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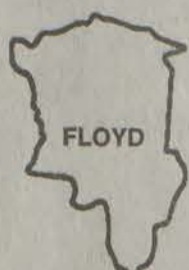
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Board vows to fight charges

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Proclaiming that litigation against the Kentucky Board of Education and Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody is imminent, Floyd County School Board members adjourned into an apparent illegal closed session to discuss their strategy to fend off possible ouster by the state school board.

Board attorney Jerry Patton advised board members not to discuss in public Cody's announcement Monday that he

intends to seek the removal of the remaining four board members and superintendent Gene Davis.

The board could wind up in Floyd Circuit Court if the state issues "an adverse ruling" in ouster hearings for board members, Patton said.

A member of the media objected to a closed session to discuss Cody's comments, saying the board said it would only pursue litigation if a ruling is made to oust the board. Official removal charges have not yet been filed against Floyd officials nor have ouster hearings

been scheduled.

Cody said Monday those charges are expected to be completed within ten days.

Patton said he "respectfully disagreed" with the media's objection and the board adjourned behind closed doors to discuss the issue.

"I don't think we have to sit out here in public and discuss strategy when the wolf's at the door," Patton said. "I don't mean any disrespect to Mr. Cody or his colleagues. The wolf's at the door; litigation is not threatened, it's imminent. It's

going to happen."

Under the state's Open Meetings Law, public agencies may only discuss proposed or pending litigation in secret.

Patton also said he believed that the Kentucky Board of Education violated the state's Open Meetings Laws by moving a discussion on Floyd County officials from Tuesday's agenda to Monday.

Floyd school board members routinely move items on its regular and special

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Commissioner arrested in chop shop operation

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

"Street talk" in the Wheelwright area led to the arrests of three men believed to be involved in a chop shop operation which has caught the eye of federal officials.

In preliminary hearings Wednesday, Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson testified that reports to him that "something was going on" at Luther Johnson Jr.'s home led to Johnson's, Burnette Little's and John Allen's arrests last week.

At Johnson's home, Thompson found a 1996 Grand Am, reported stolen from Childers and Venters in Pikeville, in Johnson's garage. The vehicle had been "cut up," Thompson said.

"I talked to him and Luther said basi-

cally that he'd messed up," Thompson said.

Johnson bought the brand-new vehicle from Allen for \$500, the sheriff testified. The vehicle was valued at \$12,500. The sheriff said Johnson paid the money to Allen and another man Johnson described as being "six-foot tall and red-headed." Thompson said Allen was taking orders for the car parts.

Johnson and Little admitted helping to "cut up" the vehicle, Thompson said. Johnson and Little had given him written statements regarding their involvement in the chop shop operation.

Assistant County Attorney Lance Daniels asked Thompson if Johnson and Little admitted "helping cut the car up." "Yes," Thompson responded.

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Members of the Prestonsburg Honor Choir performed during Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival's opening night ceremonies. They performed numerous routines, including a Hatfield-McCoy dance. They ended with a tribute to America as the Prestonsburg Fire Department shot fireworks above City Hall. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

Promise Keepers return home

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Twenty-five years ago Steve Shelton joined a rally of men in Washington D.C. to protest the Vietnam War. Last weekend, he was once again at the nation's Capitol to add his voice to a massive chorus of commitment.

"There was a lot of hatred (at the Vietnam War protest) but, this time, it was strictly love," Shelton said.

Shelton was one of 32 men from this area who joined nearly two million other

men on Capitol Mall for a rally of Promise Keepers, a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to uniting men to become godly influences in their communities.

Promise Keepers is not an organization, according to local Promise Keeper Jim Newman. Its rallies and conferences

are open to attendance by members of all denominations.

Newman, Shelton and a few other local men who attended the Washington, D.C. rally met Monday at the First United Methodist

"I don't think any man came back Sunday morning the same man," Hansel Cooley

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Phillip Tudker, Harry Vincel Cooley, Deward Hale, Allen Powers, Greg Shepherd, Hansel Cooley, Tim Cooley, and Travis Risner attended a Promise Keepers' rally in Washington, D.C. Saturday. (photo by Clarence Risner)

Who pays legal fees for ouster of board?

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

With Monday's announcement that state Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody intends to bring removal charges against Floyd County school board members and the district's superintendent, questions are being raised as to who will pay for their legal defenses.

Board members and superintendent Gene Davis have indicated they intend to fight any attempt by the state to oust them from office.

Board member B.J. Newsome said it was his understanding that board members are entitled to legal services from the Kentucky School Boards Associa-

tion (KSBA).

Since board members pay KSBA, especially for liability and errors and omissions insurance, with public monies, are taxpayers indirectly paying for the superintendent's and board's defense?

Department of Education attorney Kevin Noland said Wednesday that it would be improper for the board to receive legal services from KSBA if the fee for those services was paid with public money.

Brad Hughes, spokesperson for the KSBA, disagrees, saying board members are entitled to legal assistance

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Judge orders Greene Co. trial with separate jury

by Bill Jones
Staff Writer

The Greeneville (Tenn.) Sun

Judge James E. Beckner ruled Thursday that the six young Kentucky residents charged in the April 6 murders of three members of the Lillelid family will be tried in Greene County, but by a jury chosen from another, as yet undetermined, county.

Judge Beckner's ruling came during a hearing on motions for a change of venue that had been filed by defense attorneys in the case. Speaking from the bench, the judge said he didn't know where the court would go to select the jury to try the case and that the decision would not be made until after he has heard a number of other pending defense motions.

"If I did know, I probably shouldn't

say now," he said.

Thursday's hearing did not address motions for separate trials that have been filed on behalf of several defendants. But in a response to a question from public defender Greg W. Eichelman, Beckner said defense motions for separate trials may be heard at a hearing scheduled for October 30.

During the Thursday morning hearing, attended by all six defendants and their some one dozen attorneys as well as a large number of reporters and spectators, including family members of the defendants, defense attorneys argued that the trial should be moved due to extensive pretrial publicity.

Third Judicial District Attorney Gen-

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Public hearings

The Allen City Commission will conduct three public hearings Monday and Tuesday to discuss the transfer of the city's water company to the Prestonsburg Utilities Commission.

Monday's public hearings will be held at 6 p.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church in New Allen, and at the shelter near the first crossing in Dwale.

