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In brief

Possession charge filed

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The U.S. District Court in Pikeville passed down an indictment Thursday against an Eastern Kentucky man for possession of a controlled substance.

Jason Randall Thornsberry, 30, of Hindman, faces up to four years in prison and \$250,000 in fines after a grand jury passed down its indictment.

According to the indictment, Thornsberry "did knowingly and intentionally acquire and obtain possession of controlled substances by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception and subterfuge, that is, measurable quantities of Schedule II and III controlled substances."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick Molloy, who is prosecuting the case, indicated that forgery was at the heart of the indictment.

Molloy would not offer comment on the nature of the charges outside the letter of the indictment, or why a seemingly minor charge normally handled at the state level would be prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

As of press time, no trial date had been set.

Deadline for candidates is Tuesday

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The deadline to run in the May 20 primary election is fast approaching, and dance cards in both the Republican and Democratic local races are surprisingly empty.

Thus far the only local contested race is the 29th district Senate seat currently occupied by Democratic incumbent Johnny Ray Turner. Turner will be challenged in May by Shane Hamilton,

who filed his election papers with the Secretary of State earlier this month.

"I want to represent the 29th Senatorial District," Hamilton said. "I promise to be honest, to respect the intelligence of our people, to obey the laws and not bring disgrace to the good people of East Kentucky."

Hamilton lost his last bid for the 29th Senate seat in 2004 to Turner in a closely contested race. Early reports had Hamilton winning the election, but a final count of absentee ballots saw

him fall by margin of 24 votes.

The special election race to fill the 95th District House of Representatives seat vacated by James Brandon Spencer in December has drawn attention from old and new faces alike, yet as of Friday, the May election is being run uncontested.

Former Rep. Charles "Chuck" Meade, who was denied the Democratic bid for the special election, is still the only candidate registered to run in the May primary. Meade had

previously stated that Stumbo's participation in the special election would have no effect on his decision to run in May.

"I'm running my race for the May primary," Meade said. "It's the people's seat, and the people should have a choice." Unless a challenger presents himself, ironically, Meade would be the only choice.

Greg Stumbo, former attorney gen-

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ANGEL IN THE CAPITOL



Two Floyd County men demonstrated their mine safety invention today Thursday, at the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources. Introduced by Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, right, D-Drift, Willie Crase, center, and Levin Wells, both of Martin, discussed the "Mine Angel" and its usability in evacuation and tracking trapped miners or assisting the miners as they seek an exit. The device does not require electricity, batteries or upkeep and is effective in low visibility and with minimal training.

Blood center issues plea for donations

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

A desperate plea was made this week by the Kentucky Blood Center, urging donors to come forward in order to avoid a blood shortage.

The blood inventory was weak before wintry weather arrived and is now at risk of falling to unsafe levels without a strong showing of donors, according to Kentucky Blood Center officials.

"Eligible blood donors are encouraged to give today and tomorrow in order to replenish the blood supply," said Jim Tinker, Kentucky Blood Center spokesperson. "Blood banking is truly a day-to-day business and weather does impact the supply. Our inventory was already

shaky because of the annual decline in donors that comes with the holidays."

According to the Kentucky Blood Center, transfusions at the 67 hospitals and clinics it serves have been steady, though they say a scheduled organ transplant is could use more than 100 units of blood products.

Those wanting to donate blood can call 1-800-775-2522 or visit kybloodcenter.org for blood drive and donor center details.

The following is a list of regional blood donor centers:

- Prestonsburg Donor Center, 200 N. Lake Drive (Municipal Building), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
■ Pikeville Donor

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Beshear 'confident' casinos will pass House, unsure of Senate

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — With a fight brewing over a proposal to legalize casinos in Kentucky, Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear reached out Thursday to key House lawmakers, promising to keep them apprised of his work on the issue.

Beshear is counting on the Democratic-controlled House to support his effort to bring casinos to Kentucky despite opposition from the Republican-controlled Senate.

"I feel fairly confident we'll

be able to pass it in some form in the House," the Democratic governor told reporters Thursday afternoon. "When we get it to the Senate, it will be a more difficult task, obviously."

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, has been an outspoken critic of the proposal. He and other GOP lawmakers have promised to oppose Beshear's efforts to allow casinos to open.

Beshear met privately Thursday in his Capitol office with key Democratic legislators serving on a special subcommittee that's studying the pros and cons of casino gam-

bling. The meeting came two days after some lawmakers voiced frustration that Beshear hasn't yet offered a specific proposal.

The governor said he still is refining some elements of the proposal, including how many casinos should open and where. He said he expects to present legislation to lawmakers in early February.

Beshear had made his proposal to legalize casinos a centerpiece in his campaign against former Gov. Ernie Fletcher, saying such a move

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Mischief suspect returned to Johnson

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — A Paintsville man being sought in connection to a series of mischief crimes was returned to Johnson County earlier this week after being arrested in

Nicholasville on a charge of shoplifting.

Franklin A. (Anthony) Powers, 18, was released from the Jessamine County Jail earlier this week only to be arrested again by Paintsville Police officer

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Senate approves bill cracking down on drunk and drugged drivers

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The Senate has approved legislation aimed at toughening the laws against motorists who drive drunk or high on illegal drugs.

Pikeville Democratic Sen. Ray Jones is sponsoring the bill and says it's intended to close a loophole in the state's DUI law that sometimes benefits people caught with illegal

drugs in their system.

The legislation would also have more highly intoxicated drunken drivers facing jail time for their first DUI offense. Jones' proposal lowers the state's blood-alcohol level threshold for an aggravating factor from .18 to .15. State law says a person is legally drunk with a blood-alcohol level of .08.

The bill heads to the House.

The legislation is Senate Bill 71.



Salyersville high school senior Alison Lovely, daughter of Brian and Tonya Lovely, won the 50th annual Kentucky Junior Miss program. In addition to winning scholarships and other prizes, she will now compete for the national title at the America's Junior Miss program to be held in Alabama this summer.

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Tuesday



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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Melvina N. Akers, 75, of Grethel, died Friday, January 18, in the Riverview Healthcare Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 22, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Joe Bentley, 59, of Melvindale, Mich., formerly of Floyd County, died Sunday, January 20, in Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Mullins Bentley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, in Allen Park, Michigan. Burial followed in the Oak Ridge Cemetery, Brownstown Township, Michigan.

■ Opal Lafferty Branham, 94, of Dwale, died Wednesday, January 23, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, January 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Judy Mac Caudill, 66, of Melvin, died Tuesday, January 22, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Friday, January 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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

■ Willie H. Hamilton, 74, of Beaver, died Wednesday, January 9, at home. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Maudie Irene Hughes, 66, of Longwood, Florida, a Floyd County native, died Wednesday, January 16, at Winter Park Memorial Hospital, Winter Park, Florida. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Mark Wayne Isaac, 45, of McDowell, died Wednesday, January 9, at UK Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Eva K. Robinette Layne, 91, of Harold, died Saturday, January 19, at Pikeville Health Care. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 22, under the direction of Hall

Funeral Home.

■ Carla Jeanne Meade, 43, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, January 22, at the Otter Creek Correctional Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 26, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Agen Aldo Mullins, 65, of Blue River, died Wednesday, January 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Janice Conn Mullins. Funeral services were held Friday, January 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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

■ Howard C. Stickler, 84, of Drift, died Tuesday, January 22, at the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jones Stickler. Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Ezella Watkins, 85, of Worthington, a native of Harold, died Tuesday, January 22, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were held Friday, January 25, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Imogene Collier Whitley, 75, of Flowermound, Texas, formerly of Garrett, died Saturday, January 12, at home. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 17, under the direction of Herrell-Hill Funeral Home, in Suffolk, Virginia.

■ Emogene Whitt, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Donald Blake Adkins, 57, of Shelbiana, died Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Diana Adkins. Funeral services were held Friday, January 25, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Jacqueline Blackburn, 60, of Woodstock, Ga., a Pike

County native, died Thursday, January 17, at DeKalb Medical Center, Atlanta. Funeral services were held Friday, January 25, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Lenville "Lum" Boggs, 67, of Shelbiana, died Friday, January 18, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Vick Boggs. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Julie Cable, 97, of Dorton Creek Road, died Thursday, January 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Homer C. "Moody" Childers, 55, of Shelbiana, died Sunday, January 20, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Carrie Childers. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Mary Magdalene Cochran, 77, of Huddy, died Thursday, January 17, at Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Billy Cochran. Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Wade Gregory "Greg" Coleman, 46, of Mouthcard, died Monday, January 21, at his home. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 24, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Tammy Louise Coleman, 41, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, January 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Timothy B. Coleman. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 26, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Tommy Randall Collins, 46, of Raccoon, died Thursday, January 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Sandy Collins. Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Jack Lewis Deskins, 84, of Kimper, died Wednesday, January 23, at Pikeville Healthcare Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 26 under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Deanna Smith Haynes, 69, of Trenton, Michigan, formerly of Pikeville, died Thursday, January 17. She is survived by her husband, Clell Haynes. Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, under the direction of Martenson Funeral Home, Trenton, Michigan.

■ Tommy Howell Jr., 76, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, January 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Janie Eagle

Howell. Funeral services will be held at noon, Sunday, January 27, in the J.W. Call Funeral Home Chapel.

■ Loretta D. Hunt, 69, of Pikeville, formerly of Eastpointe, Michigan, died Monday, January 21, at Pikeville Healthcare Center. Funeral services were held Friday, January 25, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Nahdeen Scott Hurt, 75, of Pikeville, died Thursday, January 17, at her home. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 20, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Bobby Kinney, 57, of Varney, a Floyd County native, died Sunday, January 20. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 24, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Bertha Kiser, 96, of New Lebanon, Ohio, formerly of Virgie, died Sunday, January 20, 2008, in Ohio. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Janet Lee Little, 27, of Lookout, died Thursday, January 17, in Green Cove Springs, Florida. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 24, under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Gratt Lowe, 83, of Turkey Creek, a Martin County native, died Thursday, January 17, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 20, under the direction

of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Erby Gene Madden, 63, of Pikeville, died Sunday, January 20, at King's Daughters, Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Palmer Meade, 75, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, January 23, at Central Baptist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Joann Simpson Meade. Funeral services will be held at noon, Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Marrowbone Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements are under direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ Maggie Norman, 70, of Freeburn, died Thursday, January 17, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Levi Norman. Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Benjamin Martin Potter, 61, of Norton, Va., formerly of Dorton, died Friday, January 18, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, under the direction of Polly and Craft Funeral Home.

■ Iva Irene Potter, 85, of Dorton, died Saturday, January 19, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Arlie Potter. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 22, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Jimmy Ramsey, 61, a Pikeville native, died Thursday, January 17, at Mt. Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were held Monday,

January 21, under the direction of Cook & Son-Pallay Funeral Home.

■ Janis Isaac Smith, 54, of Michigan, a native of Pike County, died Sunday, January 20, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Diane Love Smith. Funeral services were

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## Obituaries

### Minnie Conley

Minnie Conley, 93, of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at her home.

She was born in Knott County, April 5, 1914, the daughter of the late Matt and Sarah Hicks Conley. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ in Weeksbury.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Conley.

She is survived by four daughters, Faye Smith of Milford, Ohio; Edith Centers of New Richmond, Ohio; Janavea Hamilton of Lexington; and Bonnie (Tim) Hoff of Wheelwright; two sons: Earl Conley of Jackson; and Burton (Susan) Conley of Avon Park, Fla.; a sister, Delana Wallen of Mousie; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Charles Casbolt; two daughters, Ada Leath and Mary Combs; two brothers, Robert and Ashford Conley; three sisters, Bessie Smith, Betty Jean Newman and Alifair Watts.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28, in the Weeksbury Church of Christ, with Eddie Hurley officiating.

Burial will follow in the Conley and Hall Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home of Pikeville. Visitation is 6 p.m. Friday, at

the church with special services Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Pallbearers are family members and friends. (Paid obituary)

### Emogene Whitt

Emogene Whitt, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 19, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 25, 1927, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Hiram and Laura Wills Baisden. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Calvary Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Whitt.

Survivors include two sons, and two daughters: Franklin Eugene Whitt, Larry Michael Whitt, Christine Blair, and Melissa Felty, all of Prestonsburg; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one stepgrandson, and one great-great-grandson.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, and two sisters: Leroy Baisden, Troy Baisden, Stella Baisden, and Eliza Tussey; and a daughter, Geraldine Wright.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 22, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Shawn Blair officiating.

Burial was in the Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

## FCT ONLINE POLL

RESULTS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 20 - JANUARY 27, 2008

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

The current fiscal court	██████████	(98 Votes, 48%)
The previous fiscal court	██████████	(53 Votes, 26%)
State and/or national leaders	██████████	(24 Votes, 12%)
The economy/outside factors	██████████	(17 Votes, 8%)
Don't Know	██████████	(13 Votes, 6%)

Go online today and answer this week's question!

