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Adkins pleads guilty to murder

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Richard Lee Adkins, one of two Prestonsburg men indicted last May in connection to the murder of 46-year-old Tommy Bentley, of Luke Words Drive, pleaded guilty Thursday morning to shooting and killing Bentley.

Waiving his opportunity for trial,

Adkins, 31, offered his plea to prosecutors in exchange for a life sentence. Adkins was charged in the May indictment with murder, first-degree arson, first-degree burglary, tampering with physical evidence, theft by unlawful taking and possession of marijuana. Timothy Marsillett, 40, was also indicted along with Adkins on complicity charges of murder, first-degree arson, first-degree burglary and theft by

unlawful taking. As part of Adkins' plea, he has agreed to a life sentence on the murder charge saying he shot Bentley and various sentences, on all the remaining charges to run concurrent with one exception. Prosecutors agreed to dismiss the first-degree arson charge as part of Thursday's negotiations. In addition, Adkins has agreed to testify in further proceedings focused on

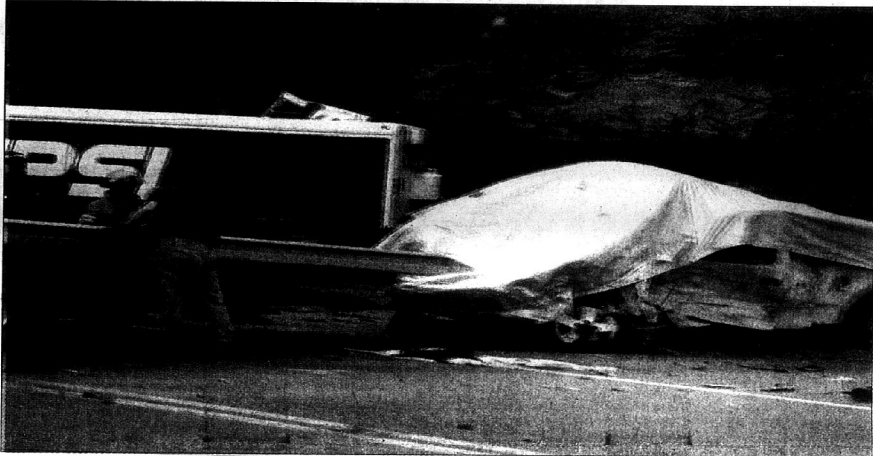
Marsillett, said Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner. Tommy Bentley's body was found inside his burned home on May 24. Marsillett was arrested that same night while Adkins was taken into custody early the next morning. According to police statements made

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Oil, gas leasing on state lands advances

FRANKFORT — State land could be leased for oil and gas exploration if a bill passed by the Senate today becomes law. Senate Bill 138, sponsored by Sen. Tom Jensen, R-London, would allow state agencies and universities to lease their property for drilling. Any leasing fees or royalties would go back to the agencies for their own use, and the process would make sure that the state receives a fair price for the mineral rights, Jensen said. The state's scenic beauty and other concerns would come into play, Jensen said. "The state will have a higher standard than normal," he stated. "We'll consider the aesthetic effects. We'll consider the safety of citizens when they're on state lands." Regulations in the bill require any lease to be in the "best interest of the Commonwealth" and maintain environmental quality of the land. Many other states already allow such leases, and federal land in Kentucky is already eligible, Jensen said. "The University of Kentucky is currently drilling on property in another state that it has an interest in," he noted. The bill, which passed 36-0, now moves to the House for its consideration.

FIERY CRASH



State police say the investigation into the crash that killed three people along Route 460 could take another two days before authorities can issue a full report. Officials worked the debris-ridden scene most of the day Friday.

3 killed in fiery crash

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

STAFFORDSVILLE — Three people were killed and a Pepsi truck driver was hospitalized after a collision along Route 460 Friday morning. The wreck took place at just after 8 a.m. in Johnson County, near the Magoffin County line in the Staffordsville area, when the driver of the Pepsi truck, Rick Brown, 41, was traveling west along Route 460 about midway between Paintsville and Salyersville and collided with a pickup truck carrying a driver and two passengers.

One passenger was ejected from the truck, after which time it caught fire, said KSP Det. Mike Goble. Goble added that dental records will be required to identify two of the victims. "There was a fire and the fire was hot enough that it done enough destruction that they're going to have to go with dental records to identify them," said Goble. "The identity of the passenger who was ejected will be released after the family members are reached." Goble said statements given by Brown, who was

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The cab of Rick Brown's Pepsi truck was folded into a hillside along Route 460 Friday morning after Brown and a pickup truck carrying three people collided. The pickup occupants were killed in the accident, which resulted in the pickup catching fire.

Bishop to get new trial

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

FRANKFORT — Dwayne Earl Bishop, convicted in Floyd Circuit Court for the 2000 murder of his wife, is getting a new trial after the Supreme Court of Kentucky issued a decision earlier this month, based on the denial of a motion allowing Bishop to act as co-counsel in the case. In 2005, Bishop, 49, was found guilty in Floyd Circuit Court on the charge of murdering Carolyn Bishop, and was sentenced to life in prison. Bishop was originally represented by Vicki Ridgway and Harolyn Howard, who were appointed to serve as his defense counsel. Bishop filed a motion in December 2000 to disqualify Howard from the case because she was expected to be called as a material witness. One month later, Bishop filed a motion to proceed as his own co-counsel in the case. According to court documents, a hearing was held on the motion for Bishop to proceed as co-counsel, and Circuit Judge John David Caudill asked the court-appointed counsel and the Commonwealth their positions on the motion. Caudill then issued a ruling denying the motion. The court informed Bishop that he could proceed pro se and represent himself, or he could proceed with an attorney, but he would not be allowed to act as co-counsel in the case. Bishop said that the decision was a reversible error for the court to deny him his right to act as co-counsel, and the Supreme Court of Kentucky agreed. The ruling also lists the specific injuries located on the body of Carolyn Bishop as reported by Dr. Greg Davis, associate chief medical examiner for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Officials reach agreement on horse trails

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — There is now a clear agreement between Floyd County officials planning to expand the Dewey Lake horse trails and representatives of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. And that agreement has been some time coming, advocates such as Deniz Allen would say. Allen has been, in the past several

years, outspoken about struggles in coming to agreements on certain terms with the KDFWR officials for use of the land. The agreement also includes officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. However, following a public meeting earlier this month, the Floyd County Fiscal Court authorized Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall to sign a memorandum of agreement with KDFWR that will open the door to

begin actual work on the project. This project would require repairs on 25 miles of existing access roads on the Dewey Lake Wildlife Management Area to expand horse trails to circle the lake and the German Bridge campground area. The county plans to pay for the project through applications for funding to the Department of Local Government and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Transportation Enhancement Program.

The agreements points out 17 obligations to which the county must adhere, including performing all repairs and maintaining the horse trails, making sure trail itself does not exceed 25 miles or 8 feet in width, as well as placement of signs marking the boundaries of the trail, times of use and requirements for use. Other points mentioned in the agreement were that the county would

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Regional Obituaries

FLOYD COUNTY

■ Jimmy Dean Reed, 59, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, February 21, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral service were conducted Tuesday, February 24, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Eugene Hamilton, 83, of Wabash, Indiana, formerly of McDowell, died Friday, February 20, in Wabash County Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 25, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Jesse Brown Hagewood, 79, a Wayland native, died at his home in Inverness, Florida, last week. He is survived by his wife, Marianna Hagewood. A graveside service was held Saturday, February 21, at the Mayo Cemetery, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ Georgine Johnson, 70, of Wheelwright, died Monday, February 16, in McDowell. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Johnson. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 19, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Anna Ritchie, 84, of Lackey, died Saturday, February 14, at her home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 17, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Larry Douglas Tackett, 56, of Grethel, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Flora Thacker Tackett. Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 20, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Lydia Jane Dingus, 68, of McDowell, died Tuesday, February 24, at Mt. Carmel West Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 28, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ James Scott Stanley, 65,

of Blue River, died Sunday, February 22, at the UK Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 26, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Donald R. Howard, 54, of Pierceton, Indiana, a native of David, died Friday, February 13. He is survived by his wife Ann Howard. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 18, under direction of Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home.

■ Ted L. Akers, 95, of La Grange, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, February 20. He is survived by his wife Pauline Elizabeth Edwards Akers. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, under direction of the Oldham County Funeral Home.

■ Donald "Duck" Ray Shannon, 64, of Drift, died Monday, February 23, at his residence. He is survived by his wife Carlotta Humble Shannon. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 27, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Jake McCoy, 55, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, February 23, at his residence. He is survived by his fiancée Helen Leslie. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 26, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ James Blaine Hopkins, 79, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, February 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 21, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Timmy Kidd, 53, of Honaker, died Monday, February 23, in Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Sharon Thomas Kidd. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

PIKE COUNTY

■ Thelma Salyer Ramey, 88, of Elkhorn City, died Sunday, February 22, at Alive Hospice Center, Madison, Tennessee. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 26, under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Irene Ratliff, 79, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, February 25, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Carl Ratliff. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 28, under direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ Glanda Lavonne Hall Ison, 56, of Pikeville, died Sunday, Feb. 15, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, I. Thomas Ison. Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 19, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ Jeremy Todd Sexton, 31, of Littarr, a native of Hindman, died Wednesday, February 18, at Teaberry. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 22, under direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Martha Stone Amburgey, 91, of Garner, died Sunday, February 15, at the Knott County Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Cortney Renee Smith Dalton, 24, of Amburgey, died Wednesday, February 11, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Friday, February 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ Stanley "Big Joe" Stone, 55, of Raven, died Monday, February 9, at the UK Medical Center, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Glenda Stone. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 12,

under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ Wilburn Maynard, 46, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, a Louisa native, died Saturday, February 21, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington. He is survived by his wife, Ella Elizabeth Maynard. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 24, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Kristina Leigh Phelps, 35, of Louisa, died Saturday, February 21, in St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, West Virginia. A graveside service was held Tuesday, February 24, at Setser Cemetery, in Fallsburg, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ Effie Mullins, 76, of Louisa, a native of Martin County, died Monday, February 16, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. She is survived by her husband, Albert Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 19, under direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ Patricia Combs, 66, of Ashland, formerly of Johnson County, died Sunday, February 22, at her residence. A graveside service was held Wednesday, February 25, at Trimble Cemetery, in Staffordsville, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Lowell Ed Spencer, 68, of Paintsville, died Sunday, February 22, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Billie Jane Hughes Spencer. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ Bertha Duncan, 69, of Pilgrim, died Tuesday,

February 17, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Marion Duncan. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 20, under direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ Eddie Stanley, 46, of Inez, died Saturday, February 21. He is survived by his wife Donna Potter Stanley. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, under direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ James Henry "Digger" Mills, 86, died Sunday, February 15, at his residence. He is survived by his wife Peggy Mills. Funeral services were held Friday, February 20, at the Turkey Creek Church of the Nazarene, with interment in the Mills Cemetery.

