and Joseph statues will also be fitted with GPS devices, she said.

The devices are being bought using residents' contributions and Cellini's own money.

Cellini has also installed a Plexiglas screen in front of the display.

■ **PENSACOLA, Fla.** — A platinum coin estimated to be worth more than \$1,000 couldn't fit in a Salvation Army kettle, so the donor handed it over to the bell ringer.

An unidentified person donated the coin Friday outside a Belk department store.

"The man who donated the coin tried to put it in the kettle, but it wouldn't fit," Salvation Army spokeswoman Yvonne Warthen said. "So he just

handed it to the bell ringer. It just shows how honest our bell ringers are."

The coin's face value is \$100, but the Salvation Army had it appraised, and initial estimates put its value at about \$1,300. The coin is from 2006 and is stamped with an image of the Statue of Liberty.

The Salvation Army has also received at least eight gold coins in its kettles this year. One, a one-ounce South African Krugerrand worth about \$800, turned up earlier this month in Washington. And gold coins have turned up all the way back to 1982, the group said.

Salvation Army officials also have reported getting an Indian head gold coin in Barre, Vt., one-ounce American Eagle coins in Prescott, Ariz., and Fargo, N.D., and a Lady Liberty coin in Grand Island, Neb., among other unusual coins.

■ **ORWIGSBURG, Pa.** — Less than two weeks after a man put 30 \$100 bills into a Salvation Army kettle, someone decided to do one better.

On Saturday morning, someone put 31 \$100 bills in a Christmas card and dropped it into the tambourine held by Salvation Army volunteer Margaret L. Wetefsky at an Orwigsburg supermarket. The card had a note inside saying, "I want you to be known as the person who collected the largest donation. May God shine on you." It was signed, "Leo."

"I don't know his last name. I only know him to see him. He had given me money last year, five \$100 bills for the last four years straight," Wetefsky said.

Adam W. Hench, captain of Salvation Army/Pottsville Corps, said the money would be used to help the poor heat their homes.

The previous big donation was made Dec. 10 at the Schuylkill Mall.

■ **NAPLES, Fla.** — When single mother Mary Ann Shaffer scratched a lottery ticket last week, she thought Christmas had come early.

The ticket indicated she was a \$25,000 winner.

"I said, 'Oh my God, it's a miracle,'" Shaffer told the Naples Daily News.

She looked on the back to find a telephone number to claim her winnings.

Elation quickly turned to sadness as she realized the ticket, given to her by a customer at her concession stand, was fake.

"Claim forms supplied by Santa Claus. All winning tick-

ets must be validated by the tooth fairy and conform to her game rules ... All winners are losers and must have an excellent sense of humor," the ticket read.

"How can anyone be so mean around Christmas time?" said Bear Terstegge, a Naples Beach Patrol officer who examined the ticket.

Word about the fake ticket spread quickly around the Naples pier where Shaffer sells hot dogs and water.

"It touched everybody's heart," Terstegge said.

In the past few days, Shaffer, who has two young children, has received cards, gift certificates and hefty tips. One regular brought presents for her kids.

And she's even received a few lottery tickets — real ones.

■ **BOSTON** — What was supposed to be a festive New

England Christmas tradition has turned sour for two former friends who are taking their fight over a \$200,000 winning lottery ticket to court.

Brenda White, 55, of Plaistow, N.H., won the \$200,000 on a Massachusetts State Lottery \$5 scratch ticket appropriately called "Bah Hum Bucks" during a Yankee swap party on Dec. 15 in Haverhill.

In a Yankee swap, participants have the option of either keeping a gift they choose, or swapping for a gift selected by someone who preceded them.

White swapped for the lottery ticket originally selected by Franco Sapia, 39, of Derry, N.H.

Before scratching the ticket, she promised to split any winnings with Sapia, according to a complaint Sapia filed in Essex Superior Court. She didn't, and Sapia is claiming half the jackpot in his lawsuit,

saying there were several witnesses to the promise.

A judge has agreed to freeze the jackpot until the matter is resolved.

■ **FRANKFORT, Ind.** — Paul Brant considers himself a penny pincher, but his savings in quarters and dollar coins really paid off.

Brant, 70, used more than \$25,000 in change to help buy a new Dodge Ram half-ton pickup truck Friday — 13 years after buying another truck with spare change.

"(The old truck) 'didn't have four-wheel drive, and living in the country, I figured I better get a new one to help get me through the snow," he said.

Brant said he was raised to be thrifty. His father always paid in cash and saved up loose change to take vacations.

Brant has been storing his change for years, and estimated he had about \$26,000 in

coins for Friday's purchase. In 1994, he bought a Dodge pickup and a Dodge Neon using about \$36,000 in quarters.

"As long as you don't put your hands back in the till, it really adds up," he said.

Brant stored his change in coffee cans, water jugs and piggy banks over the years, and was escorted by sheriff's deputies as he brought the rolled coins to the dealership.

A Mike Raisor Chrysler Dodge and Jeep employee who sold Brant the truck said the dealership called in an armored car to count and handle the coins.

"No bank wants to take them," Keith Gephart said.

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Emergency highway funds severely depleted

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A spending spree by the Transportation Cabinet in the final months of former Gov. Ernie Fletcher's term has left the state's contingency fund at dangerously low levels.

The cabinet spent 99 percent of the money appropriated to the Highway Construction Contingency Account, leaving the new administration with about \$650,000 to spend with more than half the fiscal year still remain-

ing. New Transportation Cabinet secretary Joe Prather said the money won't be enough to cover "unforeseen emergencies" the rest of the year, meaning the cabinet will have to "dip into a tight maintenance budget."

State law says the transportation secretary can spend money on the account on emergencies, hazards and "other purposes that the secretary determines to be a priority."

However, a majority of the projects approved by former Transportation

secretary Bill Nighbert were grants to counties and cities to pay for blacktopping local roads. Resurfacing is considered routine maintenance and is rarely deemed an emergency.

Nighbert declined to comment on the issue, but some wonder if the spending was an effort to boost Fletcher's re-election chances.

Clark County Judge-Executive Henry Branham, a Democrat, said the county received nearly \$770,000 in funds to blacktop roads even though they didn't ask for the money.

Rep. Don Pasley, D-Winchester and chairman of a budget subcommittee on transportation, called Fletcher's administration's actions "good politics, but poor public policy. The money is completely at the discretion of the secretary, and it looks like they wanted to spend a lot of discretionary money heading up to the governor's race."

The \$65.2 million available at the beginning of the year included \$27.5 million left over from the 2006-07 budget and \$37.7 million appropriat-

ed by the General Assembly for 2007-08.

"I would not approve spending those contingency dollars down to that level," said state Senator Charlie Borders (R-Russell). "If they did that, that would be irresponsible."

It's not the first time an administration has used money in the contingency fund for blacktopping. A 2001 report by The Courier-Journal of Louisville revealed former Gov. Paul Patton spent most of the contingency fund on resurfacing.



Pictured is Dianne Price of Blue River. She was this year's winner of Prestonsburg Renaissance's Holiday Retail Bingo. The winner, chosen at random, received a holiday prize package, valued at around \$1,200, all from the main street merchants. "When Brent (main street director) called the house, I wasn't there and my son took the call. When he told me I'd won, I thought he was pulling my leg. But when Brent called me the next day again, I was quite surprised!"

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•Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

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Supreme Court says judge's call right on self-representation

The Associated Press

LOUISA — A judge properly allowed an Eastern Kentucky man to represent himself during a murder trial, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled.

The high court rejected Alger Ferguson's contention that Lawrence Circuit Judge Daniel Sparks erred in letting him represent himself at trial.

Ferguson, convicted of murdering his nephew, Parker Ferguson, in 2003, appealed the guilty verdict and life sentence handed down against

him in 2005. Justices rejected the appeal on Thursday.

After prosecutors finished their case, Ferguson said he wanted to represent himself. His attorney, Leo Marcum, stayed in court on reserve during the proceedings.

The Supreme Court found that Sparks repeatedly questioned Ferguson's decision and ability to represent himself. Ferguson told the judge he was familiar with court proceedings. He had represented himself in other criminal matters on at least two other occasions.

In 2003, police officers

found Parker crying on his porch and lying on some broken glass. His nephew, who had been drinking beer with him that day, was lying dead on the living room floor. The semiautomatic pistol that killed the nephew was next to him, and the gun's loaded magazine was found in Ferguson's pocket.

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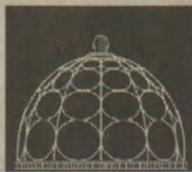
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Strike

tive outcome is in the best interest of all concerned.”
A primary concern for the nurses, who hit the picket lines on Oct. 1 of this year, was a reprieve from mandatory overtime that they claimed was detrimental to safe patient care.

According to Tanner, as part of the new agreement, there is language in place now that addresses mandatory health care and under what circumstances it may be utilized.

The return to work agreement had been a source of tension in previous negotiations, but according to the new agreement, at least 350 RNs will be brought back to work by Jan. 31, with hundreds possibly returning next week.

The agreement also states that ARH guarantees 80 percent of the nurses will return to their former units and shifts, while making a “best effort” to return 100 percent of the striking nurses to their pre-strike

positions.

“We are pleased that our nurses have accepted this contract that includes an excellent compensation and benefit package,” said ARH President and CEO Jerry W. Haynes in a release, “This is not only a vote in favor of a very good contract, it is a vote for quality patient care and improving the health and well being of all the communities we serve.”

According to ARH the new contract goes into effect

immediately and will be good through April 2011.

“We know that our nurses and our communities are as glad as management that this strike is over, and we look forward to the nurses rejoining the caring and compassionate nursing staff at our hospitals as we move forward with our mission of providing quality healthcare services to our communities,” Haynes said.

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Cap

increase each year, he said.

Lawmakers haven't been eager to alter the 4-percent cap mandated by HB44, saying it would appear they were raising taxes.

Ewalt said opponents of changing the bill point to the number of cities that don't reach the 4-percent cap. However, Ewalt said, many cities, such as Lexington, gain little from property tax revenue and also don't want to be seen as tax hikers.

The League of Cities has pushed for changing the Kentucky Constitution to allow cities to impose a 1 percent sales tax

for special projects — if approved by voters.