### Who do you favor for the Republican nomination for president?

- Rudolph Giuliani
- Mike Huckabee
- John McCain
- Ron Paul
- Mitt Romney
- Don't know
- Doesn't matter, I'm voting Democrat

## FCT ONLINE POLL

# We Need Stories

Heartland Publications and the Floyd County Times have launched a new project called Faith and Family, a faith-based Christian magazine to be distributed throughout Floyd County.

If you have a testimonial story, life-changing event about yourself or even a poem that you would like to share in this magazine, please email it to: [web@floydcountytimes.com](mailto:web@floydcountytimes.com) Limit your story to 500-750 words. It must be received by January 30 to be eligible.

Please include a phone number in your email. We will notify you if your story has been chosen to be in this edition



**Deadline**

eral and representative, will face off against Republican contender Larry D. Brown in the upcoming special election. Eddie Meade, Charles Meade's father, filed papers to run in the special election as a write in candidate, saying that, "I think I would make a better difference in the time left (for the term) than Stumbo or Brown." The senior Meade stated that if he won the special election he would square off against his son in May. None of those running in the special election have filed for the May primary. Papers must be filed with the Kentucky Secretary of State by Tuesday, at 4 p.m. to run in this year's primary.

The 97th District House race is also being run uncontested, as no one has stepped up to challenge long-time incumbent Hubert Collins. Collins defeated David Porter in the 2006 general election. Several candidates have filed to challenge Mitch McConnell for one of Kentucky's two U.S. Senate seats. David L. Williams, Kenneth Stepp and Michael Cassaro are vying for the Democratic nomination, and one Republican, David Essek, will challenge McConnell in May. Harold "Hal" Rogers, is currently running uncontested in the 5th District U.S. House of Representatives race.

Six presidential candidates are on Kentucky's primary ballot, three from each party. Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and John Edwards are on the Democratic ticket, while Mitt Romney, John McCain and Mike Huckabee will represent the Republicans. Kentucky sends 55 delegates to the Democratic National Convention, and 45 to the Republican National Convention. Due to a late season primary election, the presidential nominations have typically been decided before a Kentucky vote is cast. Only four primaries are held as late or later than Kentucky's.

**Casinos**

would generate \$500 million a year in additional revenue for state government. Although Kentucky already allows gambling at horse tracks and bingo halls and through a state lottery, the state constitution specifically forbids casinos. Beshear wants lawmakers to approve a measure that would allow Kentucky voters to change the constitution. State Rep. Joni Jenkins, D-Louisville, chairwoman of the Special Subcommittee on Expanded Gaming, said Beshear intends to meet with the panel "from time to time" to discuss his proposal. That concession followed a blistering speech by state Rep. Tim Firkins, D-Louisville, who

criticized the Beshear administration for working "behind closed doors" to develop the legislation. Beshear said Thursday that his administration still is in the fact-gathering stage. "We're still pulling various parts of it together and looking and making decisions about what to do on various issues that are contained in a bill like that," he said. House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said he appreciated the governor meeting with lawmakers to discuss progress he's made in drafting gambling legislation. He said he supports the proposal in general, though he wants to see the details before committing.

"I'm intending to vote for it," he said.

**Meeting Cancelled**

The scheduled meeting of the Living Well With Diabetes Support Group at Highlands Regional Medical Center for January 30, has been cancelled.

**Blood**

Center, 685 Hambley Blvd., Flat Iron Building, Suite 1, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The Kentucky Blood Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring a safe, adequate blood supply for 67 Kentucky hospitals and clinics thanks to generous blood donors.



**Obituaries**

held Friday, January 25, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home. ■ Teddy Bruce Smith Sr., 56, a resident of the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital's skilled nursing facility, died Monday, January 21, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home. ■ Brian Keith Tackett, 45, of Pikeville, died Friday, January 19, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Daina O'Quinn Tackett. Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home. ■ Mae Wright, 81, of Virgie, died Tuesday, January 22, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 26, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home. ■ Mary Ellen Yates, 67, of Shelbiana, died Wednesday, January 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, in the Lucas & Son funeral Home Chapel. ■ Elmer Adams, 81, of Salyersville, died Thursday, January 10, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Burton Adams. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 13, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home. ■ Gary Blair, 61, of Salyersville, died Monday, January 7, at UK Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Tresler Blair. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 10, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home. ■ Ray Collins, 61, of Salyersville, died Friday, December 14, at Kings

Daughters Hospital in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Anita Johnson Collins. Funeral services were held Monday, December 17, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home. ■ Delphia Marie Shepherd Hale, 87, of Hueysville, died Sunday, January 6, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 9, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home. ■ Imojean Slone Caudill, 66, of Topmost, died Monday, January 7, at home. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Hindman. ■ Pauletta Everage, 47, of Happy, died Monday, January 7, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services. ■ Elmer Martin, 83, of Fisty, died Friday, January 11, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, January 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services. ■ Robert Wilson Young, 89, of Hindman, died Saturday, January 12, at the Knott County Nursing Home, in Hindman. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 15, under the direction of

Hindman Funeral Services. ■ Vennie Fields, 97, of Beauty, died Saturday, January 20, at her residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home. ■ Nannie Pauley James, 77, of Lovely, died Monday, January 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home. ■ Lake E. (Copley) Rowsley, 87, of Milton, West Virginia, formerly of Inez, died Saturday, January 20. Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home. ■ Erica Brown, 23, of River, died Tuesday, January 22, in Staffordsville. Funeral services were held Friday, January 25, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home. ■ Christa Dawn Burchett, 33, of Lowmansville, died Tuesday, January 22, in Staffordsville. Funeral services will be held Sunday, January 27, at 1 p.m., at the Louisa Middle School, Arrangements, under the direction of the Wilson Funeral Home.

**Mischief**

Danny Smith on a charge of second-degree criminal mischief. Powers was wanted for his role in a string of criminal mischief cases in which a pellet air rifle was used to shoot windows out of vehicles and homes in Paintsville and greater Johnson County. Powers was lodged in the

Big Sandy Regional Detention center on Jan. 22, and released on a \$500 unsecured bond the next morning before he could be questioned by sheriff's deputies. The case remains open and under investigation by both the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and the Paintsville Police Department.

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

— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest view

### We've come a long way, baby

It is not the least bit surprising that Kentucky has received an "F" from the American Lung Association for its efforts to prevent smoking. As far as the association is concerned, this state's cigarette tax is way too low, smoking is allowed in too many public places, and too many Kentucky adults and teens smoke.

When compared to what other states are doing, the failing grade for Kentucky may be a fair one. However, when compared to the way it was just a few years ago, Kentucky has come a long way in a short amount of time.

The American Lung Association is critical of Kentucky for its 30-cents-a-pack cigarette tax, ranking it 47th among the 50 states. However, it was just a few years ago that Kentucky's tax on cigarettes was only 3 cents a pack.

Former Gov. Ernie Fletcher convinced a reluctant General Assembly to approve a whopping 1,000 percent increase in the cigarette tax. At the same time, Fletcher, a physician, admitted that he would have liked to increase the tax more, but legislators balked at anything higher than 30 cents a pack.

Is the mood changing in the General Assembly — particularly considering the current budget crunch? Maybe. Rep. David Watkins, a Henderson Democrat who also is a family physician, says he will file a bill seeking an increase in the cigarette tax, adding that he would like the tax to be at least \$1 a pack.

But what is the primary purpose of the cigarette tax? Is it to raise revenue, or to discourage smoking? As far as the lung association is concerned, the primary purpose of a tax on tobacco is to discourage smoking. It wants to tax cigarettes out of existence.

However, only 29 percent of Kentuckians smoke, and a significantly greater percentage of low-income residents smoke than middle- and higher-income residents. Thus, any increase in the cigarette tax affects only a minority of Kentuckians, including a disproportionate number who are among those who are least able to pay. In short, it is not a dependable source of revenue. It is using taxes to promote good behavior more than it is to raise revenue.

Senate President David Williams thinks putting a casino gambling amendment on the ballot is a long shot. The odds of legislators approving a significant increase in tobacco taxes may be even longer.

A number of Kentucky communities — including Ashland — have approved ordinances in recent years to restrict smoking in public. Such ordinances would have been inconceivable a decade ago.

However, the lung association gives Kentucky low marks for not having a statewide ban on smoking in public like a growing number of other states, including neighboring Ohio. Well, while the political landscape regarding smoking in public definitely is changing, it has not shifted so much that a statewide ban is politically doable.

Instead, anti-smoking advocates should continue to push for smoking bans on the local level. Once enough communities have approved such restrictions, the timing may be right for statewide restrictions. Now is not the time.

One of the more interesting twists the lung association puts on its report card on smoking in Kentucky is the cost associated with smoking in this state.

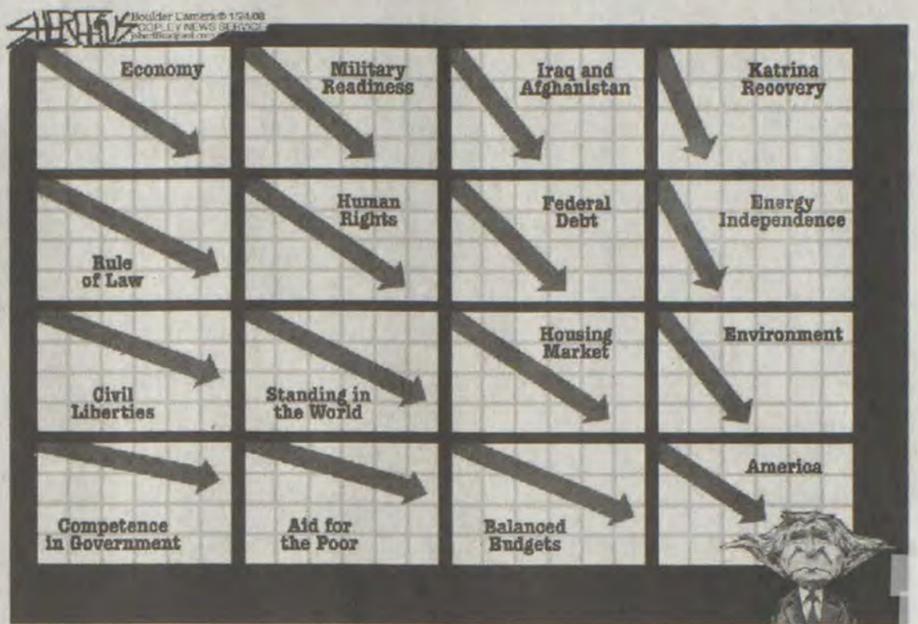
The lung association places the number of Kentuckians who die from lung cancer caused by smoking at 2,607 a year. Another 1,893 die from respiratory diseases — primarily emphysema — attributed to smoking. It puts the cost of smoking in Kentucky at \$3 billion a year.

But Dr. Frank Honeycutt, a Frankfort physician, said that \$3 billion does not begin to count the emotional toll of cancer, respiratory disease, heart attacks and strokes linked to smoking.

The percentage of Kentuckians who smoke continues to decline, but at 29 percent, Kentucky still leads the nation in the percentage of smokers. However, we find another statistic even more troubling: 24.5 percent of Kentucky high school students and 12.1 percent of middle school students smoke. After decades of a steady stream of anti-smoking messages and a mountain of evidence concerning the health problems caused by smoking, it is disheartening to know that almost one in four high school students continue to puff away at a deadly habit.

Even in a state where tobacco was once king, attitudes about smoking are changing. To be sure, they are not changing as quickly as the lung association and health care professionals would like, but change has always come slowly in this state. Maybe Kentucky deserves its "F" but give it some credit for the progress it has made.

— The Daily Independent, Ashland



## Rich Lowry Column

### The curse of Clintonism

It is the curse of Clintonism that it is associated with the Clintons.

A centrist-oriented Democratic politics that is pragmatic and economically literate is better than the alternatives: a fluffy politics of hope (Barack Obama) and angry politics of anti-corporate zeal (John Edwards). At least on paper.

For the champions of this otherwise preferable approach are Bill and Hillary Clinton. As individuals, they have their strengths and weaknesses, as do any talented, but flawed, politicians; as a team, they tend to be a rolling mess, with something to repel everyone lately.

Bill has supplemented Hillary's tightly wound discipline with his out-of-control ego, her off-putting devotion to script with his wild and dishonest improvisations, her inability to project warmth with his self-adoring affability. What they have always held in common is ambition and willingness to resort to any means — sheathed in self-righteousness — to achieve power.