■ Martin Dials, 61, of Inez, died Thursday, February 19, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 22, under direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

■ Ezra Prater, 76, of Oregon, Ohio, a native of Salyersville, died Monday, February 2, at St. Charles Mercy Hospital, Eggleston Meinert Pavley Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

REWARD

Family seeking the recovery or information about the whereabouts of a gun lost during an automobile accident on Dec. 24, at Buckingham. The gun is a .40 caliber Smith and Wesson model number 410S, serial number VJH8907.

Contact Gary Tackett at (606) 377-7723

Why Some People Think Duke Ellington Is a Member of the Royal Family.

KIDS DON'T GET ENOUGH ART THESE DAYS. So you can see why some of them might accidentally confuse a jazz legend named Duke with royalty named duke. But it's finally time to set the record straight.

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A piano player. A composer. An orchestra leader. Duke Ellington reigned over a land called Jazz.

Sentimental Mood," and "Take the 'A' Train." His historical concert in 1953 at the Newport Jazz Festival has entered the lexicon of legendary live performances. There is no doubt about it, Ellington's brand of jazz has contributed significantly to the American songbook, and to the lives of anyone who has ever tapped their foot to a beat.

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Royal. Like our namesake. They have no crown.

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March proclaimed Sexual Assault Awareness Month

FRANKFORT — The work of several individuals and programs was recognized today as part of the kickoff of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"The programs and people we honor today are making such progress in the prevention of sexual assault," said Jamie Miller, secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). "They are teaching, with significant results, that sexual violence toward anyone is not acceptable."

Gov. Steve Beshear has signed a proclamation marking March as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

"We take this action as a way to bring the Commonwealth's attention to the prevalence and the devastation of this crime," Beshear said.

The Capitol rotunda event was cosponsored by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) and the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs.

"We are especially glad to highlight the community-

based work and innovative approaches of the advocates we honor today," Miller said.

The Green Dot Initiative was recognized with the Innovative Program Award. Representatives from each of the state's 13 Regional Rape Crisis Centers were honored for their work in advancing the initiative.

Each "Green Dot" represents a single incident that can be used to support the victims of sexual violence or decrease the incidences of sexual assault.

"By simply raising the topic of sexual assault, we have placed a huge 'Green Dot' on the map of Kentucky today," Miller said. "Discussion is the first step to educate men, women and children that sexual assault hurts us all. Talking about it, or just listening, makes us part of the solution."

In Kentucky, one in nine adult women — more than

175,000 women — has been forcibly raped. This conservative estimate does not include rape facilitated by alcohol or drugs, attempted rape, statutory rape (sex with someone under age 16 without explicit violence) or other forms of sexual violence.

"Green Dot is a fairly new initiative, but we've already seen its progress," said Phyllis Millsbaugh, a program administrator for the CHFS Division of Violence Prevention Resources. "The effort to end the continuing cycle of abuse is more than enough reason to invest in Green Dot. It can be as simple as having a conversation with a teen boy or girl about how important it is to end violence."

At a Frankfort awards dinner tonight, four people will receive the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Award for their contributions to end sexual violence. The winners, who also were recognized at the rotunda event, are:

- Margaret Banks, of Flat Gap
- Tammy Hatfield, of

- Columbia
- Sharon LaRue, of Louisville
- Marta Miranda, of Richmond

For more information about the Green Dot Initiative and other sexual assault programs and services and Sexual Assault Awareness Month,

please visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcb/dvpr/> or www.kasap.org.

Wreck

flown to Cabell-Huntington Hospital and is listed in stable condition, indicated that the pickup came into his lane and he was attempting to avoid them when he struck the hillside.

"It appears from preliminary investigations that the Pepsi truck was trying to avoid the pickup," Goble said. "He (Brown) said they came into his lane and he was trying to

get out of the way. He cut left instead of right, it seems."

Authorities blocked off roughly a mile-long section of Route 460 throughout the afternoon as police and other authorities dealt with the crash scene.

At the scene, KSP accident reconstructionists tarped the charred pickup truck and portions of the driver's side cab of the Pepsi truck. The truck

seemed to have turned sharply from the roadway with the cab hitting a hillside head-on.

Other officers marked sections of the road in an attempt to further understand what might have caused the crash.

Goble said investigators were still working at the crash site as of Friday evening and that a full report would not be available for another 1-to-2 days.

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Governor agrees to additional assistance for unemployed

FRANKFORT — Recognizing the need to further assist struggling families, Gov. Steve Beshear has signed an agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor that will give Kentuckians drawing unemployment insurance benefits an additional \$25 per week.

"It is critical at this time to use available resources that will assist our unemployed workers who are bridging the gap to new employment," Gov. Beshear said. "This agreement not only provides them an extra boost, but it is a

positive step toward infusing money back into our communities and putting Kentuckians back to work."

The agreement provides dollars through the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act, which passed as part of the federal economic stimulus package signed last week by President Obama. Under the act, Kentucky will receive federal funds to increase both regular and extended unemployment benefits by \$25 per week through June 30, 2010.

Claimants who receive

unemployment benefits will not need to take any special steps to receive the additional assistance. The federal funds will automatically be applied beginning the week of Feb. 22, 2009.

The Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet's Office of Employment and Training administers payments of unemployment insurance benefits. These benefits are intended for persons who become unemployed through no fault of their own.

Plea

during a preliminary hearing for the two men, Kentucky State Police Det. Mike Goble testified that Marsillett was spotted by a state trooper at the scene of the blaze.

The trooper, returning to scene after a neighbor discovered a .22 caliber rifle laying in the road near the house, stated he saw a car parked across the road from the burning home, but the rifle missing. Marsillett was found sitting in the car. Goble testified he told the trooper "he was just there

watching the fire."

Bags of marijuana and scattered money were found around Marsillett's car and also the rifle in the creek behind the vehicle.

Marsillett was eventually taken into custody after a field sobriety test and charged with driving under the influence.

Adkins was found by police early the next morning, cold and wet, after apparently wandering around the mountains most of the night. Goble testified, adding that a search

turned up .22 caliber bullets in Adkins' pocket.

After Adkins was taken into custody police said he told officers that he was "the devil" and confessed to murdering Bentley, saying he "blew his (explosive deleted) head off." He also admitted robbing the 46-year-old of both money and marijuana, but said at the time he did not set the fire.

Adkins' sentencing is scheduled for June, while Marsillett is set for trial on Sept. 14.

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Bishop

According to the document, Davis testified that Carolyn Bishop suffered a "deep stab wound to the heart, long laceration in the lip and mouth area, blunt force injury to the nasal area, bruising and contusions to both ears, deep laceration and bruising in the periorbital region resulting in two black eyes, blunt force injuries to cheeks and forehead, blunt force injury to hands and contusions on arms, hands, and fingers, scraping contusions on abdomen, chest and right shoulder, bruising on knees,

numerous, superficial, clustered stab wounds to the right thigh and deep scratches in the hip and thigh region. Dr. Davis concluded the cause of death was multiple blunt and sharp force injuries."

The Supreme Court also ruled on various items that are expected to be reintroduced in the new trial, including physical evidence and what is listed as Bishop's previous "bad acts."

According to the Supreme Court's ruling, the items of evidence were properly intro-

duced except for the testimony of Kentucky State Police Trooper Eddie Crum regarding Carolyn Bishop's frequent black eyes, ruling that Judge John David Caudill abused his discretion in allowing the testimony without further evidence linking Bishop to the injuries.

The Supreme Court issued the ruling on Feb. 19. A new trial date for Bishop has not been set.

Bishop is currently incarcerated at the Little Sandy Correctional Complex in Sandy Hook.

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Trails

close the trail to horseback riding during any firearm seasons for deer, turkey or elk.

Much of the agreements stipulates that future work, such as projects, repairs, and other work, would require the county to first have in hand prior written approval from KDFWR.

A timetable for planned projects must also be provided before beginning any repairs on the property, according to

the agreement.

Another point, that has long been the subject of discussions between county officials and the department, is that the county first recognize that the primary use of the Dewey Lake Wildlife Management Area, including any sections on which the trail will exist, is for public hunting.

As for obligations resting in the lap of KDFWR officials, they have agreed to provide


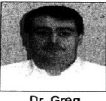
access to the trails, to cooperate fully with the terms set out in the agreement and to notify county officials of the location of all existing or future food plots, planted areas set aside to act as a food source for wildlife.

The agreement, according to county records, will be in effect until June 30, 2033 and eligible for two 25-year extensions through written agreements from all parties.

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Guest View

Helping out, not bailing out

After many billions in federal aid to the banks and two of Detroit's Big Three, it might be time for federal aid to residents who own the home they occupy. But hold the celebration. There are some devils in the details, and President Barack Obama is to release still more details next month.

So far, Obama has tried to make the essential distinction between people who have hit an unexpected rough patch and, as he put it, "folks who bought homes they knew from the beginning they would never be able to afford."

Distinguishing the two is imperative to keep the outrage of 92 percent of homeowners to a low roar. They make their mortgage payments, and many if not most are not pleased to be on the hook for the 8 percent who botched the math.

Obama figures his plan will keep some 9 million homeowners from foreclosure; that is, 9 million who qualify for this aid and whose lenders voluntarily cooperate.

He does not intend to throw "good taxpayer money after bad loans." So another 3 million or so homeowners in no financial shape to make the least decent payment won't qualify. So quite a few owners deepest in debt will still lose their homes and possibly rental properties. Many are poor and/or minority owners who were grossly misled into untenable ownership, and congressional Democrats may yet to subsidize them anyway. That's in part what got us to this point in the first place. It's a yen to resist.

Obama's plan aims at two groups of owners who can hang on to their homes if their payment is lower.

For the 3 million to 4 million who are either close to foreclosure or can't make their current monthly payment now or soon can't, the plan offers considerable incentives to lenders to reset the house payment to 31 percent of borrowers' income.

For another 4 million to 5 million who owe more than their houses are worth, the plan offers the possibility of refinancing at a lower rate through Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac if their original loan involved one of those agencies.

Congressional Democrats, meantime, propose a counter-productive change to bankruptcy law that the president should but may not stop cold: For homeowners whose only option is bankruptcy, bankruptcy courts could grant borrowers and impose on lenders lower monthly payments and lower loan principal.

That proposed reward for stiffing lenders presents not only a grievous moral hazard. It also presents a huge financial dilemma: If lenders can't be certain of repayment amounts, borrowers are less likely to find a loan.

Fortunately, Obama's own plan steps gingerly on a path fraught with pitfalls: helping homeowners who will use help wisely without eroding most Americans' habit of repaying home loans or taking the usual painful consequences.

