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In brief

State police provide safe driving tips

FRANKFORT — Whether driving across town or across the state, the Kentucky State Police are advising motorists to exercise added caution and flexibility on the highway during the Christmas holiday season.

"Holiday travel should always be taken seriously," advises Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer. "Don't let the joys of the season be ruined by an injury or fatality in a vehicle crash or an impaired driving arrest. Give the gift of life to yourself, your family and others during this special time of the season."

In 2006, more than 50 million motorists throughout the country made trips of more than 50 miles during the Christmas-New Year's holiday. Despite higher costs for gasoline this year, KSP expects highway travel through and within the state to match or exceed last year's level resulting in crowded conditions that could potentially create hazardous conditions. Nine people lost their lives in nine crashes on Kentucky roadways during last year's three-day Christmas holiday. Eight of the fatalities were not wearing seat belts and two were the result of alcohol-related crashes.

In order to save lives, the Kentucky State Police will be boosting its road patrols and operating safety checkpoints statewide beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 21 and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 25. For maximum effectiveness, troopers will coordinate enforcement

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Three arrested on drug charges

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

HAROLD — A Floyd County Sheriff's Department raid conducted in Harold early this week resulted in three arrests.

According to a release from Sheriff John K Blackburn, a Floyd County grand jury handed down several indictments Tuesday based on information

gathered during a November raid of Julian and Deborah Irick.

Julian Irick Jr., 42, of Harold, was arrested for first- and second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of marijuana. The trafficking charges are both felonies and could carry up to 15 years in prison.

Also arrested were Deborah Irick, 43, and Christopher W. Noble, 33, of Ivel, both on charges of

tampering with physical evidence, which is a Class D felony.

All three were lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center and will go before a Floyd circuit judge to answer the charges.

The November raid on the Iricks resulted in the confiscation of over 270 OxyContin, 48 hydrocodone and a small amount of marijuana. The street value of the prescription pills was estimated to be \$19,000.

TOYS FOR TOTS



photo by Kathy J. Prater
Above, children shared Christmas wishes with Santa Claus at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center on Friday. Santa and Mrs. Claus were guests of honor at the special event. An estimated 1,000 children were expected to participate throughout the day.
At right, a busy elf selected a toy for a lucky child from among a multitude of packages.



Floyd, Johnson children benefit from Toys for Tots

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Beginning in 1947, in Los Angeles, Calif., with one hand-crafted Raggedy Ann doll fashioned by the wife of a Marine Corps Reservist, the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program has grown to serve needy children nationwide in the years since its inception.

This past week, at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, students and staff members

helped distribute an estimated 2,200 toys to local children over a two day period.

With a contribution of 750 new toys from the U.S. Marine Corps, local businesses and organizations in Floyd and Johnson counties, well over 1,000 toys were distributed to area children who might otherwise find themselves with little to be happy about on Christmas Day.

"Our staff and students just really get into the spirit of this event," said Thomas Rainey,

finance and administration director for the center. "Everyone has a way of coming together to get everything done — down to getting all the toys sorted and wrapped, to preparing refreshments, and even to working on Santa's sleigh."

The center is in its fifth year of conducting the local Toys for Tots campaign and Rainey says that the help of local businesses such as Wal-Mart, Cash Express, Charley's Subs and

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Lawmakers told lottery is qualified to regulate casinos

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Lottery Corp.'s top executive said Thursday his agency would be well-equipped to regulate casinos if the expanded gambling becomes legal in the state.

Lottery President and CEO Arch Gleason touted the lottery's qualifications during a hearing before a group of House members assigned to review casino gambling, which is brewing as a contentious issue in the upcoming 2008 General Assembly session.

Gleason said the lottery isn't taking a position on expanded gambling, but said the lottery corporation

could be modified to regulate casinos if given the task by state policymakers.

"The lottery corporation would be in a position to provide that measure of oversight in a faster, better, cheaper way than constituting a new agency to do so," he said.

Gleason assured the lawmakers that the lottery corporation would take on the added role with a "high level of public accountability and social responsibility."

Gov. Steve Beshear is expected to lead the push for a proposed constitutional amendment aimed at letting Kentucky voters decide whether to allow

(See CASINOS, page three)

Judge's secretary faces perjury charge

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Knott County judge-executive's secretary was indicted by a federal grand jury on Wednesday on a charge that she committed perjury during an investigation.

According to the indictment, Tammy Brewer, 43, of Knott county, allegedly lied under oath to a grand jury when she said that she

and her father had paid for blackout on their property. Brewer added that the receipt she had provided investigators was genuine.

The grand jury had already brought charges against four other individuals who allegedly schemed to influence the outcome of the November 2006 election using county travel, blackout, and bridges.

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photo by Melissa Bell
Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall took time out on Wednesday to do a reading of the Nativity story as well as "A Visit from St. Nicholas" for residents of the Prestonsburg Healthcare Center.

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FLOYD COUNTY

■ Hattie Mae Hopkins Hall, 89, of Prospect, Ohio, formerly of Harold, died Tuesday, December 18, at the Hartland Nursing Home in Marion, Ohio. Funeral services were held Friday, December 21, under the direction of the J.W. Call and son Funeral Home.

■ Matilda Rice Palmer, 80, of Ivel, died Wednesday, December 19, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 22, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Nola Crider Stepp, 87, of (Mt. Washington Care Center), Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, December 18, at Mercy Hospital, Anderson, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Funeral services were held Friday, December 21, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ James Marvin Thompson, 63, of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, formerly of Wayland, died Sunday, December 16, in Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Lois Slone Adams, 59, of Pikeville, died Thursday, December 13, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 16, under direction of the Pikeville Funeral Home.

■ Mary Margaret Aliff, 84, of Williamson, W.Va., a native of Freeburn, died Monday, December 17, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 20, under the direction of Weaver Mortuary of West Williamson.

■ Lillian Childers Baker, 82, of Ashcamp, a Pike County, died Wednesday, December 12, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 15, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Zella Belcher, 85, of Earling, W.Va., a native of Pikeville, died Friday, December 7, at the Logan Regional Medical Center, Logan, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, December 10, under the direction of Krantz-McNeely Funeral Home of Man, W.Va.

■ Kermit Evans Bilitier Jr., 72, of Pikeville, died Monday, December 17, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, December 21, under the direction of the Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Eddie Dean "Soup Bean" Branham, 58, of Little Creek, died Sunday, December 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Branham. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 20, under direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ James "Jamie" Robert Coleman, 28, of Stopover, died Friday, December 14, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, December 17, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ James Costa, 55, of Lexington, formerly of Pikeville, died Thursday, November 29, at the Mountain Crest Nursing Home in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Costa. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date at the Virgie Alliance Church. Arrangements are under direction of the Walker Funeral Home in Ohio.

■ Patricia Dodd Desherlia, 40, formerly of Virgie, died Sunday, December 16, at the Hillcrest Health Center. She is survived by her husband, Michael Desherlia. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 19, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Randall F. Dials, 81, of Virgie, died Thursday, December 13, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Betty Dials. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 16, under direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

■ Drake Ian McJace Hunter Eldridge, infant son of Michael and Jamie Eldridge, died Sunday, December 9, at Pikeville Medical Center. A

graveside service was held Saturday, December 15, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ James Harmon Jr., 65, of Joes Creek, died Sunday, December 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 20, under direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Ryan Seth Hawkins, 14, of Blaine, a Pike County native, died Saturday, December 15, at Roxanna, the result of injuries suffered in a hunting accident. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 19, under direction of Wilson Funeral Home of Louisa.

■ Bill Harmon Hite, 66, of Meta, died Monday, December 10, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Hite. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 13, under the direction of Community Funeral Home of Zebulon.

■ David Timothy "Timmy" Kilgore, 33, of Virgie, died Sunday, December 16, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 19, under direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Thelma Mae Hunt Lambert, 87, of Freeburn, died Thursday, December 13, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility. Funeral services were held Monday, December 17, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Services of Matewan, W.Va.

■ Warren May, 87, of Raccoon, died Saturday, December 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 19, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Bessie Marie Owens, 58, of Muskegon, Mich., formerly of Virgie, died Thursday, December 13, at Mercy Hospital, Michigan. Funeral services were held Monday, December 17, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ George W. Phillips, 87, of Forest Hills, formerly of Feds Creek, died Tuesday, December 18, at the Mountain View Healthcare in Elkhorn City. Funeral services were

held Thursday, December 20, under the direction of the J.W. and Son Funeral Home.

■ Jennie Elizabeth Reynolds, 88, of Tampa, Fla., formerly of Pikeville, died Saturday, December 15, at Brighton Gardens. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 19, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Elkie Catherine McGuire Robinette, 67, of Varney, died Sunday, December 16, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 19, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Frances Sanders, 91, of Shelby Gap, died Saturday, December 15, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 18, under direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ William "Bill" Stanley Sr., 79, of Chapmanville, W.Va., formerly of Dorton, died Friday, December 14, at Charleston Arca Medical Center, Charleston, W.Va. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Adoree Stanley. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 18, under the direction of Honaker Funeral Home of Logan.

■ Tommy Raymond Lee Stevens, Jr., infant son of Tommy and Rachel Renea Porter Stevens of Pikeville, was stillborn Friday, December 14, at Pikeville Medical Center. Graveside services were held Monday, December 17, under direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ William Mathew Thacker, 40, of Raccoon, died Thursday, December 13, at Buffalo Creek, Floyd County. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 19, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Birdie Flo J. Ward, 71, of Lexington, a native of Fishtrap, died Thursday, December 13, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Clifford Ward. Funeral services were held Monday, December 17, under direction of the Kerr Brothers Funeral Home.

■ Herman Edward "Doodle" Williamson, 73, of Stone, died Thursday,

December 13, at the V.A. Hospital in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Monday, December 17, under the direction of the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Randy Baldwin, 46, of Old Springs, died Wednesday, December 12, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 15, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Alpha Green, 72, of Lowmansville, died Friday, December 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Monday, December 17, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

■ James Ray "Ray Bob" Jenkins, 55, of Flat Gap, a Floyd County native, died Thursday, December 6, at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 9, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Bessie Jones McCarty, 79, of Inez, died Saturday, December 15, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 18, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ David Paris Pierce Pelphrey, 80, of Beaver Creek, Ohio, died Sunday, December

16, at Hospice of Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Betty Pelphrey. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 20, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Donna Sue Powers, 70, of Alma, Colorado, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, December 11, at the University Colorado Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, December 17, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Mary Mills Sparks, 65, of Lowmansville, died Thursday, December 6, at Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 9, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Johnny Carson Stapleton, 80, of Flat Gap, died Thursday, December 13, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 16, under

the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Polly M. Wells, 79, of Mt. Gilcead, Ohio, a Paintsville native, died Friday, December 14, at Med Central Hospital in Mansfield, Ohio. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 19, under the direction of Gompf Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Clifford Ray Bailey, 61, of Louisa, died Wednesday, December 12, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 16, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Victoria Runyon Kirk, 85, of Lovely, died Friday, December 14, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Monday, December 17, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

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In Loving Memory of William E. Woods

Bill was born on February 14, 1953, and passed away on December 23, 1997. Bill is holding his only living son, Kyle E. Woods, who is now 18 years old. Bill is truly missed by his mom, Bessie, sister, Faye, niece, Angie, nephew, Barry and other family members and friends. This poem is dedicated to his childhood and memories of years past.



"Mom Would Always Say"

"There's sixteen months and ten days between you and Bill," Mom would always say. Just a grade apart throughout our school years, but, Bill was the smartest. Learning came easy for him, while it required hours of studying for me. "Now you're the oldest. Look out for your little brother today." Mom would always say.

I loved my little brother from the day he was born. There was always overwhelming feelings of affection and protectiveness there. Our mom was a petite woman, and my ten-pound brother arrived on February 14th a Valentine baby. "He was the biggest valentine I've ever received," Mom would always say.

Only the two of us growing up beside the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. Not many other children living near-by. Just a few cousins and then occasional visits with out of town cousins gave us new playmates. "Company is coming. You two youngins be sure to share," Mom would always say.

Unruly, dense vegetation growing along the sandy riverbank and surrounding fields scattered with wild weeds, numerous wildflowers and rambling, prickly blackberry bushes became our playgrounds. "Be sure to stay away from that river," Mom would always say.

Yes, we were told to stay away from the river. And we knew we should, for neither one of us could swim. We played a lot together. He was my little brother and we were playmates. "You are such good children," Mom would always say.

During the spring and summer, we rode our bikes. His was a Bluegrass and mine was a Huffy. On rainy days we'd sit in the green, front porch swing and sing. Or build a playhouse out of discarded, cardboard boxes. "Quieten down," Mom would always say.

Weekends sometimes brought visits from our parent's friends and their children. Once again, we'd have new playmates. We'd play checkers, rummy, and hide and seek at night. Catch lightning bugs to put in a jar. "Time to get ready for bed," Mom would always say.

In the fall, we'd trudge through tall stalks of chigger infested horse weeds, towering above our heads. Spreading, pushing, stomping them aside, as we carved a pathway deep within the mass of green. "Just look at you two, all covered with burrs," Mom would always say.

Proudly we'd christen the domain "The Horse Weed Club" our secret hide-away out on the river bank. We'd tie the tall stalks of horseweeds into towering tee-pees and crawl underneath to pretend. "You shouldn't play in the weeds," Mom would always say.