A third public hearing is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Allen City Hall.

Rodeo

The annual Rodeo for District 12 road crews will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today (Friday) at the Jenny Wiley State Park swimming pool area.

Equipment operators in the district will compete on obstacle courses during the rodeo and the winner will receive a trophy.

Delores Dingus, with the Transportation Cabinet, said seven counties will participate in the District 12 Rodeo. The counties are Lawrence, Martin, Johnson, Floyd, Knott, Letcher, and Pike counties.

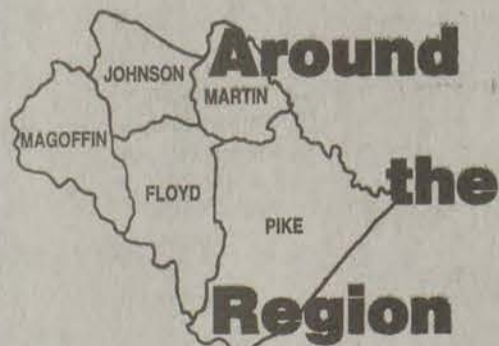
Dingus said the public is invited to attend Friday's event. Tickets to University of Kentucky basketball games will be given away in a drawing.

Floyd County crew wins first place

The Floyd County maintenance crew won first place last weekend during the first-annual KECC Softball Tournament at Stumbo Park in Allen.

The winning team will be presented with a trophy during the District 12 Rodeo today (Friday) at the Jenny Wiley State Park swimming pool area.

Funding raised during the softball tournament was donated to Kentucky Employees Charity Contributions.



Around the Region

Police bust drug, theft ring in Lawrence County

City Government Week in Martin

The city of Martin will celebrate City Government Week '97 from October 13-17.

The city anticipates conducting several scheduled events, including an open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, and a ceremony to honor the police department.

Citizens are encouraged to attend the events and be involved in the celebration of City Government Week '97.

Keepers

Church in Blackbottom to discuss their experiences.

John Burke of Prestonsburg said the gathering was "the largest assembly of godly people since Moses."

"Wasn't that the idea?" Frank Heaberlin, a member of the First United Methodist Church in Paintsville, asked. "Moses went before God and stood in the gap for the children of Israel. That's what we did. We stood in the gap for the nation."

This year's theme for the Washington rally was "Stand in the Gap: A Sacred Assembly of Men," and its goal was to make men realize they have a God-given responsibility for the spiritual health of their families. Promise Keepers' founder Bill McCartney reportedly told the men.

Promise Keepers have been under attack by the National Organization for Women (NOW), which says Promise Keepers put men solely in the role of decision makers and subjugate women.

That's not so, according to the men gathered at the Methodist Church Monday.

Tim Cooley said that young ladies with T-shirts displaying handmade lettering that said: "God bless the Promise Keepers" rode their bicycles on the outskirts of the crowd.

"(McCartney's) purpose is not to build a big powerful organization, but to empower men to work in their local churches," Newman said.

Hansel Cooley summed up Promise Keepers' purpose by relating the words of one of the speakers at the Washington rally:

"[I]f you have a kid messed up, it's not long until you have a messed-up family, then a messed-up neighborhood, a messed-up city, state and a messed-up nation," Cooley said.

"You have to get them unmessed by starting at the top and going back to the bottom because it started at the bottom. Promise Keepers' message is that you must stand up for your family, not in an abusive way, but take the spiritual head of the household."

"Men are not filling the obligation (to) their families," Steve Shelton added. "So many men father children and don't stay."

"By being the spiritual head of

the household, you have to one day answer for your actions," another Promise Keeper, Tim Cooley, said.

As the men talked, their enthusiasm and spiritual awakening was evident. All agreed that the experience had changed their lives, including their definition of Christianity.

"I don't think any man came back Sunday morning the same man," Hansel Cooley said.

As he talked about his experience, he would often be overcome with emotion and pause in his discourse.

"I found one important thing. I've been a Christian a long time. What I thought was a Christian was someone who was on time at church service, sat in church for one hour, went home to eat, have a nap, and go back to church. (Jesus) said you are not to be served, but to serve. You have to become humble and broken. God is not in a box. You can't just take him out when you want to."

Steve Shelton, who attended a conference earlier this year in preparation for the Promise Keepers' Washington rally, said he was hesitant about attending the conference.

"I didn't want to be in a stadium with just men. It was this macho thing. But once I got in there, we all had the same goal — worshipping in the presence of the Lord," Newman said.

One of the things the Promise Keepers want to do away with is "isms," according to Clarence Risner, and the ministry points that one person can make a difference.

"What gets things changed is one or two people. We dwell on racism ... All isms are out ... We know the cure. We, as Christians have sat here and got comfortable and let things happen."

At the rally, they learned one voice raised in unison creates power by a simple lesson: the 2.6 million men were asked to state their denomination at the same time.

"It sounded like Babylon," one of the men said. "But when we were asked to say 'Jesus Christ is Lord,' and it was once voice."

"The spirit of God was all over the place," Risner said.

"When I got there, I saw a big wave (of arms) had started. I thought 'look at those nuts,'"

Harry (Vincel) Cooley added. "It was like the wind blowing. They were yelling 'I love Jesus, yes I do; I love Jesus, yes I do.' It got by me two times. Then I started squalling, too."

"It stripped down our macho-manly pride. Society says men have got to be tough," Shelton said.

"Everyone thinks (showing emotion and love) is a weakness, but it's one of the best strengths you've got," Harry Cooley said.

The men combined their strength in hours of prayer. They prayed for their families and for their nation.

"The (men) were lined up on Pennsylvania Avenue, along the gate in front of the White House. They were lined up from end to end praying. Guys were grouped together and kneeling together, praying for the President," Shelton said.

"And the President wasn't even there," Tim Cooley added, explaining that Clinton had been taken to a bunker for safety because security officials feared reprisals from other organizations to the Peace Keepers.

The men plan to continue the commitment they made at the Peace Keepers' rally. After 36 hours with very little sleep and very little food, they returned home Sunday morning, took a quick shower and went to church where they testified and praised God so much that no sermon was needed, according to the church's pastor, Sam Knox, who also attended the rally.