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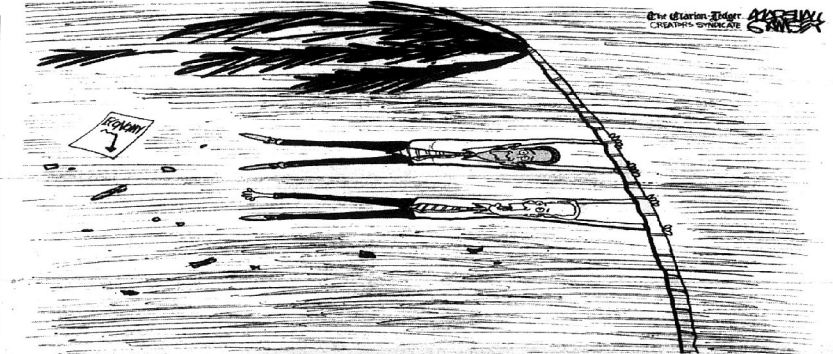
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"MARCH CAME IN LIKE A LION."

— Chuck Norris

An 87-year-old's economic survival guide

by CHUCK NORRIS
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An old Spanish proverb says, "An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy." I believe that value holds, in or out of a recession. And seeing as my 87-year-old mother lived through the Great Depression, I think her value (and that of those like her) will increase through these tough economic times because her insider wisdom can help us all.

Mother was about 10 years old when her eight-member family endured the thick of the recessive days in rural Wilson, Okla., which only has a population of 1,600 today. The recurring droughts across the heartland during that period dried up the job market, making it worse in the Midwest than it even was in the rest of the country. Over the years, my grandpa worked multiple jobs, from the oil fields to the cotton fields, and he was even a night watchman. The family members did what they could to contribute, but most of them were simply too young to play a major part.

In 1933, when President Franklin Roosevelt took office, his adminis-

tration, through the Works Project Administration, brought about the employment of millions in civil construction projects, from bridges to dams to airports to roads. My grandfather traveled about 90 miles for a day's work to help build the Lake Murray dam.

But with a far smaller ratio of jobs to potential laborers, if Grandpa worked five days a month (at \$1.80 a day), it was a good month.

Like most families, my mother's family didn't have running water or electricity. And Grandpa did her best to keep the outdoor house clean, with Grandpa helping by regularly depositing lye to control the odors. (You can imagine how the hot, humid Oklahoma summers turned that outside commode into one smelly, closet-sized sauna.) A "scavenger wagon" came by once a week and cleaned out the hole, which had a small chairlike contraption over it with the center punched out. (They once had a two-seater in there, which allowed for two people to enjoy each other's company and conversation. Mom told me that she always felt a little upper-class when she sat with someone else!) By the way, and I'm not trying to be crude, toilet tissue wasn't around, so they used pages from Montgomery Ward catalogs (and you wondered why

the catalogs were so thick). No joke — they preferred the non-glossy pages. I'll let you figure out why.

Got the picture? With that in mind, I turn to a recent conversation I had with my mother. I asked her, "How would you encourage the average American to weather the economic storms of today?"

Here's her advice, in her words:

■ "Get back to the basics. Simplify your life. Live within your means. People have got to be willing to downsize and be OK with it. We must quit borrowing and cut spending. Be grateful for what you have, especially your health and loved

ones. Be content with what you have, and remember the stuff will never make you happy. Never. Back then, we didn't have one-hundredth of what people do today, and yet we seemed happier than most today, even during the Great Depression.

■ "Be humble and willing to work. Back then, any work was good work. We picked cotton, picked up cans, scrap metal, whatever it took to get by. Where's that work ethic today? If someone's not being paid \$10 an hour today, they're whining and unwilling to work, even if they don't have a job. The message from yesteryear is

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— beyond the beltway

Republicans want America to fail

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Three cheers for President Obama. He got his stimulus package through Congress — and with bi-partisan support — OK, so he only got three Republican votes in the Senate and zip — nada — in the House. And it wasn't exactly his stimulus package after Congress got through chewing on it, but it was a stimulus package. Two cheers then.

He failed on his bid to deliver bipartisanship because he forgot an essential rule of life: It takes two to tango. Republicans were simply not willing partners in this endeavor to keep the economy from going away and hiding in a cave for the next 10 years.

Their concept of bipartisanship doesn't go much beyond: "You do what we want and we'll call it bipartisanship. We know best."

Which might be admirable, or at least acceptable, if they did know best. They don't. Au contraire, as French majors say.

The Republican party has gone crazy, a state that can be defined as: "Doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result."

That's the Republicans. Their answer to the on-going collapse of our economy — and the rest of the world's economies, for that matter — is tax cuts.

Sen. John McCain who, but for the good sense of the American people would have been charged with cleaning up this mess, said of the \$789 bil-

lion stimulus: "This is not a stimulus bill, it is a spending bill." To which President Obama, not without some exasperation, answered: "Of course it's a spending bill. That's what a stimulus is. That's the point."

(One thing you have to say about McCain when he says he doesn't know much about economics, he really means it.)

But McCain was subdued and rational compared to his fellow Republican, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina. He did everything but hold his breath and turn blue.

"This bill stinks," he said. "The process that's led to this bill stinks. If this is the new way of doing business, if this is the change we all can believe in, America's best days are behind her."

(South Carolina has given our nation two things: the Civil War and Lindsey Graham. I still can't decide which one is worse.)

Let me say this about tax cuts: if they were the cure all that conservatives make them out to be, we'd be sitting pretty right now. And if deregulation, the other nostrum Republicans love so well, were the key to unlocking the power of the capitalistic system, we'd all be rich, or getting there. Kind of like we were during the Clinton administration.

Remember those days? Rocketing stock market. Plenty of jobs. Good pay. I would remind you that they were triggered by — are you ready for this? — a package of tax increases that balanced the budget and paved

the way for the most prosperous six years we have known.

Not a single Republican voted for those tax increases. Not one. And, to add insult to injury, they campaigned on the tax issue and won the House in the next election, even as the nation enjoyed the fruits of that tax increase. Now it looks like they intend to try to do it again — sit on the sidelines and pray for failure.

It's been said that no one ever went broke underestimating the intelligence of the American voter and there's some truth in that, but I don't think it's going to work this

time. In the first place, Obama is asking for more taxes, he's passing out money. This is a far easier sell than Clinton had.

In the second place, it really is possible to go broke underestimating the American voters' intelligence. People know intuitively that high taxes aren't the problem. Not having jobs or money or health care, those are the problems.

Mr. Obama is at least trying to do something about those things, the Republicans aren't.

I think the lesson here is that it's impossible to underestimate the intelligence of the Republican party. Not to mention its sanity.

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This Town, That World

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

Following is the reaction of Norman Allen, publisher/editor of the Times after the devastating fire that destroyed the Times building shortly after midnight, Friday, Feb. 23, 1978.

A LONG "CARD OF THANKS"

Phoenix-He, amidst the ashes from our feathers and rise to make a few solemn remarks.

This newspaper, last Friday night, was, as they say in the "wrecking trade, totalled. As we attempt to keep going with some sort of publication this week, we for once in our lives have an honest excuse for most of the glaring deficiencies in our product.

We are without an office, equipment, the tiniest basic items, and somewhere back there we lost our apptom. You might say we're punch-drunk. But we're in here punchin'—with both forefingers. And as willing and loyal a crew as any newspaper ever had, is joining in, at any and all hours and places.

An experience such as this—my second, incidentally—would be unrelieved tragedy, were it not for the kindness of so many friends, in and out of the newspaper business. (This might develop into the longest "Card of Thanks" this newspaper has ever published.) We cannot mention here all who have by friendly word helped hold the old chin up, but I must remind you who do not know, that many friends in the newspaper business have literally come to the rescue.

"Bud" Perry has made available the full facilities of his Paintsville Herald to make production possible and has been there helping our boys along...Zack Justice and John Paul Compton, at The Pike County News, drove here to volunteer their help, and one of their contributions is the makeup of a page ad in this edition...Louise Hatmaker of The Jackson Times, called to volunteer her help to write, read proofs, anything necessary...Fat Gish of The Mountain Eagle of Whitesburg, Mary Sparks of The Big Sandy News, Louisa, Tim Bostic of The Salyersville Independent, Earl Kinmer of The Licking Valley Courier of West Liberty, George Wolford of The Ashland Daily Independent—all not merely saying, "Bless you, brother," but ready to do anything possible to help.

I must tell you, too, of Gorman Collins, whose Radio Station WDOC is a friendly competitor of ours. "I've got three rooms down here, move on it—it won't cost you a cent," he advised. Had not my cousin, John Allen, already made room on the same terms available to us, we would have accepted his kind offer.

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A HOST OF IDOLS

P'burg, Paintsville and JCHS winners named

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Students from Prestonsburg High School, Johnson Central High School and Paintsville High School who are seeking their time in the spotlight recently participated in the local-level competition for Big Sandy Idol.

Amy Rice took first place honors at Prestonsburg High School, with Tierra Grace selected as the second place winner.

At Johnson Central High School, two students were selected as first place winners, Melanie Stapleton and Chesi Spriggs shared the first place award, with Laura Hager as the second place winner.

Katelyn Webb impressed the judges as Paintsville High School, earning the first place selection for the local-level competition. Rachel Goble and Tyler Childers came in as dual second place winners.

Big Sandy Idol is a talent and scholarship competition that offers two winners from each school a chance to compete in the regional Big Sandy Idol for a demo CD recording, full album recording and \$1,200 vocal scholarship to attend Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Winners will also earn a spot with the Big Sandy Singers.

The regional Big Sandy Idol competition will be held on March 13, for the second place winners, and on March 14, for the first place winners, at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

"We hope that everyone in the community will come out to support their school," said Laura Ford Hall, director of the Big Sandy Singers. "This is a regional tournament for vocalists and is sure to be a great competition."

The competition is organized by the music department of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, in partnership with the Mountain Arts Center.

Tickets for the event are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. They are now on sale at the Mountain Arts Center by calling 1-888-MAC-ARTS.



Pictured are the Big Sandy Idol student participants from Prestonsburg High School. From left to right are Big Sandy Idol Director Clayton Case, Laken Collins, Makayla Hitchcock, Tara Rohr, Silas Burke, Matt Conn, Second Place Winner Tierra Grace, First Place Winner Amy Rice, Felicia Hensley, and Brittany Holliman.



Pictured are the Big Sandy Idol student participants from JCHS (from left) Austin Stone, Emily Mills, Chris Castle, Candace Hannah, Casey Brown, Michaela Tussey, Robert Hazlett, First Place Winners Melanie Stapleton and Chesi Spriggs, Britney Parker, Kurstin Dutton, Shaina Hunt, Big Sandy Idol Director Clayton Case, and Second Place Winner Laura Hager.



Pictured are the Big Sandy Idol student participants from Paintsville (from left) Big Sandy Idol Director Clayton Case, First Place Winner Katelyn Webb, Allison Webb, T.J. Fields, Second Place Winners Rachel Goble and Tyler Childers, Marisa Sammons, Cassie Callahan, Whitney Long, and Rebecca Sexton.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'The Warrior'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Bollywood strikes again with this highly imaginative action-fest that mixes martial arts style brawls, voodoo magic and some gory, though not very convincing, special effects to frame the story of a revolutionary leader who challenges the Dutch power structure in Indonesia.