We'd play for hours pretending to eat the delicious mud pies made out of water and sandy soil, generously adorned with pokeberries, rocks, sticks, and wildflowers. "Come on in to supper," Mom would always say. "What do you mean, you're not hungry?" We'd laugh and rush off to wash our hands. Eager to eat real food that day.

In the winter we played in the snow. If we didn't have a sled, we'd use an old tire or flatten cardboard box for sliding down the road that traveled over an incline to our house. We'd climb up the gravel pile stocked near-by and slid down. "Come in before you catch your death," Mom would always say.

The word death to a child is a foreign word. As much as I loved my little brother throughout the years, I couldn't protect him from this darkness. Bill's been gone now ten years this December 23rd. And I still miss him. "Bill was my only son and I miss him, so," Mom continues to say.

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Casinos

casinos. Beshear estimates the state could take in \$500 million in extra tax revenue by allowing a limited numbers of casinos.

The referendum's prospects are uncertain in the legislature, which will decide whether to place the measure on the ballot. Similar proposals have died in past legislative sessions.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, set up the panel to study the casino gambling issue. Casino opponents watched the hearing, then spoke out to reporters afterward.

The Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, executive director of the Kentucky Council of Churches, said a review of casino gambling needs to include its "economic and

social costs." She said the massive sums of money spent at casinos would be taken out of other sectors of the economy.

"You are destroying other businesses while you are putting money in the pockets of those who are rich," she said.

Gleason said that casinos would cause a short-term drop in lottery revenues, an amount he estimated at 6 percent to 10 percent. That would be similar to the lottery's decline after riverboat casinos opened along the Ohio River in Indiana and Illinois, he said.

Gleason said the lottery and casinos could be operated in tandem.

"I think we have a better chance of minimizing competition between the forms of

gaming, and maximizing the ultimate return to the commonwealth," he said.

"It would allow us to conduct our businesses in harmony."

In a separate interview, Sen. Robert Stivers questioned the lottery corporation's ability to oversee such an enormous enterprise, despite its experience.

"I don't think that anybody in this state has the capacity at this time to oversee" what is touted as a multibillion operation, the Manchester Republican said by phone.

Stivers said it would take a big state investment and major modifications of the lottery commission to prepare it for such a task. "The question is, are you going to take an ant hill and turn it into a moun-

tain," he said.

Stivers said he has not committed one way or the other on the casino issue, saying there are too many unanswered questions. As for the prospects of a pro-casino referendum getting through the Senate, he said, "I don't think there is any consensus."

The lottery corporation got a plug from Rep. Mike Cherry, who said "there's never been a hint ... of impropriety, a hint of corruption, a hint of waste" while he's kept up with it.

Cherry, D-Princeton, also said that lawmakers should protect the lottery from a revenue decline because of its ties

to the popular Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship program.

Lottery revenues are used to fund KES scholarships, which go to Kentucky high school students as a reward for good grades and test scores.

"We can't stand for KES to take a hit," Cherry said.

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Tips

activities with local police and sheriff's offices to target high-risk areas and use radar and laser equipment as well as passive alcohol sensors to assist their efforts.

KSP will also be participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) from Dec. 21 through Dec. 23, a nationwide program designed to reduce fatalities on interstate highways and parkways by concentrating on speeding, impaired driving and failure to use seat belts.

"These three factors significantly affect highway fatality rates," says Brewer. "Troopers will be aggressively enforcing the law to save lives. Those who endanger themselves and others should know they will face serious consequences."

According to Capt. Tim Lucas, commander of the KSP Highway Safety Branch, Kentucky has recorded 830 highway fatalities through Dec. 20 of this year. Three-hundred-and-seventy-eight of those deaths were motor vehicle occupants who were not wearing seat belts. Alcohol-related crashes have caused 197 deaths during the same time period.

"Safe driving requires good decision-making and good risk management," says Lucas. "It is serious business. Crashes are life-changing events that often have permanent consequences. And they don't always happen to the other guy. It could be you."

To boost your chances of surviving holiday road travel, KSP offers the following tips:

■ Don't drive impaired by drugs or alcohol. Kentucky's zero tolerance policy means operating a vehicle with a

blood alcohol level of .08 will result in an immediate arrest even for first time offenders. Motorists can also be arrested for lower levels if they are under 21 years of age or operating a commercial vehicle.

■ Buckle up. Kentucky law makes the driver responsible for assuring that all occupants in their vehicle are properly restrained. No warnings will be issued to drivers found not wearing a safety belt. They will receive a citation.

■ Use approved child restraints. According to Kentucky law, all children 40 inches in height or less, must be buckled into a child safety restraint seat that meets federal standards. Children over 40 inches tall must wear a seat belt. Motorists should be aware that the back seat is the safest place for children to sit, especially in vehicles equipped with passenger-side air bags. Infants and toddlers should never ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. Parents should always be sure that their child's safety seat has been properly installed in the vehicle according to the manufacturer's instructions.

■ Obey speed limits. Excessive speed reduces your ability to avoid a crash, extends your vehicle's stopping distance and increases the severity of a crash when it occurs.

■ Get enough sleep. Sleep deprivation and fatigue can cause lapses in attention, slowed awareness and impaired judgement.

■ Don't tailgate. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance.

■ Expect the unexpected. Watch traffic around you and be prepared to react. Scan the road ahead for potential hazards.

■ Watch for road debris such as tire treads, garbage, lumber, gravel, tree limbs, mufflers and exhaust parts.

■ Take extra care on rural roads with 55 mile per hour speed limits.

■ Avoid or minimize in-car distractions such as cell phone use, changing tapes or CDs, eating or other activities that can remove your attention from the road.

■ Take frequent breaks to keep alert during long distance trips.

■ Be extra cautious around large trucks. They have large "blind spots" and much longer stopping distances than passenger cars.

Remember that three out of four crashes happen within 25 miles of home at speeds of 45 miles per hour or less. About 40 percent of all fatal crashes occur on roads where the speed limit is 30 miles per hour or less.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety during the holiday period by reporting erratic, impaired or speeding drivers to the KSP toll-free hotline at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number, if possible.

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Toys

others is "invaluable" to the project's success. "I don't know what we'd do without them," he said.

Children, accompanied by their families, showed up by the hundreds this past week to enjoy sweet treats prepared by the center's culinary arts students and to wait their turn to visit with Santa and receive a new toy appropriate for their age group and gender.

Dressed as elves, center staff and students kept themselves busy chatting with chil-

dren and making sure that Santa had appropriate gifts at the ready for presenting to the many children who stopped for a moment to sit atop his knee.

According to Rainey, the Job Corps Center works closely with area family resource centers to target participants for the Toys for Tots program. "We want to make sure that these toys get into the hands of the children who really need them," he said.

In operation for the past five years in Floyd County, Johnson

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County observed its second year of participation this past week when children from that county participated in the new toy giveaway on Thursday. "We hope to add a third county next year," Rainey said.

"This is something we just really enjoy doing," Rainey said. "We feel blessed to be able to do it ... We thoroughly enjoy it every year."

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Citizens can contribute to highway safety during the holiday period by reporting erratic, impaired or speeding drivers to the KSP toll-free hotline at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number, if possible.

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The investigation was conducted by the FBI and the indictment presented to the grand jury by Assistant United States Attorney Kenneth R. Taylor.

The announcement of the indictment against Brewer, was made in London by United States Attorney Amul

R. Thapac and Special Agent Tracy A. Reinhold, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

No date has been set for Brewer to appear before the United States District Court in London. Brewer could face up to 5 years in prison if convicted.

The two of you may now be in your 40's, But you'll always be our little girls.

Happy Birthday

Angie - 40 and Kim - 42

We Love You! Mom and Dad



Obituaries

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■ Joey Lee Kirk, 42, of Louisa, died Friday, December 14, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Kay Precece. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 19, under the direction of Young Funeral Home, Louisa.

■ Bessie Jones McCarty, 79, of Inez, died Saturday, December 15, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 18, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Charles Everett Parsley, 56, a resident of Martin County Health Care Facility, Inez, died Wednesday, December 12, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 15, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Dolly Parsley, 78, of Ashland, formerly of Beauty, died Wednesday, December 12, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 15, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ Landon Precece, 64, of Tomahawk, died Saturday, December 15, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 18, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

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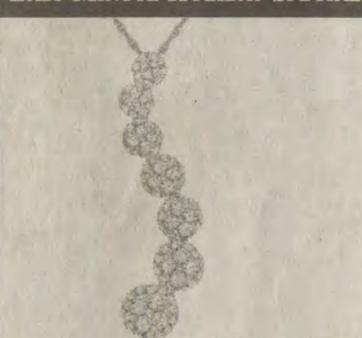
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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Left out in the cold

Across the country, local agencies that help low-income families and senior citizens cope with the cost of winter heating face a crisis. And it's one that is coming in Kentucky, unless the General Assembly comes up with more money for the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Mind you, these social service providers already are dipping into funds that shouldn't have to be used until later in the winter, and it's not even Christmas. This is true even though, in some places like Kentucky, the winter so far has been mild.

In Rhode Island, East Bay Community Action's Debbie Hambly says, "This is a scary, scary winter." And Central Missouri Community Action's Melody Rodriguez says, "We've turned into a crisis center."

In Kentucky so far this year, according to state community action spokesman Kip Bowmar, LIHEAP spending has reached 83,197 applicants with \$8.7 million, as contrasted to 73,534 applicants and \$7.9 million by this point in 2006. He hopes the state legislature will come up with enough funding to serve an additional 60,000 vulnerable households.

"Without these dollars," he warns, "we will likely run out of money before the end of January." He speaks for a network of 23 community action agencies that provide this and other services for low-income folks in all 120 counties.

More federal money would help, across the country, but last month Mr. Bush vetoed a spending bill that included \$2.4 billion for LIHEAP.

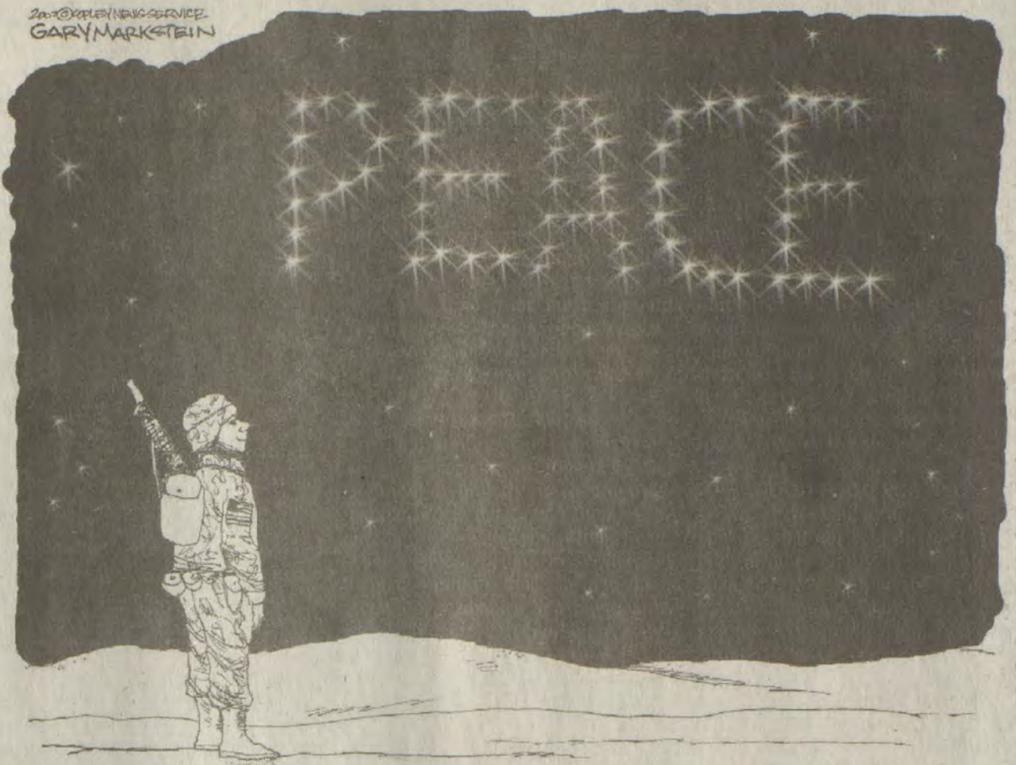
According to a front page USA Today story by Judy Keen, published before this week's ice storms, the White House petulantly says the Decider is waiting for "a bill he can sign," after which "states will receive their full allocation."

This President has no trouble finding bills "he can sign" that warm the hearts of the already comfortable, but he has trouble finding an acceptable way to keep the winter chill off of poor people.

— The Courier-Journal, Louisville



BY GARY MARKSTEIN



Rich Lowry Column

Science trumps politics

The "sideshow" has become the main event. For years, we've been told that only stem-cell research that destroys human embryos is worth pursuing. Everything else is a diversion, driven by fanatical religious opposition to the progress of science.

When President Bush sought legislation from Congress to advance research that didn't involve destroying embryos, he was rebuffed by the Democratic Congress. Eventually, he issued an executive order in June 2007 to promote stem-cell research "without violating human dignity or demeaning human life."

Now, a breakthrough could deliver all the therapeutic potential of stem-cell research with none of the ethical concerns. We learned just last month that stem cells can be created by "reprogramming" human skin cells. The moral problem thus disappears.

Dr. James Thomson of the University of Wisconsin, a pioneer in embryo-destructive stem-cell research, was one of the scientists who discovered the new method. "If human embryonic stem-cell research does not make you at least a little bit uncomfortable," he told The New York Times, "you have not thought about it enough." Apparently, very

few Democrats thought about it at all.