Knox said one of his goals is to get the men to reach out into the community with their Christianity and to come to the aid of people in need. He also hopes to see the barriers built by congregations come down and Christians unit in a common goal of good.

"We all have something in common — our eternal destination," Dr. Phillip Simpson added.

Local men attending the rally included Tony Vandine, Al Gunther, Phillip Tudker, Greg Shepherd, Randy Hayfield, David Meade, Phil Meade, Durward Hale, Jon May, Jeremiah Parsons, Jason Robinson, Travis Risner, Alan Powers, Jamie Billiter, Pete Carroll, Jim Alford, Bill Booth, Jeff Shuraw, Keith Frasure, and George May.



Promise Keepers

Attending the Promise Keepers' gathering in Washington, D.C. were Dr. Phillip Simpson, Tony Vandine, John Burke, Sam Knox, Steve Shelton, Al Gunther, Phillip Tudker, Greg Shepherd, Randy Hatfield, Frank Heaberlin, David Meade, Phil Meade, Tim Cooley, Vincel Cooley, Hansel Cooley, Durward Hale, Jim Newman, Jon May, Jeremiah Parsons, Jason Robinson, Travis Risner, Alan Powers, Clarence Risner, Jamie Billiter, Pete Carroll, Jim Alford, Bill Booth, Jeff Shuraw, Keith Frasure, and George May.

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—First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
Wrong must not win by technicalities.
—Aeschylus

Guest Editorial

More sunshine

Kentucky Supreme Court lifts veil of secrecy for judges and lawyers

Much to the dismay of many lawyers and some judges, the Kentucky Supreme Court has lifted the veil of secrecy over disciplinary hearings for judges and attorneys. While we would have preferred even more openness regarding attorney hearings, the high court's move is a giant leap forward for the public's right to know.

Currently, disciplinary proceedings for judges and attorneys are kept secret until final action has been taken. If a judge or attorney is not disciplined, no record of the proceedings is made public. Citizens who file charges against judges and attorneys often never know what action, if any, was taken on their complaints.

Under the new rules released by the state Supreme Court Monday, disciplinary proceedings involving judges will become public once a complaint has been determined to have some merit and a formal charge has been filed. That's the way it should be. Judges in Kentucky are elected officials, and what takes place during a disciplinary hearing could help voters determine whether or a judge merits re-election.

For lawyers, the secrecy will be lifted only if there is a finding of guilt by a trial commissioner. But the court's directive

also adds some safeguards before then. A non-lawyer will be appointed to the bar's governing board and to the tribunal that conducts the initial inquiry.

While we would have preferred opening the proceedings for lawyers once it is determined a complaint has some merit, the new rules will better inform the public and help dispel the perception that lawyers protect each other.

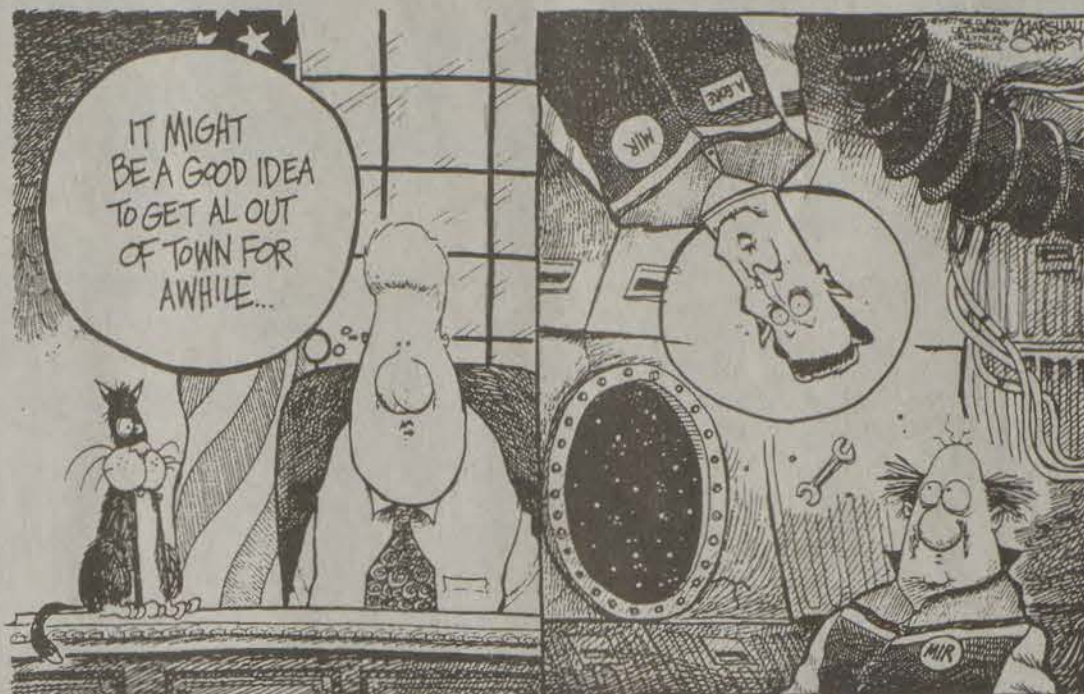
With the new directives, which will not go into place until July, Kentucky joins 47 other states in disclosing disciplinary proceedings against judges and lawyers. Even though similar rules have existed in other states for many years, the Kentucky Bar Association vigorously opposed the changes.

Chief Justice Robert Stephens deserves much of the credit for the changes. The state's highest ranking judge rightly recognized that the "veil of secrecy itself creates suspicion."

It's time that the public's doubts about legal discipline were removed, the chief justice said. "The perception that we're protecting lawyers and we're protecting judges will now disappear," Stephens said.

Right on, Justice Stephens.

—The Daily Independent, Ashland



A Legislative Perspective

with Rep. Gregory D. Stumbo, Majority Floor Leader

A very serious situation exists in the Commonwealth. It is complex with no obvious answer. I am referring to health care insurance rates and the condition of the industry in Kentucky. Last week, the Governor called a special session of the General Assembly to consider the circumstances that are jeopardizing the financial stability of many Kentuckians. It is an issue that is haunted with past failures of two other legislative efforts to reduce insurance costs. Yet it must be acknowledged that it was and is a complex issue that was an unknown entity to most legislators and we have learned from the failures.