The hero of the piece is Jaka Sembung. He's a true 1980s dude who rocks a "Rambo" do and favors the bare torso look. These affectations don't help him much as he's been captured by Dutch forces when we first meet him and spends most of the film getting roughed up until the finale.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

The Dutch magistrate, Van Schramm, mocks him before sentencing him to hard labor. This means they issue him a pick and Jaka is quick to incite a rebellion that gets most of his fellow prisoners killed while he manages to escape.

Van Schramm isn't happy when he gets the news and decides to hire a local mercenary to take down Jaka. An enormous guy named Khobar gets the job after demonstrating his various talents, which include a bullet-proof body, the ability to spit fireballs and uncanny strength (which he employs to wrestle and subsequently strangle a bull). Khobar's diverse talents serve him well when he tangles with Jaka, but he proves to have a major weakness when it comes to bamboo, which Jaka exploits by plunging a shoot through his mouth and out the back of Khobar's head.

Van Schramm is furious when he hears the news, but his hopes rise when a sorcerer, with very unfortunate teeth, volunteers to resurrect the one warlock, Kieten, that can defeat Jaka. The Dutchman is a bit dubious at first, since the mystic in question was decapitated, but he signs on for the plan.

Turns out that the guy with the bad teeth is a half-way decent magician and he soon frees Kieten's body from its grave and then reunites it with his head (which was buried separately). The restored magic user is able to subdue Jaka pretty quickly, and he's soon a prisoner in Schramm's dungeon.

Schramm's daughter tries to break Jaka out, but that only serves to madden the Dutchman, who reacts by poking out both of Jaka's eyes. This leaves our hero in dire straits but he prays to Allah for extra strength and is granted enough to free himself from his shackles. Unfortunately, he runs into Kieten, who punishes him by casting a spell that turns him into a pig.

Jaka the pig fares better than the human version and actually runs into the one magic user who knows how to change a pig into a man. The old

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Forgiven

by BERNIE SIEGEL
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL:
STORIES OF FAITH"

The real power of healing is not about curing diseases. This was revealed to me by a male nurse who spent a lot of time with a woman in a nursing home who hadn't been able to walk for six years. Edward lifted her in and out of her chair or into the bed, depending on her schedule.

She always wanted to talk about God and forgiveness. Because Edward had had a near-death experience, he felt comfortable doing this.

One night it was so late that Edward slipped out without being the one to put her to bed. He was heading for his car in the parking lot when he heard her call, "Edward!" He snuck back inside and into her room.

"Are you sure God forgives us

THE UN-COMFORT ZONE

for everything?" she asked. "Yes, I'm sure, from my own experience," he said. "You know the gospel song that tells us, 'He knows every lie that you and I have told, and though it makes Him very sad to see the way we live, He'll always say 'I forgive.'"

She sighed. "When I was a young woman, I stole my parents' silver and sold it so I would have enough money to get married. I've never told anyone, and no one ever found out. Will God forgive me?"

"Yes," Edward reassured her. "God will forgive you. Good night."

When Edward returned to work the next morning, he was told to see

the administrator, who asked what he told the woman the night before. "As usual," Edward explained, "we talked about God and forgiveness. Why?"

"At 3 a.m., the woman came out of her room and, with no help, walked the entire length of the nursing home, put her Bible and teeth on the nurse's desk and said, 'I don't need these anymore.' Then she turned and walked back to her room, laid down and died."

This is what the soul of nursing is all about, the reason God created a world where we can all be nurses by showing our compassion and empathy for the wounded.



SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

SSA named top government employer by magazine

by JENNIFER HOPKINS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has been named the top government employer by readers of "Equal Opportunity Magazine." The magazine annually asks readers to name the public and private sector employers for whom they would most like to work or that they believe would provide a positive working environment for members of minority groups.

"I am honored SSA is at the top of this list," said Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security. "President Obama is calling new generations of Americans to public service. They can read this survey and know that a career at SSA is the right choice."

Equal Opportunity Magazine is a career-guidance and recruitment magazine distributed to African American, Hispanic, Native-

American, and Asian-American college students and professionals in all fields, including engineering, computer science, technology, finance, business, healthcare, liberal arts, and education.

SSA also has received high marks from its employees in the 2008 Federal Human Capital Survey. The survey focuses on employee perceptions regarding critical areas of their work life, areas which drive employee satisfaction, commitment, and ultimately retention in the workforce. SSA received especially high marks from its employees for Job Satisfaction and Leadership and Knowledge Management, ranking among the Top Ten federal agencies in both categories.

"Our workforce is one of our greatest strengths," Commissioner Astrue stated. "Despite the many challenges the agency faces, our employees continue to serve the American public with determination, empathy, creativity and integrity." This survey confirms that they embrace

these challenges and have confidence in the course we are setting for the future."

The Job Satisfaction index indicates the extent to which employees are satisfied with their jobs. Questions include: do employees think their jobs are important, enjoy the work they do and feel personally fulfilled by their service to the American public? The Leadership and Knowledge Management index indicates the extent to which employees hold their leadership in high regard. Questions include: do employees have a high level of respect for their senior leaders and do managers communicate the goals and priorities of the organization?

To see the annual ranking of the Top 50 employers by Equal Opportunity Magazine, go to www.eop.com/cotop50.html.

To see the results of the 2008 Federal Human Capital Survey, go to www.fhcs.opm.gov.

Norris

don't be too proud to do whatever it takes to meet the financial needs of your family.

"Be rich in love. We didn't have much. In fact, we had nothing at all, compared to people today, but we had each other. We were poor, but rich in love. We've lost the value of family and friends today, and we've got to gain it back if we're ever to get back on track. If we lose all our stuff and still have one another and our health, what have we really lost?"

"Be a part of a community. Today people are much more alone, much more isolated. We used to be close with our neighbors. If one person had a bigger or better garden or orchard, they shared the vegetables and fruits with others in need. Society has shifted from caring for one another to being dependent upon government aid and welfare. That is why so many today trust in government to deliver them. They've forgotten an America that used to rally around one another in smaller clusters, called neighbor-

hoods and communities. We must rekindle those local communal fires and relearn the power of that age-old commandment, 'Love thy neighbor.'"

"Help someone else. We never quit helping others back then. Today too many people are consumed with their own problems and only helping themselves. 'What's in it for me?' is the question most are asking. But back then, it was, 'What can I do to help my neighbor, too?' I love Rick Warren's book 'The Purpose Driven Life,' and especially his thought, 'We were created for community, designed to be a blessing to others.' Most of all, helping others gets our minds off of our problems and puts things into better perspective."

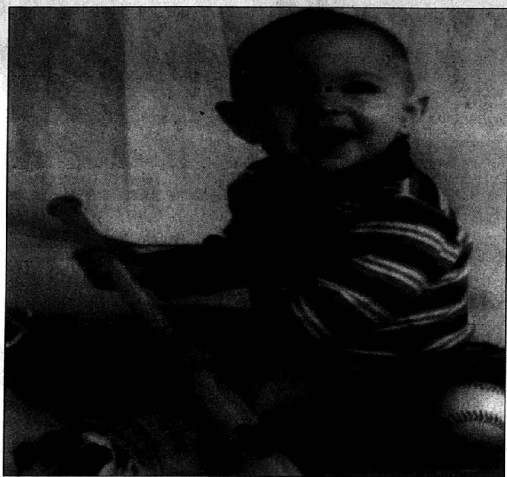
"Lean upon God for help and strength. We didn't just have each other to lean on, but we had God, too. We all attended church and belonged to a faith community. Church was the hub of society, the community core and rallying point. Today people turn to government the way we used to turn to

churches. It's been that way ever since Herbert Hoover's alleged promise of a 'chicken in every pot' and President Roosevelt's New Deal. Too many have abandoned faith and community. We trust in money more than God. And maybe that's a reason why we're in this economic pickle."

Now that's conventional wisdom that should be shouted and posted in every corridor of government, every community across America, and every blog on the Internet.

Call me overly pragmatic, but I think a little practical wisdom and encouragement is what we all need about now. Mom always was good for that. She still is.

To find out more about Chuck Norris and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.



Birthday Boy

Colby Braden Smith, the son of Brandon and Dawn Smith, of Leburn, celebrated his first birthday on Feb. 22, with family and friends. Braden is the grandson of Bertee and Deziray Kidd, of Betsy Layne, and Larry Smith, of Leburn, and Sharon Anderson, of Dema. He is the great-grandson of Otis and Jewell Kidd, of Cannel City.

Allen

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These and all who have been so kind are real shock absorbers. But "Shorty" Copley from his perch high on a telephone pole, where he was repairing fire-damaged line near our office, Saturday morning, helped out, too, at a time when I was almost tripping over my chin.

"Hey!" he yelled. "Bet this is the first time in 50 years your desk has been clean."

As they say in those silly TV commercials, I needed that.



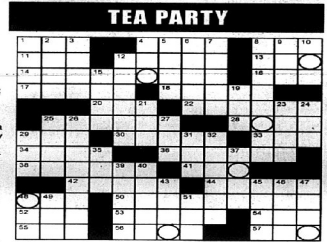
TUMBLE-THEME-a! answer: "JASMINE"

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ThemeCross by Kelly Ann Buchanan

ACROSS

- 1 * Cozy cover-up
4 * Milk dispensers?
6 * Item in a Telly or Salses box
11 Sports parli pant, for short
12 Nocturnal hatching
13 Wrath
14 * Soothing tea that can go by two slightly different spellings - this is one of them!
16 * Tea (China or silverware for serving)
17 * Tea (Decorative/ useful cloth)
18 * acid (Soap ingredient)
20 Do the floor
22 * Parts on kettles
25 * Teatime treat
28 Actor Robert



TUMBLE-THEME-a! After completing the ThemeCross, untumble the 7 circled letters to spell out THIS TYPE OF TEA.

DOWN

- 1 * Disabilities under of course
2 Roman emperor after Galba
3 Unfreeze
4 Uniquely-spilled mountain basin
5 Hedgepodge
6 Critter's projects
7 Brew, as tea

- 8 * Tea ... the
9 * What ... the
10 Comprehend
12 * Tea type
15 Exec's note
16 Charged
21 * amurn
23 Steadfast
24 White or Red follow
25 Ancient Greek portico
26 * sandwich on crustless, of course
27 Min. part
29 Initial-shares of the martial arts star
31 * Enter the Dragon (1973)
31 * Say what? sounds
32 Not optional
35 * tea (Hot tea alternative)
37 * Grey tea
39 "Daijia" matri-arch, Miss
40 * Tea add-on (Elegant tea-drinking venues)
43 Wealthy Londoners
45 2005 Charize Theron movie,
46 * Sporgy sweet selection
47 The end ...
48 * With and dotted cream (How to serve #25-Across)
49 * Apple pie - mode (Why not!)
51 Look

Asterisked * clues relate to theme of the puzzle © 2009 King Features Synd., Inc.

Lagoon

magus also sticks around to train Jaka for his next battle with Kieten. The two face off in a fierce finale that sees Jaka exact some major payback on Kieten and separating him into two pieces again, which he opts to burn, rather than bury.