“The concept is, you allow the local people to decide on local issues,” said Sylvia Lovely of the Kentucky League of Cities. “We want things to move faster than they do. But we're willing to work on it piece by piece.”

For a bedroom community like Vine Grove, which relies on property taxes for 56 percent of its budget, the cap makes things tight, Smith said. The amount the city could increase property tax revenue this year was about \$300,000, Smith said,

“no matter how much growth” incurred.

Smith said \$175,000 for sidewalk improvements, a reverse 911 system and warning sirens had to be scrapped from recent budgets, and the city has struggled to buy new police cars.

Vine Grove asked for state and federal help in the form of base-realignment-related grants in the wake of additional anticipated growth from Fort Knox.

“We're not in dire straits,” Smith said. “But we're going to have to start looking at our revenue picture.”

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Rehab

inmates that prosecutors, judges, and the jailer have all gone out of their way to help, “These people have a heart for you.”

“I've never seen a bigger epidemic,” Vance said of drug abuse in Eastern Kentucky, before adding, “and I have never seen so many people willing to help.”

Lifeline of Floyd County is a Christian-based support group that offers a “Christ-centered” 12-step program to help addicts achieve a healthy lifestyle. Lifeline offers both individual and family support and counseling.

Graduates of the Lifeline program include Tony Smith, Billy Hunter, Samuel Williams, Christian Clark, John S. Moore, Paul D. Ousley, Larry Pinson, James Allen, Philip Baldridge, Stephen Jervis, Ervin Sartin, Jack Crum, Freddie Hunter, Cret Caudill, Randy Salisbury, Philip Hagans, Brandon Jarrell, Tracy Patrick, Desiree

Calhoun, Desiree Adams, Ruth Stallard, Holly Fields, Patricia Shepherd, Zeola Case, Velma Sparkman, Vicki Bentley, Mariette Coullier, Jackie Maynard, Rhonda Caudill, Jody Stapleton, Alice Ramey, and Stephanie Anderson.

According to its website, WestCare, another support program offered in FCDC, provides substance abuse treatment and counseling in Eastern and Central Kentucky. WestCare has a substance abuse treatment facility in Pike County, that was opened in 2005, and is licensed to treat 72 clients.

The graduates of the WestCare program included: James Lafferty, David Farrell, Benny McCown, Donnie Bentley, Jason Boyd, Dennis Fields Sr., Billy Hunter, Cecil Hunter, Andrew Parsons, and Steven Thacker.

“The prisoners must meet strict discipline behavior guidelines and must be a 100 percent participant in the pro-

gram,” Webb said, adding that completion of the programs doesn't necessarily equal a reduced sentence, but that judges, “will work with the inmates, who work for themselves.”

Drug abuse continues to be a serious problem in Eastern Kentucky and according to DEA records in 2005 and 2006 there were over 600 drug violation arrests in Kentucky.

Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson said that there were over 40 deaths due to drug overdose in Floyd County in 2006, and that 2007 there would be “at least that many.”

According to a study by the National Institute of Drug Abuse, over 9 million people in the United States use prescription drugs for non-medical uses. Nearly 1.3 million Americans over the age of 12 abuse prescription drugs and are in need of treatment.

Roger Webb says that so far the Lifeline and WestCare in

jail rehab programs have been successful, and that they are funded through 2010.

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Highlands

decision.

“We respect the decision of the US court” said Bud Warman, CEO of Highlands Regional Medical Center, “and we will begin to negotiate with the union for a new contract.” Warman also stated “we just need to move forward and get this issue behind us. We will be notifying the NLRB that we will not appeal”

“RN's that were covered by the contract that expired in 2002 are still covered by that

contract. The contract gave the RN's a choice of membership, however, if an RN joined the union they are required to remain a member” said Susan Ellis, Vice President of Human Resources at HRMC, “RN's that were hired after 2002 are

not automatically members of the union unless they applied for membership after July of 2002.”

The hospital expects to begin negotiating with the SEIU soon.

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Stream

planted to help stabilize the banks and control erosion.

Kentucky Revised Statute 150.255 says that KDFWR “may establish a wetland and stream mitigation trust for the purpose of restoring streams and wetlands.” The provision has been in effect since July of 2000.

Frank Fitzpatrick, founder and president of the Middle

Creek Battlefield Foundation, said he expects the stream restoration project will help improve the battlefield site.

Music

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lessons from Buchanan in the early 1950s and was his piano accompanist for the student chorus from 1955 to 1957.

“As a teacher he was the best. He was so educated and so capable that he could have named his position in any university in the country, but he was at little Ashland Junior College. Lucky for us,” she said.

That's what spurred Scaggs to practice, more so than his toughness with slackers.

“It was because I had such respect for him that I practiced. I didn't want to disappoint him,” she said.

Scaggs remembers the chorus experience as more than singing and playing. Members made props and performed what amounted to musical theater numbers.

One such piece was “Standing on the Corner,” from the Broadway musical “The Most Happy Fella.” Scaggs remembers that one because Buchanan had chorus members build a backdrop resembling the Second National Bank, which was the real-life locale for girl-watching in Ashland at the time.

“That was always a hit,” Scaggs said.

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Key lawmaker takes over bill to criminalize teacher-student sex

by **ROGER ALFORD**
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FRANKFORT — A key lawmaker will champion proposed legislation that would criminalize sex between teachers and older teens who are not protected by Kentucky's age-of-consent law.

State Rep. Kathy Stein, chairwoman of the House Judiciary Committee, took responsibility for the legislation after its originator resigned to take a job in the Gov. Steve Beshear's fledgling administration.

"Boys and girls, when they have a teacher or an aide in a position of authority, are extremely vulnerable, and they deserve protection from that," she said.

Sexual misconduct allegations led states across the country to take action against the teaching licenses of 2,570 educators from 2001 through 2005, according to a seven-month

Associated Press investigation, the results of which were published in October. Young people were the victims in at least 1,801 of the cases, and more than 80 percent of those were students.

In Kentucky, officials handled nearly 100 instances of teacher sexual misconduct over the five-year-period the AP reviewed, ranging from minor violations like using sexual language to more serious, criminal acts such as inappropriate touching and even sodomy and rape.

Former state Rep. J.R. Gray, a Democrat who left the General Assembly to become Beshear's new labor commissioner, proposed the legislation that would allow prosecutors to charge teachers with statutory rape if they have consensual sex with 16- or 17-year-old students.

Beshear, who was sworn in as governor earlier this month, hasn't taken a position on the proposed legislation.

"It is extremely important to Governor Beshear to protect Kentucky's youth from any type of harm," said his spokeswoman, Vicki Glass. "However, it would be premature to comment on the specifics of legislation before it's drafted or on whether he would sign a bill into law until it is in its final form."

Several states have enacted similar measures over the past six years, including Alaska, Connecticut, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington. Lawmakers in New York and South Carolina are considering following suit. The Education Commission of

the States said Ohio and Maine have had laws criminalizing such conduct since 1994 and 1995, respectively.

Only eight states have set 18 as the age of consent for both men and women, said Jennifer Boyter, senior policy analyst for The Council of State Governments in Lexington. In the vast majority of states, Boyter said, 16 is the legal age of consent.

The Kentucky legislation would be aimed at adults who abuse their positions of authority to draw teens into sexual relationships. The bill, however, exempts married couples, even when an underage spouse is married to an adult.

No one has yet offered any public opposition to the proposed legislation, including the Kentucky Education Association, which represents 35,000 teachers and other public school employees.

Gray, of Benton, said one of the cases that alerted to him to the need for such legislation is in his hometown, where a high school band teacher was accused of having sex with a student. Prosecutors had been unable to pursue felony charges because the girl involved was over 16, which is Kentucky's age of consent.

The teacher, Michael Colvett, 37, of Benton, was charged in October with unlaw-

ful transaction with a minor, a misdemeanor, for allegedly encouraging the girl to disobey her parents.

However, last week a grand jury indicted the teacher on a charge of third-degree rape, alleging that he had had sex with a girl before she turned 16. He was also charged with tampering with physical evidence, unlawful transaction with a minor and two counts of sexual abuse.

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KIM'S KORNER

Simple blessings, abundant joy in our lives

Even though it's in the wee hours of Christmas Eve morning as this weeks column is being penned and it actually won't make publication until the day after Christmas, still the need to share last Friday evening's experience weighed heavily on the mind.

As our church had just finished our Friday evening Bible Study and Intercessory Prayer session and we all stood saying our evening goodbyes on the porch, we spotted a sight most unusual for this day and

time and one that was truly an awesome blessing.

Just down the road from our Church came a group of men and women alongside a beautiful horse and buggy filled with children, candles in hand, singing Christmas carols.

As they approached the front of our church, they stopped to sing and what an awesome sight and blessing to experience.

Not something we see around here other than on our television sets, and to see it live and in person was just amazing.

To hear the harmonizing of the Allen Baptist Christmas Caroler's was such a treat. It definitely warmed our souls and boosted our Christmas spirits.

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Thank You, Allen Baptist, you guys and gals were most certainly a blessing for us this Christmas.

May the coming New Year be full of happiness, and blessings abundantly for all,
Til Next Week,
May God Bless ...

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Kim Little Frasure

Christmas puppy - Free to a good home

By Louise Maguire

My family pack are back at last - I can hear Rob turn the key, I must be quick to welcome them! They're all my life to me!

Did I just tear Kay's nylons in my haste, and scratch her arms as well?

Did I put paw prints on Rob's office suit - and hairs...and a little smell?

So I chewed on Kay's pure wool jacket! Well, she left it on a chair!

It was warm and soft and perfumed - I pretended she was there.

And Aunt Molly's wed-

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CRITTER CORNER



photo by Bonnie Howell

This beautiful creature patiently waiting on Santa, is "Hartsey." Hartsey is 16 years old, a male, and came to live with the Howell family (Mike, Bonnie, Amanda and Becca), of Staffordsville, in 1991. Mike obtained Hartsey when the owner of Harper's Auto, in Salyersville, told him he'd call it even on the work he had done on Mike's car if Mike would agree to take a kitten home with him - only catch was, Mike would have to agree to take a female. He did, but turns out the owner had a bit too learn about cat anatomy, because Hartsey "the girl," turned out to be male, instead! Though Hartsey is now of advanced age, he is doing quite well, except for a loss of sight in his right eye. Thanks for sharing, Bonnie!