Throughout the 1990s, their attacks were directed at people who were vulnerable by virtue of their status as allegedly self-interested women accusing Bill of misconduct, or as conservative politicians hated by the press, or as special prosecutors

whose work was distasteful to the public.

Obama's offense is opposing Hillary for the nomination, making the flailing attacks against him seem the product of an outraged sense of entitlement. Hitting Obama for a kindergarten essay is pathetic; knock-

ing him by suggesting he once might have dealt drugs is pathetic and slimy.

The unbecoming broadsides against Obama can only remind people of what they disliked about the decade to which Hillary promises a glorious return. Along with the peace and prosperity that Hillary wants the public to associate with the 1990s came a "politics of personal destruction" (on both sides) that curdled into her husband's impeachment. Hillary can't help being connected with the worst as well as the best of the 1990s, since she is married to them.

George W. Bush's presidency was made more psychologically complex by the fact that his father, George H.W. Bush, was one of his predecessors. Imagine if W. had had to try to run the government together with H.W. "Oedipal city," as his dad might have put it. A Hillary administration

promises all that fraught emotional tension and more.

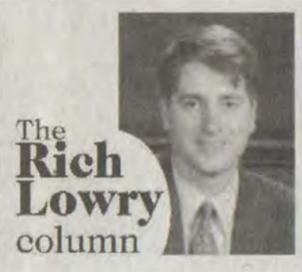
What will Bill's role be in her administration, how will it change with the vagaries of their marriage, and who will be right when they say conflicting things about policy?

Who knows? Clintonism delivered the White House to the Democrats twice in campaigns in 1992 and 1996 that hewed to the middle and made the party more appealing than it had been in decades. But no one else has picked up the mantle national-

ly. Al Gore would have been the natural ideological successor in 2000, but angered by Bill's spectacularly irresponsible conduct in office, he distanced himself and lurched left. Since the left-wing base of the Democratic Party never liked the Clinton pragmatism, the only ones with support in the party strong enough to maintain a relative centrism are the Clintons themselves.

And so the devil's bargain: Clintonism comes only with the Clintons attached.

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## beyond the Beltway

### Maybe no one will win this election

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

American elections are nothing if not amusing; solemn rituals laced with equal measures of irony and hypocrisy, with a touch of absurdity thrown in for taste. The victory speeches alone are worth the price of admission.

Take for example the statement of Mitt Romney after he'd been declared winner of the Michigan caucuses: "Tonight is a victory of optimism over Washington-style pessimism," he said.

Implicit in that statement is the belief, widely held, unfortunately, that optimism is a good thing in of itself and that to be pessimistic is somehow un-American. Balderdash. Hogwash. Fiddle-faddle.

There, having exhausted my supply of 19th Century rebukes, let me tell you why the idea is dangerous nonsense. A little optimism is fine, necessary, even. It helps one get up in the morning and face the day. When it reaches the point of self-delusion, however, it masks the real problems one faces and makes a solution impossible.

Romney's victory took place at the precise moment that the national economy seems poised to plunge into a full-blown recession and in a state that has been living that recession for the better part of a decade. Michigan's unemployment rate, at about 8 percent, is the highest in the country; its chief economic engine, the auto industry, is reeling from for-

eign competition and shows little sign of recovering any time soon. Plants, one after another, keep closing.

It doesn't need optimism; it needs rescue.

Romney says he can bring Michigan's lost jobs home. By cutting taxes, of course. That's the Republican answer to hadacol. It cures all ills. Let me say this about that: Cutting taxes does not necessarily create jobs. Rich people and corporations do not invest in plants and equipment simply because they have the money to do so. There has to be some expectation of profit. And if there's nobody out there with money to buy anything, that expectation does not exist.

I will never know how Democrats keep losing elections to Republicans. The GOP has controlled Congress for most of the past dozen years and the presidency for the past seven. Having inherited a budget surplus, a boisterous economy and a healthy dollar, they've managed to squander those advantages and run the economy into a ditch. And now we're seriously considering keeping a Republican in the White House? That's like hiring Michael Vick as your dog walker. On second thought, I think I know how Democrats keep losing elections. Their ability to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory is all but supernatural.

Take, for example, the decision of the national party to ignore the Michigan caucuses. Michigan, seeking to achieve some relevance in the presidential selection process, had moved its caucuses up right behind

Iowa and New Hampshire. This so offended the leaders of the Democratic party that they punished the state by stripping it of its delegates at the national convention. The major presidential candidates went

along with the gag (most of them because they thought Hillary was going to win anyway) and didn't campaign in the state.

How dumb is that? You've got a major industrial state that will be up for grabs in the fall and you turn it over to the Republicans to show off their wares while you sulk in a corner. As a matter of fact, Michigan has a greater claim on being an early primary state than either Iowa or New Hampshire. It's bigger, more diverse and its problems are national in character.

So Michigan didn't follow the party rules in moving up its primary, so what? States have pretty much free reign in conducting their elections. What could the Democrats have been thinking of? Sometimes I really do believe that everything the Democrats know about politics they learned in kindergarten. After the Michigan caucuses, the carnival moved on to South Carolina, which the Republican state chairman called "a make-or-break contest."

The last time South Carolina hosted a make-or-break contest was 1860.

How'd that work out, by the way?

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## This Town, That World

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

If the weather grows colder and the gas supply weakens, we suggest you seek the warmth of the most colorful seed catalog around the place.

### WHO'S GUILTY?

One of the unexplained matters in my life, over the last twelve months, is how, from what source and by whose uninspired hand, I began getting this magazine called SKIING. It leaves me plumb cold. Also achy, all over, as if the flu bug had dug in...

To whomever it may concern, and that includes the idiot who invested in this periodical in my name, I wish to state that the only skiing (pronounced she-ing, they say, though I don't believe it) I ever did, was wholly unintentional, and done on the seat of my pants.

Now, if somebody will only send me the latest number of TERPSICHORE or THE DANCE, the days of my utility will be complete.

### STUDYING CREASON

Joe Creason is read pretty thoroughly, around here. One item in his column, which came in for discussion this week, considered the fact that the Governor's wife is called Kentucky's First Lady, and wondered if the Lieutenant Governor's wife, therefore, might be termed the state's Second Lady. To which one of our less reverent spirits hereabouts suggested that, perhaps, she might be called Kentucky's Vice Lady.

### LONG PANTS AND SHORT

The winds that have whistled around, these last few days and nights, have, somehow, recalled a winter some years back when I was more or less a prisoner on a school campus at Morehead. The campus, which then was comparatively small, was a sheet of ice, and I was clad in a brand-new suit of eight-ounce blue serge...My first pair of long pants.

With only the one pair of long pants, and full of derring-do and looking not to the future, as was my wont, I made the mistake of doing a bit of wrestling with a friend on that ice. It doesn't matter who won the fall. I lost the better part of the seat of my pants.

I still have a rather vivid recollection of walking sidewise across all that ice, keeping my southern exposure turned carefully toward the hillside, and away from neighboring dorm windows, and finally making it to my room.

After that, I returned to the wars, dressed again in those knickers, that so exposed knobby knees, and which I detested with a great passion.

Some of these current styles of dress are to me an abomination. That garb I was again forced into, for lack of something better, remains a downright curse, and at the time was cursed.



Veteran KY Opry performer Ron Vanover has released his first album, "Better Late Than Never." In addition to showcasing his talents on the Opry stage, Ron is also well known in the area for his work as park naturalist at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, where he spent 13 years before leaving to assume the position of park manager at Natural Bridge State Resort Park.

# Branching out

## Kentucky Opry's Ron Vanover releases first album

by PHIL MEEKS

Crossing into Ron Vanover's home county, the traveler is struck with the realization that this is a land of voices, a place where the rocks cry out. From the echoes of God's first song, that breathed life into these hills to the roar of the Cumberland River, McCreary County in Southeastern Kentucky is alive and singing. It's within this chorus of steep coves and falling waters that Ron's own voice found its harmony and power, within a stone's throw of Cumberland Falls State Resort Park.

A preacher's boy brought up in the work ethic of an Appalachian subsistence farm, few would have foreseen what God had in mind for the middle child of The Reverend and Mrs. Jimmie Vanover, the child whose speech impediment and hearing difficulties isolated him for a time as a young lad.

But once the Creator settled that early fog, an impressive view was waiting.

A few years down the road -- at McCreary Central High School in Stearns -- Ron's assigned path brought him into contact with choral director Chris Hubbs. Hubbs would prove to be one of Ron's earliest musical mentors.

"Mr. Hubbs had a tremendous influence upon my life," says Ron. "He taught me to appreciate music and use my God-given talents so everyone could enjoy them."

Building creative momentum with each passing year, Ron's studies broadened at Union College in Barboursville to include not only music, but also training in theatre.

He credits Dr. Betty Stroud and Dr. Rebecca Pettys, his vocal and theatre coaches, respectively, with taking his singing and acting to the next level. His talents became so well-honed, in fact, that his instructors and peers noticed, and by the time Ron graduated from Union in 1989, he had collected a number of honors, including Best Actor Awards for three different seasons. Also during his undergraduate years, he earned the Drama Phoenix Award, the Alpha Psi Omega Award in Drama, the Partridge Theta Pi Delta Award and the Music Faculty Award. His theatrical and musical credits between 1987 and 1989 included roles as John Proctor in The Crucible, Oscar in The Odd Couple, the Pirate King in Pirates of Penzance, Billy Bigelow in Carousel and many others.

It's interesting how the opus that God was writing for this young and unassuming McCreary County boy included the voices of those same rivers, streams and forests of Ron's upbringing. Ron supplemented his degree in Applied Vocal Music from Union with a minor in environmental studies and ultimately chose a career path that would place him in the heart of Kentucky's most valued natural areas. He now serves as park manager for Natural Bridge State Resort Park, the culmination of 15 years of dedication to Kentucky State Parks, a dedication that also includes 13 years as park naturalist for Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Furthermore, Ron is responsible for the Elk Viewing Tours that have proven to be such an ecotourism draw to the economy of Eastern Kentucky. In 1997, he

earned a Master of Arts Degree in Outdoor Recreation from Morehead State University, where he still teaches seniors and graduate students to better comprehend the natural world.

Ron's life is a testament to the balance among family, faith, music and nature. He owes his greatest successes to the love that has surrounded him throughout his life: the love of God, the love of his parents, the love of his wife, Kathy.

"Kathy accepted me for who I am, and she always provides a positive outlook on me and my life. It's great to be loved for who you are and what you do -- never negative but always positive."

Ron has two sons, Johnathon and Christian, whom he is able to show the tradition of love and nurturing demonstrated to him by both his father and mother.

When Ron isn't spending time with his family or managing the natural resources placed in his care at Natural Bridge State Resort Park (www.parks.ky.gov), you might find him onstage at "The Kentucky Opry," where he performs about 20 shows each year (www.macarts.com).

It's Ron's father who finally convinced him to make an album, a project that Ron explains is truly "Better Late Than Never." Please visit his web site at www.ronvanover.com to order a copy of his CD.

*Editor's Note: Phil Meeks, of Williamsburg, serves as extension agent for Whitley County. He is a close friend to the multi-talented singer/park naturalist.*

### MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

## 'The Food of the Gods'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

A diverse assembly of paper-thin characters must contend with giant rodents, wasps and roosters in this cheap jack effort from "giant monster movie" specialist Bert I. Gordon.

The film career of Mr. Gordon (whose initials, ironically, spell "BIG") peaked in the 1950s when movies about giant bugs (usually spawned from that new bugaboo "radiation") were actually en vogue and packed teens into drive-ins on a regular basis. Gordon churned out a fair amount of product during the fabulous '50s, enlarging everything from spiders ("Earth vs. the Spider") to grasshoppers ("The Beginning of the End") and even a human being ("War of the Colossal Beast").



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

He moved on to other projects in the 1960s, but returned to the giant bug genre with this film and followed it up with one other ("Empire of the Ants") before quietly fading away.

It's a shame that audiences in the 1970s didn't appreciate Gordon's efforts, because his latter films featured somewhat better effects, though his scripts were still rife with plot holes and characters so thin you could read The Times through them.

This one takes place on a remote island, as would "Ants" the following year, and begins with a scene set at a football practice where we meet our hero, and inoffensive lineman (read: doesn't look like he could keep dust off the quarterback), Morgan. His coach lets him know that his hard work has bought him a day off so Morgan opts to go hunting with his agent, Brian (who actually looks like a football player) and another teammate. The unnamed guy might as well be a redshirt extra from "Star Trek," as he is promptly killed by a giant mosquito during the hunt.