We have carefully researched other states' efforts and based our decisions on programs operating with some degree of success. And understanding what has not worked, we, as public officials, have the obligation to our constituents to go forward and correct the problems that have emerged.

I feel very good about the attitude of lawmakers as we begin this session. We have the good fortune to have some veteran legislators who have survived the reforms that are not working; we have new fresh faces that carry new ideas and new enthusiasm and we have a new Governor who has indicated his willingness to lead us through this complicated situation and make this session a success for the people of Kentucky. I believe most legislators have gained a degree of understanding for the health care process and can make decisions with more authority and overall comprehension.

There are two primary bills filed for our consideration, one originating in the Senate and one in the House of Representatives. The two bills share varying forms of guaranteed issue, portability and guaranteed renewal. The bills do, however, vary in several aspects. The House bill establishes a "play or pay" system to guarantee insurance coverage for those with preexisting conditions. Insurers either would cover high-risk individuals or pay an assessment to insurers who do. There would also be a "safety net" version that would be phased out

once competition returns to the market (approximately forty-five insurance companies have currently left the state.)

The Senate bill creates a "high risk" pool into which individuals with chronic illness can be placed. Fees for those in the pool without previous coverage rates can be as much as 150 percent higher than for individuals outside the pool. Any person having insurance for at least 12 months prior to entering the pool cannot be charged more than 135 percent of the established rates.

The Senate bill designates that insurance companies determine who is high risk and the House Bill directs the Insurance Commissioner to establish the list of high cost conditions based on diagnosis and severity.

Provisions in the Senate bill appropriate money from the state's General Fund to cover additional costs of the sickest people. For the next three years, \$5 million per year would be earmarked for this purpose. The House plan advocates assessing insurance companies an amount determined by their share of the overall market.

Insurance companies can avoid rate hearings under the Senate plan if they pledge to spend at least 65 percent of an individual or small group premium on claims. If this doesn't happen and the insurer fails to meet the loss ratio, a refund to policyholders would be mandatory.

The House proposal allows insurance companies to raise their rates anytime and bill customers immediately. However, the insurance commissioner and attorney general can call for a rate hearing if they consider the rates unrealistic.

There is not a simple solution. And, health care insurance reform seems to mean different things to different people depending on their situations. As public officials, we must carefully consider these two proposals and finally support the package that will obviously help the most Kentuckians. I value your opinion on this issue and urge you to either call me at home or use the toll free number at the Capitol, which is 1-800-372-7181.

Is our Senator McConnell right?

A room full of veterans, angry veterans, on a hot August evening with one issue, flag burning, flaring their tempers and testing their patience. A politician walks into the room. Occupying his mind is his bid for reelection to the US Senate just months away. Although, a more immediate concern, irrational, but conceivable, is the protection of his limbs. The veterans want answers. The politician had opposed a law attempting to make flag burning a crime.

On that day, and all through his career, Senator Mitch McConnell believed the First Amendment was not to be tampered with, and in spite of the votes he would surely lose, he made no apologies as he told the veterans why he had voted against the flag burning amendment.

It may have been that what was coursing through McConnell's head was the need to establish consistency in light of the First Amendment stance he had steadfastly taken in the 1996 debate over campaign finance reform, a debate which has peaked again over the last several weeks. In his mind he may have felt so secure he would defeat Steve Beshear, since he would outspend him more than 2-1, that sacrificing the votes of a few disgruntled veterans would be worth the effort. The media, after all, would treat his visit as an act of courage.

But McConnell did not need to attend the veteran's meeting, just as he does not need to fight so hard against the 1997 revival of the McCain-Feingold (campaign reform) bill, placing himself on every news show he can find to criticize the proposal. While there is virtually nothing to be personally lost by opposing the reforms (he will be called nothing he hasn't already been called), there is equally nothing for him to gain. Against the strain it may place upon our preconceptions about politicians, it seems we are left to conclude that McConnell is acting out of genuine, deeply-felt concern for the First Amendment protections which are alleged to be involved.

Peel away the posturing, and the core issue of the McCain-Feingold bill is: The Supreme Court in Buckley, v. Valeo equated money with free speech. The court said Congress may limit "contributions to" a candidate but may not limit independent expenditures "on behalf of" a candidate. Both are protected under the First Amendment, but just as government may stop one from yelling, "Fire!" in a crowded building, government may also limit one's campaign contributions. Government has a compelling interest in the regulation.

The limit on expenditures was offered more protection in Buckley, however, although the line between "contributions" and "expenditures" is paper thin. Dissenting (disagreeing) in Buckley, Justice White said, "The act of giving money to political candidates...may have illegal or other undesirable consequences: it may be used to secure the express or tacit understanding that the giver will enjoy political favor if the candidate is elected. Both Congress and this Court's cases have recognized this as a mortal danger against which effective preventive and curative steps must be taken...It would make little sense to me, and apparently made none to Congress, to limit the amounts an individual may give to a candidate or spend with his approval, but fail to limit the amounts that could be spent on his behalf...For constitutional purposes it is difficult to see the difference between the two situations...As with the campaign expenditure limits, Congress was entitled to determine that personal wealth ought to play a less important role in political campaigns that it has in the past. Nothing in the First Amendment stands in the way of that determination."

Justice White's dissenting opinion is now shared by all Democrats (and only four Republicans) in the Senate, mainly because the Republicans will be more adversely affected. In response, Republicans have attached an amendment which would prevent unions from using member's money for political purposes without adequate consent from the workers. Although that union practice is just as deplorable as the abuse of "soft money," the Democrats will (most likely) refuse its passage. Campaign finance reform is destined to fail. Yet the power to reform still lies in the hands of the people, but only if they communicate their opinions to their legislators. Senator Mitch McConnell (R), 361-A Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; Senator Wendell Ford (D), SR-173A Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510—or link to their web sites at: www.senate.gov.

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Schooling kids at home, more popular than ever

Home schooling is no longer a thing of the past, when youngsters, living in remote log cabins, were taught their a-b-c's at home. As a matter of fact, home schooling is becoming an increasingly common alternative to public school education in this country. And, it is perfectly legal in all 50 states.