They trotted out Ron Reagan, son of the late president who suffered from Alzheimer's disease, to make the case for embryo-destructive stem-cell research at their 2004 national convention. As for the moral objections, well, "the theology of the few should not be allowed to forestall the health and well-being of the many."

Democrats loved this narrative: theology versus science, with its echo of the Inquisition repressing Galileo. Ethical concerns about destroying embryos were dismissed as worries about "a clump of cells" without, as Ron Reagan dismissively put it, "fingers and toes."

The pro-life writer Ramesh Ponnuru countered, "Of course the embryo looks like a human being: It looks like a human being in the embryonic stage of development."

Per Dr. Thomson, it doesn't take a keen moral sense to realize, at the very least, that this is a boundary to cross only with extreme trepidation. But when in 2001 President Bush limited federal funding of embryo-destructive research to already existing stem-cell lines, he was showered

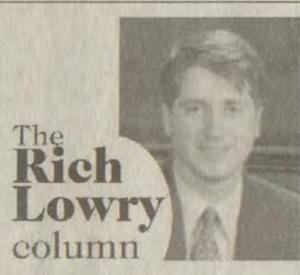
with obloquy. He had "banned" such research. No, he had only denied it federal funding. He opposed "stem-cell research." No, he supported stem-cell research that didn't involve destroying any more embryos.

With the breakthrough that Bush had been hoping for, his position looks farsighted. The ethical boundary he defended helped push scientists to pursue the new discovery.

Bush's opponents, on the other hand, specialized in simplistic advocacy contemptuous of moral qualms about how stem-cell research was conducted. Their muted reaction to the latest development suggests that for some of them, what was so exciting about stem-cell research wasn't the far-off potential therapeutic applications, but the chance to portray pro-lifers as standing in the way of life-enhancing scientific discoveries.

"The tide of history is with us," Ron Reagan said at the conclusion of his 2004 speech. Sorry, Mr. Reagan. On this issue, the science now says otherwise.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

guest Column

Curing hunger means curing poverty

by BILL AYRES
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Are food banks necessary? The answer is yes but with an explanation. The U.S. has the largest and most effective emergency food system in the world: food banks supplying thousands of food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. Our nation's emergency food providers are there in national, regional and local emergencies. They are also there for people who have personal emergencies ranging from loss of a job, domestic violence to a debilitating illness.

Why then is there severe criticism of food banks from within the system as well as from others working in the field of social justice? The key word here is emergency. The system is intended to help people in emergencies and it does that very well. The problem is that the system is being strained by having to feed many millions who are not in an emergency, but rather in a long-term economic crisis. Food pantries and soup kitchens feed millions of working poor people who do not make a living wage and cannot support their families. They also support millions more who are about to lose their homes or who cannot afford medical care or their heating bills.

There are about 37 million Americans who are officially poor by government standards. There are another 55 million to 60 million Americans who earn between

\$20,000 and \$40,000, called the "near poor," who are not eligible for most aid. But they are poor. They live from week to week and go to food pantries when their families are hungry. They need different kinds of help that go beyond a meal.

The answer is not simply building bigger food banks and finding more food at a time when businesses are donating less. The answer is on several levels that food bankers and their affiliates are beginning to address:

SELF-RELIANCE

The root of hunger is poverty. The root of poverty is powerlessness. The solution to poverty is to empower people. Food banks and their affiliates are doing that more than ever. They connect people to services in their community that can help them get a job, permanent housing, health care, childcare, transportation, counseling and more. Many food banks now have job training programs in the food industry or transportation and mentoring programs. The emergency food system today is for many the first step on the road to self-reliance but it must take people further and faster. How?

CONNECTIONS

Food pantries and soup kitchens are now often the connection to a whole array of government programs like Food Stamps, child nutrition programs, Earned Income Tax Credits, heating assistance and federal housing programs. There are still emergency food providers who say, "That's not my job. I'm too busy getting people food." Gradually, that attitude is changing. Servers are realizing that they must connect their guests to government programs and

local poverty programs that can get to the root causes of poverty.

ADVOCACY

In the past, food bankers were reluctant to advocate for federal hunger programs. That is no longer true and America's Second Harvest, the association for food banks in the United States, has become a major force in the battle for long-needed improvements in Food Stamps and other federal programs. Emergency food workers and volunteers are the sleeping giant in the hunger movement. The giant is awakening.

GOOD FOOD FOR ALL

An often-heard criticism of food banks is that much of the food is not high in nutritional value. That too is changing. Many food banks today have community gardens, farmers markets, community supported agriculture (CSA), farm to school programs and state supported programs that pay family farmers to supply fresh local food-to-food banks and their affiliates. This is a growing partnership between food banks, community food advocates and farmers to provide good food for all, especially the poor.

America's emergency food system is a dynamic system that is promoting self-reliance and good food for all, and is a leading advocate for improved local, state and federal hunger and poverty programs. All of us who care about the obscenity of hunger in America need to support the courageous and visionary food bank leaders who are changing the face of food banking.

Bill Ayres is executive director of World Hunger Year.

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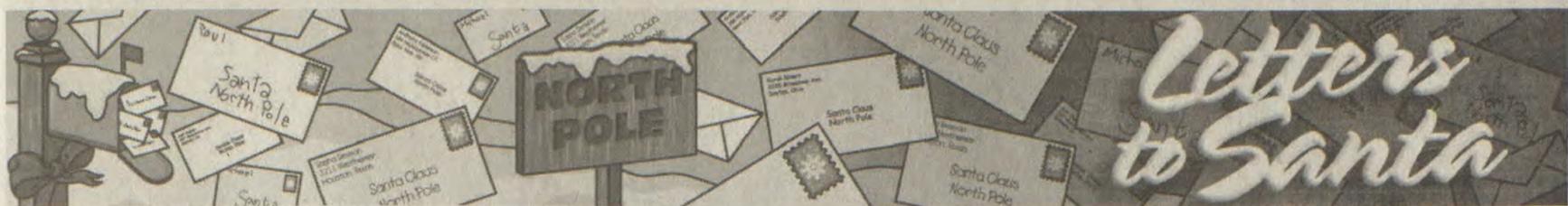
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Dear Santa,
My name is Shawna Marie Holbrook. I am 7 3/4 years old. I go to May Valley Elementary and I'm in Mrs. Pack's second grade class. I've been a very good girl this year and I help my dad, mom and Nannie all the time. I am getting ready to make gingerbread to leave under the tree for you and Mrs. Claus. And I will have a special treat for the reindeers.

I would like this stuff an electronic monopoly game, a pink laprop, a new bike HSM toys and a Be-Bratz Com Doll. If you get me a laptop I would like HSM stuff to put on it and a helmet bag for my Dr. Dragster Racing. My dad would like a helmet and my mom would like japanesc cherry blossom. Also I would like a pink camera phone and my dad would like a camera phone and a laptop and my mom would like the same and my nannie would like the same too and I would like a big idog.

I love you, Santa
Have a safe trip
Your friend at Eastern
Shauna Marie Holbrook

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Kailcy, I go to McDowell Elementary. I have been very good this year or at least I am trying my best. I work really hard at school and cheerleading. You should come watch me cheer. My aunt Tia said I am very good, I have my cartwheel down good. I would like a Nintend DS and a scooter. I love you, Santa.

Love,
Kailcy Shannon
Drift, Ky.

Dear Santa,
Hey my name is Kamryn. I don't go to school I stay with my nana. I have been very good this year except when I take my cousin Austin down. He is rotten. Santa I promise I will not sale your boys you bring me on E-boy I was just joking Aunt Tia. I

love you so much and have missed you. My cousin Austin says you say o-o-o-o. It is so funny, I would like a princess Shrek baby and would you, being my cousin Skylar a Dora toy plus her brother, Brody he is little he needs a little truck or soundthing. I will leave you some cookies and milk and will see you up Mimi's and Cathy's.

I love you, Santa!
Love,
Kamryn Shannon
Drift, Ky.

Dear Santa,
Hello there, my name is Austin and I have been very good to my cousins sometimes. Please bring me something Mickey Mousc. Oh, if you bring my cousin Kamryn something I will probably take hers. All I know is its mine! That's all I can say a lot of. Hey I am almost two, so remember I will be in my terrible twos next year, so I am giving you a warning. Oh yeah, please bring my sister Addison a toy she is still in my mommy's belly. Will you bring her a baby doll. I can't wait to see you. I love you.

I love you, Santa!
Love,
Austin Clark
Pippa Passes, KY

Dear Santa,
My name is Claudia Fitch, and I am 2 years old. Please, bring me Dora Explorer Bike.

Love,
Claudia

Dear Santa,
My name is Brady Fitch, and I attend school at Betsy Layne Elementary. I am in the 1st grade. Please, bring me X Box 360.

Love,
Brady

Dear Santa,
My name is Sebastian Friend. I am in Kindergarten and attend school at Betsy Layne Elementary. Please, bring me a Spiderman that

shoots a web.

Love,
Sebastian

Dear Santa,
My name is Ariyonna Friend. I attend school at Betsy Layne Elementary and I am in the 2nd grade. Please, bring me a baby alive.

Love,
Ariyonna

Dear Santa,
My name is Drayton Iricks. I am 5 months old. Please, bring me some soft toys to chew on.

Love,
Drayton

Dear Santa,
My name is Aden Barnett. I am 3 years old. I have been good. I attend Head Start in Magoffin County. Please, bring me some Spiderman and Batman toys.

Love,
Aden

Dar Santa,
My name is Shy Hall. I have been a pretty good girl this year. It was hard though. For Christmas I would like a name ipod, a red fur berry, and Mary Kate and Ashley perfume. Santa, please remember all the sick children in the hospital at Christmas time. I will leave you milk and cookies beside the fireplace. I love you, Santa!

Love, Shy
Cheyenne Lattice Hall
7 years old
Beaver

Dear Santa,
I've been a real good girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Dora Kitchen set, a Barbie Jeep Power Wheels, and a Baby Doll. If you don't have enough money, could you just talk my daddy and mommy into letting me have my own puppy? Thanks so much Santa!

Love,
Destiny Murphy

Age: 4
188 Doc Allen Br.
Langley, KY 41645

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Destiny Paige Compton. I live at Grethel. I am 8 years old and attend John M. Stumbo. I am in Mrs. Deb Hall's 2nd grade class. She is a really good teacher, Santa. I have been really good all year long. I have all As on my report card, and I help my mom and dad at home too. I would like a Red Bratz bicycle for Christmas and a scooter if you could also. My brother Brady have been good this year to. He would like a motorcycle bicycle. I love you, Santa.

Love you, Santa
Destiny Compton
P.S. I will leave you some cookies and milk under the tree.

Dear Santa,
Hi, my name is Brady Steve Compton. I live at Grethel. I am 4 years old and go to headstart at John M. Stumbo. My teachers are Mrs. Deb, Mrs. Wilma and Mrs. Sabrina. they are very nice, Santa, I have been very good this year. Please bring me a motorcycle bicycle for Christmas. Santa also would you please bring my sister Destiny a Bratz Red Bicycle. She has been good also. I love you, Santa.

Love you Santa
Brady Compton
P.S. I will leave some cookies and milk for you Santa and some carrots for the reindeers.

Dear Santa,
Hi
My name is Kamrynn Montgomery and all that I want for Christmas is for you to tell my mommy to let me go and stay at my mamaw's house for a week. If you leave her a note in her stocking and asking her if I can then she will let me go and you can bring all my presents there. I've been a very good girl this year. My mommy's name is Stevie Montgomery.

Love you
Kamrynn Macie Sue
Montgomery
Age: 11 months
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Santa,
My name is Brason Johnson and I'm 5 years old. Me and my big brother, Brantley have been good down here in Minnic, Ky.

I would like some Springs Bob games and a Geo Trax train track. My brother wants a Nintendo Wii and WWE stuff.

I will have my mom leave milk and cookies for you. Don't worry about putting all of the stuff together my dad can do it.

Thanks Santa!
Love,
Branson Johnson
Son of Bruce and
Stephanie Johnson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. So bring me clothes and a bicycle.

Love,
Hannah T.

Dear Santa,
This year I have been good. All I want this Christmas is Joy and peaceful and fun Christmas.

I hope you can grant me this wish.

Love,
Audrey Mosley

Dear Santa,
I want a Teddy Bear for Christmas. I also would like t

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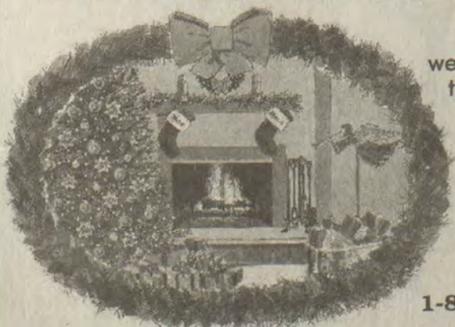


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have a toy guitar. And could you also bring me connectix. I have been a very good little boy all year long.

Love,
Gabriel Garrett
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a flute for Christmas this year. I would also enjoy the best baby doll you could find. I would really appreciate something for my daddy. Maybe something to do this with. Let's make it a big old spoon. And something for my grandpa too, I know some pants, and shoes, and maybe some shirts and a hat.