"Climbing Mountains, Chasing Stars": Justin Crace

By Mary Stepp
BSCTC FACULTY MEMBER

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in the Climbing Mountains, Chasing Stars series.

What you do is only as good as the effort you put into it.

The year was 1998, and computers were on the brink of taking off. At that time, Justin Crace, newly graduated from Magoffin County High School, decided to pursue a degree in computer technology. He says he expected the field to grow, and he wanted to be a part of it.

Nearly ten years later, Crace, 27, serves as Director of Computer Information Systems at Big Sandy Health Care (BSHC), Inc. Asked if he feels like he's been successful in his career, he thinks a moment before saying, "Yes, but there are many levels of success." He acknowledges this success took a lot of hard work, and he credits a great deal of it to one decision made years ago.

After high school, Crace enrolled at Big Sandy Community and Technical College (then Prestonsburg Community College). Once he had completed 57 hours, he was ready to finish with a two-year AS degree.

Looking back, he says, "My family was not wealthy, and I was in a hurry to get out and get a job."

Crace, born and raised in Magoffin County, the youngest of five children, admits he was a little uneasy about transferring to a uni-



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JUSTIN CRACE IN A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH.

versity. Like a lot of young people in eastern Kentucky, Crace was hesitant to leave his hometown: "Well, everything is small here, beginning with a small high school."

But one talk with a BSCTC faculty member--Toufie Saad, Professor of Information Technology--altered Crace's course. "I remember [Saad] leaned across his desk and said, 'You have not made a B here!'" Saad told him he had the intelligence and needed to

perform to his full potential by pursuing a bachelor's degree.

Crace followed Saad's advice and transferred to Morehead State University. Ten years later, Crace says, "That was the best decision I made as far as career." And he hasn't forgotten how Saad's words impacted him. "I mean, you could tell he was more concerned about me as a person and my future, that I wasn't just a student."

Professor Saad remembers the conversation: "I encouraged Justin

to follow his dreams and passions of becoming an IT professional. Justin lacked nothing but some self confidence to move his higher education to the next level."

While attending MSU, Crace rented a cabin near Caye Run Lake. He had 57 credit hours and needed 128 to earn a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Computer Information Systems. Everyone told him he couldn't finish in two years, but he was determined. One summer he took a full class load, and on weekends, he traveled home to Salyersville and worked at Lee's Famous Recipe restaurant.

His final semester at MSU, he moved back to Salyersville. Big Sandy Healthcare (BSHC), a non-profit health organization, had agreed to let him work part time. Mondays and Wednesdays, he drove to Morehead for classes; the other days he worked as a systems analyst. He graduated in two years with a 3.8 grade point average and magna cum laude honors.

Not long after graduation, he began work at BSCTC as an IT Support Specialist. Saad says of his former student, "I was very proud and delighted to see him as an integral part of the IT team. It took him no time to establish himself as a very skilled and talented professional."

In June 2006 Crace returned to BSHC as Director of Computer Information Systems. He says he loves to problem solve and the job

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Critter

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ding ornament - I knocked it off the windowsill?
 I was speaking to a passing friend, as any prisoner will.
 Next door neighbors are now complaining - how could I disturb their day?
 And what about that stinking corner where the net curtains sag and sway?
 And those wet shreds on the hearth rug, with the feathers now billowing up?
 Well, soiled cushions make fun play-toys for an active - and lonely - pup.
 Did I nip the hand that fed me? True - it smelled just like my plate.
 And I was starving hungry, after all, I did have long to wait.
 And if I brought my supper up across the bedroom floor, Who filled my plate so generously and then failed to close the door?
 It's dark down here, and chilly...and I'm feeling rather blue.
 Perhaps a song would cheer me up? Oh, great, Rob's howling, too!
 My new pack boss is calling me - I must greet him with lots of love.
 But why the screams and smacks and roars and threatening from above?
 I lost my mother yesterday, and all my litter pals, I'm small and cute and cuddly, with a host of playful wiles.
 I didn't choose to come here, I'm only six weeks old, I want so hard to please them - but all they do is scold!

Editor's Note: If you received, or adopted, a pet for Christmas this year, please be patient and understanding when caring for your new pet's needs. Crate training your puppy can save wear and tear on both your home and your nerves, while helping your new pet to feel safe and secure while you are away. If you find yourself in need of caregiving advice in regard to your new puppy or kitten, contact your veterinarian. Also, you may log on to The Humane Society of the United States website at www.hsus.org for valuable tips and information. Remember, your new pet is eager to please, but it is up to you to take the time to teach him all the do's and don't's of life in his new home.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

- A nurse from the FCHD is currently available at the school to provide services including: School physicals, immunizations, WIC, well-child exams, etc. Call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment. Child does not have to be a student at AMS to receive services. HPV vaccines and flu shots currently available.
- The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Services offered to students and families regardless of income. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297.

Allen Central Middle School

- Please have your Food City Valu Card scanned for ACMS! Points help purchase school merchandise.
- Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.
- The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Betsy Layne Elementary

- Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.
- The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.
- Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

- The center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks.
- Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.
- The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

- May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early

Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at 285-0883 for more information. Slots will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.

- Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.
- Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

- Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!
- Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.
- Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.
- Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

- The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.
- Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.
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- Dec. 27 - Circuit Riders vs. Adams, 6 p.m.; home game.
- Jan. 3 - Classes resume.
- WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
- For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

Crace

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has been a "good fit" for him. "I like to be a part of something positive, a place that helps everybody in the community, that offers discounted prices for health-care." BSHC has clinics located at Salyersville (Hope Family Medical Center), Auxier, (Physicians For Women), Grethel (Mud Creek Clinic and Mud Creek Dental Clinic), and Shelby Valley (Shelby Valley Clinic).

Crace says his parents, Angie Laverne and Herman Crace, sometimes visit the Hope clinic in Salyersville, and he hears from workers there how his parents are proud of him.

"The people at the clinic say I'm all Mom and Dad talk about." He smiles after he tells this. He credits his parents with his strong work ethic. "I wouldn't be here if not for them." He adds, "I was raised old-fashioned. Dad was a coal miner, and with five kids, Mom stayed home. We all worked on the farm. Growing up, I could never understand how in the fall other kids didn't want to go back to school. I worked all summer. I couldn't wait for school to start back."

In December 2001, Crace married his hometown sweetheart. "Sabrina has always been behind me one-hundred percent," he says.

His wife, Sabrina, worked at BSCTC while pursuing her Associate's degree. The two of them recently opened a store in Salyersville, The

Storehouse, which offers primitive home décor, hand-crafted candles, and much more.

Crace continues to believe in hard work. He says, "What you do is only as good as the effort you put into it."

He says it's exciting to see how technology has opened up eastern Kentucky to the world. "More people are shopping, researching online and seeing what the world has to offer," he says. "And it allows us to show our businesses, arts, and culture to the world."

He acknowledges that the onset of computers into our lives has leveled off some. "These days most households have a computer. It's like the microwave once was, like back when I was growing up," he says.

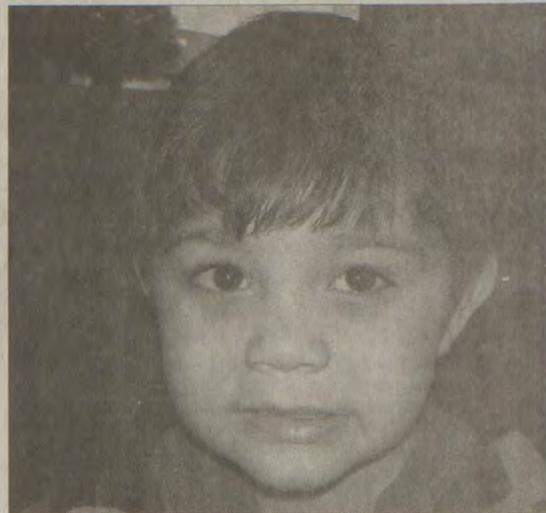
"Kids growing up now won't say, 'I don't want to change,' like some of the older people do." For kids nowadays, he says, change is more normal.

Next year Crace will attend his 10-year high school reunion, and he's looking forward to it. Crace is also currently working on his Masters of Science in Information Systems through Morehead State University.

His advice to new graduates is this: "No one can take an education from you. You might lose a job but you can take your education with you anywhere."

"Education," he says, "everybody can do it."

BIRTHDAYS



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Winning at home: Miners roll past Xplosion

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Boo Jackson scored 20 points and pulled down a game-high 16 rebounds Sunday evening as host East Kentucky defeated Pittsburgh 103-82 in an American Conference matchup at the East Kentucky Expo Center. East Kentucky won the quarter points 6-1 in the CBA regular-season game.

East Kentucky (9-10) will play in Atlanta and Butte before returning to its friendly confines for its next home game Jan. 26

"It was very important to get this win before the holiday break and prior to leaving for Atlanta," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "Our players came in today and gave a tremendous effort in front of a very supportive home crowd. Again, we had a tremendous team effort. Winning the quarter points convincingly was also a big plus."

Josh Pace added a triple-double of 22 points and 10 assists for the Miners. Nearly recording his third double-double of the season, Pace pulled down eight rebounds.

Mike Crain scored 17 points and Jason McLeish added 16 for host East Kentucky.

After exiting the first quarter in a 22-22 tie, East Kentucky owned the next two periods. The Miners cruised into halftime out in front 48-35. East Kentucky owned a commanding 81-60 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The Miners held Pittsburgh (9-8) to less than 40 percent shooting from the field.

Carl Krauser led Pittsburgh with a game-high

31 points. Krauser was 9-of-18 from the field.

Shaun Fountain followed with 16 points for the Xplosion. Chaz McGrommon netted 10 points in the Pittsburgh team's setback.

The Miners dropped a road game to Pittsburgh Friday. The East Kentucky professional basketball team played four games in five days prior to Christmas.

East Kentucky will return to action Thursday on the road at Atlanta versus the Krunk. Tip-off for the East Kentucky-Atlanta game is set for 7:05 p.m.