Morgan finds the body and goes for help at a nearby farm. He doesn't find anyone so he pokes around in the barn and is set upon by a six-foot rooster (insert your own joke here). He kills the fowl with a convenient pitchfork and then apologizes to the farmer's wife, Mrs. Skinner. She tells him that God has blessed her farm with a food that bubbles from the earth and makes little things big (go ahead and insert another joke here if you like).

Morgan is curious but decides to take his buddy's corpse back to the city rather than investigate further. The coroner's report, however, raises his suspicions when he learns that his friend had enough mosquito venom in him to choke a donkey.

Morgan decides that six-foot roosters and death by mosquito is no coincidence and grabs his shotgun and agent (those guys get 10 percent of

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## Served with honor

by BETTY KING

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE COFFEE  
LOVER'S SOUL"

Some people drink coffee only in the morning, some only with meals, and others drink coffee all day long. Working as the hostess in our family-owned restaurant, I became acquainted with all of them, but I really got to know the regulars on a

very personal level.

At our restaurant, if you bought a cup of coffee, you paid for one cup and drank as many refills as you liked. The regular coffee drinkers were men who congregated at the same table every day. Buck was a regular who became family. He came and went throughout the day, whenever he felt the need for a caffeine fix or a little friendly conversation.

I saw past Buck's need for a cup of hot coffee and listened attentively when he began to open up and talk to me. I sat when business was slow, enjoying his company. He reminded me of my dad, who had also served in World War II, and I encouraged him to share his memories of the war.

At first, Buck was reluctant, but as he warmed up to me, he told me about landing on Omaha Beach and how some of his fellow soldiers never made it to the shore. Tears glistened in his eyes, or was it the steam from his coffee cup? As he talked, I

filled his cup. I encouraged, praised and was in awe of this humble man who had guided tanks through villages. One day, he trusted me enough to reveal the fear that had gripped him when bullets went clean through his helmet. Stories he'd never told before surfaced as we sat together.

I am proud to have called Buck my friend, and I am honored that the simple act of filling his coffee cup gave me the opportunity to show him my admiration, validate his bravery and provide a release from his pain held inside for much too long.



# An SUV can change a person

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
I listen to your show a lot, and I completely agree that SUV drivers



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are a menace. I know, because I just bought one. I had a Saturn sedan and I was very careful and considerate. After I bought my Toyota Highlander, I realized that I drive faster, I can't see a lot of things I could see before, and last week I actually got out of my car and nearly got into a fistfight with another woman. I'm not usually a fighter; in fact, I'm a Catholic-school religion teacher at an all-boys school, and I'm really soft-spoken and patient. The only explanation I have is the SUV. It has changed me. I'm thinking about selling it, even though I only bought it in December. It's only got a four-cylinder engine, and it has front-wheel drive only, so it's not a big gas-guzzler. Itgray-green, and my neighbor started calling it "The Battleship," which is what it feels

like. Should I cut my losses and get a Subaru? I want to be safe, but I also want others to be safe in my vicinity!

— Trish  
TOM: Wow. So the SUV turned you into a jerk, huh, Trish?

RAY: Yeah. We're still trying to figure out what my brother's excuse is. He drives an MG.

TOM: To be honest with you, the Highlander hardly is among the worst SUVs. It's mid-size, it's based on a car platform and yours has the optional four-cylinder engine, so it's not like people can legitimately oink at you as you drive

by.  
RAY: However, it is quite a change from your old Saturn sedan. In the Saturn, when you got up to 60 mph, the noise and vibration probably told you that you were going plenty fast enough, thank you very much. But the Highlander is brand new. And it's very well-made. As a result, it's so quiet and smooth that even at high speeds, you don't feel

personally endangered, like you did in the Saturn. And that lack of negative feedback has released your inner animal, Trish!

TOM: While I normally wouldn't put the Highlander in the category of dangerous vehicles, in your hands I guess it is. I mean, fistfight, Trish?

RAY: So, if it makes you uncomfortable, Trish, and you don't like the way you behave in it, then trade it in for something you like better. Life is too short to be known as "that jerk Trish." If you don't believe me, ask "that jerk my brother."

### A half-baked idea

Dear Tom and Ray:  
Following an end-of-semester party, my university English students were headed home for the holidays — sober, at least for the moment. One of the girls said she was concerned about driving home in the snow with a radiator that had been leaking. The response from her classmates (remember, these are English students) was to put an egg in the radiator. Somebody grabbed a couple of eggs from my refrigerator, put one in the radiator and gave her the second to keep in the car — I hope not for long. All my students responded to the idea with an: "Of course! Why didn't I suggest that?" attitude. I

never thought to ask if the egg went in whole or if it was broken. The only possibility my husband and I could come up with is that the egg would cook in the hot radiator and be pulled toward the leak. Neither he nor I am mechanically or egg inclined. Were they messing with my mind after a brutal semester by confusing me, or is this a valid short-term solution to a leaky radiator? And if so, how does the mechanic remove the cooked egg? — Leslie

RAY: It's a legitimate last-ditch potential solution for a leaky radiator, Leslie. But I would emphasize "last-ditch" and "potential." It's something you might try on one of my brother's heaps, not on a car that's in good condition.

TOM: It would be like, if you didn't know the answer to a question on your English final exam, you could quote Emily Dickinson. Would you get the answer right? Probably not, but since you've got nothing to lose, it can't hurt.

RAY: The egg works — when it works — exactly as you describe. You do have to crack it open, Leslie. You pour the contents into the radiator. Then the egg cooks and partially solidifies, and is pushed toward the leak, where it might — if you're lucky — lodge in a small hole and

plug it up. At least for a while. And how do you get it out? You don't. Which is why we don't recommend this for a car that still has useful life in it.

TOM: Right. Because the egg can also plug up your heater core, for instance — at least the yolk can. So I'd stick with the recommendations of the country's top cardiologists and use only the egg whites, Leslie.

RAY: Actually, instead, we'd recommend one of the many commercially available products that work on the same general theory — only better. They use some kind of proprietary compound that dissolves in the coolant and then hardens when exposed to the air at the leak site. For all we know, those things have eggs in them, too!

TOM: But if you can afford the four bucks, we'd recommend a can of something like Stop Leak or AlumAseal rather than something that came out of a chicken's behind.

RAY: And what would you call OUR advice?

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## Lagoon

everything) and heads back to the island.

Unbeknownst to him, the island has become a hub of activity. An enterprising businessman named Kensington (think Donald Trump with only a slightly better coif) has set up shop and is pitching a deal to farmer Skinner. He's brought along a bacterial specialist named Lorna, though her skills amount to adopting a vacant look as giant critters munch down on the cast, which also includes a pregnant hippie who could pop at any minute and a devoted boyfriend who can't understand why she won't wear his ring.

These desperate characters find themselves trapped at Skinner's farm while a horde of giant rats launch a small scale invasion of the property. At this point the film turns into "Night of the Living Dead" with rodents, as they bar the doors and attempt to make a stand.

Morgan turns out to be a take-charge kind of guy who also possesses the skill sets of a MacGyver. He figures out all manner of attack schemes, which include blowing up the wasp nest and at least two methods of dispatching giant vermin, namely electrocution and drowning. The cast gets whittled down anyway and

enough cheesy dialogue, hysterical acting and goofy effects ensue to make the whole mish-mash entertaining enough that it merited a belated sequel in the 1980s.

What makes this one work is the breakneck pacing and the commitment of the players. Marjoe Gortner makes for an improbable leading man with his high-pitched delivery, but he is at least earnest. Strangely he resembles a rooster himself but he has a commanding presence owing to his previous career as a preacher which earned him a movie career when a documentary of his life ("Marjoe") was a surprise hit on the art

house circuit.

The real anchors here, though, are screen veterans Ralph Meeker, as Bensington, and Ida Lupino, as the farmer's wife. Both are solid pros who manage to look petrified during their death scenes where they are menaced by prop guys who thrust replicas of giant rat heads in their faces. It takes a seasoned pro to quake in fear at the sight of an overweight grip menacing them from off-camera with a rat head glued to a stick, and these folks deliver on that score.

Each built their careers on edgy roles in film noir projects. Meeker created the first screen sociopath with his portrayal of a cold blooded killer

of children in 1955s "Big House USA" and followed up that role with the first, and arguably best, interpretation of Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer character in "Kiss Me Deadly."

Lupino was a double threat who could act the heck out of an underwritten role from the get-go. She was also the first actress to establish herself as a writer/director and directed the chilling drama "The Hitchhiker" in 1953. She went on to direct a score of films as well as episodic television with stints on "The Fugitive," "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" and "The Untouchables."

These two were class acts who toiled away in low-budget projects near the ends of their

careers, but that was before directors like Quentin Tarantino came along and rescued talented actors from B-movie hell.

This one had way too many dialogue blunders to narrow the choice down to one best howler, so pick your own from the following groaners.

### Best lines

"Jobs for female bacteriologists are not that easy to find."  
"Don't let no rats eat us, please God."

Skinner: "Can you take a look at something that scared the wits out of me?"

Morgan: "I've already seen your chickens."  
1976, rated PG.

### SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

## Social Security website now even easier to use

by KIMBERLY THOMPSON  
SOCIAL SECURITY TECHNICAL  
EXPERT IN PRESTONSBURG

Social Security has introduced a new home page design — at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) — and it is even easier to use than its highly-acclaimed predecessor.

Because more and more people are doing business on the Internet, Social Security is committed to making it easy for you to conduct your Social Security business online. The redesigned home page will help you find what you are looking for faster and more efficiently.

Some of the more noticeable changes to Social Security's home page include: easier access to Frequently Asked Questions, one of our most popular features; more drop-down menus instead of long lists of links; a search box located directly on the home

page a more visible login button for people who already receive benefits and have a password; and a quick reference list of links to our most popular online services.

Our most frequently used online services include applying for benefits online, replacing a lost, stolen or damaged Medicare card, requesting a proof of Social Security income letter, changing your address or phone number, and finding the nearest Social Security office.

Another popular feature is our list of Frequently Asked Questions. This service alone gets 27 million visitors each year. The questions and answers are easy to find and can be searched by specific subject matter.

In 2006, more than 50 million people visited the Social Security website — [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). In 2007, we expect that number

to grow, and visitors to the site will find it easier to navigate and more responsive to their searches for specific subjects.

For more information about benefits and services call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg, KY. Representatives are available to answer questions.

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

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## Girls: Paintsville outlasts Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Paintsville overcame a debilitating slow start and won for the second time in three outings Thursday night. The Lady Tigers prevailed on the road, defeating host Allen Central 47-42 at J.E. Campbell Arena.

Paintsville, under the guidance of head coach Mark Baldwin, settled down after a rough beginning. The Lady Tigers got over the .500 mark with the win, improving to 8-7.

Host Allen Central jumped out to an early lead. The Mark

Martin-coached Lady Rebels owned a 13-4 advantage at the conclusion of the opening quarter. Allen Central, however, failed to maintain a lead over the Lady Tigers. Paintsville stormed back in the second period, outscoring Allen Central 20-9 in the quarter before halftime.

The Lady Tigers held Allen Central to nine or fewer points in each of the last three quarters.

Amanda Jarrell led a balanced Paintsville offensive attack. Jarrell tossed in a team-high 14 points for the Lady Tigers. Jesikah Russell fol-

lowed with 12 points for the visiting Paintsville girls' basketball team.

Amber Shepherd led Allen Central with a game-high 21 points. Sara Johnson was Allen Central's second-leading scorer, finishing with 12 points.

Paintsville clung to a 34-31 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The loss was Allen Central's fourth straight setback. Here's a closer look at 15th Region girls' basketball (teams listed with overall records in parenthesis): Pikeville County Central (15-2); Sheldon Clark (12-5); Johnson Central (12-6);

Shelby Valley (12-7); Pikeville (8-5); Phelps (8-6); Paintsville (8-7); East Ridge (8-8); Magoffin County (8-11); Belfry (7-8); Betsy Layne (7-8); South Floyd (4-12); Prestonsburg (4-13); Lawrence County (4-14); Allen Central (2-11).

Paintsville 47, AC 40  
Paintsville (8-7) —  
VanHoose 6, Jarrell 14, Carroll 5, Chaffins 8, Russell 12.

AC (2-11) — Brown 2, Jones 2, Biliter 3, Johnson 12, Shepherd 21.

Paintsville... 4 20 10 13-47  
AC..... 13 9 9 9-40



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners  
FLOYD COUNTY NATIVE KEVIN KEATHLEY has the East Kentucky Miners ranked as the CBA's top expansion teams. East Kentucky will return to the Expo Center hardwood Wednesday versus the tradition-rich Albany Patrons.

## Twenty years ago — A look back from today

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Twenty years now  
Where'd they go?