Love,
Mia Sha Garrett
Prestonsburg

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a transformer desk.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Landon
Age: 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a motorcycle and 4-wheeler.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Jordan Frazier
Age: 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a guitar.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Brandon Newman
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room
Age: 4

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a toy.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Destiny
Age: 4
Stumbo Head Start
Mrs. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl and a good boy.

I would like a motorcycle, dump truck, a bell and princess set, a bicycle. Bring all the boys and Cybils something.
Merry Christmas!
Your friend,

Skylan and Timmy Hamilton
Skylan Hamilton, age 5
Timmy Hamilton, age 3
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a truck, race track, puzzles.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Isaiah Howell
Age: 3
Stumbo Headstart
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a Vetcare Center, McDonalds playset.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
KayLeec Evans
Age: 5
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been pretty good.

I would like a emily gordon deisel train, computer, woddy toy.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Gabriel Parsons
Age: 5
Stumbo Headstart
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,

How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a Play Station game. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,
Matthew Kendrick
Age: 4
Stumbo Headstart
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a set of drums and a baby doll.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Allie Akers
Age: 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been very good. I would like a motorcyle bike.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Brady Compton
Age: 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a lot of toys!

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Hailey Wise
Age: 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good girl.

I would like a Bratz Scooter talking dog. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Kay Lee Howell
Age: 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy.

I would like a nintendo Ds and anything Star Wars. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Cotton Whittis
Age: 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been great. I would like a Bratz doll and toy's.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Haley Tackett
Age: 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a Dora doll.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,

Destiny Tackett
Age 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been very good. I would like a Baby Alive Bratz.

Merry Christmas!!
Your friend,
Sky Newsome
Age 4
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been good. I would like a makeup set.

Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Hailey Hamilton
Age 4
Stumbo Headstart
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
How are you?
This year I have been a good boy. I would like a castle, spiderman, bike and new

boot.
Ethan Doebel
Age 5
Stumbo Head Start
Ms. Deb's room

Dear Santa,
My name is Kyle Steven Sturgill. I am 4 years old and I've been pretty good this year so this is what I want.

1. Nintendo DS
2. Smart cyc;c
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Love, Kyle.

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Love,
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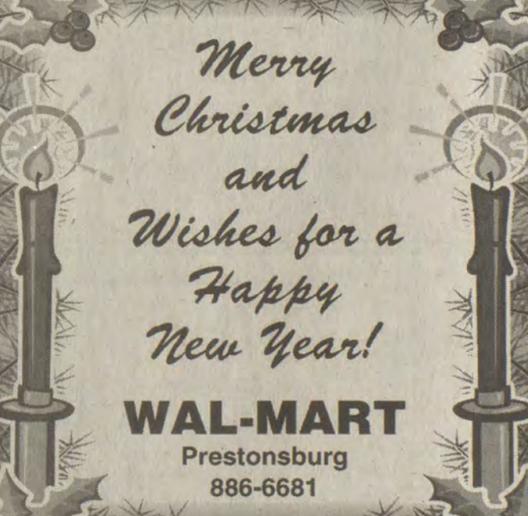
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Dear Santa,
 Jamie, Savanna, and Jeanna have been very good kids this year. Please, bring Jamie the Elefun game, some moon sand, Shreks, and ratatouilli, The Cat in the Hat movie. Please bring Savanna Harry Potter, 5, a Harry Potter game and some Polly Pocket dolls.

Please, bring Jeanne a Barbie doll, and some new baby toys and a baby doll.

Jamie wants you to bring mommy a new pair of earrings. And Jamie wants you to bring Daddy the game, Catch Me If You Don't. And a new cooker.

Jamie would also like to have a tea set. Bring mommy a monkey movie and a new hair brush. Since Savanna dropped mommy's in the toilet.

Jamie will leave you some milk and cookies when you come Santa. It will be under the Christmas tree. We love you, Santa. Please, have a Merry Christmas!

Love,
 The Campbell Family

JOHN M. STUMBO ELEMENTARY

Dear Santa,
 My name is Brent Williams and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me some toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Brent

Dear Santa,
 My name is Shantana Blanton and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Shantana

Dear Santa,
 My name is Brenton Kyle Newsome and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me toys and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Kyle

Dear Santa,
 My name is Tristen Gold

Rose and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Star Wars game for X-Box and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Caleb

Dear Santa,
 My name is Byron Tackett and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Power Ranger Helmet and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Byron

Dear Santa,
 My name is Amy Tackett and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Dora Cash Register and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Amy

Dear Santa,
 My name is Blake Hamilton and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me remote control, dirt bike and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Blake

Dear Santa,
 My name is Austin Tackett and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a McDonald's Playhouse, play food and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Austin

Dear Santa,
 My name is Jacob Hall and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a toy truck or car and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Jacob

Dear Santa,
 My name is April Howell and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Dora Movie and remember all the children in

the world.
 Love,
 April

Dear Santa,
 My name is Trenton Moore and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Dirt Bike and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Trenton

Dear Santa,
 My name is Cassidy Hughes and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Baby Alive and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Cassidy

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kaylyn Watts and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a bicycle, and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Kaylyn

Dear Santa,
 My name is Shilah Thacker and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Dora Bicycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Shilah

Dear Santa,
 My name is Mason Salisbury and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Spiderman bicycle and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Mason

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kolby Lawson and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me Ben Ten Costme/Watch/Mask and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Kolby

Dear Santa,

My name is Amber Castle and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me talking cash register (Princess) and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Amber

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kobe Tyler Hall and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a 4-wheeler and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Tyler

Dear Santa,
 My name is Tineka Cumberledge and I attend Head Start at John M. Stumbo in Ms. Renee's room. Please, bring me a Dora Kitchen and remember all the children in the world.

Love,
 Tineka

OSBORNE ELEMENTARY

Dear Santa,
 I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary.

I have been a good girl this year. Bring me some clothes, a bike and anything thing else you think I should have. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

Love
 Hannah Tackett

Dear Santa,
 I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary.

I want more video games for my play station, some

board games, and Braley wants a guitar, her legends of rock. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
 Connor Johnson

Dear Santa,
 I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class. I have been a good boy. I want a Nintendo DS with a poke on diamond, pearl video games, x box with a star wars video game with the three been ten toys.

Your friend,
 Joey Johnson

Dear Santa,
 I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary.

I want a power tip for my dirt bike, a shot gun doe boro...I've been good and I want candy in my stocking. I will leave milk and cookies under the tree.

Your friend,
 Kobe Justice

Dear Santa,
 I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary.

I hope you bring me an x box 360, some clothes, (shirts, jeans), toys such as bumble bee off of Transformers, Titan tics ship, transformers, play station and 2 games. I would also like a new toy I saw on TV call end, the V.BOT. As well as a Ben Ten protector of earth.

I will leave milk and cookies.

Love,
 Kyle Isaac

Dear Santa,
 I am in Mrs. Allen's sec-

ond grade class at Osborne Elementary.

I want an Nintendo DS with Hannah Montana game and high school musical. If you bring me those gifts, there will be some milk and cookies for you by the tree.

Your friend,
 Emilee Little

Dear Santa,
 I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary

I want all the Hannah Montana dolls. I also want a cheer girl doll. I want a Christmas dress. I want an electric scooter, an electric guitar, a baby doll called Baby Alive and a DS game.

I will leave milk and cookies.

Your friend,
 Johnna Preston

Dear Santa,
 I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary. I want a Smack down vs. Raw 2000 and a snake. Please give me an Elimination chamber.

I will leave milk and cookies.

Your friend,
 Kyle Tackett

Dear Santa,
 I have been a good boy. I would like to have an x box 360, play toy guns, and a dirt bike for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies.

Your friend,
 Jordan Slone

Dear Santa,
 I am in Mrs. Allen's sec-

(See LETTERS, page eight)

We hope your holiday is decorated with love, laughter and friendship. May the blessings of the season surround you and bring you much happiness and good fortune throughout the year.

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ond grade at Osborne Elementary. I have been a good boy and I want a Wee and some games. I want a four wheeler. I will leave some milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Cameron Green

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary. I want a new trampoline, DS cover, x boxes 360. I also want my four wheeler fixed.

I will leave some milk and cookies.

Yours truly,
Haley Jarvis

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne

Elementary. I want a bb gun, x box 360, Sheik the third for Christmas because I have been good this year.

I will leave some milk and cookies.

Your friend,
J.R. TACKETT

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary. I want some clothes, make up, Hannah Montannah doll and a Wii. I have been very good this year. I will leave some milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Hannah Holbrook

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne

Elementary. I want a Hannah Montana doll and a DS for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Angel Newsome

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary. I want a Hannah Montana doll for Christmas, a Cheetah girl doll, a Barbie lap top and makeup for Christmas.

I will leave milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Hope Hall

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary. I want a mp3

player and a parrot, a new TV, and as the song goes a bathroom big enough to play baseball in. My brother said he wants a tractor to ride and also a car.

I will leave some milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Amber Williamson

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary. I would like to have a gasoline remote control car. I would also like a bumble bee transformer, a spiderman camera, a car that is purple with a black hood, a transformer truck with fire flames on it, a corvette remote control car. I have wanted this all my life. I will

leave some milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Andrew Moore

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary. I want a play station 3, a NFL 08, SMACKDOWN VS. RAW 08, AND 100 bucks ... I will leave milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Blake

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary. I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me clothes and a bike. I will leave milk and cookies.

Love,

Hannah Tackett

Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. Allen's second grade class at Osborne Elementary.

I want an x box 360 and a Nintendo Wii. I will leave some milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Jerry Helton

Dear Santa,
My name is Christian Allen. I want lots of toys for Christmas. I have been a good boy. My sissy Kiana wants new clothes. Be safe Santa and have a Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Christian Allen

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Albany upends E. Kentucky, 103-100

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Albany prevented East Kentucky from remaining in the win column Thursday night. After being tied with the Miners at the conclusion of two different quarters, Albany outscored East Kentucky 31-28 in the fourth quarter. The Patroons prevailed 103-100 in the American Conference matchup.

Nat Burton led Albany with 26 points. Amal McCaskill recorded a double-double of 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Patroons.

Dajan Smith and Jason Williams each had 10 points as part of a balanced Albany offensive effort.

Albany outrebounded East Kentucky 46-40. The Patroons won the quarter

points 5.5-1.5.

East Kentucky bolted out in front early on, leading 27-21 at the end of the opening quarter. The two teams went into halftime tied 49-49.

Josh Pace led East Kentucky with a game-high 28 points. Pace also had eight rebounds, five assists, three steals and two blocks.

Boo Jackson turned in a double-double of 18 points and 13 rebounds for the Miners. Mike Crain also had 18 points for host East Kentucky.

Other players in double figures in the scoring column for East Kentucky were Jason McLeish (13 pts.), Reo Logan (11 pts.) and Bryant Northern (10 pts.).

Logan had another double-double for East Kentucky, pulling down 11

rebounds.

The two teams were deadlocked at 72-72 when the third quarter ended.

East Kentucky dropped to 8-9 after suffering the loss.

The Miners will return home to the Expo Center on Sunday for another conference contest against the Xplosion. Tip-off for Sunday's game is slated for 4:05 p.m. Tickets for the Sunday game remain available.

EAST KENTUCKY MINERS UPCOMING GAMES

Dec. 23 — Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.
Dec. 27 — At Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 29 — At Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners
East Kentucky guard Josh Pace went up for a shot during Thursday's home game versus Albany.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors: It's tailspinner time

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — A Bowling Green businessman invented a lure in the 1960s that looked more like a piece of gaudy jewelry than something that would catch fish.

Cecil Pedigo started by pouring a lead body with a concave face and pointed rear end on a piece of wire. He formed a loop around the front end, threaded a clevis pin with a small Indiana blade attached to it to the wire behind the lead body, then added a treble hook dressed with white marabou to the back end of the wire. He finished it off by painting the lead body. In the process, Pedigo concocted the Spinrite, one of the most effective winter bass lures ever made.

"He had a big business in pork rinds," said Ted Crowell, retired former assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, who has fished Spinrites since the 1960s. "He invented the Spinrite way before Tom Mann made the Little George tailspinner."

By placing the lead weight in front of the spinner, Pedigo ensured the blade of his lure would turn even at the slowest speeds. "You can feel that blade lightly thumping when you barely turn the reel handle," Crowell said. "That's why they're so deadly in winter."

That ability to reel the lure at a snail's pace while still spinning the blade made the Spinrite excel for wintertime smallmouth, spotted and largemouth bass.

Although the Uncle Josh company discontinued the original Spinrite some years ago — after they acquired the enterprise from Pedigo — the Spinrite design spawned many imitations still on the market today. Locally, made imitations of the Spinrite are still available in tackle shops around Lake Cumberland and Dale Hollow Lake, but most of the tailspinners on the market today use a hammered Colorado blade and forsake the trailer hook dressed with marabou.

Tailspinners work well in clear water, mountain reservoirs such as Lake Cumberland, Dale Hollow Lake and Cave Run Lake during the winter, but also fool cold water black bass from more fertile waters such as Green

(See **OUTDOORS**, page two)



HEADED TO DAYTONA FOR OPENER

photos courtesy of Kentucky Speedway

Prestonsburg driver Steve Blackburn recently tested at Daytona International Speedway. In preparation for the 45th annual ARCA 200 at Daytona, a record 79 drivers and 68 racecars participated in the three-day ARCA RE/MAX Series open test last weekend.