All in all, this one's a wild ride. The effects are kinda goofy during the prison escape sequence - see an obvious dummy thrown off a cliff, but they add to the "off the wall charm."

The only performer of note is Barry Prima who stars as Jaka. He became so popular from this film that he starred in

two sequels which also boast imaginative, if somewhat lame, special effects.

The good folks at "Mondo Macabro" video have made it their mission to release obscure Bollywood films and their restorations are superb. They're promising to roll out the whole "Warrior" series in the future and it's a fitting introduction to a treasure trove of genre flicks that have stayed off the our radar but deserve their moment in the sun.

Best line: "How do you tell a pig he will very soon be dead?" 1981, unrated.

Stephen Lawrence Patton

March 3, 1994 - November 28, 2007



On March 3, 1994, Stephen came into our lives and with every minute he was here, he changed our lives for the better. We wish he could have stayed and changed this whole world for the better. We're sure he would have.

Happy Birthday, Bub Dad, Mom, and your family

You Were The Pick Of Our Hearts. It's so difficult to let you go. Though death's left us no other choice. We're mourning the loss of never seeing you again. Of never hearing your precious voice. It seems that in life there are certain times which are more than "simply unfair". When our hearts search out for better answers. But cannot seem to find them there. And such is the case at your passing. Contemplating the briefness of your life. All the great things that you still would have done if you'd been granted a little more time. It isn't difficult to envision the possibilities. For, look at what you'd already done. The difference you'd make in so many lives. In all that you had become. Perhaps you were simply too good for this life. So God called you back to heaven. That your life needed no further testament. Than the goodness you'd already given. But regardless of the reason. For why you had to depart. We will miss you every single day of our lives. For you were the pride of our hearts! Thank you for being our example. Inspiring us through your courage and drive. We'll cherish all the precious memories. You lovingly created in our lives. For truly, your life reflected. A wisdom that few, so young, can see. Yet your humbleness kept you from knowing. The legacy your life would leave. Still we'll miss you most for your love and your smiles. For they made our world seem so bright. And we'll treasure each memory and moment. Every way you blessed our pathways in life. And though we can't quite understand. Why so soon you had to part. We're eternally grateful for the gift of your life. For you were the pride of our hearts! In Memory Of ANGELA DAWN WHITAKER July 12, 1988-March 2, 2008. You Always Were, and Always Will Be The Pride Of Our Hearts. We Love You So Much and Miss You Every Second of The Day. MOM, KEVIN, CHRISTY, ROBERT, ROGETTA, JOHN, KELSEY, PAYTON, AIDAN, AND NICK.

FLOYD COUNTY Sports

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KHSBA announces Top 50 players

TIMES STAFF REPORT
The Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association (KHSBCA) has released its Top 50 players for the 2009 season. The list includes players from throughout the state, including a pair from the 57th District and 15th Region. A breakdown of the KHSBCA's Top 50 players list follows.
KHSBCA Top 50 Players: Chase Adkins, Ashland Blazer; Chris Berry, Trinity; Brandon Boling, Bryan Station; Michael Buschman, Henry Clay; Jarred Clark, Shelby County; Chance Clifton, Franklin County; Eric

Craft, Greenup County; Logan Dailey, Harrison County; Brian Doering, Manual; Chase Downing, Daviess County; Tyler Dunaway, Eastern; Brandon Eggenschwiler, Dunbar; Jeff Embree, Danville; John Fidanza, Ballard; Neil Fogle, Apollo; Cody Forsythe, Marshall County; Drew Freeman, Estill County; Cody Gibson, Pleasure Ridge Park; Trevor Gott, Bates Creek; Spencer Greer, Bell County; Caleb Hanes, Bowling Green; Trey Harper, Pleasure Ridge Park; Logan Jackson, Bates Creek; Tyler Jackson, East Carter; Mark Kelly, Newport Catholic;

Sam Kidd, Ohio County; Ben Lady, Eastern; Corey Littrell, Trinity; Billy Logan, Greenup County; Austin Lyons, Paintsville; Luke Maile, Covington Catholic; Jared Martin Jr., Harrison County; Curtis McCombs, Ballard; Davey Murphy, Owensboro; Brandon Napier, Perry Central; Tanner Perkins, Rockcastle County; Gabe Pirie, Henderson County; Jordan Queen, Western Hills; J.T. Riddle, Western Hills; Zach Riney, Elizabethtown; T.J. Searcy, Hazard; Cory Sewell, Corbin; Chandler Shepherd,

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photo by Jamie Howell
BETSY LAYNE JUNIOR MEGAN HAMILTON was crowned the Floyd County Conference Player of the Year Thursday night. Hamilton, one of the 15th Region's top players, is pictured with Dr. Henry Webb, Floyd County Schools Superintendent.

Top-ranked Mountain State bounces Bears

Hicks breaks out of slump, scores 24 for Pikeville
TIMES STAFF REPORT

BECKLEY, W.Va. - Third-ranked Mountain State had no problem with Pikeville on Thursday night, rolling to a 97-71 win at the Raleigh County Armory.
The Cougars improved to 25-3 on the season, while the Bears lost in their second straight outing for 20 wins, falling to 19-10.
Mountain State got a huge game from junior Nick Aldridge, who finished with 31 points and 15 rebounds. Aldridge had 17 points and seven rebounds by the half, when the Cougars led 53-38.
Pikeville was led by sophomore Justin Hicks, who snapped out of his shooting slump with 24 points. In his last seven games, the Hazard product had made only five three-point shots; he had five by halftime and finished 6-of-11 from the arc.
Hicks also had six assists for the Bears.
He led three players in double figures, followed by junior Josh Samanco's 14, Senior Ewan Linton followed with 10 points and six rebounds.
Senior J.B. Smiley had a solid game across the board, finishing with six points, nine rebounds, five assists and three steals.
Aldridge led four Cougars in double figures. Andrew Lee followed with 17, while Tony Brown and Bo Harris had 11. Brown, a senior guard, also had six assists and five rebounds.

Lady Eagles top Paintsville for 57th District title

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

INEZ - Senior forward Celena Conley scored a game-high 24 points and senior guard Hayley Meek added 13 Thursday night to lead Johnson Central past Paintsville 60-49 in the 57th District Tournament title game at Sheldon Clark.
Johnson Central posted its ninth straight win, thanks in part to outscoring rival Paintsville in each of the last three quarters.
Paintsville enjoyed an early advantage, outscoring Johnson Central 13-8 in the first quarter. The Lady Tigers led at the end of each of the first two quarters, peaking a 24-21 lead into the half.
Johnson Central turned the game around in its favor in the third quarter, doubling up Paintsville 16-8. The Lady Eagles maintained an advantage in the second half, outscoring Paintsville 23-17 in the fourth quarter.
Senior forward/center Breanna Salyer joined her two teammates in double figures for Johnson Central, exiting the contest with 10 points.
Laura Carroll led Paintsville with 19 points. Britanni Chaffins was the second-leading scorer for the Lady Tigers, chipping in 17 points offensively.
Both Johnson Central and Paintsville advanced to the 15th Region Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center.



Betsy Layne remained on top in the 58th District Thursday night, defeating Allen Central in the district championship game.

Betsy Layne beats AC for 58th District championship

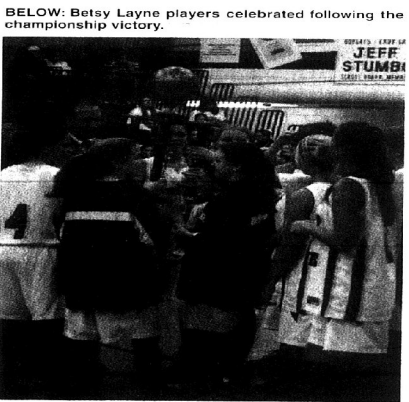
by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE - Tradition-rich Betsy Layne claimed another district championship Thursday night, defeating Allen Central 61-43 in the 58th District title game. Betsy Layne cruised past Allen Central, defeating the Lady Rebels 61-43. In her first season as head coach, former Lady Cat Devon Akers guided Betsy Layne to the district title.
The Lady Cats limited Allen Central to just five points in the opening quarter, never trailing en route to an 18-5 lead. Betsy Layne took a commanding 41-17 lead into halftime.
Megan Hamilton led Betsy Layne with a game-high 27 points. Taylor Hott added 19 points for the Lady Cats. Recent Pikeville College volleyball signee Andie Meade added eight points for the Betsy Layne team.
Betsy Layne finished strong after Allen Central held a 19-9 third quarter scoring advantage.
The Lady Cats finished the season undefeated in both the 58th District and Floyd County Conference.
Amber Shepherd led Allen Central with 20 points. Megan Jones scored eight points, and Jaime Mullins added seven for the Lady Rebels. Caitlin Kidd and Sarah Kinney scored

three points apiece for Allen Central. Logan Cline rounded out the Lady Rebels' scoring effort with two points.
Hamilton was crowned the Floyd County Conference Player of the Year. Reynolds was named the Floyd County Conference Coach of the Year. Both Betsy Layne and Allen Central made it into the 15th Region Tournament.
South Floyd 61, Prestonsburg 53; South Floyd earned the right to play in a play-in game as part of the 15th Region Tournament with a win over Prestonsburg Thursday night.
The Lady Raiders led at the end of each quarter, outscoring Prestonsburg 34-19 in the first half.
Ten different South Floyd players provided scoring. Kira Hall passed the Lady Raiders with 14 points out of a reserve role. Starting guard Kayla Hall also reached double figures for South Floyd, exiting the Betsy Layne floor with 11 points. Andrea Conn and Ashley Hall had seven points apiece for the Lady Raiders.
Senior Linsey Fields led Prestonsburg with a game-high 20 points. Sophomore Alexis DeRossett followed with 15 points for the Lady Blackcats. DeRossett hit a game-high four three-point field goals. Kristian Waugh and DeVann Fox pushed in seven points apiece for Preseason in the season-ending loss.



ABOVE: Betsy Layne Coach Devon Akers was named Floyd County Conference Coach of the Year.



BELOW: Betsy Layne players celebrated following the championship victory.