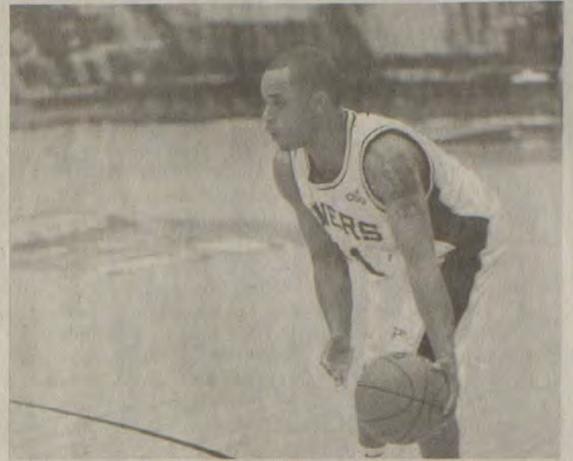


photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners
Mike Crain fed a pass inside Sunday during East Kentucky's home conference game versus Pittsburgh.

Louisville tops New Mexico St.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Andre McGee had 15 points, Earl Clark added 14 and Louisville held off pesky New Mexico State 70-65 on Saturday in the Billy Minardi Classic.

The Cardinals (7-3) hardly played their best game, shooting just 37 percent from the field against the Aggies (5-9) in the game named after Louisville coach Rick Pitino's brother-in-law, who died in the terrorists attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

New Mexico State slowly chipped away at Louisville's 14-point lead, tightening the game to 68-65 on Young's jumper with a minute to play.

Forward Juan Palacios, out since October with a right knee injury, hit two free throws with 22.9 seconds left to ice the game for Louisville on his only points of the game.

Terrence Williams had 11 points and nine rebounds, and Edgar Sosa chipped in with 10 points for Louisville, who was playing their second of five straight home games.

The first trip back to Freedom Hall for New Mexico State coach Marvin Menzies, a former Louisville assistant, didn't produce the same result like the last two years he spent under Pitino.

Justin Hawkins was the lone bright spot for the Aggies, scoring 25 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Jonathan Gibson had 12 points and eight rebounds, and Jahmar Young added 11 points for New Mexico State.

Palacios gave Louisville a much-needed lift off the bench. Wearing a brace on the knee, he entered with 17:17 to play in the first half to a standing ovation.

His defense and experience added depth to a Cardinals team that desperately needs another inside presence. Palacios, the last remaining contributor during Louisville's 2005 Final Four run, has been bothered by injuries the last three seasons.

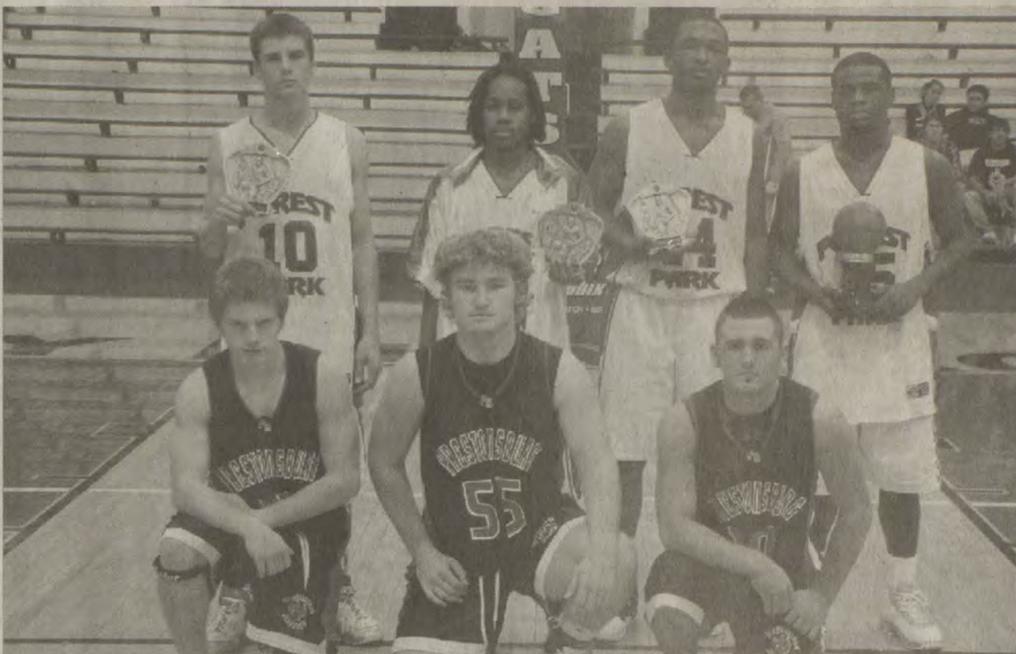
The Aggies came out fast in the second half, narrowing the Cardinals' gap to 37-30.

But it didn't last.

McGee hit four consecutive 3-pointers to put Louisville ahead 49-37, and the Cardinals leaned on their pressure defense the rest of the way.

Williams hit two 3-pointers as Louisville scored 10 straight points to go ahead 32-17 midway through the opening half. Despite shooting just 30 percent in the half, Louisville managed to lead 35-23 at the break.

JENNY WILEY INVITATIONAL 2007



photos by Jamie Howell
FOREST PARK (VA.) AND PRESTONSBURG finished first and second, respectively, in the Jenny Wiley Invitational Tournament. All-tournament players from the two teams are pictured above. Allen Central's Josh Prater (23) is pictured below contesting a Cordia player's shot.

Jenny Wiley Invitational Tournament At Prestonsburg High School

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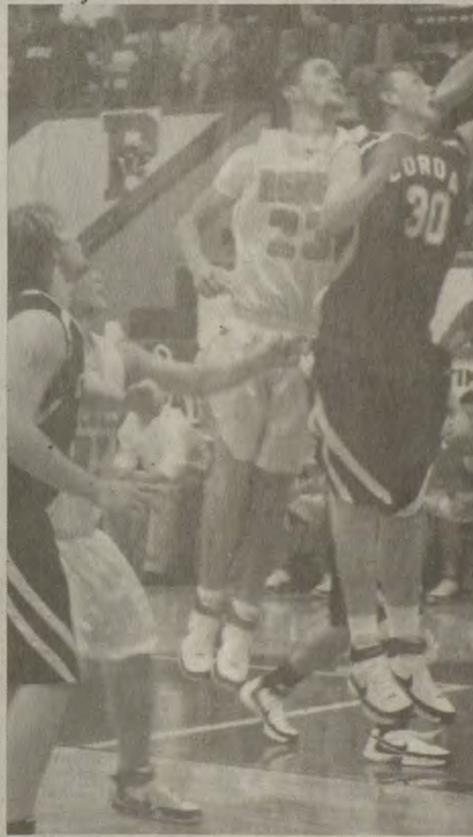
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Dec. 21

Allen Central, 72, Breathitt County 68
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Forest Park, Va. 52, Cordia 48
Prestonsburg 67, Lawrence County 51

Dec. 22

Cordia 66 Lawrence County 53
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Forest Park, Va. 56, Prestonsburg 50
(Championship Game)



Gilliam's defensive unit claims titles

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The 2007 edition of the Morehead State University football team won two NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision National Statistical Championships. As a team, MSU won the championship in rushing defense. Individually, junior defensive back David Hyland won the championship for most interceptions per game.

Prestonsburg High School graduate John Gilliam guides the MSU defensive unit as its coordinator.

The Eagle rushing defense allowed only 53.9 yards per game. MSU allowed over 100 yards rushing in only two games (San Diego and Western Kentucky). The opposition scored only five rushing touchdowns all season long. On three occasions (Robert Morris, Butler and Drake), Morehead State held opponents to minus net rushing yardage.

As a team, MSU also held the following other rankings in the FCS statistics (116 teams): 10th in total defense; 15th in sacks; 11th in scoring defense; 23rd in pass efficiency defense; 33rd in turnover margin.

Hyland (Woodstock, Ga.) had eight interceptions in nine games played (.89 per game). His eight interceptions in 2007 established an MSU school record. With one season left to play in his career, he already owns the Eagle career record with 17 interceptions. His three interceptions against Jacksonville this season tied the MSU single-game record.

Senior defensive back Bryan Gray tied for sixth nationally in interceptions per game. He also tied the MSU record with three interceptions against Drake. Senior quarterback Brian Yost tied for 40th in total offense and for 42nd in pass efficiency. Junior return specialist Nick Feldman, a former national statistical champion in punt return average, finished 42nd in that category this season. Senior linebacker Brett Mazzaro tied for 44th in sacks per game. Junior Mason Webb ranked 50th in punting.

The Eagles finished the 2007 season with a 7-4 record. MSU was 5-2 in the Pioneer Football League. One of the league victories came over NCAA FCS Mid-Major National Champion Dayton and was the Flyers' only loss of the season.

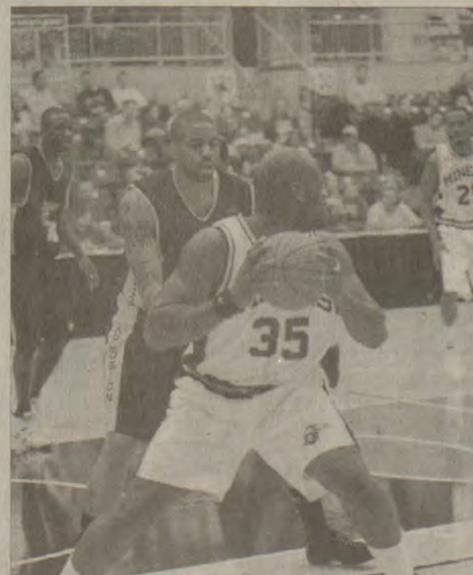


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East Kentucky defender Sunday Allen worked against a Pittsburgh defender Sunday evening at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Patterson leads Cats past TTU

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Patrick Patterson posted season-highs with 24 points and 15 rebounds as Kentucky snapped its longest losing streak in 17 years with a 69-47 win over Tennessee Tech on Saturday.

Ramel Bradley added 12 points and A.J. Stewart scored nine points for the Wildcats (5-5), who won for the first time in nearly a month.

Bradley and fellow senior guard Joe Crawford started the day on the bench but combined for 17 points, all in the second half as the Wildcats quickly pulled away after they entered the game.

The losing streak was Kentucky's longest since a five-game skid during the 1989-90 season, the first year under former coach Rick Pitino.

That team was riddled with NCAA sanctions. This one has simply looked overmatched in losses to teams like North Carolina and Indiana.