According to Cheryl Cozort of Hager Hill, who presented a talk on home schooling in PCC's Pike Auditorium on Friday, October 3, there are six laws which govern home schooling in Kentucky. They can be summarized as follows:

Home schools are considered as private schools in this state. Hence, if parents decide to home school, they must first establish a bonafide school for their children. In other words, they have to have a name for their school...any name they wish to create. Then, each year, they are required to notify the superintendent of schools in the district where they live, of their school's name, address, and the names, ages, and place of residence of each student, i.e., their children.

Instruction must be offered in English and in the branches of study that are taught in the public schools, i.e., reading, writing, spelling, grammar, history, mathematics, and civics.

Homeschoolers must provide instruction for a term at least as long as the public school term in their district, i.e., 185 days, including no less than the equivalent of 175 six-hour instructional days, or 1050 instructional hours.

Homeschoolers must record and maintain scholarship reports of each student's progress at the same interval as the local schools. In most counties in Kentucky, this means creating a grade report every nine weeks on all subjects taught.

Accurate records of pupil attendance must be kept.

In Kentucky, private schools must be open to inspection by the director of pupil personnel and other education department officials. However, since their home is

their school, homeschoolers have been given the option of arranging a suitable place outside their home to meet such officials so they can review the homeschooler's instruction records.

"I am here to tell you about my life," said Cozort in her opening remarks, "because home schooling is a way of life. It's very time-consuming, requires a great deal of initiative on the part of the parents, and home schooling families must put their children's education above all...even the housework! In short, if you're going to home school, you have to be totally committed to it, and you must have the support of your spouse in every way."

One of the main reasons the Cozorts decided to home school their three young sons (Adam-14; Nathan-12, Aaron-10) was to protect them from learning negative behaviors which often accompany the daily close association with others of their age, Cozort explained. She said that it doesn't mean they don't have the opportunity to interact with children their own age, as they participate in many supervised social and sports activities in the community.

"Probably the most common criticism of home schooling is that home schooled children will not develop the social skills they need to fare well in today's society," Cozort said. "That is absolutely untrue." She went on to say that, by being home, learning with their siblings, children develop tolerance, understanding, and how to be helpful to others of different ages, as well as respectfully conversant with adults.

At the end of Cozort's presentation, PCC's Dr. John Shiber, who sponsored the talk, invited members of the audience to ask questions or give some of their opinions and insight. This was followed by refreshments, which were provided by PCC Division of Biological Sciences, and the Paintsville Wal-Mart, Kroger, and Sav-A-Lot stores.

Gov. Patton announces grant awards to victim service agencies

Governor Patton announced grant awards totaling over \$3.3 million to agencies serving victims of crime. The funds are being provided to spouse abuse centers, rape crisis centers, child advocacy centers, victim advocacy programs in prosecutors' offices, and other agencies.

Mountain Comprehensive Care, under the Big Sandy ADD program, is slated to receive \$74,400 in funding for counseling services, adult and child sexual abuse/assault victims, domestic violence victims, and court advocacy services for persons in the counties of Floyd, Pike, Magoffin, Johnson, and Martin.

The governor said, "Ensuring that advocates are available to help children and adults recover from

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PRIDE represents the first comprehensive, region-wide, local-state-federal cooperative effort designed to address the serious challenge of cleaning up the region's rivers and streams of sewage and garbage, ending illegal trash dumps, promoting environmental awareness, and renewing pride in Eastern and Southern Kentucky. Rogers announced the PRIDE initiative in June, and as chairman of the House Subcom

the aftermath of crime is an essential responsibility of this Commonwealth. These grants are intended to help us accomplish that goal."

The grants were awarded from federal funds made available through the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) passes by Congress in 1984.

The funding is being used by the 63 agencies receiving grants to provide support, counseling and court advocacy to victims of child abuse, domestic violence, rape, elder abuse, and other crimes.

A statewide program, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has been granted \$70,184; and the domestic violence shelter serving the Leslie, Knott, Perry, and Letcher counties will receive \$65,126.

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ACADEMICS

Freshman at PCC was elected college homecoming princess

Sonya Stephens, a freshman majoring in speech education, was voted Prestonsburg Community College's Homecoming princess during an election held September 17-18.

Stephens, the daughter of Clevis Stephens and Gertrude Moore of Prestonsburg, will represent PCC at Homecoming ceremonies to be held during halftime of the University of Kentucky-Northeast Louisiana football

game on October 18 at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington.

Other members of the PCC Homecoming Court include:

- Lora Chaffins, a freshman majoring in communications. She is the daughter of Joan Chaffins of McDowell.

- Melissa Gilbert, a freshman majoring in social work. She is the daughter of James Gilbert of Braffordsville.

- Beth Ann Puckett, a freshman majoring in early elementary education. She is the daughter of Larry and Carolyn Puckett of Wayland.

- Keisha Lance Spencer, a freshman majoring in speech therapy. She is the daughter of Philip and Debbie Spencer of Eastern.

The princess and her court will be guests of honor October 7 at a tea hosted by Dr. Deborah L. Floyd, PCC president.

Duff students eligible for U.S.S.C.A.

James A. Duff Elementary School Counselor, Kitty H. Frazier, announces that 19 students have been nominated for the U. S. Student Council Award. This award will pro-

vide future scholarship opportunities.

These outstanding students have demonstrated high standards of achievement, leadership ability, community service, and great acade-

mic potential.

Each student nominated will be sent a biographical data form for inclusion in the U.S.S.C.A. year-book.



Leaf booklets

Collecting and identifying leaves was big business for Pat Burke's fourth-eighth grade science students last week at Auxier Elementary. Her science students identified each leaf collected, labeled each as simple or compound, pinnate or palmate. Many wrote brief descriptions of each leaf and the tree represented. Pictured here are three students whose leaf collections won as excellent for collection, labeling, description, presentation and originality. From left are Roger Collins, Derek Blackburn, and Tiffany Rowe.