Twenty years  
I don't know

I sit and I wonder sometimes  
Where they've gone

Bob Seger wrote and sang those words in his song "Like a Rock," and they ring true for me today. You see, 20 years ago tomorrow, Millard High School beat Elkhorn City 71-69 in a Tuesday night boys' basketball game. I know that; I was there.

The significance of that game is that on the following Friday, a brief write-up was printed in the (bold) News-Express (bold). It certainly was no masterpiece; it was nothing brilliant; the ways of covering high school basketball weren't rewritten in it.

About the only thing notable about the game, other than a young Danny Adkins coming off the bench to lead the Mustangs past their archrival, was the byline.

It was mine. It was the first thing I ever had published in a newspaper.

All those years ago.

It's amazing for me to look back over those 20 years and see where we've gone. I was a freelance writer — getting paid either per game or more often based on the length of the story — until the end of May the following year.

On May 27, 1989, I began a six-and-a-half-year stint as sports editor there. During that time, Pikeville High School won its third straight Class A state football title. Belfry won three straight 15th Region basketball titles, Elkhorn City's Lady Cougars made a run all the way to the state semifinals and a professional baseball team came and went.

The most significant thing for me during that time was the relationship the media members shared. With all due respect to those carrying on quite nicely these days, we were a brotherhood, shared a bond, and made the most of our time together.

Ed Taylor was sports editor of (ital) The Floyd County Times (ital) during that time, and we often shared stories. Bryan Crager was sports director at East Kentucky Broadcasting, and our relationship was and is to this day terrific.

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BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL graduate Kristal Daniels is quickly becoming one of the Mid-South Conference's leading women's basketball players for the Pikeville College Lady Bears. Daniels was a recent MSC Player of the Week honoree.

## Daniels stars in basketball, volleyball for Pikeville College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Betsy Layne High School graduate Kristal Daniels, a 6-1 junior center, has flourished for the Pikeville College women's basketball and volleyball programs. This past week, Daniels was named women's basketball player of the week in the Mid-South Conference after posting a double-double in a win over Alice Lloyd College — her former school.

Daniels spent her freshman season at Alice Lloyd before making the move to Pikeville. The former Betsy Layne standout made the move to Pikeville to play both basketball and volleyball.

In a road win over Alice Lloyd on Thursday, Jan. 17, Daniels had 10 points, 14 rebounds, two blocks and a steal.

Daniels went into the weekend averaging a Mid-South Conference-leading eight rebounds per game. The BLHS graduate is also a leader for the Pikeville College volleyball program.



photos courtesy of Pikeville College

## All 'A': Talented Tigers oust Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — During the 2007 season, Allen Central met Paintsville on the Tigers' homefloor in the championship game of the 15th Region All 'A' Classic. Friday night, Allen Central met the Tigers at Betsy Layne in the opening round of the 2008 15th Region All 'A' Classic. Looking to repeat as the 15th Region All 'A' Classic champion, Paintsville led Allen Central at the end of every quarter on its way to an 89-77 win.

The Tigers set the tone early on, outscoring Allen Central 21-11 in the first quarter. Paintsville toted a 42-34 lead into halftime and pulled away in the second half.

Senior guard Landon Slone led Paintsville with a game-high 26

points. Three different Tigers reached double figures in the scoring column. Shane Grimm followed with 25 points for the Tigers. J.D. VanHoose tossed in 15 points as Paintsville posted the win.

Each team had five different players break into the scoring column.

Blake Bundy scored eight points and Justin Murray contributed five. Paintsville got all of its scoring from an all-senior starting lineup.

Senior guard Aaron Crum paced Allen Central with a team-high 28 points. Four different Rebels reached double figures in the scoring column. Senior guard Alex Hammonds, Crum's runningmate in the Rebel backcourt, added 18 points. Josh Prater pushed in 14 points and Hunter Crowder scored 10 for the Floyd County team. Logan Crowder rounded out the Allen Central scoring, finishing

with seven points.

At Riverside Christian on Thursday night, June Buchanan cruised to a 96-45 win over the host team. Senior guard Clark Stepp led June Buchanan to the convincing win, finishing with 27 points and 10 assists.

Clint Stepp added 18 points in June Buchanan's win.

### 15th Region All 'A' Classic at Betsy Layne

Paintsville 89, Allen Central 77  
Paintsville (16-2) — Slone 36, VanHoose 15, Bundy 8, Grimm 25, Murray 5.

Allen Central (12-5) — Hammonds 18, Crum 28, Prater 14, L. Crowder 7, H. Crowder 10.

Paintsville.....21 21 26 21-89  
Allen Central.....11 23 15 28-77

## Yates Racing fights for survival in NASCAR

by MIKE CRANSTON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.C. — The name Yates used to mean royalty in NASCAR. A dominant operation that others tried to catch, the race team reached its high when Dale Jarrett won the 1999 Cup championship.

So it was striking Thursday when Doug Yates, who took over the operation from father Robert in the offseason, sat in a giant of Roush Fenway Racing's giant complex and talked about how lean his operation could be, and whether he could get through the season without a primary sponsorship for either of his Sprint Cup cars.

From the top of NASCAR's top series to fighting for survival, much has gone wrong for Yates Racing in the past nine years.

"The thing that we didn't do is we didn't grow. Our vision wasn't large

enough," Yates said. "In the end it caught up because we held on to things, people longer and past their shelf life. If you wanted to summarize it, when there were growth opportunities we didn't take them."

While Hendrick Motorsports, Joe Gibbs Racing and Roush grew into giants, Yates watched from the sideline and eventually became irrelevant. Jarrett and Elliott Sadler left the team after the 2006 season. Major sponsors bailed.

Doug Yates, though, wants to save the operation. The veteran engine builder teamed up former Roush general manager Max Jones to take over control. Yates plans to run a full season with David Gilliland and Travis Kvapil.

But in a signal of how far things have fallen, the two cars tested at Daytona earlier this month with the only thing visible on the cars the sign "SponsorYates.com"

"At first we're going to have piece some things together until we can get our feet under us and hopefully show people we can perform," Yates said.

Yates is getting help from Roush Fenway. The team is housed on Roush's sprawling campus. They have strengthened an alliance that not only includes sharing engines and chassis, but Roush's marketing staff is busy looking for sponsors for Yates' cars.

"We have one deal that we are probably going to accept for a limited number of races," Roush Fenway president Geoff Smith said, without elaborating.

There is strong incentive for Roush to keep Yates operating. The teams both run Fords, and with a new rule requiring teams to have only four cars in NASCAR's top series by the start of the 2010 season, Roush is going to have to divest itself of one team.

"Our hopes are that Yates Racing, on the race track and the sponsorship busi-

ness, stabilizes this year and that we're comfortable as an organization that we can sell our fifth team to that enterprise," Smith said.

It won't be easy for Yates to get back to the good times. After Gilliland won the pole at last year's Daytona 500 and finished sixth, and now-retired Yates driver Ricky Rudd qualified second and finished 26th, Yates went into a free-fall.

Gilliland didn't have another top 10. Rudd had only one top 10 all year. Without the resources to test and develop the Car of Tomorrow, the team wasn't competitive in the races that used the new car. Several crew members left the team in the offseason.

"It was embarrassing going out there," Gilliland said of the COT races. "It just takes all the wind out of the sails for everybody. I'm excited about hav-

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## Late-season squirrel hunting remains available

by HAYLEY LYNCH  
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — The end of archery deer season sends many hunters into withdrawal. With duck season also closing, the cold days of winter hold only a few chances left to hunt. But not all seasons are finished. Late-season squirrel hunting is just getting warmed up.

The leaves are off the trees, making squirrels easier to find than they were in the early fall season. Late-season squirrel hunting is a great opportunity to introduce a new hunter, get help from a hunting dog and carry a .22 caliber rifle.

"Without a dog, it's a good way to build woodsmanship skills for young hunters," said John Morgan, small game program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "With a dog, it's more of a social outing. It's seems to be a growing sport."

Squirrel activity drops during bad weather, including snow, rain, high winds and the coldest temperatures. But the days before and after a weather front are excellent times to hunt.

Look for red oaks and cedar trees to find squirrels. "This year's white oak and hickory mast was pretty poor," said Morgan. "Red oak was strong, so that would be the species to target. Red oaks near stands of cedar trees are a good combination of food and heavy cover that may be good for a late-season hunt."

While a shotgun is often a squirrel hunter's choice when the leaves are still on the trees in early season, now is a great time to use your .22 or .17-caliber rifle. Since leafless trees mean squirrels can see you better too, you may be taking longer shots than in the early season. A scoped rifle gives you a better chance to take these shots. Using a dog helps lock squirrels onto tree branches, also presenting a good chance for a rifle shot.

With stable squirrel populations, you have a good chance of seeing and bagging a bushytail. Eating squirrel meat is a Kentucky tradition.

"Personally, I boil them for three hours and put them in a host of recipes from there," said Morgan. "I throw them into a frying pan with some barbecue sauce and throw it on a bun." The meat is also good cooked in a crock-pot or a traditional burgoo.

Take a moment to tell Kentucky Fish and Wildlife about your hunts. Squirrel hunting surveys are available online at fw.ky.gov. Click onto "Hunter Cooperator Survey" to download your own copy. Just print one off, fill it out and send it in. You can also call the department toll-free at 1-800-858-1549 during normal weekday working hours to get a survey in the mail. Please be sure to follow the directions and provide accurate information. Your survey will help department biologists better manage Kentucky's small game populations. In return, the department will send you a free hunting cap and an annual report.

Squirrel hunting season is open through Feb. 29. The daily bag limit is six squirrels, with a possession limit of 12. For full details on license requirements, hunter education and equipment restrictions, pick up a copy of the 2007-08 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, available wherever hunting licenses are sold.

# College basketball: Arizona upends No. 6 Washington State

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The biggest compliment for Jerryd Bayless didn't concern his team-leading 23 points.

The freshman point guard drew praise for what he did on defense in Arizona's 76-64 victory over No. 6 Washington State on Thursday night.

"Jerryd had a lock-down performance," Wildcats interim coach Kevin O'Neill said, referring to Cougars' leading scorer Derrick Low being held to five points on 2-for-9 shooting. He didn't have a basket until there was 2:38 to play.

"The few times Derrick did get clean looks, they weren't even close," Washington State coach Tony Bennett said. "I've not seen him be that off in a while."

Sophomore Chase Budinger had 22 points for the Wildcats (13-6, 3-3 Pac-10), who were 12-for-21 from 3-point range.

"I think we can beat anyone in the country right now," said Budinger, who had four of the season-high 3-point total.

Kyle Weaver and Aron Baynes both had 15 points for the Cougars (16-2, 4-2).

In other games involving ranked teams on Thursday, it was: No. 4 Duke 81, Virginia Tech 64; No. 8 UCLA 80, Oregon 75; No. 10 Michigan State 78, Northwestern 62; No. 15 Butler 63, Loyola of Chicago 50; No. 23 Xavier 69, No. 16 Dayton 43; and Washington 72, No. 24 Arizona State 61.

It was Arizona's second win over a member of the top 10 this season. The first was also in McKale Center, 78-67 over then-No. 9 Texas A&M on Dec. 2.

"We've had our share of ups and downs, but I'm proud of this team," O'Neill said. "Any time you beat a top 10 team, it means you're getting better."

The Wildcats beat the

Cougars 38 straight times from 1986-2005, but Washington State swept both games last season.

Arizona took command with a 10-2 run midway through the second half and the Wildcats blew the game open with a 9-0 run that made it 68-50 with 6 minutes to go.

"We were still in the game at halftime, but the floodgates opened," Bennett said. "It's not like the kids are lazy or they didn't try hard. We got exploited."

It was Washington State's first double-digit loss since a 14-point defeat at Utah on Dec. 2, 2005.

After opening the season with 14 straight victories, the Cougars have lost two of four, with the other loss coming at UCLA on Jan. 12. Washington State came in with the nation's top scoring defense, allowing 52.5 points per game, but Arizona shot 55 percent from the field.

"We got thoroughly outplayed," Bennett said. "We

just could not make them earn anything. They played a heck of a game."

No. 4 Duke 81, Virginia Tech 64; Kyle Singler scored 16 points for the visiting Blue Devils (16-1, 4-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) who won their sixth straight game. Singler had 10 points in the 18-9 second-half run that broke open a close game.

A.D. Vassallo had 16 points for the Hokies (11-8, 2-3), who played without second-leading scorer and leading rebounder Jeff Allen, who is serving a two-game suspension for making contact with a referee.

No. 8 UCLA 80, Oregon 75 Freshman Kevin Love returned to his home state and had 26 points and 18 rebounds to lead the Bruins (17-2, 5-1 Pac-10), while Darren Collison added a career-high 22 points including two free throws with 1:04 left that gave UCLA a 74-71 lead.