For a day at least, the Wildcats were able to restore a bit of swagger, if not polish. Kentucky held Tennessee Tech (4-8) to 26 percent shooting and had 10 steals and five blocks while playing with the kind of intensity it has lacked much of the season.

Patterson led the way, dominating at both ends of the floor while collecting his fourth double-double of the season. The freshman was 11-of-14 from the field and showed no ill effects from an ankle injury that kept him out of Tuesday's loss at Houston.

At times, however, it wasn't pretty. The Wildcats turned the ball over 21 times and got off to another sluggish start with their two senior leaders on the bench.

Still, even with a makeshift starting lineup, Patterson made sure the Wildcats snapped out of their weeklong swoon. Kentucky built a 29-21 halftime lead thanks to its defense even as it struggled to hold onto the ball.

It wasn't until the two seniors entered the game early in the second half that the Wildcats were able to take control. Both received ovations from the Rupp Arena crowd upon entering, and they responded by spearheading a 20-7 run that broke the game open.

Bradley had five points during the run while Crawford found open teammates, collecting five assists in his short stint on the floor.

After being chastised by coach Billy Gillispie for being too meek at times, the Wildcats showed some fight against the Golden Eagles.

Kentucky held Tennessee Tech scoreless for more than six minutes late in the first half, and didn't back down when challenged. Normally placid forward Perry Stevenson mixed it up briefly with Tennessee Tech's Rashaud Nixon, and teammate A.J. Stewart quickly rose to his defense.

Anthony Fisher led Tennessee Tech with 12 points and Frank Davis added nine, but the Golden Eagles couldn't find the magic that led them to a 17-point road win at Oregon State

(See PATTERSON, page four)

NFL: Four INTs put Browns' playoff hopes on hold

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Like one of Derek Anderson's wind-blown passes, the chance to clinch a playoff spot slipped right through the Cleveland Browns' hands.

No surprise, really. Nothing comes easy to these guys.

Anderson threw four interceptions Sunday, two of them setting up rapid-fire touchdowns in a 19-14 victory by the Cincinnati Bengals that left the upstart Browns scrambling for a playoff spot instead of celebrating one.

"We're getting close," receiver Joe Jurevicius said. "We're still a young team. We've got to correct a few mistakes. It's not time to put our heads down and sulk."

Instead, it's time to sweat a little.

Cleveland (9-6) could have clinched with a victory over the down-and-out Bengals (6-9), who had nothing more than pride on the

line and several starters out with injuries. The Browns acted more like the team playing it out.

They dropped passes. They botched a field-goal attempt. They came up short on fourth-and-short. Ultimately, they couldn't overcome a bad game by Anderson, who had his best moments when the state rivals met in September.

"It's a tough battle to fight when you're throwing four picks," Anderson said. "A couple of them were bad decisions, and a couple of them got hung up in the air."

Cleveland's loss gives the Tennessee Titans control over the final AFC wild-card spot. The Browns now need a Titans' loss at Indianapolis next week to clinch a spot in the playoffs.

Anderson tied his career high with the four interceptions. With Cleveland's loss, the Pittsburgh Steelers clinched the AFC North title.

Anderson's interceptions on consecutive plays helped the

Bengals score two touchdowns in a 39-second span late in the first half, putting them up 19-0. He also had a deflected pass intercepted in the end zone, and another picked off inside the 20.

Given one final chance when Kenny Watson fumbled at the Cleveland 17 with 1:48 left, the Browns drove to the Bengals' 29. Anderson's desperation pass into the end zone as time ran out was knocked down with no Browns receiver close.

"We're just out there trying to get some positive momentum for next year," said rookie safety Chinedum Ndukwe, whose 44-yard interception return set up the first touchdown.

In many ways, it was a remarkable turnaround.

Anderson threw five touchdown passes in a 51-45 win over the Bengals in the second week of the season, a career day that got Cleveland headed in the right direction. With a chance to take

that final step into the playoffs, Anderson went 29 of 48 for 250 yards with a pair of touchdown passes to Braylon Edwards.

"There were some throws where the ball just died or went in a completely different direction than he was anticipating," Edwards said.

One of the NFL's worst defenses allowed Watson to run for 130 yards and a touchdown, only the fourth 100-yard game of his career. Starter Rudi Johnson was inactive with a hamstring injury that has bothered him most of the season.

Cleveland's defense has given up the most yards in the league. It couldn't stop a reserve running back when it knew he was coming.

"We've struggled with the run all year," Browns Coach Romeo Crennel said. "We struggled with the run today. What's happened over the course of the year happened today."

Watson's solid game helped the Bengals to hold on to the 19-point lead. Like Anderson, Carson

Palmer also struggled with the gusting wind, going 11-for-21 for 115 yards with two interceptions and one touchdown.

"I never really got a good sense of which way it was blowing," Palmer said. "It was really swirling. It was an ugly game, and a tough one to play in if you're trying to throw the football."

The Browns had everything in their favor. Thousands of their fans were in the stands, taking advantage of local indifference to another losing season. Scalpers had plenty of tickets available on street corners.

The wind swirled through Paul Brown Stadium, made the goal posts gyrate and dropped the wind chill into the teens — not the best conditions, but still far better than the whiteout for Cleveland's 8-0 win over Buffalo last week that also came down to the final drive.

Now, the Browns' season could go right down to the end, too.

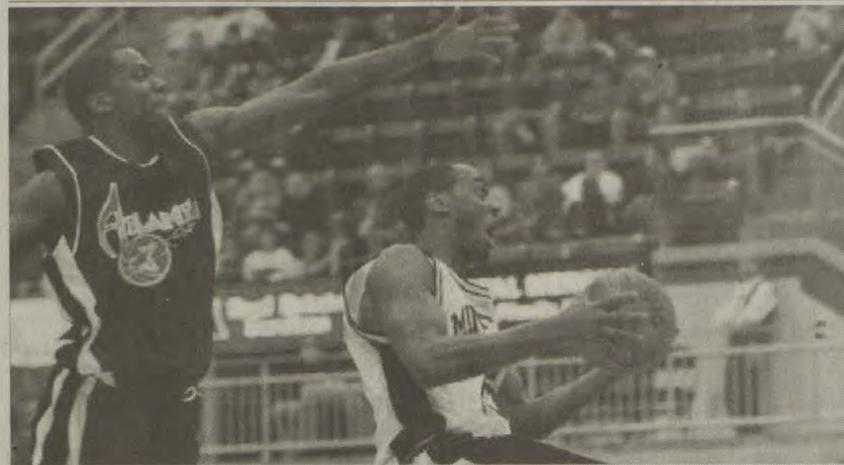


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JOSH PACE continues to lead the East Kentucky Miners in scoring. Pace is a Syracuse University graduate. He ranks as one of the CBA's top players.

Miners fall to Pittsburgh in road game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PITTSBURGH — Carl Krauser scored 24 points, dished out 14 assists and pulled down seven rebounds Friday night to help lead the host Pittsburgh Xplosion past the East Kentucky Miners. Pittsburgh prevailed 126-116.

The Xplosion won the quarter points 6-1.

With the score tied at 93 midway through the fourth quarter, Krauser took over. On Pittsburgh's next two possessions, Krauser hit a pair of

three pointers to put the Xplosion up for good at 99-93. Krauser added assists on the Xplosion's next two possessions, turning a close game into a solid victory for the Xplosion.

Pittsburgh won the first quarter, giving the Xplosion 15 consecutive quarter point wins. The Xplosion led by as many as 12 in the second quarter, but an 11-0 run by East Kentucky over the last 2:53 of the half gave the Miners a 55-51 advantage heading into the locker room.

The game remained tight until Krauser came to life.

Robert Morris graduate Chaz McCrommon led the Xplosion with 29 points and 12 rebounds.

Boo Jackson paced the Miners with a game-high 32 points and 10 rebounds.

Jason McLeish handed out a team-best six assists for the Miners.

East Kentucky (8-10) will host Pittsburgh (9-7) Sunday afternoon at 4:05 p.m. at the East Kentucky Expo Center.



photos by Jamie Howell

FOREST PARK (VA.), pictured above, won the 2007 Jenny Wiley Invitational Tournament. Host Prestonsburg (pictured below) finished second behind the Virginia team.



Austin Peay holds off Colonels, 75-67

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — The Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team connected on a season-high 13 three-pointers, but it wasn't enough as host Austin Peay earned a 75-67 victory Saturday night in Dave Aaron Arena. With the win, the Governors (6-6, 3-0 OVC) stay perfect in conference action and hand the Colonels (6-6, 3-1) their first league loss

of the year.

Four Colonels finished in double figures, led by sophomore Adam Leonard's 20 points, which were two shy of his career high. Senior Darnell Dials (14 points, 11 rebounds) recorded his second double-double of the year while sophomore Josh Taylor chipped in with a personal-best 17 points.

For Austin Peay, Drake Reed and Todd Babington each tallied 18 points. The

Governors shot 52.1 percent (25-of-48) from the floor and forced 19 Colonel turnovers.

The Colonels have the rest of the calendar year off to celebrate the holiday season. Eastern Kentucky will return to action Jan. 2 at Southeast Missouri.

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Seminoles lose 36 players for Music City Bowl

by BRENT KALLESTAD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Thirty-six Florida State players won't be going to the Dec. 31 Music City Bowl against Kentucky because of an academic cheating scandal, other violations of team rules or injuries.

Linebacker Dekoda Watson, cornerback Patrick Robinson, who had six interceptions, and three top defensive tackles were among the players sidelined either as a result of the ongoing investigation into an academic cheating scandal at the school or some other violation of team rules.

"It is very important that the media make clear that those

missing the bowl trip are not included because of either injury or for a violation of team policy," associate athletic director Rob Wilson said in a statement accompanying the travel list. "It would be irresponsible to imply or state that any or all of the student-athletes will miss the trip for one particular reason."

The school announced earlier this week that 25 of its players were included in its ongoing investigation of academic wrongdoing by the athletes. It didn't identify which students.

The Florida State roster was so thinned by the academic scandal that the team had room for 17 players on the traveling party who are either redshirt

freshmen or athletes who suffered season-ending or career-ending injuries this season. Only 43 scholarship players are available to Coach Bobby Bowden for the game.