Nine-time champion Frank Kimmel and Formula 1 veteran Scott Speed were among the other drivers testing at the Daytona track. Other notable drivers testing over the weekend included 2007 Indy 500 winner and IndyCar Series champion Dario Franchitti, who was 23rd fastest (178.384 mph) overall in single car runs in a Ganassi Racing Dodge, and Landon Cassill, who, in a Hendrick Motorsports Chevy, placed 16th fastest in the draft and 45th overall in single car runs. NASCAR veteran driver/champion David Green was on hand to assist Cassill.

The 45th annual ARCA 200 at Daytona will run live on SPEED at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008. Blackburn is busy preparing for what promises to be a rewarding 2008 race season.



Cordia outlasts Allen Central

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Allen Central dropped its opening game in the Jenny Wiley Invitational tournament Thursday evening. The Rebels fell to 14th Region member Cordia. Taylor scorched the nets for a game-high 35 points to lead Cordia past Allen Central. The Lions prevailed 83-72 in the tournament game.

Cordia jumped out ahead of Allen Central in the first quarter, outscoring the Rebels 20-14. Cordia extended its lead in the second quarter, entering halftime out in front 47-30.

Cordia benefitted from a balanced offensive effort. Zach Hurt scored 16 points and Tyler Noble netted 15 for the Lions. Josh Mosley and Eric Combs each had seven points for Cordia. Tyler Slone rounded out the Cordia scoring with three points.

Aaron Crum led Allen Central with 21 points. Alex Hammonds joined Crum in double figures scoring for Allen Central. Clinton Turner, playing out of a reserve role, added 14 points for the Rebels.

Allen Central outscored Cordia 24-13 in the third quarter before falling short.

Prater added eight points for the Allen Central boys' basketball team. Logan Crowder scored six points, Hunter Crowder flipped in three and Robbie Cole netted two.

With the win, Cordia improved to 4-2. Allen Central dropped to 5-2 after the setback.

In another Jenny Wiley Invitational tournament game Thursday, host Prestonsburg defeated Jackson City 69-59.

A complete recap of the Jenny Wiley Invitational tournament will appear in Wednesday's edition.



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central guard Alex Hammonds brought the basketball up the floor during Thursday's Jenny Wiley Invitational game versus Cordia.

Host Berea holds off South Floyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BEREA — Host Berea outscored South Floyd 11-8 in the third quarter and held off the Lady Raiders late Wednesday in a Berea Holiday Classic game. Berea maintained a lead over South Floyd at the end of every quarter en route to a 39-34 win.

Berea outscored the Lady Raiders 12-5 in the opening quarter and led 18-16 at halftime.

Two different Berea players reached double figures in the scoring column.

Berea extended its lead in the third quarter, outscoring South Floyd 11-8.

Seven different Lady Raiders broke into the scoring column.

Andrea Conn scored a team-best eight points for the Lady Raiders. Kayla Hall netted seven points and Jessie Tackett pushed in six for South Floyd.

Kiana Hall scored five points and Chelsie Tuttle tossed in four in South Floyd's tournament matchup.

Gabby Bailey and Ashley Castle rounded out the South Floyd scoring with two points apiece.

South Floyd is looking to play its way back into the post-season. The Lady Raiders rank as one of the state's youngest girls' high school basketball teams.

In other Berea Holiday Classic games Wednesday it was Sheldon Clark 52, Edmonson County 44; Paul Dunbar 46, Greenwood 14; Perry County Central 59, Magoffin County 52; Breathitt County 66, EC, Australia 38; University Heights 55, Cordia 36; Carroll County 47, Harlan 44.

Injury Bug bites Cats

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky freshman tailback Derrick Locke will miss the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl, while senior wide receiver Keenan Burton and sophomore cornerback Paul Warford are doubtful to play in the contest, Coach Rich Brooks announced after Thursday's practice.

Locke (Hugo, Okla.) sustained a fractured rib in practice. He is the team's second-leading rusher with 521 yards and leads the team in rushing touchdowns with five. He also has been outstanding in punt and kickoff coverage, making 13 tackles this season. He was named UK's Most Outstanding First-Year Player by the coaching staff.

Burton (Louisville) may miss his final collegiate game because of a knee injury. He has been battling a sprained ankle since the second game of the season and then incurred the knee strain mid-season vs. Florida. He is the team's leading receiver with 59 catches for 685 yards and nine touchdowns.

Warford (Richmond) a starter at cornerback, has an injured shoulder. He is second on the team in pass intercept-

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Tar Heels hold off Nicholls State, 88-78

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 10-point win to keep the No. 1 ranking and remain unbeaten would make most coaches happy. Probably very happy.

Not Roy Williams. The Hall of Fame coach was upset with his Tar Heels after their lethargic 88-78 victory over Nicholls State on Wednesday night.

"So much for the exams being over," Williams said, referring to the team's recent layoff for finals. "I thought we played better when we were studying."

The Tar Heels (10-0) would rather be in the library than the gym on Thursday.

Williams told the media his goal at that day's practice would be "to see how many guys I can make throw up."

"I'm not satisfied with

anything," he said. There was Tyler Hansbrough, though. The junior preseason All-American suffered a concussion in Sunday night's win at Rutgers, but he was his usual intense self against Nicholls State (4-8) with 27 points and 11 rebounds.

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday, it was: No. 2 Memphis 79, Cincinnati 69; No. 9 Michigan State 85, San Jose State 45; No. 12 Tennessee 86, UNC-Asheville 73; No. 14 Texas A&M 79, Detroit 39; No. 16 Butler 83, Bradley 64; No. 19 Arizona 52, UNLV 49; and No. 24 West Virginia 90, Radford 60.

Hansbrough was 8-for-13 from the field and 11-for-14 from the free-throw line.

He was hurt against Rutgers when he tried to take

a charge and, as he fell to the floor, hit his head on the knee of a cameraman as well as the padded basket support.

He took two charges against Nicholls State. He was accidentally elbowed in the face on the second one but bounced right up.

Hansbrough said he had some dizziness, but attributed that to being tired.

"The other day in practice, I kind of backed away some times because I was worried about getting hit in the head," he said. "But tonight, I didn't think I did that."

Wayne Ellington added 20 points for the Tar Heels, who were playing at home for the first time in a month after six straight games away from the Smith Center.

North Carolina was up by 20 points three times, but Nicholls State stayed close by

going 14-for-28 from 3-point range.

"I guess as a team it didn't mean enough to us," said Tar Heels junior Marcus Ginyard, who had 12 points. "I feel like everybody was just thinking, 'Something's going to happen, we're going to get back on track.' But we didn't make any proactive steps to do anything, and that's why we had the effort we did tonight."

Ryan Bathie scored 17 points to lead the Colonels, who were playing a No. 1-ranked team for the first time.

"For us to be able to come in here and be as competitive as we were, I'm just thrilled with our guys," Nicholls State coach J.P. Piper said. "They got a couple of steals ... and I thought, 'Here it

goes, here it goes, the dam is about to burst open.' But it never rattled them and they just kept playing."

No. 2 Memphis 79, Cincinnati 69: Freshman guard Derrick Rose scored a career-high 26 points for the visiting Tigers (9-0), who opened the season with nine straight wins for the first time since 1985-86, when they won their first 20.

Deonta Vaughn scored 20 points for the Bearcats (4-6), who are off to their worst start in 22 years.

No. 12 Tennessee 86, UNC-Asheville 73: Chris Lofton scored 24 points and became Tennessee's career 3-point shooter with 349, three more than Allan Houston. The Volunteers (10-1) have won 23 consecutive games at Thompson-Boling Arena.

K.J. Garland had 22 points

for the Bulldogs (8-3).

No. 14 Texas A&M 79, Detroit 39

Freshman DeAndre Jordan had 14 points on 7-for-8 shooting and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Aggies (10-1) to their third straight victory and most lopsided of the season. The 7-foot Jordan leads the nation in field-goal shooting at 79.3 percent.

Jon Goode had 13 points for the visiting Titans (4-7), who lost their fifth straight.

No. 24 West Virginia 90, Radford 60: Darris Nichols and Alex Ruoff both scored 23 points to lead the visiting Mountaineers (9-1) in coach Bob Huggins' 599th career victory. There are only five Division I coaches with more wins.

Amir Johnson had 16 points and 11 assists for the Highlanders (4-9).

Woodson receivers two AT&T Player of the Week trophies

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky quarterback Andre Woodson received two AT&T All-America Player of the Week trophies after practice on Thursday.

Woodson (Radcliff) earned the honors, signifying the national player of

the week, following the wins over then-No. 9 ranked Louisville and Florida Atlantic. Against the Cardinals, Woodson completed 30-of-44 passes for 275 yards and four touchdowns, including the game-winning 57-yard TD toss to Steve Johnson with 28 seconds left. UK won the game, 40-34, the Wildcats' first

win over a top-10 ranked opponent in 30 years.

Woodson completed 26-of-33 passes for 301 yards and a then-career high five touchdowns against Florida Atlantic, the eventual Sun Belt Conference champion. During the game, which UK won 45-17, Woodson extended his NCAA-record streak of 325 consecutive

passes without an interception.

Dave Weller, a Kentucky graduate who is a regional manager for AT&T, made the presentation on behalf of the company.

"We're so pleased that he won both of those," said Weller, who noted that each week's finalists are selected by ESPN college football

analysts and that the winners are chosen by fan vote. "It's a testament to the coaches and their preparation, and Andre and his stellar play, as well as the great fans we have around the globe."

"It's something else that the team accomplished," Woodson said. "Obviously, this isn't an individual goal,

it's a team goal. Right now, it's a proud moment for all of us. Hopefully, we'll continue to keep doing it, really get our minds set on this bowl game, and try to come away with a win. That would be a bigger accomplishment by the team and university, and keep it (the program) headed in the right direction."

Cats

tions (two) and pass breakups (seven). He has totaled 36 tackles on the season.

Kentucky is preparing to take on Florida State in the Music City Bowl Dec. 31.

Cat Walk set for Music City Bowl: The "Cat Walk" has been set for 12:30 p.m. CST at LP Field before the Music City Bowl.

Fans are encouraged to line up on the east side of the

stadium (same side of the stadium as parking lot "C") in order to greet the Wildcats when they arrive. Note that Kentucky is the visiting team this year, therefore the Cat Walk will be on the opposite side of the stadium from a year ago.

Ticket Office Hours for Next Week: For fans planning to pick up their tickets to the Gaylord Hotels Music City

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Bowl in advance, here is the schedule for the UK Athletics Ticket Office at the Joe Craft Center for the week of Dec. 24-28:

- Monday, Dec. 24 - Closed
- Tuesday, Dec. 25 - Closed
- Wednesday, Dec. 26 - Open 1-4 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 27 - Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 28 - Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Outdoors

River Lake, Barren River Lake, Kentucky Lake and even shallow Lake Barkley.

"In Barkley, you could catch late fall and winter largemouth bass that were only 18 inches long on the Spinrite, but the fish weighed up to 5 pounds," Crowell explained. "It was heaven."

Tailspinners afford anglers exceptional casting distance. "You can throw them a mile," Crowell said. "The only thing that limits your cast is how much line you have on your reel."

This comes in handy fishing the low clear waters of winter. Even on more fertile lakes such as Barren River Lake, Kentucky Lake or Lake Barkley, the water in winter is clearer than at any other time of year. The ability to cast a great distance lessens the chance of spooking fish.

You may stay way off a point and fire a tailspinner near it, allowing the lure to flutter down to suspended bass. Constantly watch your line and reel just enough to keep it tight. You don't want a sag to form in your line. If you see the line jump or go slack well before it hits the bottom, reel down

quickly and set the hook. This is a great way to probe vertical points that are nearly impossible to fish with jigs. Steep points increase in importance as the water temperatures drop into the mid-40s.

Billy Westmoreland, who many consider the greatest reservoir smallmouth angler ever, loved to slice points with a tailspinner like this in late fall, winter and early spring on both Dale Hollow Lake and Lake Cumberland. He worked each side of the point and down the front as well. This technique produced his heaviest smallmouth bass: a 10-pound, 1-ounce whale taken on a Pedigo Spinrite from Dale Hollow in late winter.

Sling a tailspinner into the middle of small coves and cuts and allow it to slowly flicker right down the heart of it. Smallmouth and spotted bass suspend just above the ditch, channel or erosion cut that formed these coves. Anglers fishing the points and sides of these areas with jigs or live bait miss these fish. This is one of the most overlooked and productive of winter bass patterns.

Swimming a tailspinner just above the bottom, especially

over a mud flat located near deep water, is a highly productive winter and early spring pattern. The same retrieve along a channel drop or over a stump field is a lethal cold water presentation for largemouth bass; the trickiest of the three black bass to catch in water less than 50 degrees.

Tailspinners also excel for white bass fishing in spring. The ability to cast the lure like a bullet makes it a great choice for casting at surface breaking white, hybrid or striped bass. The slow fall of the lure makes it a more appealing choice than a casting spoon for this style of fishing.

Tie on a tailspinner this winter and catch a trophy smallmouth the old school way. This overlooked and forgotten lure still catches big bass in cold water.

Lee McClellan is an award-winning writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. He is a lifelong hunter and angler, with a passion for smallmouth bass fishing.

Parcells joins Dolphins

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAVIE, Fla. — Bill Parcells signed a four-year contract to lead the Miami Dolphins' football operations, one day after turning down essentially the same role with the Atlanta Falcons.