Students nominated are Kyle O'Quinn, son of Danny and Billie O'Quinn of Garrett; Johnna Ison, daughter of Johnny and Regina Ison of Martin; Sarah Noble, daughter of Ron and Tina Noble of Garrett; Megan Conley, daughter of Roger and Linda Conley of Hueysville; Kayla Gearheart, daughter of Wayne and Stella Gearheart of Hueysville; Michael Robert C. Fitzpatrick, son of Mike and Patty Fitzpatrick of Garrett; Amber Hall, daughter of Phillis Hall of Eastern; and Miranda Holthouse, daughter of Jack and Martha Holthouse of Hueysville. Others were Leslie Martin, daughter of Randy and Gloria Martin of Langley; Tiffany Prater, daughter of Ronda Ousley of Hueysville; Lauren Robinson, daughter of Lonnie and Karon Robinson of Martin; Elizabeth Thornsberry, daughter of Greg and Tammy Thornsberry of Wayland; Heather Watkins, daughter of Jerry and Ruby Watkins of Garrett; Stephen Waddles, son of Robert and Sherry Waddles of Eastern; Chad Webb, son of Thomas and Jackie Webb of Langley; Ashley Slone, daughter of Dale and Lisa Slone of Garrett; Amanda Vance, daughter of Kathy Vance and Robert Vance of Garrett; Daniel Ratliff, son of Bruce and Rena Ratliff of Hueysville; and Eric Wallen, son of Shannon and Lorna Wallen of Garrett.



On September 23, the eighth grade students from Dr. W.D. Osborne Elementary School traveled to Frankfort. Students visited the House of Representatives and Senate in both the old and new Capital and enjoyed lunch at the Treasury Department. While visiting the Governor's Mansion, students were able to admire the combinations of Greek and French decorations. The floral clock was an interesting attraction for the students to see. The students were accompanied by Principal Paul D. Tackett, Roger Johnson, Susan Tackett and Tammy Meade.

Cumberland College welcomes Whitaker as new campus minister

"I hope for a year of renewal and celebration," expressed Dean Whitaker.

Whitaker is the newest addition to the staff at Cumberland College. Filling the position of campus minister vacated by Wyndee Holbrook, the 32-year-old Hazard native followed God's call to Cumberland.

Whitaker holds a bachelor of arts degree from Alice Lloyd College in business administration and a master of divinity degree in Christian education from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He comes to Cumberland after serving as an instructor and assis-

tant director of Intensive English as a Second Language at the University of Louisville.

Whitaker has brought to the Angel-Dale house, with him excitement and large expectations of himself and of the students.

His past experiences in campus ministries were part-time at Spaulding University in Louisville, Alice Lloyd College, Hazard Community College and Prestonsburg Community College.

As campus minister, Whitaker's duties will include heading up the BSU, the Appalachian ministries and other campus and community outreach.

Whitaker hopes to ultimately implement a multi-housing ministry for housing projects and other close-quartered housing areas.

Whitaker's wife Jane, a native of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, will also be working on campus in the career development and placement office. The Whitakers met while studying at Southeastern Seminary where she too holds the degree of master of divinity with an emphasis in pastoral care.

Whitaker has a visionary outlook on his ministry at Cumberland College when saying, "I can't wait to see what God wants to do with me here."

Duke TIP program offers opportunities through annual talent search and motivation

With the school year in full swing, parents and educators alike are searching for ways to challenge students and engage them in their studies. TIP, the Duke University Talent Identification Program, can help. TIP is a non-profit educational organization designed to identify and develop the academic talent of bright students.

"The Talent Search provides an opportunity for highly able students to pursue an out-of-level testing experience which is diagnostic in nature," said Randy Green, TIP's assistant director for Identification and Support Services. "When compared to their grade peers, most of these students consistently rank in the highest percentile ranges. However, SAT and ACT testing provides a unique tool for measuring aptitude and abilities which far

exceed grade level expectations."

TIP's 18th annual Talent Search is currently underway. The Talent Search is intended for bright students who want to learn more about their abilities and about programs and services available to students like themselves. Interested students apply to TIP's Talent Search, and TIP registers them for their choice of the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Assessment (ACT). Talent Search participants take one of these tests along with high school students at selected sites nationwide in December, January, and February. About one-fourth of the Talent Search participants score as well or better than the average college-bound student on at least one of the scales of the tests. High scoring students are invited to recogni-

tion ceremonies in their states and at Duke University.

To apply to the Talent Search, students must be in the seventh grade attending school in TIP's Talent Search region and have scored in the upper three percent on sections of a nationally normed achievement test. The Talent Search region covers 16 states in the south, southeast, midwest, and southwest. Application deadline for the Talent Search is November 1.

Talent Search participants receive a variety of educational materials and publications. A results summary and counseling guide help students interpret their scores and provide suggestions for using their ability more effectively. TIP's publications help students find out more about academic opportunities and about the needs and interests of people like themselves. These publications include a guide to educational opportunities, newsletters, and a magazine on college choices mailed to TIP students in the tenth grade. TIP sponsors challenging educational opportunities for the students who qualify by their SAT or ACT score; summer residential programs which offer fast-paced courses across the liberal arts curriculum and weekend educational programs throughout the academic year.

For qualified 4th and 5th grade students in TIP's sixteen state region, TIP offers the Motivation for Academic Performance (MAP) program which provides younger students with information on educational resources. To qualify for MAP, students must achieve at or above the 95th percentile on a nationally normed achievement or aptitude test. MAP information will be mailed to schools in January with an early March registration deadline. Home schools that have eligible students for either MAP or the Talent Search may call the TIP office for application materials.

TIP is the largest of four programs of its kind in the nation. Since 1980, over 750,000 students from all parts of the world have taken part in a TIP program.



Auxier Elementary has a new principal and a colorful look this school year. Ruth Hopkins Goble, pictured here, has taught 26 years in grades K-7, and was head teacher at Auxier for four years. Mrs. Goble likes being principal at Auxier because "she loves children and loves dealing with students, and the public." She reports that many Auxier volunteers have beautified the school grounds and gym by donating various flowers, dirt, paint, heavy equipment, and lots of personal time and effort to make the school look great for the beginning year for all students, staff, and community. Goble reported that those who participated in these projects were Betty Curnutte, Tim Curnutte, Bobby Ann Wells, Jackie and Ruth Goble, Billie Ruth Wilcox, Kenneth and Bonnie McKinney, Phillip Ward, and Steve Martin.

Students participate in reading program

Auxier Elementary students participated in a reading program, "Read Across Kentucky," in which each student, parent, or staff member "colored" a Kentucky county for each book read.