Junior quarterback Xavier Lee, who started three games for the Seminoles, was among the offensive players not traveling. The offensive line was also hit hard with tight ends Caz Piurowski and Charlie Graham, offensive tackle Damon Rose and guard Jackie Claude not making the trip.

Thirteen of the names missing from the travel list had started games this season for Florida State. Eleven of the players not traveling were non-scholarship athletes.

UK baseball team ranked 20th in preseason poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

TUSCON, Ariz. — For the second consecutive year, the University of Kentucky baseball team has earned a preseason national ranking, checking in as the No. 20 team in college baseball during the preseason, the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper announced Friday.

The Wildcats are coming off the most successful two-year run in the 103-year history of the UK baseball program, running up 78 wins since 2006. The preseason ranking marks the second preseason honor in as many years for UK, as the Wildcats began the season ranked No. 27 in the 2007 preseason Collegiate Baseball poll. UK was also tabbed by Rivals.com as the 23rd-ranked team and as the 30th-ranked team by Baseball America, in the 2007 preseason.

Kentucky returns one of the top teams in the nation, boosted by sluggers Sawyer Carroll and Collin Cowgill. The duo joined right-hander

Scott Green as member of the 2008 Brooks Wallace National Player of the Year Preseason Watch list, an award annually given to the top player in collegiate baseball.

Carroll, a 6-foot-4, 210-pound left-handed hitter, emerged for the Wildcats in 2007, batting .350 (75-for-214), with 56 RBI and three homers. Carroll finished the regular season as the Southeastern Conference leader in doubles, cranking out 23 two-baggers. Carroll, who was a 18th round MLB draft pick of the Washington Nationals in 2007, reached base safely in 51 of UK's 54 games last season.

Cowgill, a Lexington native and former Kentucky High School Mr. Baseball, missed the 2007 season after injuring his hand in preseason. As one of the top positional players during 2006, Cowgill batted .298 with 16 home runs and 61 RBI, while helping lead UK to its first SEC Championship in school history. After sitting out the 2007 season, Cowgill returned to

form during the summer in the Cape Cod League, batting .290 with two home runs, four doubles, four triples, and 20 RBI, earning Cape Cod All-Star honors. Tabbed as the outfielder with the best arm during the preseason of 2007 by Baseball America, Cowgill brings not only a veteran, slugging approach at the plate for the Wildcats, but is also one of the top defensive outfielders in college baseball.

Green, who was tabbed the 12th-best prospect in college baseball by Baseball America in October, had an outstanding summer in the Cape Cod League, as a member of the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox, the same squad as Cowgill. Green and Cowgill led the Y-D Red Sox to the CCL Championship this summer, with Green earning a 3-1 record, a save, and a 1.56 ERA in nine games. Green tossed 40.1 innings, striking out 35, earning the designation as the fourth-best prospect in the talent-rich Cape Cod by Baseball America.

Reds acquire pitchers from Texas

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds Executive Vice President and General Manager Wayne Krivsky today announced the acquisitions of RHP Edinson Volquez and minor league LHP Danny Herrera from the Texas Rangers in exchange for OF Josh Hamilton.

Volquez, 24, last season won the Nolan Ryan Pitcher of the Year Award as the best minor league pitcher in the Rangers' organization. In 26 starts at Class A Bakersfield, Class AA Frisco and Class

AAA Oklahoma he went 14-6 with a 3.67 ERA while allowing minor league opponents to hit just .190 overall. He also went 2-1 with a 4.50 ERA in 6 starts for Texas.

Among Rangers farmhands in 2007, Volquez ranked first in strikeouts (166 in 144.2 innings), second in victories and fifth in ERA. He entered 2007 rated by Baseball America as the third-best prospect in the organization. Following the season he was ranked as the 13th-best prospect in the entire Pacific Coast League.

Herrera, 23, was selected by the Rangers in the 45th

round of the June 2006 first-year player draft. He was named by Baseball America as a 2006 Draft First-Year All-Star after posting a 1.45 ERA in 5 starts and 12 relief appearances for the AZL Rangers and Class A Bakersfield. He spent most of last season, just his second in professional baseball, at Class AA Frisco and went 5-2 with a 3.78 ERA in 34 relief appearances.

Hamilton, 26, last season for the Reds hit .292 with 19 HR and 47 RBI in 90 games. He was on the disabled list twice.

Patterson

last Sunday. The Wildcats played without guard Jodie Meeks, who sat out with a hip flexor

strain. Meeks played his first game in six weeks during the loss to Houston, scoring 21 points. But he did not prac-

tice following the game, but could return next Saturday when the Wildcats host San Diego.

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For Sale: 35 acres of land, one story house with 1,600 sq.ft of living space, partial basement located at Hi Hat, Ky. Two acres of flat land with house, space for garden or two more residences. The home place of the late Cecil and Edna "Sweetie" Meade. Appraised value \$65,000. Price non-negotiable. Contact Mike Mullins at 606-785-5475 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays) or 606-251-3414.

HOUSE FOR SALE Newly constructed house for sale located at Abbott Creek. Vaulted living room ceiling, 3 BR, bonus room, fireplace, with cherry hardwood floors and cabinets with spacious attached garage. Located 4 miles from us 23. Panoramic view located in new subdivisions. \$210,00

AUTOMOTIVE

Wheels/Misc

HICKS AUTO SALES
DAVID ROAD
 98' GTP, Grand Prix
 96' Buick Century \$1,100.
 Chevy c60 Dump truck 14 foot bed \$3800.
 1995 GMC Conversion VAN \$3800
 886-2842
 886-3451.

1989 Crown Victoria for sale. Good condition \$1,200. Call 874-2421 or 226-5583

1985 dodge ram heavy duty 8 lug. 85,000 miles. New mud / snow tires. Would be a good work truck. also for sale 351 windsor motor. low miles \$800. Call 886-6258.

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For Sale: 1987 Dodge ram B-250 Van. (Fair Condition) 1 owner. Can be used for passenger or cargo transport. \$1,295. Call 285-9112.

2006 Harley Sporster Custom 1200cc, 1400 miles - \$7,200.00 and a 2006 Harley Dyna Lowrider 1600 miles - \$10,400.00. Both excellent condition. (606) 377-2028 or (606) 377-6229.

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Wanted Experienced legal secretary for Pikeville office. Computer skills including Word and Outlook. Typing speed of at least 55 words per minute. Excellent salary and benefits. Send resumes to P.O. Box 390 Prestonsburg, Ky 41653.

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Human Resource Director - We are looking for the right person to be a part of the management team who has a track record of building a culture of team work. The successful candidate will have human resource experience preferably in health care experience and be certified as a PHR or SPHR or whose combination of education and experience will give them the best opportunity for success. Interested candidates should send their resume to: Pikeville Healthcare Center David R. Baumgartner, S P H R "mailto:dbaumgartner@hqmmail.com" dbaumgartner@hqmmail.com

Heavy Equipment Steam Cleaning Company needs employees. Must have valid drivers license and up to date surface mining papers. Mine Emergency Tech. is a plus. Call Mon. Thru Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (606) 886-1759 If no answer leave message.

Merchandise
 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix GT
 117,000 miles.
 Excellent condition. \$4,950. Call 606-377-2032 or 377-0990

Miscellaneous

For Sale
 Antiques: Antique John Deer Disc Harrow \$600.
 Antique G.E. Refrigerator \$350.
 Antique Horse Drawn Plows \$200.
 Antique Clawfoot Bathtub \$125.
 Antique double Washtub with Wooden Ringer \$125. Call 874-2421.

Tanning Bed for sale. Call 886-8843 or 791-2727.

Beautiful Maggie SoHero wedding gown size 12 original cost \$1600, selling \$500. Call 606-886-9626. If interested please leave message and number.

Animals

Christmas English Bulldog, AKC registered, Up-to-date shots. Health guaranteed, good with other animals. I am giving her to a lovely, and caring person / family this Christmas because she will be a wonderful Christmas gift and companion for your Family. Ready to go. Email: spencer_micheal_1970@yahoo.com

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Tax Preparer
 Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is seeking a Tax Preparer to perform all duties related to preparing and transmitting electronically prepared tax returns for low-income families and individuals to the Internal Revenue Service. Duties include completing required transmittal reports and paperwork, processing acknowledgments, verification of customer information, creation of customer folders, providing information to customers about EITC, and ensuring all services are offered to customers. This will be a temporary, part-time position that will consist of approximately 30 hours weekly, beginning January 17, 2008 and continuing until April 15, 2008.

The successful candidate must possess the ability to communicate effectively, and have excelled planning and organization skills. Successful performance in the position requires a prior knowledge of income tax preparation and knowledge of preparation software or a strong computer background with appropriate education relating to same. This position will require paid travel in Magoffin, Johnson, Martin, Pike and Floyd Counties, service area.

Qualified applicants may submit a résumé and letter of application to Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, ATTN: Human Resources Manager, 230 Court Street, Paintsville, KY 41240. Closing date for applications is Friday, January 4, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. An equal opportunity employer.

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Real Estate

Houses

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Wire Transfer Clerk: Full-time* Min. \$8.14-Max. \$12.26 per hr. Duties: Performs all functions associated with the wire transfer area for the bank, working daily with the Federal Reserve Bank following appropriate procedures and instructions. Verifies information provided by staff and customers. Works daily with computers. High level of confidentiality. Edu. req: High school or equivalent or technical school; or one to two yrs. related exp. and/or training; or equivalent combination of edu. and experience

Loan Processor: Full-time* Min. \$9.43-Max. \$14.21 per hr. Verifies, compiles, and processes application information for consumer, mortgage and commercial loans. Reviews loan application files to verify that application data is complete and meets established standards and legal requirements. Prepares files and verifies that all information, including documentation and fees, are complete and accurate. Identifies and completes required documentation based upon type of loan. Works closely with lending staff to meet closing deadlines.

Electronic Data Clerk II: Full-time* Min. \$8.55-Max. \$12.88 Prepares a variety of reports for management, using online systems and spreadsheets. These may be scheduled or ad hoc. Performs activities relating to ACH and Debit Card in the capacity of a clerk and also as the primary backup to the electronic Data Clerk. Edu: High school diploma or equivalent, or 2 to 3 years related experience and/or equivalent of edu. and experience.