Malik Hairston, who missed about 7 minutes in the

second half with leg cramps, led the Ducks (12-7, 3-4), while Maarty Leunen had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

No. 10 Michigan St. 78, Northwestern 62: Raymar Morgan scored 23 points and Drew Neitzel added 20 for the visiting Spartans (17-2, 5-1 Big Ten), who were a season-best 11-for-18 from 3-point range and were 29-for-48 from the field overall in winning for the 14th time in 15 games.

Craig Moore was 7-for-14 from 3-point range and finished with 28 points for the Wildcats (6-10, 0-6).

No. 15 Butler 63, Loyola of Chicago 50: Reserve forward Pete Campbell scored 15 points, and Mike Green added 13 to lead the Bulldogs (18-2, 7-2 Horizon League), who took command with a 15-2 run in the first half. Butler has won 30 of its past 32 home games.

J.R. Blount had 16 points for the Ramblers (6-13, 2-7). No. 23 Xavier 69, No. 16

Dayton 43: Stanley Burrell had a team-high 13 points and led a man-to-man defense for the Musketeers (16-4, 4-1 Atlantic 10) that dug in from the opening tip and never let up in their most lopsided victory over Dayton in nine years.

Marcus Johnson had 12 points for the Flyers (14-3, 2-2), who have lost 23 straight games against Xavier in Cincinnati, a streak that dates to Jan. 10, 1981.

Washington 72, No. 24 Arizona St. 61

Jon Brockman had 21 points and 16 rebounds and the Huskies (12-7, 3-3) beat Arizona State for the 11th consecutive time, the longest such streak in the Pac-10.

Freshman James Harden, playing despite a strained right groin, scored 17 points for the Sun Devils (14-4, 4-2), who lost at home for the first time this season. They shot 32 percent (17-for-53), including 5-for-24 from 3-point range.

# Eastern Kentucky rallies for 65-63 win over Tennessee State

Rose leads Colonels with 18 points

TIMES STAFF REPORT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Four of the five starters for the Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team finished in double figures as the Colonels rallied for a 65-63 win over host Tennessee State Thursday night. The Colonels (9-10, 6-5 OVC) have now won four of the last five meetings with TSU (8-11, 5-5) in the Gentry

Center.

Trailing 57-52 coming out of the final media timeout, Eastern Kentucky rattled off nine straight points to take its first lead since very early in the second half. Junior Mike Rose, who led all Colonels with 18 points, started the run with an old-fashioned three-point play following an acrobatic reverse lay-up. After Tennessee State missed the front end of a one-and-one, a Darnell Dials bucket leveled the score at 57-all with 3:14 remaining.

Two free throws by Rose

then put Eastern ahead, 59-57, with 2:39 left. Following Tennessee State's second straight turnover, freshman Justin Stommes netted a backdoor play to stretch the Colonel advantage to four points, 61-57.

Two offensive rebounds and putbacks in the final minute helped Eastern Kentucky hold on for the win. Rose tallied the first putback after a missed Josh Taylor three-point attempt to make the score, 63-59. With 13 seconds remaining, Dials tipped in an Adam Leonard shot to

keep Eastern ahead, 65-61.

Tennessee State climbed back to within two thanks to a pair of Bruce Price free throws with eight seconds left. Dials then missed the front end of a one-and-one, allowing the Tigers a shot to tie or win the game. Gerald Robinson took the ball coast-to-coast, but missed a driving lay-up attempt with a second left.

Eastern Kentucky shot 57.7 percent (15-of-26) in the second half and 50 percent (25-of-50) for the game. Besides 18 points from Rose,

Dials recorded 15 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Leonard and Stommes added 13 points as well.

Andre Belton came off the bench to tally a game-high 19 points for Tennessee State. Price and Robinson each finished with 16 points.

Eastern Kentucky has the weekend off before traveling to Tennessee-Martin on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Tip-off for the Eastern Kentucky-Tennessee-Martin game is set for 8 p.m.

MSU Men's Basketball Reunion set for Feb. 1:

Morehead State University men's basketball coach Donnie Tyndall has announced the dates for the second annual MSU Men's Basketball Reunion. Former players, coaches and managers are invited to a reception at the Tyndall home on Feb. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Attendees are also encouraged to attend the Eagles' game against Kentucky Christian Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

For more information, or to RSVP for the event, contact the MSU men's basketball office at 606/783-2087.

## Twenty

And now I will confess something that could have gotten me fired during my time as sports editor: I had a very close relationship with the guys at the *Williamson Daily News*. In fact, on football Friday nights, if we weren't at the same game, we'd often call each other for game details.

That's right. I worked closely with what was then my main source of competition.

Let me be clear: We never shared features, tips or exclusives. For instance, when Barbara Justice called me to tell me Hillard Howard resigned at a Tuesday-night BOE meeting, I didn't call the Daily to share the news. I sat on it, got in touch with the coach the next day and somehow or another broke the news in our Friday edition.

But on game nights, we were tight.

After I left the *News-Express* in December 1995, I spent a couple of years out of the business altogether. I got cranked back up with a surprising offer to write a weekly column for the *Daily News* and have been going at it ever since. A year or so later I got an offer I couldn't refuse from Rob Herbst — "So Bentley, about this column. You want to write for us or not?" — and moved back home.

Within a couple of weeks, Steve LeMaster of *The Floyd County Times* was kind enough

to accept my offer and I've been writing for both papers ever since.

It's been a thrilling ride. During that time, I've covered more state tournaments — those in March and the All "A" — than I can remember. I was there the morning a guy from Phelps named Ancy Casey threw the ball in the air to start the very first All "A" state tournament game ever played. I've covered three state football titles, been to the Final Four with Pikeville College basketball and saw my alma mater win the only team national title in school history.

I've covered the first football game ever at the college, saw its athletics department grow from five sports to 19 and been able to see it all first hand, with my own two eyes.

I've been blessed to meet many of the heroes of my youth — Cawood Ledford and Marty Brenneman among them — and covered Rick Pitino rebuilding a program Eddie Sutton left in shambles at UK. I have walked through the bowels and sat in press boxes of Riverfront Stadium and its successor, of Rupp Arena and Freedom Hall.

God has truly blessed me.

I still do this each week not for the money — if you know my collective income from them each week you'd laugh — and not for the glory (that thrill left me long ago), but because I

have a passion for it. I love meeting coaches and players and then the readers who have followed along.

It's been a privilege to be on this path.

If I may, I'd like to mention only one person in particular today. When I started, there were 10 high schools in Pike County, plus Betsy Layne and Pikeville College, and there have been many coaches who have come and gone.

Only one has stayed.

When I began this journey, Terry Spears, who in my estimation set the standard for which all the rest of us strive, told me I needed to get to know two people. One was Jason Blanton, and I still to this day consider him one of my closest friends.

The other was Philip Haywood. The coach was well entrenched at Bellry when I met him, and to this day he leads the Pirates. In that time he's joined the elite group of coaches with 300 wins, taken home a couple of state titles and been to the carpet five times.

But it's not for those things that I think so highly of the coach. I love him because of the person he is, the kind of man he is and I want to be more like, and the class he shows me each time I'm around him.

It's been a terrific 20 years. Who's up for 20 more?

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## Yates

ing one car to work on this year."

With every race this year using the new car, Gilliland will have a new crew chief. Cully Barraclough, who has taken over for veteran Todd Parrott, who moved to Kvapil's team.

Kvapil, who ran in the Craftsman Truck series last year for Roush, returns to the Sprint Cup. He'll drive the No. 28, made famous by Davey Allison in the good ol' days for Yates.

"Hopefully we can go out and build that relationship quick and get our cars up to speed," Kvapil said.

Starting fast is important. Doug Yates has been known for building good restrictor-plate engines. A good showing at Daytona for both cars could accelerate getting sponsors for the rest of the season.

"Sure it would help if we could go down there and perform well and people recognize that we have two cars that need sponsors," Yates said.

Until then, Yates is running a lean operation. Determined to

get through the season regardless of what happens with the sponsors, Yates has borrowed equipment, leaned on his father's old contacts and is using Roush Fenway's expertise in their alliance.

It's a long way from the glory days Yates remembers with his dad, when Yates cars won 57 races, including two Daytona 500s and 48 poles.

"There is definitely a sense of determination," Yates said. "You can't look back and say 'what if?' You just have to learn from those things and push forward. It is a mission to make this deal work."

Motorcraft to be sponsor for Elliott in the No. 21 Ford: Three longtime Ford Motor Co. icons are teaming up again in 2008: Bill Elliott, the Wood Brothers and Motorcraft.

Motorcraft, a Ford Motor Co. brand of automotive parts ranging from filters and spark plugs to engines and transmissions, will be the primary sponsor on the famed Wood Brothers' No. 21 Sprint Cup

Ford Fusion for eight races to be driven by Bill Elliott.

The Motorcraft brand will also be an associate sponsor for all other 2008 NASCAR events."

Elliott, the 1988 Cup champion driving a Coors/Motorcraft Thunderbird, is scheduled to be the driver for all of Motorcraft's races. Elliott, Motorcraft and the Wood Brothers first joined forces last season.

Motorcraft first sponsored Wood Brothers Racing in 2001. The Wood Brothers earned 96 wins in more than 50 years of NASCAR competition — second most in Ford Racing history.

This sponsorship complements the Motorcraft and Quick Lane Tire & Auto Centers sponsorship in NHRA Funny Car competition announced last week.

FCSD and its associated brands have won a place in the hearts and minds of racing fans everywhere since the mid-1980s, including sponsorship of Elliott and Dale Jarrett.

# Eagles hold off SEMO, 82-78

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — Maze Stallworth and Janyron Steward scored 21 points apiece to lead Morehead State University to an 82-78 Ohio Valley Conference win at Southeast Missouri on Thursday (Jan. 24).

The Eagles won their fifth game in a row and are 9-9 overall, 7-4 and in third place in the OVC. MSU also got 15 points from Leon Buchanan and 10 points from Nikola Stojakovic.

Southeast Missouri fell to 11-10 overall, 6-5 in the league. The Redhawks were led by Jaycen Herring who scored a game-high 23 points. Calvin Williams had 11 points

and a team-high seven rebounds.

"I knew this game would be a challenge," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "For the first 30 minutes, we played about as well as we have this season. We defended well, we rebounded well and we were efficient on offense."

"Even though they cut into our lead down the stretch, we did what it took to win. Maze Stallworth, Janyron Steward and Nikola Stojakovic all made key free throws. This was a big conference road win for our ball club."

MSU led by 12 points, 34-22, at halftime, and stretched its lead to as many as 20 points in the second half. The Redhawks either fouled or forced Eagle turnovers on

nearly every play down the stretch and cut the lead to two points with five seconds remaining. Two free throws by Stallworth at that point assured the MSU victory.

The Eagles hit 40 percent (20-of-50) from the field, the Redhawks 45.3 percent (29-of-64). MSU was six-of-12 from three-point range, SEMO was five-of-19 from behind the arc.

At the free throw line, Morehead State hit 36-of-48 (75 percent). Southeast Missouri made only 15-of-28 (53.6 percent).

The Eagles outrebounded the Redhawks, 41-to-33. Stallworth and Kenneth Faried pulled down nine rebounds each for the winning team.

# MSU women fall to Southeast Missouri

Pittman breaks OVC season blocked shot record

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — Morehead State University battled Ohio Valley Conference defending champion and second place Southeast Missouri to the final horn Thursday, but the host Redhawks used some timely three-pointers and a 25-for-30 night at the free throw line, including hitting 19-of-20 in the second half, to get past the Eagles 66-58 at the Show Me Center. MSU fell to 7-12 and 5-6 in the league, while SEMO moved to 13-6 and 8-2 in the OVC.

The Eagles, the leading team in the league in field goal percentage defense, held the Redhawks to just 31 percent (17-of-55) shooting for the game. However, SEMO's athleticism and aggressiveness to the basket allowed it to draw 12 fouls on the Eagles in the final half. Missy Whitney scored 22 points and had 10 rebounds for the hosts and hit 11 of her free throws in the final 20 minutes. SEMO also got a key three-pointer from Tarina Nixon with less than

three minutes left that pushed a four-point MSU deficit to seven. Nixon also had 22 points.

"I really thought we outplayed them, minus all the turnovers," said head coach Mike Bradbury. "We held the best team in the league to 30 percent shooting, but they just made shots. We missed three wide open shots when we ran our play perfectly, and we guard them to death and they still made two consecutive threes at the end of the shot clock. We did everything right tonight, but we just didn't win the game, and it's unfortunate. I am proud of our team."