The two-time Super Bowl champion coach will report directly to Miami owner Wayne Huizenga, whose affinity for big-name help has led him to Parcells — a 66-year-old former coach of four NFL clubs who owns a home in South Florida and now has a job there, too.

On Wednesday, the expectation around the league was that Parcells would take over in Atlanta, with even some

reports saying the deal was done. By the afternoon, however, the deal had fallen apart and the Dolphins moved quickly to get Parcells to sign a contract.

At Columbus, Ohio: Ohio State backup cornerback Eugene Clifford will not play in the BCS championship game against LSU after being suspended for an undisclosed violation of team rules.

Columbus station WCMH-TV and The Columbus Dispatch reported earlier that Clifford, a freshman, and starting cornerback Donald Washington had both been suspended for the game on Jan. 7 in New Orleans.

The school released a statement later stating only

Clifford would be suspended.

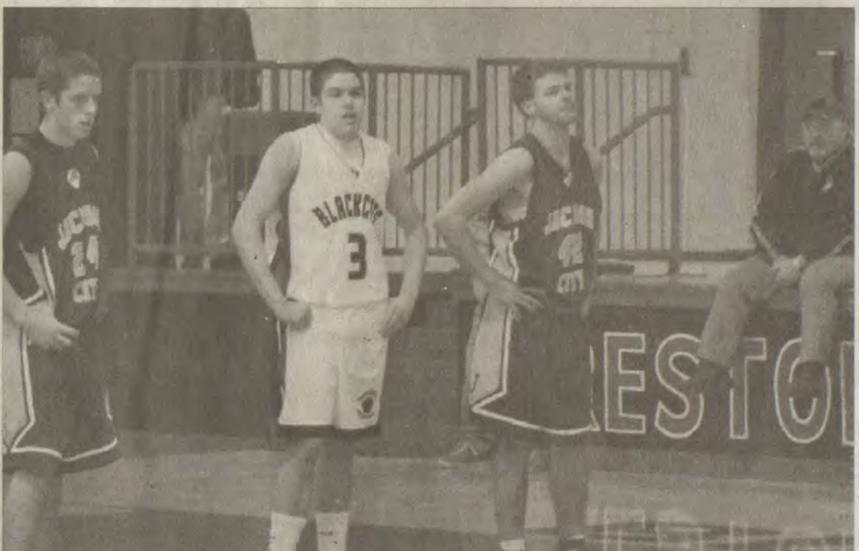
GOLF: Michelle Wie might start her 2008 season in Hawaii, but not at the Sony Open.

Wie, who has played the PGA Tour event every year since 2004, did not receive one of the four unrestricted sponsor exemptions, tournament director Ray Stosik said.

Swing coach David Leadbetter said the 18-year-old from Honolulu likely would ask for exemptions at one or both of the LPGA Tour events in Hawaii that kick off the women's golf season in February. He also said competition against the men would probably be on hold until she gets her health and her game back together.



ALLEN CENTRAL dropped its opening round game in the Jenny Wiley Invitational tournament. Cordia defeated the Rebels 83-72. Above: Allen Central coaches and players looked on during the game against Cordia. Below: Prestonsburg sophomore Michael Burchett looked on prior to a free throw attempt.



McCoughtry leads Louisville past Kentucky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Angel McCoughtry survived a gash to her forehead and had 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead Louisville past Kentucky 80-65 on Thursday night.

McCoughtry, the preseason Big East player of the year who leads the nation in points and steals, scored 14 of the team's first 23 points and had 16 at halftime.

She scored only seven points in the second half after missing most of the period after colliding with Kentucky forward Victoria Dunlap.

It was Louisville's seventh

straight win and fourth straight victory against the Wildcats (4-6), who hadn't played a game in 12 days because of final exams.

Candyce Bingham had 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Cardinals (8-2), who led 47-24 at halftime.

The Wildcats outscored the Cardinals 17-4 to start the second half, cutting Louisville's lead to 51-41 when Amani Franklin made two free throws.

Kentucky pulled as close as 58-46 when Lydia Watkins sank two free throws with 9:31 left, but made its run primarily with McCoughtry out of the game.

McCoughtry went to the locker room to get stitches with 16:19 remaining after colliding with Dunlap near the 3-point line.

She returned with a cross-shaped bandage that covered her forehead and bridge of her nose with 8:34 remaining and Louisville clinging to a 58-48 lead.

Kentucky has now lost five of its last seven games; Amani Franklin led Kentucky with a career-high 18 points while sophomore Carly Ormerod finished with four points after missing the previous two games with a toe injury.

MU Holiday Basketball Clinic set for Dec. 27-28

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Only seven days remain before the Marshall University men's basketball program holds its Holiday Basketball Clinic on Dec. 27 and 28 at the Cam Henderson Center for boys and girls in grades 1-6.

The clinic features two sessions, a night session on Dec.

27 from 6-9 p.m. and a day session from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Dec. 28. The one-session cost is \$40 while registration for both sessions cost \$75. Cost includes a Marshall basketball t-shirt and an autographed team poster.

The sessions, administered by basketball staff members Tim Thomas, Arkell Bruce, Mike Falco and Travis Persinger, will focus on ball

handling, shooting, passing, defense, team play and the Marshall style of play.

A registration form is available at HerdZone.com and more information is available by calling the basketball office at 304-696-3586. Registration will also take place on the gym floor a half hour prior to each session.

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Steelers 41, Rams 24: Najeh Davenport lifts Pittsburgh over St. Louis

by R.B. FALLSTROM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Willie Parker's season ended after his first carry, and the Pittsburgh Steelers will miss the NFL's leading rusher if they get to the playoffs. But they don't miss him yet.

Najeh Davenport, a career backup running back with typical nondescript statistics, has two huge games since entering the league as a fourth-round draft pick of the Green Bay Packers in 2002. Both have come against the St. Louis Rams, with Davenport's two-touchdown, 123-yard rushing effort pacing a 41-24 victory on Thursday night.

"I took it upon myself to put the offense on my back and carry it," Davenport said. "He's our guy, he's our breadwinner. Not having him, everyone has to pick it up a level."

Parker broke a bone in his lower right leg in the first quar-

ter, giving the Steelers plenty of time to adjust to the new reality.

"Our heart goes out to him because he's a competitor, he's a warrior," coach Mike Tomlin said. "As a team, we're not going to throw a pity party. It's part of the game, people get hurt, we'll adapt and improvise and move forward."

The Steelers' top-rated defense was porous again, yet they made enough stops to help Pittsburgh (10-5) out of a late-season swoon and move one step closer to the playoffs. They're still thinking beyond just a playoff berth, though.

"With Willie down it's going to take something away from us," said Nate Washington, who caught two touchdown passes. "If we dwell on Willie being down it's going to be that much tougher for us to get to (the Super Bowl), and we don't need anything else making it hard for us."

Isaac Bruce caught a 12-yard touchdown pass for the Rams and moved into third place on the career yards receiving list, moving ahead of James Lofton. Marc Bulger threw three touchdown passes but was intercepted twice, and Ike Taylor's 51-yard return on an overthrown ball on 4th-and-10 with 3:46 to go put the game out of reach.

Wide receiver Torry Holt was caught on cameras screaming at coach Scott Linehan after the interception. Holt declined comment after the game.

"It's not a big deal, not to me," Linehan said. "It something said in the heat of the battle to his coach and it's over as far as I'm concerned."

Bulger said and Linehan had been talking about backup Gus Frerotte taking over before Holt started yelling at the coach.

"I honestly don't know what they were arguing

about," Bulger said. "My discussion had nothing to do with Torry unless he was really upset I was going out of the game."

Pittsburgh had taken a 10-point lead on a 29-yard field goal by Jeff Reed only seven plays earlier.

The only other highlight for the Rams (3-12) was retiring Marshall Faulk's No. 28 jersey at halftime of the Rams' home finale. Bruce, who passed Marvin Harrison last week on the yardage list, caught seven passes for 87 yards and has 940 career receptions, tied for sixth with Art Monk.

"I hear the names," Bruce said. "Next Sunday night when the season is over for us, I'll go back and I'll just go look at it."

St. Louis finished 1-7 at home and had three games blacked out because it didn't sell out, and in each of the last two weeks there have been nearly as many visitors as

home fans in the Edward Jones Dome.

Parker, who has 1,316 yards, limped off the field with about 12 minutes to go in the first quarter. Davenport cascaded any worries with a game that rivaled his 178-yard effort for the Packers against the Rams, in a 45-17 Monday night victory in 2004. He was filling in for Ahman Green at the time.

"They just executed," Linehan said. "It didn't matter who was in there."

Ben Roethlisberger was 16-for-20 for 261 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions for the Steelers (10-5), who had lost three of five to fall into a tie with the Browns for the AFC North lead. Roethlisberger had his first 200-yard passing effort in five games by halftime, helping to revive a struggling offense.

He hit Santonio Holmes for an 83-yard gain on the Steelers' first drive, helping the Steelers recover from start-

ing at their own 4 after Allen Rossum fumbled on a punt return.

"We felt we could take some shots down the field," Roethlisberger said. "Our receivers, a lot of people don't give them credit, but they're pretty fast and they got down the field well."

The Steelers, 8-8 last season, can clinch the division with a Cleveland loss at Cincinnati on Sunday. They also can clinch a playoff berth if the Titans lose to the Jets.

Davenport entered the game with 349 yards, a 4.9-yard average and three touchdowns as Parker's backup. His best game before Thursday came against the Seahawks when he had 58 yards rushing on seven carries and two touchdowns.

Bulger was 18-for-35 for 208 yards and Steven Jackson had 85 yards on 12 carries for the Rams, who had 316 yards total offense.

Bengals WR T.J. Houshmanzadeh establishes himself

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — T.J. Houshmanzadeh was ready for interviews. The semicircle of cameras and reporters closed around him. A Cincinnati Bengals employee turned down the locker room sound system a few notches as a courtesy.

That got Chad Johnson's attention.

"Hey, I want to listen to my music while I dress," Johnson said, trying his best to act put-out. "T.J. can take his interview outside."

The two receivers dress side-by-side and have been friends since college, so the act was just that — a chance to needle. It also was unintentionally revealing.

In his seventh season, the receiver with the name that's a mouthful has become a hand-

ful to guard. He leads the NFL in catches and has already set a club record with 101. He made the Pro Bowl this week for the first time.

The seventh-round draft pick has become much more than Johnson's sidekick. A lot more than the locker room music revolves around him these days, even if he's reluctant to acknowledge it.

"I don't look at it like that," said Houshmanzadeh, who was Johnson's teammate at Oregon State. "I think that's media talk. It has nothing to do with stepping out of Chad's shadow."

"Chad knows what I can do, and I know what he can do on the field. Actually, I think being on the same team with Chad has benefited me. Chad works so hard in the offseason. He pushes me, and I push him. He wants to be better than me. I want to be better than him."

In some ways, he is.

Houshmanzadeh has become Carson Palmer's most trusted target. Palmer, who was MVP of the last Pro Bowl, has so much faith in Houshmanzadeh's ability to run routes properly and hang onto the ball after taking a hit that he goes to him most often.

Part of it is that the speedy Johnson gets covered by the other team's best defenders, who are wary because he can run past them. Part of it is that Houshmanzadeh is so good in his role as a possession receiver.

"As big of a role as he plays in this offense and has over the last three or four years, you can't ask him to do much more than he's done and make the plays that he's made," Palmer said.

Houshmanzadeh leads the team with 11 touchdowns. He had at least one touchdown

catch in each of the first eight games, the longest such streak by a Bengals player in one season.

The 204th overall pick in the 2001 draft, Houshmanzadeh did very little in his first three years that would make anyone think he was capable of such things. He hurt his heel as a rookie, hurt his groin in his second season, then missed most of the third due to a hamstring injury.

When Marvin Lewis arrived as head coach before the 2003 season, one of his most memorable moments was meeting his two receivers.

"The guy with the pony tail?" Lewis said, remembering his first impression.

Lewis liked him enough to keep him around after the injury-shortened '03 season. Since then, he had made a much more lasting second impression.

"He brings a lot of fire, grit and attitude to the football team," Lewis said. "He works his tail off every day he can. That's what I like about him. Sometimes we've got to control the rage a little bit, but you know he's got it in him. He's going to fight them to the end."

Johnson thrives on touchdown celebrations and his look-at-me antics. Houshmanzadeh doesn't need to call attention to himself. Both have a penchant for letting their emotions get the best of them.

Johnson will complain to Palmer and the coaches when he doesn't get enough passes thrown his way. Houshmanzadeh will lose his composure when he thinks the referees aren't calling penalties on defensive backs.

One of his worst games this season came when he lost his cool. Houshmanzadeh had

only five catches for 42 yards in a 24-10 loss in Pittsburgh last month that essentially scuttled the Bengals' hopes of a turnaround.

Houshmanzadeh considers it his worst game of the season.

"A lot of times, I get on the referees," he said. "I think I was just worried about not getting a call too much, even though I was being held on every play and they never called it. Once they didn't call it after the first few times, I should have just left it alone. But I just didn't play well."

Cincinnati's 5-9 record took a lot of the joy out of his selection for his first Pro Bowl this week.

"It's kind of bittersweet," he said. "Almost like you're in high school and you're playing in a tournament and you're playing a consolation game. That's what it kind of feels like a little bit."

NASCAR: Manion inks extension to remain Truex crew chief

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Dale Earnhardt Inc. announced it has signed crew chief Kevin "Bono" Manion to a three-year deal that will continue his long-term tenure at DEI.