Asbury, Alice Lloyd advance into KIAC Semifinals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The 2008-09 Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) women's basketball tournament tipped off Thursday at Alice Lloyd College. Asbury College and host Alice Lloyd College won in the quarterfinals.
No. 4 Asbury College defeated No. 5 Midway College 80-70 on Thursday. Asbury (15-16) edged away late in the game after a tight battle through the first and part of the second half over Midway (2-26). Asbury's accuracy also from the field proved key as they outshot Midway 42 percent to 34.
Anna Stephenson and Hayley Spivey had double-doubles for Asbury. Anna Stephenson (Covington) had 21 points and 11 rebounds, leading on the glass. Hayley Spivey (Harrodsburg) contributed 10 points and 10 rebounds. Courtney Albin (Hartford) had the higher scoring outing with a game-high 25 points.
A trio of scorers reached double figures for Midway. Haley Wilkinson (Glasgow) led Midway in scoring with 15 points. Kayla Rose (Morganfield) had a presence in both scoring and rebounding, finishing with 13 points and five rebounds. Jackie Hicks (Florence) added 10 points for Midway.
No. 3 Alice Lloyd College moved on after a 79-31 win over No. 6 St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Alice Lloyd (17-12) overpowered and outmatched St. Louis College of Pharmacy (11-21). The Lady Eagles led in rebounding 51-30 and steals 12-3. Alice Lloyd also shot 41 percent from the field.
A variety of scorers paced Alice Lloyd. Five Alice Lloyd players had eight or more points in the conference tournament game.
Gemma Gray (Manchester) and Chelsea Jarrell (Paintsville) led Alice Lloyd with 10 points apiece. Sierra Wynn (Evarts) provided eight points and eight rebounds for the Lady Eagles.
Jennifer Littrell (Warrenton, Mo.) led St. Louis College of Pharmacy with 16 points and seven rebounds. Jeana Walbran Day (Florissant, Mo.) grabbed seven rebounds, including six on the defensive end. Susanna Hurte (Juncos, Ala.) had eight points and five rebounds for St. Louis College of Pharmacy in the season-ending loss.

Chapman named Pike Central football coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Pike County Central High School officials didn't waste long finding a new football coach. John Paul Chapman, an assistant coach at Breathitt County, has been tabbed to guide the Bobcats. Chapman was Pikeville head coach for one season, back in 1998. He replaces Chris McNamee who recently resigned.
In another area coaching move, Ben Howard recently took over the Pikeville football program after a successful stint as Leitch County Central offensive coordinator under his father Hillard.

BoB Late Model Series sets tentative schedule

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - The Battle of the Bluegrass Super Late Model Series has released its tentative schedule for the 2009 season. Currently, tracks in Kentucky, Tennessee and Ohio have dates locked in as part of the 2009 series tour. Locally, 201 Speedway in Johnson County has two dates scheduled for the 2009

campaign. The Johnson County dirt track has been a steady stop for the regional racing series. More dates will be added to the current schedule.
The Battle of the Bluegrass Dirt Car Racing Series' 2009 Super Late Model Series Tour Schedule tentative as of Feb. 28 follows. Date, Track, Location, Purse: April 25-Bluegrass Speedway, Bardstown, \$3,000; May 1-Ponderosa

Speedway, Junction City, \$3,000; May 2-Richmond Raceway, Richmond, \$3,000; May 23-Tazewell Speedway Tazewell, Tenn., \$4,000;
June 6-201 Speedway, Sitka, \$3,000; June 12-Ponderosa Speedway, Junction City, \$3,000; June 13-Bluegrass Speedway, Bardstown, \$3,000; July 4-201 Speedway, Sitka, \$3,000; July 10-Ponderosa Speedway, Junction City, \$4,000; July 11-Bluegrass Speedway, Bardstown, \$3,000; July 18-Richmond Raceway, Richmond, \$5,000; July 25-Portsmouth Raceway Park, Portsmouth, Ohio, \$3,000; July 31-Ponderosa Speedway, Junction City, \$5,000; Aug. 1-Bluegrass Speedway, Bardstown, \$5,000; Sept. 5-201 Speedway, Sitka, \$3,000; Sept. 6-Tazewell Speedway, Tazewell, Tenn., \$5,000.

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Former UK linebacker named finalist for Academic All-America Hall of Fame

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Former University of Kentucky linebacker Dr. Jim Kovach has been named a finalist for the Academic All-America Hall of Fame, the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) announced.

Kovach, an Academic All-American in 1978, is among a select group of finalists for the prestigious honor. The Hall of Fame is for former student athletes who earned Academic All-America distinction while in college and have gone on to extraordinary careers. The Hall of Fame Class of 2009 will be announced in April.

Kovach was the epitome of the term "student-athlete" at UK from 1974-78, earning a biology degree with a 3.50 grade-point average. He was a three-time All-Southeastern Conference honoree at linebacker and helped lead the Wildcats to the '76 Southeastern Conference championship. He is still UK's all-time leading tackler with 521 stops and has had his jersey retired by the school.

Kovach enrolled in medical school during his senior season, becoming the first player in modern NCAA history to attend medical school while playing football. A fourth-round draft choice by the New Orleans Saints, Kovach had a seven-year career with the Saints (1979-85) and San Francisco 49'ers (1985) and was named to the All-Saints 20th anniversary team for 1967-87.

Kovach continued his medical studies during the National Football League off-seasons and completed his medical degree at UK in 1984. After his playing days, he went to Stanford University and earned a law degree.

The unique combination of medical and law degrees has led Kovach to an interesting career. At various times, he has been: a corporate attorney, specializing in legal counsel for biotechnology companies, hospitals and medical device manufacturers; director of technology at a biotechnology company, identifying and assessing patentability and commercial potential of medical technology; director of technology management at Case Western Reserve University, managing biomedical technology licensing; vice-president of a bioinformatics company, providing software solutions to the pharmaceutical industry; and executive vice-president and chief operating officer of a biotechnology company that developed therapeutics to treat obesity, cardiovascular disease and cancer.

Study says UK program maximizing talent

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — A study by Matt Hayes of The Sporting News indicates that Kentucky is one of the nation's best teams for developing its football recruits.

Hayes did an analysis that compared recruiting rankings with the number of victories produced by the 66 teams in the Bowl Championship Series conferences. Hayes listed the teams 1-66 based on the average Rivals.com recruiting rank from 2004-08. He also listed the teams 1-66 based on the number of victories from 2004-08. Then, he obtained a differential in comparing the average recruiting rank with number of wins.

For example, Kentucky's average recruiting ranking for 2004-08 was No. 55. The Wildcats produced the 48th-most victories during that span. UK's differential of +7 was tied for the 18th-best improvement in the country.

Suffering from the effects of a severe NCAA probation, UK started the five-year period slowly, with a 2-9 record in 2004 and a 3-8 mark in 2005. Coach Rich Brooks' crew rallied nicely over the past three seasons, posting a winning record and bowl victory in 2006, '07 and '08.

Wildcats' website drew big numbers on signing day: The Kentucky Athletics Website, UKathletics.com, was one of the nation's most-watched sites on football signing day, according to CBS College Sports.

CBS College Sports manages the Web sites of 72 of the nation's 120 schools in the NCAA's Football Bowl Subdivision. UK ranked 10th among those 72 FBS schools, drawing 120,821 page impressions on signing day.

In addition to posting recruits' biographies, video highlights and quotes from Coach Rich Brooks and Recruiting Coordinator Randy Sanders, there was a four-hour, live interactive blog with several assistant coaches that enabled fans to ask questions of the coaches as the official signatures were received by UK.

Eastern Kentucky women upend UT Martin

Lady Colonels snap 11-game losing streak

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN, Tenn. — With the game tied, senior Ilona Muszak hit a three-pointer with 1.4 seconds left to give the Eastern Kentucky women's basketball team a 63-60 win over Tennessee-Martin Thursday night at the Elam Center. With the win, the Lady Colonels (7-19, 4-13 OVC) snapped an 11-game losing skid.

Sophomore Cherie White led EKU with 14 points and nine rebounds. Freshman Kayla Drake finished with 13 points, four rebounds and four steals. Sophomore Laura Becerra handed out a career-best nine assists and finished

with six points. Phyllisha Mitchell led the Skyhawks (2-26, 0-17 OVC) with 24 points and 16 rebounds. Yalonda Davis contributed 15 points and five assists.

Mitchell got a shot off to tie for half court but it missed to the left.

Eastern Kentucky finished the game with 21 offensive rebounds.

EKU led for the first 10 minutes of the game until Tennessee-Martin used a 10-0 run to turn a 14-10 deficit into a six-point lead. Alishia Glover's basket at the 7:27 mark capped the run. Eastern went nearly five minutes without scoring. The game was tied at the half.

Follow the upcoming Ohio Valley Conference women's and men's basketball tournaments in The Floyd County Times.

OVC: Morehead women drop nailbiter to Murray

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MURRAY — Morehead State University opened up an 11-point halftime lead at OVC-leading Murray State University Thursday evening, but the host Racers hit nine three-pointers in the final 20 minutes and rallied past the Eagles 75-71 at the Regional Special Events Center. Despite the setback, MSU can still claim the fourth seed and a home game in next week's OVC Tournament with a win Saturday at UT Martin or a Southeast Missouri loss at Austin Peay. The Eagles fell to 16-13 and 10-7 in the, while Murray State moved to 20-7 and 15-2 in the league.

Junior Brittany Pittman recorded her 14th double-double of the year with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore Chynna Bozeman also notched her first career double-double with 18 points and a career high 12 rebounds. Freshman Ashley Martin came within two of her career-high with 16, and junior Tiffanie Stephens reached double figures with 10. However, Pittman missed the final five minutes of the game after sustaining an injury that will continue to be evaluated.

After holding Murray's Amber Guffey to only two points in the first half, she exploded for 18 in the final half and finished with 20. Her twin, Paige Guffey, led the Racers with 21 points, while Ashley Hayes, the fifth leading scorer in the nation, had 18 points and eight rebounds.

The Eagles crashed the glass hard during the game, outrebounding the Racers 54-45. Deja Watson added 10 boards for the Eagles.

Murray jumped out a 13-5 lead in the first six minutes of the contest, but the Eagles went on an 11-2 run and

grabbed their first lead, 16-15, at the 7:04 mark of the first half on a Bozeman triple. MSU pushed the lead out to as much as 14, and at one point hit five consecutive three-pointers. Since the 13-5 Racers lead down to the 11:04 mark, MSU outscored the hosts 30-8 and led 35-24 at the half.

In the final half, the Eagles ran the margin out to 12 (31-39) with 13:39 left, but the Racers went on an 11-0 run themselves and tied the game at 51 with 9:58 left. The Eagles proceeded to score the next four for a 55-51 advantage, but once again the Racers came back. Paige Guffey's three-pointers with 8:04 left gave the hosts a 56-55 lead. Murray State led 71-65 with less than two minutes left, but another Bozeman trey cut R back to three at 71-68. A Kayla Lowe 10-footer as the shot clock wound down made it a 73-68 Murray advantage, but Bozeman drained yet another three and it was a two-point game. With 10 seconds left, Hayes hit a pair of free throws for the final margin.

The Eagles were 9-of-36 behind the arc, and the Racers were 13-of-33. For the game, MSU hit 35 percent, while Murray State was good for 39 percent of its shots.

Eagles fall to Racers: Murray State: The Morehead State University men's basketball team lost a tough 69-64 game at Murray State Thursday (Feb. 26) evening. Now, the Eagles, who are tied for second place in the Ohio Valley Conference will travel to first-place UT Martin on Saturday (Feb. 28) with a chance to earn a share of the league championship and possibly a number one seed in the conference tournament.

Morehead State is now 16-14 overall, 12-5 in the OVC. UT Martin leads the league at

13-4, and the Eagles are tied with Austin Peay and Murray State in second place.