Those students who received a certificate signed by Governor Patton for participating in the program are Bradley Akers, Brandon Bays, Felicia Ferguson, Hannah Goble, Heather Goble, Leigh Ann Goble, Rebekah Goble, Hope Goff, Kendra Grim, Kyle Grim, Ronald Hackworth, Charles Hamilton, Derek Henderson, Megan Henderson, Andrea Horn, Kayla Laramie, Kenneth Lazar, Nathan Lazar, Samantha Littleton, Daniel McKinney, Jessica McKinney, Stephen Martin, Jessica Martin, Stella Mullett, Joshua Music, Melissa Music, Joshua Newsome, Whitney Osborne, Jessica Pennington, Meredith Powers,

Robert Ratliff, Oliver Reynolds, Holly Rice, Tara Rohr, Megan Ryan, Shenna Shepherd, Cathy Spears, Justin Spears, Kimberly Spears, Shala Spradlin, Matthew Stamper, Brandy R. Wells, Kendra Wells, Justin Williams, Marc Williams, and Shane Williamson.

Mrs. Delores Reichenbach, Auxier Elementary librarian, read

each week with her library students and also received a certificate. Betty Caudill, consultant with Region 8 Service Center, sent the certificates to Auxier in time for the students to receive them at the start of the new school year. Kentucky reported 18,949,012 books read and was second in the United States in this achievement.

Scholarship semifinalist

Officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced recently the names of more than 15,000 academically-talented high school seniors who have qualified as semi-finalists in the 43rd annual Merit Scholarship Competition.

These semifinalists now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for, approximately 7,400

merit scholarship awards, worth some \$28 million that will be offered in the spring.

Stephanie Dotson of Newburgh, Indiana, is among the semifinalists. She is the daughter of Mike and Beverly Dotson. Stephanie is also the granddaughter of Elsie Dotson of the Mountain Parkway and the late Mitchell Dotson. Stephanie attends Castle High School.

Board

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meeting agendas and such a move is not a violation of the state's Open Meetings Law.

Patton said he was also concerned about a comment made by State Board Member Tom Gish to a Lexington Herald-Leader reporter in which he reportedly said he hoped state officials could make improvements in the district and "get out pretty quickly."

That would appear that Gish has already made up his mind on what to do in Floyd County, Patton said.

"That says to me that they've already made their mind up," Patton said. "That's a serious problem. This is the United States of America and you have constitutional rights. . . When I see that kind of thing happening, and I want to caution you up front, you need to wake up and see what you're up against."

Board member Ursal Ray Wilcox asked if state board members were appointed to their posts, instead of being elected by voters.

Patton said all the members are appointed by the governor.

Wilcox said it would not be right to be removed from office by someone who is appointed to their office.

"It's an awful strong accusation to make by an appointed person, instead of going out here and putting their name on the ballot and letting the public elect you and then letting the public take you out," Wilcox said. "Not someone who is appointed."

Patton said that "unfortunately" a statute has been enacted by state legislators which allows "appointed board members" to remove local board members from office.

"I guess that's real interesting whether or not that will pass constitutional muster," Patton said. "Fortunately, if you so choose, this matter ultimately will end up in the court system and you will no longer be subjected to the kind of what I perceive as authoritarian dictation. . . These issues will be litigated if you so desire."

Teacher Bud Reynolds asked Patton who would be paying the legal fees for the board.

Patton assured Reynolds that he would take no public money to defend the board against removal charges.

"I worked on this this week for a good 15 to 20 hours that I don't have any intention at all of billing the board for," Patton said. "That wouldn't be right to use public money. Let the expense come out of their pocket. It certainly won't be coming from public funds. There's no way on earth that's going to happen."

Patton did mention that the board does have an insurance policy in place, and the premium is paid for with public funds.

As for moving Floyd County up on the state's agenda, Patton said he intends to ask that the state board meeting be declared null and void because it allegedly violated the state's Open Meetings Law.

"Again, this is a democracy," Patton said. "You need to stand up and take notice of what's happened."

Davis said he was not informed that the discussion on Floyd County at the State Board Meeting was moved up a day until after he arrived at Kenlake State Park Monday evening.

"It was one of these communications problems," Davis said. "(State officials) have been pretty good

about notifying us about these things."

Also Thursday, board members discussed a projected \$321,000 deficit with their auditor Don Wallen.

Wallen said numerous accounting mistakes accounted for the various deficit figures which have surfaced the last few months and that mainly funds which belonged in other accounts were credited to the general fund.

One of the biggest expenditures credited to the general fund was over \$200,000 to purchase mobile classrooms. Wallen said the expense was not allowed by state officials because a BG-1 was not submitted prior to the purchase of the classrooms.

Wallen said the final audit report would be finished prior to October 31, in order to send it to state officials.

Wilcox and other board members wanted to know if they would be allowed to see the document prior to its submission to the state.

Wallen assured the board they would receive a copy.

In other discussions Thursday, which at times were obviously tense, the board discussed the results of a scathing 115-page management audit of the district.

Mullins asked association education commissioner Tom Willis to offer input on some of the problems areas described in the audit.

Willis said there were many questions he probably couldn't answer because of Cody's announcement that he would seek the removal of board members.

Most of the discussions seemed aimed at Davis, who was grilled on problem areas such as placing teachers in positions out of their fields of certification; placing staff in school without prior approval of site-based councils; and the condition of personnel records in the central office.

Davis said most of the teacher placements were related to making sure tenured teachers were not laid off.

"I'm big on tenure," Davis said. Board members also asked about schools where teachers were needed.

Davis said he could place teachers in those schools if the board lifted its hiring freeze.

Mullins asked Davis who was now overseeing the personnel department.

"No one's over it right now," Davis said.

"Have you checked the audit report on personnel?" Mullins asked. "I suggest we get someone in there."

Davis said that former superintendent John Balentine had assigned Eugene Blackburn to oversee that department, but board members were apparently not satisfied with his placement.

Mullins replied he had "nothing to do with personnel." Davis gave Mullins a sly smile and said, "Yeah, I understand that."

"I'm not for laying blame on anyone," Mullins said. "I just want it cleaned up."

Mullins suggested a corrective plan of action be developed by department heads and principals within 30 days to address the numerous problems outlined in the audit.

Board members agreed on the suggestion, but no formal action was taken.

Mine superintendent admits safety violations

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The former superintendent of a Floyd County mine, where a Honaker man was killed last year in a roof fall, admitted Monday in Pikeville's U.S. District Court that he was violating mandatory health and safety standards at the mine.