"Chemistry is a very important part of any race team and I'm excited that we'll be able to continue to build on what we have accomplished over the past several years," Manion said. "We are looking for-

ward to getting back out there on the track in January and hopefully starting to build on what can be a championship season."

"We are very pleased to sign Kevin to a multi-year agreement," said John Story, vice president of motorsports operations at DEI. "Kevin is a longtime and loyal employee of Dale Earnhardt Inc., and his accomplishments speak for themselves. He is a proven championship-caliber crew chief, and is dedicated to our company. We look forward to him continuing to build

our organization toward the future."

Manion helped guide Martin Truex Jr. and the No. 1 team to a berth in the Chase for the Nextel Cup in 2007. In addition, the team notched its first victory, at Dover in June.

Manion, who joined DEI in 1997, helped lead Truex and his No. 8 Busch Series team to 12 victories and two championships in 2004 and 2005, before moving to the Cup Series with the team in 2006.

NFL rejects Pacman's appeal from player's union

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The NFL rejected an appeal by the players' union on behalf of suspended Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell turned down Jones' request for leniency Nov. 6. The NFL Players' Association appealed that ruling as excessive and had a hearing by telephone Dec. 14. But Jones must serve the final two games of his seasonlong suspension.

Goodell suspended the sixth pick overall in the 2005 draft for the season in April. Las Vegas police said Jones

incited a strip club fight that led to a triple shooting Feb. 19, leaving one man paralyzed. He pleaded no contest in early December to a disorderly conduct charge, agreeing to a year probation, random drug testing, community service and anger management classes.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Rodriguez fires assistants

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Rich Rodriguez fired Michigan's assistant coaches Thursday, his second day as an employee of the school.

Rodriguez met with the coaches one by one at Schembechler Hall, as retiring coach Lloyd Carr packed up his belongings in boxes, clearing space for his successor.

Defensive coordinator Ron English was fired along with Mike DeBord, offensive coordinator; Fred Jackson, wide receivers and associate head coach; Erik Campbell, wide receivers and assistant head coach; Vance Bedford, defensive backs; Scot Loeffler, quarterbacks; Andy Moeller, offensive line; Steve Stripling, defensive line; and Steve Szabo, linebackers.

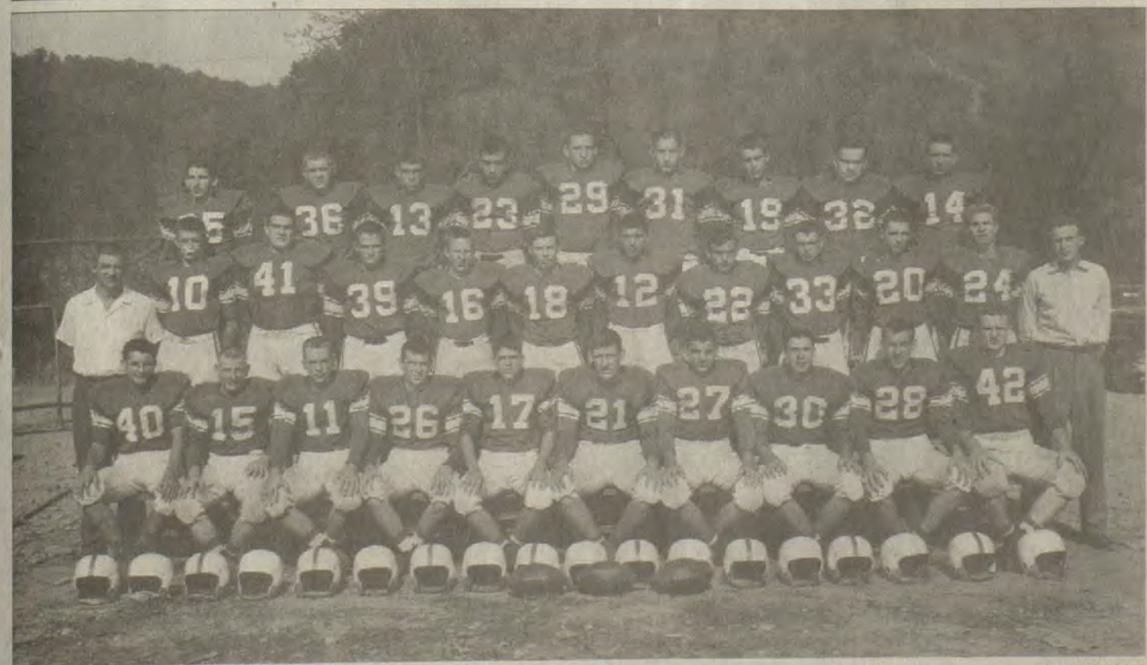
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Reatherford-Salyers Award



The Reatherford-Salyers award, honoring the outstanding senior athlete, was initiated in 1955 by the Prestonsburg Jaycees in commemoration of two young Prestonsburg athletes, Donald Gene Reatherford and Woodrow Salyers, who lost their lives in 1954 in a locker room accident. The Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club assumed the responsibility of presenting the award in 1980. A committee composed of one Kiwanis member, the school principal, one civic leader, one minister, and one layperson makes the final selection. At the close of each school year, ten senior athletes are nominated by school officials to be considered for the award. Then, on the basis of leadership, athletic ability, cooperation, honesty, church works, student government participation, conduct, citizenship and character, the final selection is made by the committee. The names of this year's winner will be placed on the plaque with names of the previous recipients and a trophy, emblematic of the honor, is also awarded to each year's recipient.

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

I don't want to sound pious or preachy, but there's no other way open for me to say it. So:

My wish for us all at this season is that our Christmas lights may grow dim as we see the greater Light.

LETTER TO A FRIEND

Dec. 23.

Dear Friend,

Christmas has crept upon me, not unawares but because I am not always exactly aware. Your Christmas card, which came a week ago and was opened only today, reminds me.

Please don't be offended, I did not forget you—I simply followed an old pattern of failing to do the things I would, and should, do.

Your card and every card I received are appreciated. And your thoughtfulness makes me a bit ashamed.

Please accept this note as my sincere wish that this will be for you and yours a truly happy Christmas and that its spirit will remain with us beyond one day in the year.

A PRAYER

The prayer that follows has gone the rounds. Its author is unknown. But for many of us who have been around for quite a spell, it might just be that this suppliant spoke what we all of my—er, vintage should be asking:

Father, thou knowest that I am growing old. Keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself on every subject. Release me from the craving to straighten out every one's affairs. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless detail. Give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips when I am inclined to tell of my aches and pains, they are increasing with the years, and my love to speak of them grows sweeter as time goes by. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong. Make me thoughtful but not nosy, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience, it does seem a pity not to use it all. But Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends in the end.

—AMEN

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**A Christmas
to remember**

by WENDELL R. HOWELL

It was December 24th and I had just awakened to find the ground, and everything else, covered in the deepest snow I had ever seen. I was seven years old, and was at my cousin's house enjoying our Christmas break from school. My cousin's name was Michael Otis, but everyone called him "Skip," or as Grandpa called him "Skipper."

I'm not sure where the nickname came from, although I do remember my Mom telling us that when he was born, he was so small that he could fit inside a shoe box. Perhaps Michael Otis was too big a name for such a small little boy, I suppose.

Skip and I were not merely cousins, we were also best friends and on this snowy morning we couldn't wait to get bundled up and outside for a day of sleigh riding, snowman building, snow ball throwing, and just plain having fun. We didn't just build a snowman, we built a snow family, complete with an igloo (that's what Skip and I called it), although everyone else called it "a pile of snow with a hole at the base."

The day went by pretty quickly and before we knew it, Aunt Betty called us in for supper, although it seemed as though we had just had her "steaming" homemade vegetable soup for lunch. I don't really remember what she had prepared for supper, because I had suddenly realized that it was getting dark, it was Christmas Eve, and I was far, far, from home. And, according to Uncle Otis, there was no way to make it out of the "hollow" and another mile or so down US 23 to the dirt road leading to my house. And, on top of all that, I was starting to feel sick, really sick.

I didn't know what to do, but I knew I had to get home - home,

where there was always Mom, Dad, my brothers and sister, with food on the table, and a gift under the tree for each of us. We were a poor family living in "rural" eastern Kentucky, and a cap pistol for the boys, and a doll for Sis, was the best we could hope for on Christmas morning.

I remember telling Aunt Betty that I needed to go home "cause I was sure Mom and Dad were getting worried about me." She told me that she had already called our neighbor and asked her to pass the word to my parents "that Uncle Otis would bring me home as soon as the roads were passable."

By this time, it was completely dark. The sick feeling had become unbearable, and I was desperate. Almost in a panic, I said, "But I'm sick, and I feel like I'm going to throw up." Aunt Betty put her cheek against my forehead, and with a concerned look, told Uncle Otis, "He might have a fever."

It probably took an hour for Uncle Otis to get the chains on the tires, and the snow cleared from the windows of his old truck, but I didn't mind the wait, and, for some reason, I was beginning to feel a little bit better.

I don't remember seeing another vehicle on the road as we made that two mile trip, although I do remember Uncle Otis pointing out a flashing red light in the sky and asking me if I thought it was Ol' Saint Nick. I was convinced that it was and wondered if perhaps he had already been to my house.

As we rounded the curve just before getting to our house, I could see the faint glow of lights. Lights that were strung on the fresh cedar tree that Dad and I had just recently gone into the woods and cut. Mom liked to turn off all the other lights in the house and just have the tree

lit up. I think it was probably her little way of getting us to settle down for a few minutes so she could get a few minutes of quiet time.

Wow! Those lights sure were a welcome sight for one sick little boy that cold, snowy evening as he approached the welcome sight of home.

And my sickness? Oh, yeah, I was "sick," all right, but between the time that Uncle Otis had put me in his truck, and we made the fifteen minute trip to my parent's home, another "Christmas Miracle" had transpired. Not a miracle that even remotely compares to the one that happened over two thousand years ago, and that we still celebrate today, but a miracle, no doubt, just the same for one little "homesick" boy.

I don't even remember what was under the tree that Christmas morning, but I'll never forget the lesson I learned that year, and it has stuck with me for fifty-three years: "It doesn't matter what's under the tree, what truly matters is who's sitting around it with you."

I can still remember the sound of those tire chains rattling as Uncle Otis drove away from our house that night, and I knew that he'd make it back home safely to Skip and Aunt Betty. He couldn't fail. It would have spoiled "the miracle."

I truly regret that I probably never even remembered to thank him, but I think he probably realized the significance of what had happened that Christmas Eve.

Uncle Otis passed away ten years later.

And today, I still thank him from the very bottom of my heart. God bless Uncle Otis.

Editor's Note: Wendell R. Howell is formerly of Prestonsburg. He resides today in Ashland.

**MOVIES FROM
THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'Slave of the
Cannibal God'**

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Season's greetings from the Lagoon, and beware that this week's gift is pretty unpleasant (hey at least we didn't give you a fruitcake) though bargain priced at one buck.

In the mid-1970s, Italian cannibal movies were actually en vogue and this lesser effort manages to be just as tasteless as epics like "Cannibal Holocaust," while being nowhere near as gory.

This one announces its mediocrity in the opening scrawl, which timidly suggests that New Guinea may be the last place on earth that has remote regions unsoiled by modern man. Okay, it's not true, but at least they tried.

The story, such as it is, involves a woman named Susan Stevenson coming to New Guinea to find her explorer husband. She hooks up with her brother, Arthur, at the airport and the pair seek out Professor Foster, a colleague of the husband. He turns out to be very helpful and suggests that the husband must have gone to the cursed island of Roka, which is forbidden by local authorities. Susan offers to fund a rescue operation and Foster is only too happy to lead them to a place no one has ever returned from.

Things don't go that well for the party. First up there is Susan. She's a bit of a shrinking violet who howls like a banshee when she spies a spider.

Then there is Arthur. He's a bit of a doofus who is prone to belittling their native bearers and smacking them around like circus monkeys.

Then there is the problem of every native acting like they were extras on Star Trek assigned to go down to a hostile planet alongside Captain Kirk. These guys die off quicker than disco and in a variety of ways:

■ One gets eaten by a crocodile as he leans over to untie the group's raft from a rock.

■ One gets to die in spectacular fashion by stepping on a trap which pulls him 50 feet into the air before sandwiching him between two sets of sharpened stakes.

■ My favorite one, though, is the poor sap who gets the idea to run away but has the unfortunate luck to run into a cannibal who is deadly accurate with a spear, which then liberates the sad dope's head from his shoulders.

After getting all of their native help killed, the group decides to stop at a mission run by an elderly priest. They wisely avoid asking for new bearers and are able to avoid the awkward silences that would have greeted their rundown of the film so far. Instead they hook up with a jungle explorer named Manolo, who takes a liking to Susan.

While at the village, Professor Foster decides to spill some beans and tells the group that he was once held

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Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Many times over

by NICK MONTAVON, 13
and DEBORAH MONTAVON

"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL: CHRISTMAS COLLECTION"

It was a cold day in early December. I was pretty bored just sitting around my house. There was nothing on TV, my friends weren't around, and I'd read every magazine I had on skateboarding, snowboarding and every other hobby of mine. I was about to go stir-crazy when my Aunt Mary, who had stopped by to visit, asked me if I'd like to go grocery shopping with her.

Perfect opportunity to get a new

magazine, I thought. There was one problem, though. I'd run out of allowance money. So I decided to ask my mom, in the nicest, sweetest voice I could, if I could have five dollars from my upcoming allowance to buy a magazine that I had been wanting really badly. To my relief, Mom agreed to the deal, and my aunt and I took off shopping.