Murray State (17-11) was led by Isaac Miles who scored 13 points and handed out a game-high six assists. Danero Thomas and Tony Easley had 12 points each, and Kevin Thomas added 11 points for the Racers.

The Eagles were led by Demonte Harper who scored 14 points. Leon Buchanan had 13 points and a game-high six rebounds. Maze Stallworth added 11 points. Kenneth Faried, MSU's second leading scorer who leads the OVC and ranks fourth nationally in rebounding, was limited to only 19 minutes in the game due to foul trouble. He scored four points and had two rebounds.

"Life on the road is tough," said Morehead State Coach Donnie Tyndall. "It's disappointing that Kenneth was only able to play 19 minutes in a game that was so critical." "Murray State has veteran guards who don't turn the ball over much, so give them credit. They are a good team, and it was a tough environment to play in. But, our kids played hard to the end and had a chance to win."

Despite losing on Thursday, Morehead State clinched an OVC Tournament first round home game next Tuesday (March 3) thanks to Eastern Kentucky's loss at UT Martin.

Eastern Kentucky falters against host UT Martin

Host UT Martin shot 51.7 percent from the floor and cruised to a 74-55 win over the Eastern Kentucky University

men's basketball team Thursday night in the Elam Center. With the win, the Skyhawks (20-8, 13-4 OVC) ended a five game losing streak to the Colonels (18-11, 10-7).

Junior Papa Oppong was the only EKU player to reach double figures as he tallied 11 points. Senior Mike Rose, who was averaging 21.0 ppg entering the contest, was held to seven first half points.

For the Skyhawks, forward Olajide Hay recorded a double-double with career highs in points (22) and rebounds (12). Guards Lester Hudson and Marquis Weddle combined for 33 points.

UT Martin led from start to finish as the Colonels could muster just two field goals in the first 11 minutes of the contest. A dunk from Djero Riedewald gave the Skyhawks their largest lead of the opening half, 17-6. EKU was twice able to cut the deficit down to three points, but UTM used a 10-2 run late in the stanza to take a 32-23 lead into halftime.

The Skyhawks began the second half on a 12-3 spurt and was never seriously challenged the rest of the way. UT Martin shot 57.7 percent (15-of-26) in the final 20 minutes and held Rose scoreless.

Due to victories by Murray State and Austin Peay Thursday, combined with the EKU loss, the Colonels will be on the road as the No. 5 seed for the upcoming OVC tournament.

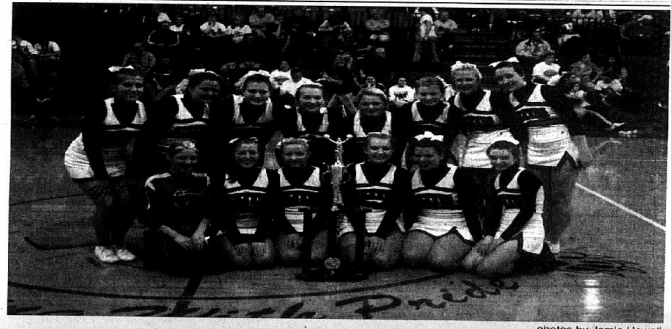
MARCH MADNESS
Turn to The Times for men's and women's college basketball coverage during the month of March.

BluegrassPreps.com Kentucky High School Boys Basketball Final Rankings

1. Scott County
2. Holmes
3. Eastern
4. Jeffersonton
5. Shelby Valley
6. Lexington Catholic
7. Elliott County
8. Franklin County
9. Corbin
10. Ballard
11. Anderson County
12. Boone County
13. Mason County
14. Clark County
15. Tates Creek
16. Trinity
17. Bryan Station
18. Warren Central
19. Christian County
20. Adair County

BluegrassPreps.com Kentucky High School Girls' Basketball Final Rankings

1. Iroquois
2. Elizabethtown
3. Montgomery County
4. North Hardin
5. Lexington Christian
6. Sacred Heart
7. Franklin-Simpson
8. Louisville Christian Academy
9. Rockcastle County
10. Manual
11. Meroy
12. Butler
13. Nelson County
14. Lincoln County
15. Simon Kenton
16. Casey County
17. Highlands
18. Marion County
19. Rowan County
20. Henderson County



PRESTONSBURG won the cheerleading competition in the 58th District Basketball Tournament.



PRESTONSBURG prevailed in the 58th District Tournament dance team competition.



ALLEN CENTRAL finished runner-up in the 58th District Tournament. First-year head coach Tiffany Turner guides the Lady Rebels.

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Late winter sauger fishing nearing peak across state

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The inevitable late winter rains fall, filling creeks and rivers full to their banks. The warmer rainwater mixes with the river water and increases the temperatures a few degrees.

The rise in water temperatures and the slightly longer days signal to sauger that it is time to spawn. Dams on the Ohio and Cumberland rivers block their migration routes and they amass below them. The sauger fishing peak is nearly upon us.

"The water temperatures still need to rise just a little on the Ohio River," said Doug Henley, Ohio River biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Once the water temperatures jump up a few degrees into the

mid-40s, watch out. They are below the dams right now, but mostly those precocious young males."

The larger, breeding fish haven't moved up yet because the water temperatures on the river are still in the high 30s. "The river is on a decline right now, a slow drop," he explained. "The gauge at Markland fallows read 24 feet a few days ago."

Sauger hit many different lures, but it is hard to go wrong with a white, lime-green or chartreuse grub rigged on a leadhead jig with the hook exposed. This combination fools sauger today just as much as it did 30 years ago. Shad-shaped soft plastic baits in pearl, pearl black, black, or chartreuse also work well. Small crankbaits with flashes of chartreuse on them, small spoons and in-line spinners

draw strikes, too.

Grubs makes great lures for fishing tailwaters because of their low cost. Tailwaters are full of snags, rocks and old fishing line and you will lose lures, sometimes a lot of them. A crankbait, spoon or in-line spinner with a treble hook won't last long if it contacts the bottom in these snag-laden environments.

For those without a boat, Meldahl Lock and Dam near Foster, Kentucky, Markland Lock and Dam near Warsaw and McAlpine Lock and Dam across from Louisville all provide good sauger fishing in winter.

At Meldahl Lock and Dam, bank anglers need to get their lures as close to the release gate wall as possible. The L-shaped structure formed by the release gate wall and the dam wall is a sauger-hot spot. Use as

heavy a leadhead as needed to cast your grub near that wall. This spot is well known and fished hard, but still produces sauger.

"One of the premier areas is Markland Lock and Dam for sauger fishing," Henley explained. "There is a public park there and a good quarter-mile of shoreline you can fish. Markland offers ease of access."

The park is located on the Indiana side of the river via U.S. 42 and KY 1039 in Gallatin County. Anglers with a valid Kentucky fishing license may fish the Indiana bank of the Ohio River without buying an Indiana fishing license.

The McAlpine Lock and Dam in Louisville is a highly productive sauger fishing area, although it lies next to the biggest metropolitan area in the state. Try fishing down near the Falls of the

Ohio Interpretive Center with 1/4- to 1/2-ounce leadhead grubs and shad-shaped soft plastics when the water is high, and move up toward the dam when the river is low. The Ohio forms a series of chutes just below the dam at low water that resembles creeks. Sauger crush small crankbaits and light grubs fished in these chutes.

Access to McAlpine Lock and Dam is also on the Indiana side of the river at the Falls of the Ohio State Park, but anglers with a valid Kentucky license may fish there.

Over the past two years, walleye and trout anglers fishing the Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam have been surprised by how many sauger they've caught.

"They are biting well when they are generating at Wolf Creek Dam," said John

Williams, southeastern fishery district biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "I got a report from an angler who caught nine sauger there last Sunday."

The state record sauger, a 7-pound, 7-ounce taken by Rastie Andrew in 1983, came from the Cumberland River below Wolf Creek Dam. "They are catching them right up against the dam," Williams said.

The lures that work in the Ohio River for sauger will produce in the Cumberland. Plus, you may catch a bragging-size walleye at this time of year as well. If all else fails, crappie minnows fished with a few split shot on the line will produce some sauger.

Get out of the house and shake off the mopes and get a sauger on the end of your line. The best fishing of the year is here.

Kentucky NWTW chapters win big at annual convention

TIMES STAFF REPORT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — National Wild Turkey Federation chapters in Kentucky received L.A. Dixon Memorial Chapter Awards during the NWTW's 33rd annual National Convention and Sport Show.

The L.A. Dixon awards are given to local, state and provincial chapters that excel at conservation fund raising, education and outreach events year-round. The following chapters from Kentucky earned L.A. Dixon Outstanding Chapter Awards for their excellent work in 2008.

The London Longspurs Chapter, headquartered in London, was recognized by the NWTW for winning the outstanding first banquet awards in the Highest Total Membership, Highest Net and Highest Net-to-Gross Percentage categories.

The Kentucky State Chapter was recognized by the NWTW for winning third place in the Best State Chapter with 10,000 to 19,999 Members category.

"The NWTW has the world's best volunteers and chapters without a doubt," said George Thornton, NWTW CEO. "Without their hard work and dedication, the NWTW and its partners couldn't have invested more than \$286 million to enhance habitat for wild turkeys and other wildlife, improved opportunities and access to hunting land or introduced youth, women and people with disabilities to the outdoors. We're proud to honor our chapters with the L.A. Dixon Awards to commemorate their exceptional performances."

The L.A. Dixon Memorial awards are given in honor of a man who gave unselfishly during the NWTW's early years.

Dixon founded the North Carolina State NWTW chapter, served at the national, state and local levels and traveled thousands of miles at his own expense carrying the NWTW's message to all who would listen. The NWTW honors Dixon's achievements through the L.A. Dixon Outstanding Chapter Awards.

Last year, NWTW chapters hosted 2,350 Hunting Heritage Super Fund banquets to raise funds for the NWTW's conservation and outreach initiatives.

NWTW to manage portion of Land Between the Lakes; The National Wild Turkey Federation has signed a 10-year agreement with the USDA Forest Service to manage a portion of the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area to improve habitat for wild turkeys and other wildlife.

In the first year of the agreement, the NWTW will manage

4,500 acres of wildlife openings, cropland and hay fields on the 170,000-acre peninsula, which lies between Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley in western Kentucky and Tennessee and is currently managed by the Forest Service.

Projects done through this agreement will be designed to protect, improve, restore, and maintain habitat for a variety of wildlife species. Some projects will include controlling non-native invasive plant species and supervising maintenance of wildlife openings, cropland, and hay operations consistent with the most beneficial practices for wildlife.

"Reaching this agreement with the Forest Service is an incredible opportunity for the NWTW," says Dr. James Earl Kennamer, senior vice president for conservation programs for the NWTW. "Both the NWTW and the Forest Service share an interest in wildlife

conservation and promotion of environmental education to the public, and the NWTW brings an already established network of partners and volunteers to help further our common mission."