Freshman Chynna Bozeman led three Eagles in double figures with 16 points, including four three-pointers. Bozeman also grabbed eight rebounds. Sophomore Brandi Rayburn netted 12 points, and sophomore Brittany Pittman tallied her seventh double-double with 10 points and 10 caroms off the glass. Pittman also recorded four blocked shots, and now has the OVC season record for rejections with 79. She broke Middle Tennessee State's Kay Willbanks' record of 77 that was set back in 1984-85.

Morehead State, which ranks tied for fourth in the nation in three-pointers, hit 10 treys on the night. The Eagles,

however, were able to shot just 35 percent (17-of-49) for the game. MSU did outrebound the Redhawks, 38-37. SEMO had 15 rebounds on the offensive side however, including three in the final 1:30 of the contest to limit MSU's chances of a rally.

The Eagles led for a majority of the first half, including by five twice. Nursing a five-point lead, 28-23 with 3:42 left, however, the Eagles saw SEMO rattle off a 7-0 run to take a 30-28 lead. The Redhawks ultimately led by just one though at the half, 31-30.

In the second half, SEMO moved ahead by a 42-36 count with 12:55 left after a trey by Rachel Blunt. The Eagles erased that lead though with a 7-0 run of its own. Pittman's layup capped the comeback at 10:54. The Eagles led 43-42, but another run by SEMO — this one 8-2 — pushed the momentum back to the hosts who led 50-45 with 8:56 remaining. The Eagles had the game back to a 55-53 SEMO lead with 4:56 left, but the host team was resilient and held off any MSU threat.

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# Patriots rebound from AFC title game loss last year to reach Super Bowl

by HOWARD ULMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Patriots needed just 4 yards for a first down late in last year's AFC championship game. Succeed and they'd almost certainly reach the Super Bowl.

They failed. "All the hard work in the offseason, preseason, the regular season," New England owner Robert Kraft said in an interview with The Associated Press in his Gillette Stadium office. "And then, boom! It's cruel the way it ends. It's really cruel."

He watched Tom Brady's short pass to Troy Brown fall incomplete on third down at the New England 46-yard line with 2:27 left in Indianapolis. The Patriots had to punt and the Colts took over at their 20 with 2:17 and just one timeout

left. Peyton Manning went to work, eating up chunks of yardage.

With the clock showing 1:00, Joseph Addai ran in for the winning touchdown before an RCA Dome full of ecstatic fans, completing a comeback from a 21-3 deficit to a 38-34 win.

The Colts went on to win the Super Bowl. The Patriots went home.

"We'll come back next year and try to do it better," a despondent Brady said afterward.

How's this for better? The Patriots haven't lost since.

Last Sunday, they weren't about to give up the ball late in their 21-12 win over the San Diego Chargers, which put them in the Super Bowl against the New York Giants on Feb. 3.

Leading by nine, New

England started at its own 13 with 9:13 left in the game. This time, Brady faced four third-down plays and converted every one. He simply had to kneel down on the last two plays of the game, the Chargers helpless to do anything after using all their timeouts.

The three-time champion Patriots, who return to practice Thursday after three days off, are now 4-1 in five of the last seven AFC championship games.

"You always want to end the game with the ball," center Dan Koppen said. "To put together a drive like that in the biggest game of the year, I couldn't have pictured it any differently."

Maybe he blocked out the picture of last year's AFC title game. The motivation to avoid a repeat of one of the most painful days in the Patriots'

decade of dominance was powerful.

"All we kept stressing to one another is: not this year," cornerback Ellis Hobbs said. "Not this year."

Even a single loss? Not this year, the Patriots hope.

One win shy of the first 19-0 season in NFL history, and possible acclaim as the best team ever, New England is determined. The Miami Dolphins are the only team to finish a season unbeaten when they went 17-0 in 1972 and won the Super Bowl.

So close to that goal, the Patriots have built a roadblock at their goal line — no touchdowns and just six field goals allowed in their last six quarters.

They were tied with Jacksonville 14-14 at halftime of the divisional playoff game and won 31-20. They led San Diego 14-9 at intermission and

won by nine, finishing it off with a 15-play drive that only ended when the game did.

"When you have to make one or two first downs in order to move on to the next game we've all been trying to get too, it's an exciting time," tight end Benjamin Watson said after Kraft walked out of the Patriots locker room with the AFC championship trophy Sunday. "It was exciting for us."

New England did allow Eli Manning to throw four touchdown passes when it eked out a 38-35 win over the Giants in the regular-season finale, which has sparked New York from wild-card team to Super Bowl underdog.

But the Patriots are widely expected to win the rematch.

They have the record-breaking offensive talent of Brady and Randy Moss and the running of Laurence Maroney, coming off his fourth 100-plus

yard rushing performance in five games.

They have a defense that has risen up at the right time, allowing just two touchdowns in its two playoff games.

And they have the awful memories.

"It was so disappointing last season," Brady said after beating San Diego. "I remember leaving the bus at Indianapolis and just reflecting on how close we were and how disappointing it was, knowing that there was another team going instead of us."

"And now we can look at where we are now and be proud of what we've accomplished thus far, but realize there's a greater challenge ahead."

The challenge to have the lead and the ball in their hands on the final play.

And the pride of once again holding in those same hands the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

# Redskins, Bills, Pats provide key moments for Giants in '07

by TOM CANAVAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Losing the final game of the regular season may have been the stepping stone for the New York Giants' improbable ride to the Super Bowl.

Sound odd? It's not.

In making the New England Patriots work hard for a 38-35 win on Dec. 29 that capped a perfect regular season, the Giants proved to themselves that they could compete with anybody.

That should prove extremely valuable a week from Sunday, when New York (13-6) gets another crack at the Patriots (18-0) in the NFL title game in Glendale, Ariz.

"We had played in some tough games and had some bad weather conditions the couple weeks before, and we weren't playing our best football, and all of a sudden that week we had a great mind-set," Eli Manning said. "We were going

in to try to beat an undefeated team and we played good football. We gave ourselves a shot to win; we fell short, but it got our confidence going."

In the ensuing three weeks on the road, the Giants beat the Buccaneers 24-14, knocked off the Cowboys in Dallas 21-17, and overcame Brett Favre and frigid temperatures in Green Bay to beat the Packers 23-20 in overtime.

"It got us playing good football, it got us back in a rhythm and from then on we have been on a hot streak," Manning added. "We have been playing great football and finding ways to win."

What made the performance in the loss to the Patriots so memorable: New York had nothing at stake in the game at Giants Stadium. Win or lose, the Giants were locked into a wild-card playoff game at Tampa.

There was nothing to gain and everything to lose, especially if players got hurt.

That's exactly what happened to three starters: linebacker Kawika Mitchell (knee), cornerback Sam Madison (stomach) and center Shaun O'Hara (knee).

Mitchell saw limited action the following week. O'Hara missed the Buccaneers game and Madison didn't play again until last weekend.

Coach Tom Coughlin insists the Giants never thought about relaxing.

"We have a statement in our meeting rooms that we want to prepare, practice, and play as if we lost our last game," Coughlin said. "It is just a mentality which tells you to keep the pedal to the metal."

That focus has not wavered in a season in which New York lost its first two games and gave up 80 points in the process.

It also was the key to the season's two other crucial turning points.

The first came on Sept. 23 against Washington in the

third game. Down 17-3 at the half, the defense allowed 81 yards in the second half and staged a last-minute, goal-line stand from the 1-yard line to preserve a 24-17 win.

After Washington spiked the ball on first down to stop the clock, Jason Campbell misfired on a pass and Ladell Betts was stuffed on third and fourth down.

"If I put you in that huddle, your ears might bleed," defensive tackle Barry Cofield said after the game. "At that point, it's not about technique, it's not about the call, it's all about getting fired up and realizing what's at stake. We just came off the ball and did what we had to do."

It was the first sign that new defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo's aggressive, blitzing defense would work. The following week, New York tied an NFL record with 12 sacks, including six by Osi Umenyiora in a 16-3 win over the Eagles.

The consecutive wins sparked a six-game winning streak that got the Giants in the playoff hunt.

The second half of the season was not as solid. The Giants didn't clinch a playoff berth until rallying from a 14-0, first-quarter deficit against the Bills on a snowy afternoon in Buffalo for a 38-21 win in their next-to-last game.

Outscoring Buffalo 38-7 over the final three quarters, the Giants avoided going into the New England finale facing a must-win situation to make the postseason for the third straight year.

"To me, this is the best team in the NFL with their backs against the wall, and when everybody throws everything at them," middle linebacker Antonio Pierce said. "We don't need any pats on the butt at all."

Now the Giants get the Patriots again — with a little something on the line for both teams. In the first meeting,

New York held a 28-16 third-quarter lead before Brady engineered three touchdown drives, with the key play a go-ahead 65-yard TD pass to Randy Moss.

Madison aggravated an abdominal muscle on the play, one which turned the game.

"We thought we played pretty well against them, but we didn't play perfect," said Manning, who tied his career high with four touchdown passes. "We made enough mistakes to put us in a situation where they won the game."

The Giants, however, know they are capable of playing with the Patriots.

"This is the position you want to be in," Manning said. "We like making things tough on ourselves. We like the tough situations. You are going against a team that is undefeated in the Super Bowl, and it is not going to be easy. It is going to be a tough game, but that is when we have been playing our best football."

# Teammates say Brady will play in Super Bowl after hurting ankle

by HOWARD ULMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady was nowhere to be found by reporters and cameraman waiting eagerly for the star quarterback, with or without his famous boot.

His teammates are certain where to find him on Feb. 3 — on a Super Bowl field for the fourth time in his career and leading his heavily favored New England Patriots against the New York Giants.

"I know he'll be ready to play. He always is," running back Heath Evans said Thursday. "He looks fine to me."

On Monday, Brady was photographed in Manhattan with a walking boot on his right foot, a protective device he had removed before going to a club that night with his girlfriend Gisele Bundchen. The much-publicized boot didn't turn up in any pictures or video taken of

him Tuesday by celebrity chasers.

Yet it gained celebrity status itself.

"Well, considering the fact that he always has cameras in his face, I guess it was only a matter of time," Evans said of the superstar who squires a supermodel around New York City.

The fact he walked with the boot with only a slight limp that wasn't evident later was a sign that his injury wasn't serious. It turned out to be a minor high ankle sprain, according to published reports.

The NFL MVP apparently sustained it in Sunday's 21-12 win over the San Diego Chargers in the AFC championship game. He had two weeks for it to heal before the Super Bowl.

"I don't foresee him not being in this game," defensive end Richard Seymour said.

Brady has been in the Patriots' past 126 games, the third-longest current starting

streak among active quarterbacks behind Brett Favre and Peyton Manning.

Teammates praise his dedication in the weight room that helps him remain durable.

"He puts in the work to be one of the elite players because when Tom first got here, he was a slim, skinny kid," Seymour said, "and now you kind of look at him and he has legs, chest."

"He's in there doing Olympic lifts and working out in the off-season just like he was an offensive or defensive lineman. He's a part of us and that's the way he carries himself."

The Patriots returned to practice Thursday after three days off.

Photographers and reporters waited for Brady to walk, limp or even crawl in. They didn't see any of that.

Brady never showed up in the locker room for the 45 minutes in which the media were allowed inside. Then he was a no-show

for the 15-minute media access period at practice. Seldom-used backups Matt Cassel and Matt Gutierrez never had so many cameras focused on them as photographers waited in vain for the leader of the quarterbacks to start stretching beside them.

That was quite a change from early in the week when Brady walked through a bunch of scampering videographers and photographers near Bundchen's home, an obstacle that could be as intimidating as the Giants' fierce pass rush.

But he handled it with poise, neither smiling nor frowning much, if at all, and not responding to comments from the paparazzi.

"I think Tom's one of the toughest players on our team, mentally and physically," coach Bill Belichick said at his news conference Thursday. "He works hard and he can be focused on his job regardless of what's going on in all of the surroundings —

the crowd, the game, the whatever it is, stuff flying around him — but he's very calm. He's a great competitor, but he's very calm."

Belichick said he had no comment on Brady's injury.

Then he showed a spark of wit that has turned up more frequently in recent weeks.

"The injury report will be out next Wednesday and we're excited to give that to you. That form will be filled out completely and I can't wait to give that to everybody," Belichick said with a grin. "I know you're anxious for it, so when it's due on Wednesday, we'll have it for you. Don't worry about that."

Several players brushed off questions about Brady.

Running back Kevin Faulk, said he "changed the channel" when the boot came on his TV screen.

Wide receiver Randy Moss must have been happy that Brady, accidentally or intentionally, took the spotlight off the

potential distraction of the previous week, a temporary restraining order against Moss obtained by a longtime girlfriend. Moss didn't talk to reporters Thursday.