As we were walking into the grocery store, a poor, homeless woman sat outside the doors asking customers for money donations. Wow, I thought. And I was having a bad day because I was bored. I checked on the five dollars in my pocket as I thought about the maga-

zine that was waiting inside the store. My aunt went to do her shopping, and I headed for the magazine racks. As I flipped through the new magazines, looking for the one with the article my friend had told me about, I kept flashing on the woman sitting out in the cold without a home to keep her warm. Before I knew it, I had put the magazines back and was heading in the direction of the homeless woman. I realized that she needed the money a lot more than I needed a new magazine.

As I passed the produce section, I saw my aunt picking out vegetables, so I stopped to tell her that I'd meet her at the checkout counter. Before she could question me about where I was going, I was off and running toward the store entrance.

I stepped out into the cold air and looked to my right. Sure enough, the woman was still where she had been when we

came in. I reached into my pocket, pulled out the five dollars and handed it to the woman. The look of appreciation on her face was worth more than five dollars.

She was so grateful that she stood up and gave me a big hug. "Thank you, young man," she said with a shaky voice. "I can't believe that you ran all the way back here to give me your money."

"No problem," I assured her. "And, hey — Merry Christmas," I said, as I smiled and turned to go find my aunt.

When I arrived back at my house, my mom said there was some mail for me. Much to my surprise, my uncle had sent me a Christmas card — with a \$20 bill inside!

I've heard it said that if you give from the heart, unselfishly and unconditionally, it will be returned to you many times over. On that cold December day, I realized how that isn't just a saying. Good deeds do come back to you.



Not a lot of choices when the parts run out

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I purchased a Nissan Sentra GXE brand new in 1999. The reason I chose Nissan was its reputation for reliability. At 120,000 miles, the "service engine" light came on, and I brought it to the dealer. He found that the metal fuel-filler tube was corroding and leaking fumes. But here's the rub: The dealership said Nissan doesn't make the part anymore, and they could neither fabricate it nor find the part anywhere else. They said, "Sorry, we can't fix it, these things sometimes happen," and sent me on my way. I questioned whether the car was safe to drive, and they said yes. Is this true? And why did Nissan stop making parts on a car that's only 8 years old? I suppose I could have some shop look into it, but I don't want to spend \$1,500 on a car that's worth only \$3,000. What can you suggest? By the way, I will never recommend a Nissan. I should have gone with a Dodge. At least I would still be able to get parts for it when it

breaks. — Lorne
TOM: That would frost my shorts, too, Lorne. We checked with Nissan, and, after some hemming and hawing, they confirmed that they no longer make the part. And they had no explanation for why they stopped making it. One has to assume it was a business decision. But it's not a very nice one.
RAY: You can check with your state's consumer-protection agency, but there are no federal laws that require a manufacturer to provide parts for any length of time. Most companies just do it because it's good for business — especially repeat business.
TOM: You could understand if they stopped making cosmetic parts once the car got old. If you couldn't get a piece of side body molding, or a latch for your glove-box door, it's no big deal. But this part — which connects the fuel filler to the gas tank — is crucial to the operation of the car. And no, it's not a good idea to drive around with gasoline fumes seeping out. It's not good for your

health, or for the health of the environment.
RAY: In fact, there's no way you'll pass an emissions inspection like that in any state that requires one.
TOM: Your best bet is a junkyard. Oops, pardon me. I mean an "auto recycling center." It may be hard to find a good used one, because if your fuel-filler hose is rusting, so is everyone else's. But your local junkyard can "put it on the wire," and see if any other junkyards (oops) have one. Maybe they'll find you one in a region of the country where rust isn't as much of an issue.
RAY: If that doesn't work, you have two choices. One is to pay someone to fabricate a part for you or repair the one you've got. I doubt that'll cost you \$1,500, but it will involve some labor.
TOM: And if that doesn't pan out, then you're down to frozen-orange-juice cans, Lorne. I've got a collection of them from the exhaust system on my '74 Chevy, if you need any. Good luck.

Tom and Ray settle a father-son squabble
Dear Tom and Ray:
My car-knowledge-challenged son lives in North Conway, N.H. His job is about 300 yards from his apartment. Instead of walking, he starts his car every day and drives the three minutes to work. I told him that this is bad for his new Subaru Impreza. He was not impressed. He insists that it is better to start the car every day than to let it sit in the cold weather. Please help me educate this ingrate who does not appreciate his father's vast knowledge. — Barney
TOM: I feel your pain, Barney. Sure, it's not good for a car to drive 300 yards a day, or even 600 yards, if you count the round trip. When you do that, several things happen.
RAY: First, the car runs inefficiently until it's fully warmed up. When it's warming up, extra gasoline is being sent into the cylinders. But not all of that gas gets combusted. So some of it sneaks down past the rings and dilutes the oil.
TOM: Gasoline is not as



TOM: While he can help the engine a little bit by driving it more extensively on weekends and getting everything up to full operating temperature to expel the moisture and gasoline from the crankcase, he can't reverse the damage he'll be doing all week. So there's no question that the car won't last as long, and will cost him more to maintain, if he drives it very short distances every day. And conversely, there's absolutely no harm in letting it sit during the week.
RAY: Of course, cars exist for our pleasure and convenience. And if he wants to use the car that way, and wants to spend the money on more-frequent oil changes and exhaust systems, that's his prerogative, isn't it, Barney? It certainly keeps us in business.
TOM: But if he is concerned about the cost and the longevity of the car, then you're absolutely right, Barney. He should walk. Plus, it's healthier. Remind him it's better for HIS crankcase and exhaust system, too!

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Social Security attacks disability backlog

Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security, today announced that the Social Security Administration had made progress in the 2007 fiscal year (FY) toward making faster decisions on disability claims.
"Better systems and business processes were essential to the progress we made in 2007," Commissioner Astrue said, "but we cannot overlook the tens of thousands of overtime hours put in by the hard-working men and women of the Social Security Administration."
Commissioner Astrue highlighted the progress made in a number of significant areas:
Social Security issued a final rule on September 5, 2007 extending nationwide its Quick Disability Determination (QDD) process. Under QDD, a predictive model analyzes specific elements of data within the electronic claims file to identify claims where there is a high potential that the claimant is disabled and where evidence of the person's allegations can be quickly and easily obtained. In New England, where the

process was being tested, about 3 percent of all new cases were identified as QDD cases and processed in an average of 11 days. Today, Arizona, New Jersey and North Dakota have started using QDD as part of a staged national roll-out that will be completed early next year.
The Social Security Administration also virtually eliminated its backlog of FY 2007 "aged" disability hearings cases. "Aged" cases, defined as cases pending 1,000 days or more, were reduced from 63,770 cases at the beginning of FY 2007 to 108 cases at the end of September.
To build upon this progress, the agency will redefine "aged" cases as cases pending for at least 900 days and will again attempt to resolve all of these cases by the end of the fiscal year.
The time it takes to process initial disability claims declined 6.3 percent from 88.4 days in FY 2006 to 82.8 days in FY 2007.
Another accomplishment was that Social Security slowed the growth in its pending disability hearings cases by approximately fifty per-

cent. While the overall number of cases pending at the hearing level increased from 715,568 cases to 746,744 cases, the increase of 31,176 cases was about half of the annual increase the agency has typically recorded in this decade.
As another key part of its plan, the Social Security Administration is establishing a National Hearing Center (NHC) so that a centralized cadre of Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) can use video hearing technology to hear cases in the most backlogged parts of the country. The technology now is in place, and the recruiting process for the first NHC judges has begun. The agency also plans to hire about 150 ALJs and some additional hearing office support staff in the spring of 2008 — the only new hiring in FY 2008 as the agency continues to contract through attrition due to many years of congressional budget cuts far below what the President has requested.
"Our goal is to build upon this year's achievements and, with the support of Congress, continue to improve the service we provide to millions of

disabled Americans," said Commissioner Astrue. "Without adequate support from Congress, however, we will not be able to make further progress — and we may even lose ground."
For more information about disability benefits call your local Social Security Office in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-8525 between 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 1897 Kentucky Route 321 in Prestonsburg.
And remember, we have representatives available to give presentations and speeches about Social Security Programs. Contact the office for more information. And for information online go to www.socialsecurity.gov.

Lagoon

prisoner by a tribe called the Pooka. He states that this is important because the cannibals who have been shadowing them and killing some of their men are from that tribe.
Foster's hidden shame comes out of the tale as well, as he relates that he lived as their prisoner for years and finishes with, "You don't forget the taste of human flesh."
Here is where things get really wonky for a bit, because the group, now with Manolo along, decide to go to the island even though they know cannibals are there. They go despite the fact that a member of the tribe shows up at the mission and plants an ax in the professor's leg before succumbing to a gunshot wound.
Though this sounds nuts, it makes sense later when we learn that everyone but Manolo has been lying and that they all suspect that the mountain of the Pookas is sitting on a vein of untapped riches.
Getting there proves very difficult and half the group perishes en route. When Susan and Manolo make it there, they are promptly captured by the cannibals, who are worshipping the corpse of Susan's husband because they have mistaken a Geiger counter on his body for his heart and think he cannot die (though he's pretty ripe now and covered in what appears to be gelatin).
A last-minute escape proves dangerous since Susan prefers to stand by and idly watch as Manolo does all the fighting, but hey, at least she learned to stop worshipping the

almighty dollar and just be grateful to be alive.
This one is more fun than anyone should have for a dollar. The cast is mostly unknown Euro-actors except for Ursula Andress and Stacy Keach. Andress makes for good eye candy as Susan and was 40 when this was shot though she is still as breathtaking as she was when she emerged from the surf in a string bikini back in 1962 in the first James Bond film, "Dr. No."
Keach has fun with the

grim role of Professor Foster and manages to pronounce Pooka several times without laughing, though there is the hint of a smirk.
All in all, this one offers some cheesy action scenes broken up by stock footage of various animals and plenty of scenes of people walking, hiking, rafting and climbing through picturesque jungle locations.
Best line: "You mean the Pookas are cannibals?" 1978, rated R.

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Full/ Part time Radiology Technologist
 for
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Qualifications include current licensure in KY as a Radiology Technologist and BLS. Ultrasound experience preferred.

Send resume to:
 Human Resources
 Attn: Kelly Akers, MBA
 Big Sandy Health Care, Inc.
 1709 KY Route 321, Suite 3
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
 Fax: (606) 886-8548
 Email: k.akers@bshc.org

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

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

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

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For Sale: Troy Burchett, recently on WLJC, has his CD and book for sale at \$12 each. Available at SPREAD THE WORD & LIGHTHOUSE bookstores pr by mail. Troy Burchett, 724 McNally Lane, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653. for concerts, call 886-8483. Watch Troy on WLJC on Saturdays at 4pm. Starting January 5th - June 21st.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
FT - SUPERVISOR - CATH. LAB.

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Graduate of accredited RN nursing program with current RN Kentucky license. Specialty certification and bachelor's degree preferred. Must have at least two years of charge nurse or equivalent experience with demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with medical staff and all levels of personnel. Must be able to stand or walk for long periods. Heavy lifting required. Maintain current BLS and ACLS provider status.

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Interested applicants may apply to the Human Resources Department, HRMC, 5000 Ky. Rt. 321
 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653
 (606) 886-7530
 Fax: (606) 886-7534
 E-mail: tclark@hrmc.org

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

Small furnished mobile home for rent. Just off Mt Parkway on old 114. Call 886-8724.

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

LEGALS

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

NOTICE TO PATRICIA RISTER WARNING ORDER

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

Anthony Craig Davis
Davis Law Office
104 Hays Complex
P.O. Box 220
Betsy Layne, Kentucky 41605
Office: (606) 478-1002

14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that John Perry, P.O. Box 522, Martin, KY 41649, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a commercial building in the floodplain. The site is approximately 0.1 mile southwest of the intersection of Kentucky Route 80 and Kentucky Route 122, near Martin, in Floyd County, Kentucky. No encroachment upon the floodway channel of Beaver Creek will occur. Comments or objections concerning this application should be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Ste. 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Any person whose interest may be adversely affected by the issuance of the proposed permit may present information relevant to the permit, in oral or written form, at the time of the conference.

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

REAL ESTATE

Homes For Sale

House for sale: Located at 145 hibiscus Ct, Prestonsburg. First left past BSADD. Brick ranch style, 3br with garage and large covered patio. Private almost an acre lot. Newly remodeled throughout with new light fixtures. New floor coverings and new warrantied central heat and air. Beautiful and ready to move in as soon as we close. Come see for yourself at our open house Friday Dec 21st and Saturday Dec 22nd from 9am to 3pm. \$115,000 For more info call 886-8977.

Brick & Stone House for Sale. Four bedrooms, two and a half baths. 2900 square feet. Desirable location in Trimble Branch. Reasonably priced. Call 886-2020

Rentals

2br 1 bath house for rent at Martin. Lg yard \$350.mth. \$350 deposit. Call 789-3724 or 791 9331.

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Large Unicourt Apt for rent located at Stanville on US 23. 2br, 2 bath walk in closet. 1yr Lease. No pets. Please call 606-478-8100.

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Apt. For rent: 1 and 2 BR apartments on Rt. 321 near Porter school. Central heat and air, washer and dryer hookup. \$375 per month plus references and deposit. Seniors welcomed! Call 789-5973.

Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit. water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

Houses

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