Customer Data Center Supervisor: Full-time* Mid Point \$1,133.93 biweekly. Supervises Customer Data Center staff members; File Maintenance Clerk; Loan Clerk; Electronic Data Center Clerk's I & II. Also, acts as a liaison between CDC Manager and Staff. Provides personnel with the support, direction, training and guidance needed in order to perform their roles to the maximum efficiency required by management. Ensures that regulatory deadlines and procedures, as well as bank policies/procedures, are met and all activities are performed accurately. Prepares reports for departments and management, using URSA, EZSPEC, EXCEL, etc. Establishes work schedule for assigned staff. Edu; Assoc. Deg. (A.A.) or equivalent from 2-yr. college or tech. school in Accounting; Business Admin.; Computer Application, or 2 to 3 years related banking experience and/or training or equivalent combination of edu. and experience.

*All Full-time: competitive package of benefits, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, long-term disability, paid sick leave, holidays, personal time, vacation, and 401(k).

Applications are available on the employment home page at www.cnbonline.com or you may apply at any location.

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1, 2, 3, 4 Bedrooms
 available for extremely low-income people at Highland Heights Apts. in Goble-Roberts Addn., and Cliffside Apts. on Cliff Road, Prestonsburg. Computerized learning centers offer social/educational programs for children and adults. All utilities included at Highland Hgts., utility allowance at Cliffside. Call (606) 886-0608, 886-1927, or 886-1819. TDD: 1-800-648-6056. Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion and familial status.

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 9,000 sq. ft. under roof. 9 rollup doors, approx. 3.5 acres level land. Tractor/trailer accessible, 3-phase power to the building. Located 6 miles from Allen red light at Cow Creek. \$150,000.
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House for rent

House For Rent - 3 BR, at Allen, Ky. \$800.00 per month + security deposit. Call 794-0249

LARGE 2 story 4 br 2 bath house for rent. 3,600 sq ft 2 family rooms, big back yard. In town NO PETS. Call 606-226-5846. Available Jan 1st. \$1,200 mth.

For rent: 2 br House at Martin. Available immediately. Call 791-8560 or 478-8139 after 7pm. \$500 month & \$500. deposit.

3- Br house for rent. With attached garage on 1 acre flat lot, furnished kitchen, utility room, dining room, living room w / fireplace two full baths. Located on left fork Little Paint, off Rt 1100 off U.S. 23 four lane, near Highlands regional Hospital. References required and possible back-ground check if desired. Prefer no pets - deposit of one months rent. \$550. monthly. Call 886-6626.

Beauty shop for rent. Equipped with 3 stations and tanning bed. Would consider renting for commercial use other than beauty shop. Rt. 122 1 mile, South of Martin across from Garth Technical School. Must have references. 285-9112.

Commercial property 12 acres next to Walmart & McDonald's in Prestonsburg. 886-3023 after 5pm.

FOR SALE Property for sale between Prestonsburg and Painstville. Also, double wide for rent. \$500 plus deposit. Call 606-789-6721 or 792-792-6721. No pets.

FARM FOR SALE Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint. Lum Derossert Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber. HUNTERS PARADISE!! Could be made into a subdivision.

Mobile Homes

2 Br mobile home for rent. Completely furnished, \$350/mth plus utilities. \$150. deposit. Everything turned on ready to move into. Call 886-8961. Auxier Ky

Rent to own 1999 3 br 16x80 Mobile home. Married couples preferred. 6 miles from Prestonsburg. Call 886-2842.

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For Rent : Small 2 br mobile home located near the new Prestonsburg grade school. \$ 350. mth Plus utilities. Call 886-9931.

3 BR 2 bath MH for rent with large deck. Located at 315 Adams Cemetery Road. Call 791-8617 or 791-4471. \$450 per month.

LOTS FOR RENT New mobile park lots, Allen Dwale area, Floyd County. Restrictions apply. Paved Streets, lighted area, parking pads. All sizes call 606-377-2357.

Mobile Home for rent: NO HUD. 1/2 mile north of Prestonsburg Spradlin Branch. Call 889-0363.

Legals

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY SOUTHERN DIVISION PIKEVILLE Civil Action No. 07-143-GVT

Tract No. 553M United States of America Plaintiff Vs. NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION 3.91 Acres of Land, More or Less, Situate in Floyd County, Commonwealth of Kentucky, And Mary June Allen, et al Defendants

Renovated Apartments like new, furnished, downtown Martin. 1 BR and efficiency apartments. Call 285-3233 between 10a-6p M-S. **Furnished 1 bed room Apt.** Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300.

Flanery aka Myrtle J. Flanery aka Myrtle Berry Unknown spouse if any, of Edith L. Frazier aka Edith L. Frazier Martin aka Edith Norris Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Edith L. Frazier aka Edith L. Frazier Martin aka Edith Norris Unknown spouse, if any, of Edith Frazier Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Edith Frazier Unknown spouse, if any, of Greta Graham Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Greta Graham Suzie Osborn Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Suzie Osborn Unknown spouse, if any, of Suzie Osborn William T. Osborn Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of William T. Osborn Unknown spouse, if any, of William T. Osborn Unknown successors or assigns in interest, if any, to Warfield Natural Gas Company pursuant to that oil and gas lease found in Deed Book 102, at page 111 of the records of the Floyd County, Kentucky Court Clerk's Office. In addition to those named above, there may be other persons who have or may claim an interest in the property taken, who are unknown to plaintiff. Such persons claiming an interest in the property shall file their claims with the action under the designation "Unknown Owners". YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint in Condemnation has heretofore been filed in the Office of the Clerk in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, in the United States District Court Courthouse in Pikeville, Kentucky for the taking of the fee simple title to the land described in Schedule "A", subject, however, to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads, and pipelines, and excepting and excluding from the taking all interests in coal, oil and gas, and other minerals in and under said land and other interests in parties other than the surface owners and all appurtenant rights for the exploration, development, production and removal of said coal, oil and gas and other minerals so excluded, and for the use in connection with the establishment of the Town of Martin Kentucky Nonstructural Flood Control Project, in and to the land in which you have, or claim to have an interest, and more particularly described in the pleadings herein: Tract 553M, a certain tract of land in a Town of Martin Project, situate in Floyd County, Kentucky, and containing 3.67 acres more or less. It is the intent of the foregoing description to include a part of the same land conveyed to Mary Frazier in a deed from Louisa Osborn, the wife of W. T. Osborn (deceased), S. D. Osborn and Myrtle Osborn, T. Osborn and Jennie Osborn, S.P. Osborn and Susie Osborn, P.M. Dingus, and Dollie Dingus, and Calvin Osborn, dated January 24, 1913, and recorded March 17, 1913, in Deed Book 36, Page 368, the coal, oil and gas for this land was reserved by Mary J. Frazier, aka Mary Frazier, and W. S. Frazier, her husband, in a deed dated January 16, 1924, and recorded February 19, 1924, in Deed Book 65, Page 412. Mary J. Frazier, aka Mary Frazier died testate and according to her Last Will and Testament dated December 1, 1932, and recorded March 27, 1933, in Will Book B, Page 9, she devised her interest in the subject tract to her children: Minnie Frazier Smith, Calvin Frazier, Dr. W.D. Osborn, Effie D. Maggard, Thos M. Frazier, Myrtle Flanery, Edith L. Frazier, and Alton O. Frazier. Effie Frazier Maggard, aka Effie D. Maggard, died intestate on April 29, 1991, and was survived by her husband, Lawrence Maggard, and her children, Greta Graham, Rose Warren, Ada Luxmore and Ruby Maggard Spencer, as shown by that certain Affidavit of Descent, dated and recorded May 21, 1992, in Deed Book 357, Page 331, being survived by his wife, Ethel Frazier, and his children: Mary June Allen and Donald Frazier. Eugene Frazier, aka Calvin Frazier, died testate on March 29, 1983, as shown on a certain Affidavit of Descent dated March 12, 1990, and recorded January 25, 1990, in Deed Book 339, Page 132, being survived by his wife, Ethel Frazier, and his children: Mary June Allen and Donald Frazier. Eugene Frazier, aka Calvin Frazier, died testate on March 29, 1983, as shown on a certain Affidavit of Descent dated March 12, 1990, and recorded August 14, 1990 in Deed Book 339, Page 130, being survived by her children: Stephen Frazier, George Frazier, Eugene Frazier and Larry Frazier. 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Ethel Osborn died intestate on or about February 17, 1999, terminating her life estate according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated December 30, 2002, and recorded January 13, 2003, in Deed Book 402, Page 573. The authority for the taking is under and in accordance with the Act of Congress approved February 25, 1931 (40 U.S.C. § 258a) which was recodified by Act of Congress approved August 21, 2002 (116 Stat. 1145; 40 U.S.C. § 3114), and acts supplementary thereto, and amendatory thereof, and under the further authority of the Acts of Congress approved April 24, 1988 (29 Stat. 94; 33 U.S.C. § 591), June 29, 1906 (34 Stat. 632; 33 U.S.C. § 592), and

March 1, 1917 (39 Stat. 950; 33 U.S.C. § 701), which acts authorize the acquisition of land or easements therein for flood control projects; § 202 of the Act of Congress approved October 1, 1980 (94 Stat. 1331, P.L. 96-367), which act authorized implementation of flood control measures on the Lanes Fork and Tur Fork of the Big Sandy River Basin and their tributaries; § 367 of the Act of Congress approved August 17, 1996 (113 Stat. 320; P.L. 106-53), which act authorized all necessary measures in Martin, Kentucky to prevent future losses that would occur as a result of a flood equal in magnitude to a 100-year frequency event, the Act of Congress approved October 27, 2000 (114 Stat. 1414; P.L. 106-377), which directed the Secretary of the Army to proceed in accordance with Plan A as set forth in the Preliminary Draft Easement Project Report, Appendix T of the General Plan of the Huntington District Commander, and the Revised Continuing Resolution, 2007 enacted February 14, 2007 (P.L. 110-5), which act appropriated funds for such purposes. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you have any objection or defense to the taking of your property, you are required to serve upon the plaintiff's attorney at the address herein designated within twenty (20) days after the date of the personal service of this notice upon you, and thereafter, in the event you shall receive notice of all proceedings affecting the said property, you may appear in person, or by your attorney, at the taking of your property. A failure so to serve an answer shall constitute a waiver of the taking and of the authority of the Court to proceed to hear the action and fix the just compensation and shall constitute a waiver of all defenses and objections not so presented. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you have no objection or defense to the taking, you may serve upon plaintiff's attorney a notice of appearance, designating the property in which you claim to be interested and thereafter you shall receive notice of all proceedings affecting the said property. 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Clifford and Jane Conn, Richard Kimbler, Lizzie Boyd, John David Boyd, Pamela Akers, Betty Rose Newsome, and Willie Conn, Georgene Conn Wright, Banner L. Conn, Bobby and Sherry Coleman, Ernest and Geneva Boyd, Danny R. and Anna Conn, Donald and Lois Adkins, Donnie and Monica Akers, Loretta Hunter, Charles Elliott, Phillip Ray and Tonya Boyd, Delphia and Cleodous Hall, Sode Scott and Michelle Lawson, George K. and Lois Boyd, Ellis Hunter, and Brenda Gail Hunter. The proposed amendment is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY 2030. The amendment will not involve relocation and/or closure of the public road. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for