Seymour said he paid more attention to the bouquet of white flowers Brady was toting in his hand than the white boot on his foot.

"Every channel I turned to, there it was, magnifying in on the boot," he said, smiling. "To me, the good part was the flowers."

To most other people, the focus was on a simple piece of overexposed footwear similar to that worn by thousands of other athletes with minor injuries, an object that generated so many pictures and headlines and so much worry by Patriots fans.

Now that the paparazzi have moved on to other targets, would Belichick portray the boot flap as a non-issue?

"Portray it however you want," the coach said.

And wait for the injury report.

# Reds sign pitcher Jeremy Affeldt to one-year contract

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds Executive Vice President and General Manager Wayne Krivsky today announced the signing of free agent LHP Jeremy Affeldt to a one-year contract through the 2008 season. Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Affeldt, 28, last season for

the Colorado Rockies posted a 3.51 ERA in 75 appearances, both career highs. He pitched in all four games of the World Series against the Boston Red Sox and didn't allow a run in 3.0 innings (2h, 1bb, 2k). During the regular season right-handed batters hit just .211, the fourth-lowest average among all National League southpaw pitchers.

On Aug. 16 at San Diego, Affeldt allowed five earned runs without retiring a batter. His ERA in his other 74 appearances was 2.75.

In his Major League career, Affeldt is 25-27 with a 4.74 ERA and 18 saves in 42 starts and 244 relief appearances for the Kansas City Royals and Rockies. He made all 42 of his starts for the Royals, including

33 from 2002-04 and nine more in 2006.

Reds hire Walt Jocketty: The Cincinnati Reds today announced that Walt Jocketty, former Senior Vice President and General Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, has joined the organization as Special Advisor to President and Chief Executive Officer Bob Castellini.

Jocketty will advise and assist Castellini in every facet of baseball operations, including matters related to the front office, Major League field and support personnel, scouting and Minor League and international operations along with training and medical services.

A 33-year veteran of professional baseball, including the last 13 with St. Louis as general

manager, Jocketty's Cardinals teams went to the playoffs seven times. He won the National League Central Division six times and the 2001 NL Wild Card while earning two National League championships and the 2006 World Series title. The Cardinals have produced winning seasons in seven of the last eight years. He is a former Executive of the Year.



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SHELBY VALLEY doubled up Betsy Layne 64-37 Wednesday night in the opening round of the 15th Region All 'A' Classic at the Dome. More on the 15th Region small school boys' basketball tournament will appear in Wednesday's edition.

## 4 horses from Lane's End Farm die in collision with car

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Four horses from Lane's End Farm were euthanized after bolting onto a road and being hit by a car.

Lexington police said the four yearlings were struck Thursday morning by a car driven by Andrew Jackson, 21, of Georgetown.

Lane's End president Bill Farish said the horses got loose about 7 a.m. and were being led to a barn when they were spooked.

"As happens, one spooks and that spooks the rest of them," Farish said. "It's very hard to hold them at that point."

Farish said six yearlings ran from their handlers, went out a

gate and ran into a two-lane street adjacent to the farm. Farish said one yearling avoided the car and another turned back before the collision.

The road is straight, but has a slight rise to it, Farish said. The horses ran over the rise and into the oncoming car, Farish said.

Jackson was taken to University of Kentucky Hospital for injuries that weren't considered life threatening, police said.

The horses belong to various owners, all of whom had been notified by Thursday afternoon, Farish said. He declined to identify the horses or owners.

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**Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0307 Amendment No. 2**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.6 miles north of Emma, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 199.80 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 328.30 acres, of which 164.15 acres overlie area mining area, making a total area of 618.72 acres, within the amended permit boundary.

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

The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, E. L. and Bertha Cline, Malcolm Layne, Rebecca Jarrell, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham, Clark Pergrem and Jesse Rudd, Tom and Melissa Reynolds, Albert and Janet Ratliff, Johnny and Patricia Huffman, Taulbee and Renisa Branham, Michael Hunt, Ransom and Betty Hunt, and Maxine Crider. The amendment will underlie land owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, E. L. and Bertha Cline, Malcolm Layne, Rebecca Jarrell, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham, Clark Pergrem and Jesse Rudd. The operation will use the contour, auger and highwall methods of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, has applied for an amendment to a permit for a coal processing facility, refuse disposal, underground, and contour and auger mining operation, located 1.9 mile southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 3.30 surface acres and 963.82

acres of underground disturbance, making a total of 733.38 acres within the amended boundary. The facility is approximately 1.4 mile southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030, and located 0.004 mile north-east of Spurlock Creek.

The facility is on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour,

auger, and area methods of mining. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Black Diamond Land Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Black Diamond Land Company, LLC, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, and Cindy Kidd. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for

Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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# Odds & Ends

■ **SHREVEPORT, La.** — It took Vicki Armstrong almost 19 years to save \$550, which isn't much of an accomplishment — except that she did it one penny at a time.

Armstrong was planning to take her 55,000 pennies to the bank this week. She said saving them helped her reinforce frugal spending habits.

"It helped me be a little bit more conservative in my lifestyle," said Armstrong, who is planning to retire at the end of the year from Christus Schumpert Highland Hospital, where she works as a maternity technician.

Armstrong has been storing pennies in vases, bowls and the occasional shoebox. In 1993, *The (Shreveport, La.) Times* reported she had squirreled away 14,000 pennies. Armstrong resisted the temptation to cash them in and kept saving.

Her co-workers and friends have chipped in over the years. "They all hand over pennies generously," she said.

Her husband, Melvin, said he never interfered with her healthy obsession, even when their bicycle rides were interrupted by tiny treasure hunts.

"She would see a penny in the road and just stop," he said. "I would have to do circles just to let her catch up."

■ **ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** — All week, Sammy Zabib was getting an earful from his girlfriend for forgetting to buy her a pair of designer jeans she spotted in a casino boutique last weekend.

"She was mad," said Zabib, a 42-year-old limousine fleet manager in New York. "We had an argument. More than one."

They're not arguing now. On a return trip to pick up the jeans and end the grief Friday morning, Zabib won nearly \$800,000 playing a slot machine.

He got up at 5 a.m. and drove three hours to Atlantic City, arriving at the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa before the boutique, *Whim*, opened at 10 a.m.

In his pocket was a photocopy of a picture of the jeans that his girlfriend printed out for him, just to make sure there would be no confusion.

With some time to kill, he sat down at a *Brazil Slingo* slot machine and started playing, betting \$4 a spin for about an hour.

"I was just trying to kill time until the store opened so I could get her those jeans," he said. "Then the machine stopped working. I didn't know why, so I called security. They came over, took a look at it, and said, 'You won the jackpot!'"

He called his girlfriend, whom he identified only as Anna, and she started screaming.

"She wasn't mad anymore," he said with a laugh. "She's waiting for me at home now."

After receiving his payout from the casino, Zabib bought a pair of *Dojo* 7-brand jeans that Anna had wanted so badly.

"They're the hot brand right now," said Borgata spokesman Michael Facenda. "They go for \$149 a pair."

Zabib doesn't know what else he'll do with his new-found riches.

"Maybe buy her some more jeans," Zabib said.

■ **FOLSOM, Pa.** — The skies won't seem especially friendly to anyone taking off from Philadelphia International Airport if they notice what a suburban couple wrote on the roof of their home.

"(Expletive) U FAA," the message reads, though one letter of the profane word is substituted with an underline. Below that it is a picture of a plane with a slash through it and the words "no fly zone."

Homeowner Michael Hall and his girlfriend, Michaelene Buddy, are angry that jets have been flying over their house since last month, when the Federal Aviation Administration altered departure headings out of Philadelphia. Hall says he has to sleep with earplugs.

He said he and Buddy also

were frustrated after being unable to leave a message with the FAA's noise-complaint hot line because the voice mailbox was always full. So they issued their complaint in roof sealant and 7-foot-tall letters about two weeks ago.

"Just doing it made me feel better, but I'd still like to say what I wrote directly to the idiot head of the FAA," Hall told the *Philadelphia Daily News* for Thursday's editions.

FAA spokesman Jim Peters had no comment.

The flight changes are part of a massive restructuring of the airspace over the congested corridor between New York and Philadelphia.

The couple's Ridley Township home is in Delaware County, southwest of Philadelphia. The county argues in a lawsuit that the FAA's environmental-impact study violated federal regulations and that the new flight paths will only marginally reduce airport delays.

■ **NEW YORK** — You just don't want to eat some greens.

That's how a Brooklyn mom felt when she found a tiny frog comfortably nestled in the leaves of organic lettuce she was preparing to eat.

"I jumped away," said 39-year-old Yvonne Brechbuhler, who described the green critter as no bigger than the tip of her pinky finger.

"I didn't know what it was. But once I realized it was a frog, I was OK," she told the *Daily News* in Thursday editions.

Intrigued, she named the frog "Curious."

Brechbuhler, a stage actress, said she bought the lettuce at her local food co-op and kept it in the refrigerator three days before using it last week.

Brechbuhler and her 7-year-old daughter, Orla, placed the frog in a jar on a bed of lettuce leaves and water, and fed it fruit flies they collected at a nearby garden. Afterward, they decided *Curious* would be happier at an animal facility specializing in reptiles and amphibians. The facility, *Sean Casey Animal Rescue*, has put it up for adoption.

An employee at the food co-op said it was the first such incident in memory.

■ **PAINESVILLE, Ohio** — A judge on Thursday ordered a Salvation Army worker who stole a holiday kettle containing about \$250 to spend the night homeless.

Nathen Smith, 28, was to spend the night anywhere but a house, said Municipal Judge Michael Cicconetti. Smith was fitted with a GPS device to track his moves.

"My initial reaction was, 'Wow.' But I don't think the sentence is too harsh," said Smith, who expected to spend Thursday night in a homeless shelter. "I can see the judge's point because what I did, I shouldn't have done. Now I've got to pay the consequences."

The Salvation Army uses kettle donations to help pay for food, clothing and shelter for the homeless.

Smith, who also received a three-day jail sentence, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of theft.

Smith worked as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army outside a *Kmart* store in nearby *Eastlake* on Dec. 17. Police arrested him at his mother's house after a co-worker reported that one of eight kettles was missing.

Smith was scheduled to return to court Friday to determine how much community service he must do to avoid paying a fine and costs for the tracking system.

Painesville is about 30 miles northeast of Cleveland.

■ **LERNA, Ill.** — The owners of farmland once owned by Abraham Lincoln want to give people a chance to own about a square inch of history.

The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Historical Farm plans to sell tiny parcels of the land, said Dale Parsons, manager of the Rockford-based group.

Some of the money would go to charity, Parsons said Thursday. Some of the land

may be reserved for charities to buy and resell during fundraisers, he said.

He was not sure how many parcels would be sold, but noted there are more than 6 million square inches in an acre.

The land is near *Lerna*, not far from the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site.

Lincoln bought the land from his father, Thomas Lincoln, who needed the money. Thomas Lincoln continued farming the land.

The group bought the land last fall for \$1.25 million from Raymond Phipps, a Springfield man whose family owned the property for more than a century.

A similar plan to sell square-inch parcels of the land several years ago by Phipps led to a legal squabble over unpaid taxes. Parsons said his group has hired real estate experts to avoid similar prob-

lems. The group has hired a history professor to write a book about the location, and hopes to restore a cabin on the site and turn it into a visitors center, Parsons said.

■ **RICHMOND, Va.** — If you're served a pitcher of authentic sangria in a Virginia restaurant, someone's breaking the law.

Since 1934, the state has prohibited mixing wine or beer with spirits. Frances McDonald, vice president of *La Tasca Spanish Tapas Bar and Restaurants*, found that out the hard way when his Alexandria location was cited for violating the sangria ban in 2006 and fined \$2,000.

McDonald and managing partner Shana McKillop appealed their case to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board on Thursday before going to the Capitol to urge

legislators to pass a bill legalizing the red wine, liqueur and fruit concoction.

McDonald said his business received no warning about the ban. He said he was unaware of the prohibition and had he known about it would not have located any of his five restaurants in Virginia. "It's like not being able to serve tequila in a Mexican restaurant," he said.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Department agent who cited *La Tasca* even ordered restaurant employees to pour its sangria — about 40 liters — down the drain, said

Shana McKillop, managing partner at the Alexandria restaurant.

A ruling on the *La Tasca's* appeal should take two to four weeks, said Kristy Marshall, a spokeswoman for the ABC Department. In the meantime, the restaurant has taken to modifying its sangria recipe. The brandy has been eliminated and the triple sec replaced with a nonalcoholic orange liqueur.

"It's still sangria but not as authentic as we'd like to offer our guests," McKillop said.

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