Land Between the Lakes, the largest inland peninsula in the United States, features 300 miles of undeveloped shoreline, hunting opportunities, a 700-acre Elk & Bison Prairie, hiking and biking trails, campsites, backcountry camping, boat ramps, water sports, a nature center, a planetarium, an observatory, a horseback riding campground, three sites on the National Register of Historic Places and much more.

According to the Land Between the Lakes Area Manager Bill Lisowsky, the NWTW partnership will complement his staff in managing the National Recreation Area to its fullest potential. The long-standing conservation

partner, NWTW, will use its resources and expertise to help promote and manage this large-scale public land, which is home to various threatened, endangered, and sensitive wildlife species.

Hiring a new regional biologist for Kentucky is one way the NWTW will achieve this. The biologist will provide support on private lands and on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' lands in addition to providing biological assistance at Land Between the Lakes.

The NWTW plans to expand its coverage area annually, and to incorporate its Environmental Education, Energy For Wildlife and outreach programs including Women in the Outdoors, JAKES Xtreme, JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge Ethics and Sportsmanship) and Wheelin' Sportsmen, into the management plan.

- KNOTT COUNTY SPORTSPLEX UPCOMING EVENTS SCHEDULE**
- March 7-8: EKBA/YBOA Boys & Girls Tournament
 - March 14-15: EKBA/YBOA Second Chance Qualifying Tournament
 - March 20-22: BCI Boys & Girls Mountain Preview
 - March 20-22: ABC Baseball and Fastpitch Softball Camps
 - March 28: Kentucky Girls Middle School Volleyball Classic
 - April 4-5: EKBA/YBOA Third Chance Qualifying Tournament
 - April 10-12: BCI Boys & Girls Tri-State Invitational
 - April 17-19: BCI Boys & Girls Super Showcase
 - April 25-26: EKBA/YBOA Regional Tournament
 - May 1-3: BCI Boys & Girls Appalachian Mountain Challenge
 - May 9-10: EKBA/YBOA Last Chance Qualifying Tournament
 - May 15-17: BCI Boys & Girls Northeast Super Regional
 - May 30-31: EKBA/YBOA State Tournament
 - June 6-7: EKBA/YBOA Boys & Girls Tournament
 - June 13-14: EKBA/YBOA Tune-Up National Tournament
 - June 20-21: EKBA/YBOA Boys & Girls Tournament

Volunteer Speedway to host Tennessee Thunder Series for season opener this month

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BULLS GAP, Tenn. — Bristol Motor Speedway won't be the only venue for racing in East Tennessee this third weekend in March. Volunteer Speedway will begin its 36th season of exciting dirt-track racing on Friday, March 20 during Bristol NASCAR weekend by hosting the Tennessee Thunder DirtCar Series for a 50-lap \$3,000-to-win Super Late Model main event, with the Crate Late Models in action for a 30-lap \$1,000-to-win feature. Complete event info for Friday, March 20 to be posted soon.

The 2009 Volunteer Speedway racing schedule will be released soon, but some of the special events slated this season will showcase the Lucas

Oil Late Model Dirt Series, American Motorcycle Association (AMA) Flat-Track Series, American Sprint Car Series, Tennessee Thunder DirtCar Series, and possibly others to be announced.

For the 2009 racing season at "The Gap," the Crate Late Model division will once again be sanctioned by the Fasttrak Racing Series.

After much thought and consideration by track owner Joe Lovan, for the 2009 racing season at Volunteer Speedway there will be no Mini Stock or Open Wheel Modified divisions due to the decline in car count over the past few seasons. With both classes given the opportunity to pick the car count up, an increase of cars never materialized. Thus the difficult decision has been

made to eliminate the classes.

"I hated having to drop the classes, but it's just something that had to be done," said track owner Joe Lovan. "With the uncertain economic times of today with people losing jobs and businesses closing, race-track owners are having to closely look at their operations. When you have classes that you're paying out in purse a good sum more than they're (race teams) bringing into the pit gate, then you've got to consider whether or not to keep the class of cars. With an average of eight Mini Stocks and seven Open Wheel Modifieds, and those classes having been given the opportunity to come out and support the track, I just had to finally arrive at the decision to drop the classes."

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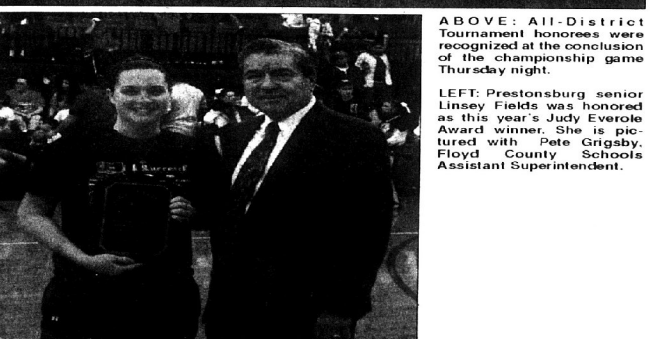
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FLOYD COUNTY GIRLS' BASKETBALL



THE 2008-09 ALL-FLOYD COUNTY CONFERENCE TEAM IS PICTURED ABOVE. PHOTOS BY JAMIE HOWELL



ABOVE: All-District Tournament honorees were recognized at the conclusion of the championship game Thursday night.

LEFT: Prestonsburg senior Linsey Fields was honored as this year's Judy Everole Award winner. She is pictured with Pete Grigsby, Floyd County Schools Assistant Superintendent.

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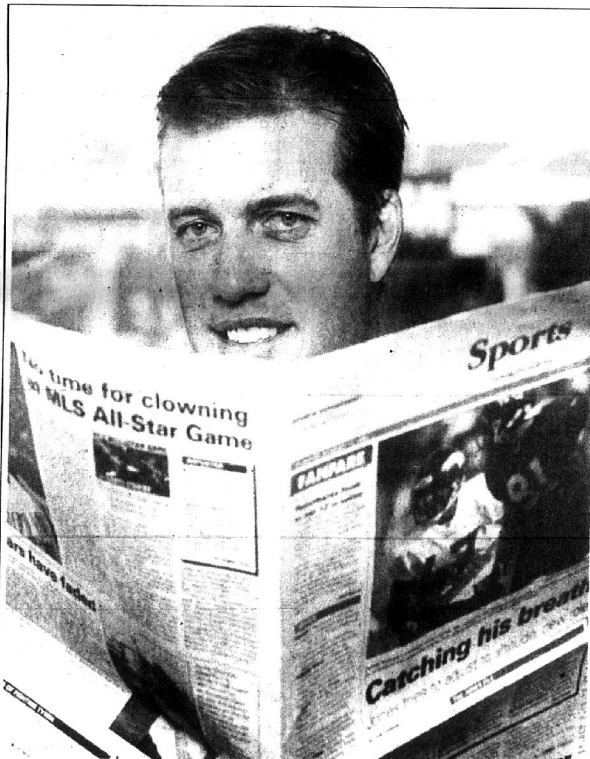
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Spider web in fuel line not as unusual as you think

by TOM and RAY
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Dear Tom and Ray:
I was driving my 2007 Forester to work the other day when the check engine light came on (it has about 15,000 miles on it). I brought it in to the dealer, and they checked it out. The computer said it was code P1443, Evaporation Control Solenoid Malfunction. They cleaned a spider web out of the charcoal canister hose. Does this sound right, or am I getting hosed? (It was covered by the warranty — but I am suspicious that something else might actually be wrong with the vehicle and will reappear after the warranty runs out). What do you think? — Mary

TOM: Believe it or not, Mary, this is said to be a pretty common problem. We've never seen it at our shop, but we've read about it. I guess gasoline is the Chanel No. 5 of the arachnid world.

RAY: We've seen a number of service bulletins over the years alerting us to the dreaded spider-web-in-the-fuel-line problem. In your case, there probably was a bunch of webby stuff in the fresh-air intake line to the evaporative emissions canister. That was preventing the fuel tank from breathing properly (fresh air has to enter the gas tank to fill up the space left by the used gasoline; otherwise, the tank will slowly implode). That set off your check engine light.

TOM: So I don't think the dealer is hiding anything, or trying to cover up some other problem. I'd guess that he told you exactly what was wrong, and he fixed it.

RAY: Of course, in order to prevent this from happening again, he'll want to sell you the specially made Subaru Bird of Prey to eat any future little "line blockers."

Should dealer do scheduled service?

Dear Tom and Ray:
My husband and I disagree on many things, but with this one, we both think you can help! We have a 2005 Nissan Sentra, and it's time for its scheduled 30,000-mile check-up. Because we still have the warranty, I prefer to go to the dealer and have this routine maintenance done (I hear doing it at an outside garage could cause the warranty to be voided); he thinks we'll get ripped off, and would rather take it outside the dealer network. Since we're both students and can't afford to buy a new car, we need to know what the right thing to do is! Help! — Preethi

TOM: Get Preethi. We hate to be critical of dealerships. Especially since they already have "hits" out on both of us. But regularly scheduled maintenance (the 30,000-, 60,000- or 90,000-mile services) is one of the areas where they absolutely hook up the vacuum to your wallet and let it rip.

RAY: We should point out — that nice sniper gentleman with the rifle in the window across from our garage — that there are plenty of things for which you absolutely SHOULD go to your dealer. Warranty work, recalls and service actions are some obvious ones. Or just good work, if you're lucky enough to have a dealership you like and trust, and that charges fair prices.

TOM: The same goes for unusual problems. An independent mechanic may see two 2005 Sentras a year, might recognize immediately. That can save you hundreds of dollars on a diagnosis.

RAY: But scheduled service is something that a lot of dealerships still charge way too much for, in our opinion.

TOM: Most 30,000-mile services involve changing the oil and filter, changing the air filter and checking a bunch of stuff. All of the required maintenance items are listed in the back of your owner's manual.

RAY: But it's not unusual, in our experience, for dealer-

ships to add lots of unnecessary services to that list. Or simply charge a lot for checking things that can be checked very quickly and easily. We've seen 30,000-mile services that cost \$400, \$500 or \$600 when they really should cost only \$200-\$300 — at most.

TOM: Dealers may argue that there are things that should be done that aren't listed in the owner's manual. In our experience, that's unusual. They may argue that they

use genuine original manufacturer's parts. But your independent mechanic can get those parts for you, too, right from the dealership.

RAY: Whatever you decide, having your scheduled maintenance done by a non-dealership mechanic will not void your warranty. As long as you can demonstrate that you have done the maintenance listed in the back of your owner's manual (your repair receipt from any repair shop, or even receipts for

parts if you do the work yourself, will suffice), your warranty will remain in full force.

TOM: So, to be fair to dealers, because I'm sure there are exceptions, here's what we suggest: Take your owner's manual and go to the garage of your choice. Show the mechanic the list of required maintenance and ask for an estimate of what it will cost to have all of that work done, using Nissan parts.

RAY: Then call the dealership and ask for its price on

the 30,000-mile service. If the prices are the same or similar, then why not go to the dealer? But I think you'll be shocked by the difference in price, Preethi. We have been.

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