Natural Resources the Director, 2007, at 11:00. Division of Mine Type of Collateral: Permits, No. 2 2006 20 ft. Ranger Hudson Hollow, Boat Commanche Tourment Edition 200 Mercury Engine Frankfort, Kentucky Date: 09/13/06 Location: First Commonwealth Bank 311 North Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653 Any questions, call Mike Haney 606/424/6453 or 606/886-2321, ext. 1269 PUBLIC SALE Date and Time of Sale: December 28, 2007, at 11:00. PUBLIC SALE Date and Time of Sale: December 28, 2007, at 11:00.

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD...SCT I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following Settlements of Estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before January 26th, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

Case Settlement	Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	06-P-242	Melvin Johnson	Liza Ann Johnson	11-13-07
Final	06-P-377	Jean Pat Hicks	Anita Martin	11-16-07
Final	05-P-342	Margie Reeves	Mona F. Reeves	11-16-07
Final	07-P-170	Martha Keathley	Gary Keathley	11-20-07
Final	07-P-110	Gordon Carroll	Belinda Carroll	11-21-07
Final	05-P-372	Dellia Stevens	Josephine Akers	11-29-07
Final	07-P-123	Julia Reffitt	Tom Reffitt	11-30-07
Final	05-P-353	Estill Howell	Anna Jean Howell	11-10-07
Final	06-P-336	Laymond Bragg	Florine Bragg	03-20-07
Final	05-P-340	Linda Tackett	Scott Tackett	10-19-07
Final	07-P-204	Esta Hamilton Mitchell	Harold Mitchell	12-12-07
Final	07-P-185	Edith Sadler	Maurice Sadler	11-19-07
Final	07-P-25	Alma Meade	Trula Meade	11-21-07
Final	07-P-61	Robert Murriell	Vonda Murriell	11-26-07
Final	07-P-79	Bonnie Sword	Batina Sword	11-26-07
Final	07-P-180	James T. Ladd	Lori P. Weiler	11-28-07
Final	07-P-94	Willard Ousley	Glen & Rudolph Ousley	11-28-07
Final	06-P-298	Mary Marguerite May Sharp	Mary Lynne Pigman	11-30-07
Final	07-P-220	Alta Fraley	Bill Fraley	12-10-07
Final	05-P-354	Franklin L. Smith	Revia Smith	12-13-07

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2007, at 11:00.
 Type of Collateral:
 2001 Chevy Tahoe
 S/N 5581
 Contract Date:
 09/13/06
 Location: First
 Commonwealth
 Bank
 311 North Arnold
 Ave.
 Prestonsburg, KY
 41653
 Any questions, call
 Mike Haney
 606/424/6453 or
 606/886/2321, ext.
 1269

Caleb Fork, in
 Floyd County, and
 Abel Tackett Fork
 of Long Fork, in
 Pike County. The
 latitude is 37
 degrees 19 min-
 utes 09 seconds.
 The longitude is 82
 degrees 41 min-
 utes 01 seconds.
 3. The bond now
 in effect for permit
 number 836-0319
 are surety bonds
 for:

- Increment No. 1,
\$59,700.00
- Increment No. 2,
\$536,800.00
- Increment No. 3,
\$96,700.00
- Increment No. 4,
\$289,100.00
- Increment No. 5,
\$297,700.00
- Increment No. 6,
\$443,100.00
- Increment No. 7,
\$544,700.00 and
\$76,000.00
- Increment No. 8,
\$52,500.00

Approximately
 60% of the original
 bond amount is
 included in the
 application for
 release.

4. Reclamation
 work performed
 includes: backfill-
 ing, final grading,
 seeding and
 mulching, complet-
 ed in April 2005. All
 disturbed areas
 have been seeded
 as to provide ade-
 quate growth for
 plant species, and
 provide appropriate
 conditions for the

surrounding
 wildlife.

5. Written com-
 ments, objections,
 and requests for a
 public hearing or
 informal confer-
 ence must be filed
 with the Director,
 Division of Field
 Services, No. 2
 Hudson Hollow,
 Frankfort, KY
 40601, by January
 22, 2008.

6. A public hear-
 ing on the applica-
 tion has been
 scheduled for
 January 23, 2008,
 at 10:00 a.m./p.m.,
 or as soon there-
 after as may be
 heard at the
 Pikeville Regional
 Office of the
 Department for
 Surface Mining
 Reclamation and
 Enforcement, 121
 Mays Branch
 Road, Pikeville,
 Kentucky 41501.
 The hearing will be
 cancelled if no
 request for a hear-
 ing on informal
 conference is
 received by
 January 22,
 2008. This is the
 final advertisement
 of this application;
 all comments,
 objections, or
 requests for a per-
 mit conference
 must be received
 within 30 days of
 this date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby
 given that
 White/Reach, LLC,
 201 W. Short
 Street, Suite 500,
 Lexington, KY
 40507, has filed an
 application with the
 Environmental and
 Public Protection
 Cabinet to con-
 struct a commercial
 retail building and
 associated parking
 lot and driveways
 on the property,
 located at the inter-
 section of KY 122
 and KY 1428, in
 Martin, Kentucky.
 The property is
 located adjacent to
 the Right Fork of
 Beaver Creek. Any
 comments or
 objections con-
 cerning this appli-
 cation shall be
 directed to:
 Kentucky Division
 of Water, Water
 Resources Branch,
 14 Reilly Road,
 Frankfort Office
 Park, Frankfort,
 Kentucky 40601.
 Phone: (502) 564-
 3410.

NOTICE

I, Jimmy Crum,
 hereby revoke any
 power of attorney
 or other docu-
 ments, authorizing
 Linda Keathley to
 act on my behalf.
 Jimmy Crum

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

1. In accordance
 with KRS 350.093,
 notice is hereby
 given that Miller
 Bros. Coal LLC,
 433 Daniels Creek
 Road, P.O. Box
 990, Allen, KY
 41601, has applied
 for Phase I Bond
 Release on Permit
 Number 836-0319,
 which was last
 issued on 4/17/07.
 The application
 covers an area of
 approximately
 639.97 acres,
 located 1 mile
 southeast of
 Weeksbury in Pike
 and Floyd
 Counties.

2. The permit
 area is approxi-
 mately 1 mile
 southeast from
 Kentucky Route
 466's junction with
 Caleb Fork County
 Road, and is locat-
 ed on Pine Fork of

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids for Lots C-22 through C-31, located at StoneCrest Golf Course, along Clubhouse Drive. Minimum bid accepted will be appraised value of \$26,000 per lot. These lots are zoned R-2 (Single, Double and Multiple Family Dwellings). Sealed bids must be submitted by January 4, 2008. For additional information, you may contact the City Clerk at (606) 886-2335. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids.

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The Floyd County Sheriff's Office is accepting bids for 23 new Smith & Wesson M&P .40 caliber handguns. Each handgun will come with three hi-capacity magazines. Bids will be accepted until December 31, 2007. The Floyd County Sheriff's Office retains the right to reject any and all bids.

Please send bids to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office. Att.: Bid, P.O. Box 152, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

NOTICE TO PATRICIA RISTER WARNING ORDER

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned attorney has been appointed to notify the Defendant, Patricia Rister, that a civil action has been filed against her in Floyd Circuit Court, Division I, as C.A. No. 07-CI-1250. Said Defendant must immediately file an Answer in the matter, otherwise, judgment may be entered against him. Said Defendant should contact the undersigned attorney immediately.

Anthony Craig Davis
 Davis Law Office
 104 Hays Complex
 P.O. Box 220

Betsy Layne, Kentucky 41605
 Office: (606) 478-1002

LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
 COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
11-20-07	07-P-423	Timothy Hall	Teresa Hall	Jimmy C. Hall
11-26-07	07-P-426	Sam Manuel	Nancy Manuel	
11-26-07	07-P-427	Bert Dye	Bertha Paige Dye	
11-26-07	07-P-428	Juanita Mullins	Julius Mullins	Gregory A. Isaac
11-27-07	07-P-432	Lucinda Justice	Oga Mae Combs	
11-30-07	07-P-435	Geneva June Hall	James K. Hall	
11-30-07	07-P-436	Helen S. Kendrick	Edward L. Kendrick	
12-03-07	07-P-437	Reevis Carroll	Dorvin D. Carroll	
12-03-07	07-P-438	Marna Belle Mitchell	Thomas J. Spears	
12-04-07	07-P-441	James Calvin Reynolds	Sandra Reynolds	
12-05-07	07-P-447	Deborah K. Stephens	Sam Stephens Jr.	
12-07-07	07-P-449	Annie Baisden	Jeffery E. Baisden	
12-10-07	07-P-450	Charles P. Dingus	Vivian McGarey	
12-10-07	07-P-456	Lucille E. Nunnery	Dixon Nunnery	B.D. Nunnery
12-12-07	07-P-457	Rebecca M. Briggs	Eula Lawson & Taylor Briggs	
12-12-07	07-P-458	Eugene Mullins	Paul Mullins & Jennifer Fyffe	
12-14-07	07-P-460	Alka Fitch	Juanita Ousley	
12-14-07	07-P-463	Barbara Marie Hall	Betsy Hall	
12-14-07	07-P-464	Joe Ward	Lisa Ward	
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