Bill Jones, 32, of Dema, was originally charged with more than ten safety violations and with making false entries on mine records between May 15, 1996 and August 19, 1996 at the M&D Coal Company Inc. No. 3 Mine, located near Honaker.

Jones pleaded guilty Monday to allowing miners to go under an unsupported roof and failing to make them mark where the last row of roof bolts ended. He also admitted to smoking in the underground mines — which could ignite coal dust and methane gas.

Tracy Bryant, 20, of Honaker, was killed on August 15, 1996 — his second day working at the mine — when a six-foot by 11-foot section of the mine's unsupported roof fell on him.

The accident was not reported to the Department of Minerals and Mines and the Mine Safety and Health Administration until 17

hours later — the following morning.

Muncie Meade, who was an operator at the mine when the accident occurred, denied rumors last year that he or other workers were aware of the roof fall the day before the incident was reported.

An autopsy report indicated that Bryant died about 3:30 p.m. August 15. The incident was not reported to the authorities until the following morning.

M&D Coal Company Incorporated received 13 citations and orders by part and subpart concerning alleged safety violations during the fiscal year 1996 — two of which were due to roof supports, according to a citation and order history summary from the U.S. Department of Labor, Coal Mine Safety and Health.

Jones was indicted by a federal grand jury in July, and the 13-count indictment did not indicate if there was a connection between last year's fatal accident and the violations.

Ten of the indictment charges were dismissed with Jones' guilty plea.

Jones, who is reportedly a Knott County mine superintendent, is scheduled to be sentenced January 6, 1998 for the violations.

Burglary case is sent to grand jury

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Burglary charges against an East Point man accused of breaking into the home of Jeff Speaks, an administrative assistant for Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers, were referred to a grand jury Wednesday.

James P. Allen, 34, of East Point, is charged in connection with the burglary at Speaks Homes and an auto and tool theft from the city of Prestonsburg.

In a preliminary hearing Wednesday, sheriff's detective

Homer Neeley testified that Allen kicked down a rear door to Speaks home and stole approximately \$12,000 worth of belongings.

"I connected Allen to the crime based on information developed through witness statements and statements by the subject charged," Neeley said. "He said he broke into the Speaks home by breaking-in the back door."

The detective also said he matched a shoe print found on the door to one of Allen's shoes.

Allen took some of the stolen property to a home in Van Lear in

Johnson County and traded it for a pickup truck, Neeley said. The detective said about half of the items stolen from Speaks' home have been recovered.

Also Wednesday, Prestonsburg police sergeant Anthony Castle testified that he had linked Allen to a burglary at the city garage at Cliff where a Prestonsburg utility vehicle and \$11,000 in tools were stolen.

Castle said a confidential informant provided information regarding Allen's involvement in the theft and that he could not disclose the name of the informant because "of an ongoing investigation" involving Allen.

During a search of Bobbie Jo Salisbury's Van Lear residence, where Allen was reportedly staying, Castle said he found numerous other stolen items unrelated to his case against Allen.

Allen had a struggle with Johnson County Sheriff Don McFaddin when he was allegedly caught "loading up the truck with stolen merchandise in Johnson County," Castle said.

When Castle testified that there were two children hiding in the home when Allen broke down the door to commit the burglary, Allen responded, "you're sitting there lying again."

Allen made no further comments after being admonished by his attorney, Kristi Gray.

There was no sign of forced entry at the city garage, Castle said, and Allen was a former city employee. Fingerprints were found at the scene, but tests to match the prints to Allen's have not been completed, the officer said.

District Judge James Allen referred the cases to a Floyd County Grand Jury.

Honey Branch site is 'preferred location'

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Four Big Sandy area counties continue to move forward in a joint attempt to have the Honey Branch site in Martin County selected as the location of a federal prison, which would provide between 350 and 400 new jobs in the area.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Thursday and named the Honey Branch site as the "preferred location" for the new prison, according to a press release from Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers.

The Honey Branch project is a joint effort of Floyd, Martin, Johnson and Pike counties to create new jobs and improve basic services in the region.

"(The FEIS) says we've selected the site and we're moving forward," Rogers said.

"I'm sure the four county judges and surrounding areas will be ecstatic that the Honey Branch site was selected as the preferred location," Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale said Thursday. "We are still working and moving ahead and locking in on infrastructure. We just hope the site is selected as the final decision."

The FEIS is a procedure that all federal projects must undergo, and a 30-day comment period and a review follows the FEIS report before the Federal Bureau of Prisons will announce its formal decision.

The four counties teamed up to form the Honey Branch Industrial Development Authority, Inc. earlier this year and applied for financial assistance from the state's Local Government Economic Development Fund — Regional Industrial Park Program.

That program was formed to assist underdeveloped areas of the state and to fund multi-county projects with coal severance taxes.

The Honey Branch project, located near the Big Sandy Regional Airport in Martin County, is seeking \$3.5 million from the

Black Lung office has phone number wrong

Recipients, who previously received assistance with changes to their Federal Black Lung benefit checks from the Social Security Administration, recently were mailed notices explaining that the Department of Labor and the Social Security Administration entered into an agreement that will transfer services from Social Security to the Department of Labor.

This notice was directed to those Black Lung recipients who normally receive their checks on or near the third day of each month.

A typographical error listing the Pikeville Federal Black Lung Office phone number appears on the notice. For assistance regarding Black Lung checks or to report changes, call the Pikeville Black Lung Office at 432-0116. If you live outside the local calling area, call their toll free number, 1-800-366-4599.

Newsome family reunion

A Newsome family reunion, for the relatives of Elias G. Newsome, Sarah Jane Akers Newsome (first wife), and Rhoda Newsome (second wife), will be held during the last two weeks on June 1998. Exact date will be determined later. Contact Raymond Newsome, 12651 Bruce Hunt Rd., Clermont, Florida 34711-9056, (352) 394-1684.

Go west!

Partners, looking for an alternative to Halloween? Go west, young people—West Prestonsburg, that is — to Hallelujah Time at Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, October 31, from 6-8 p.m. Food, carnival, prizes, games. Also seeking donations, toys, prizes.

Chop shop

Defense Attorney Kristi Gray asked Thompson what happened to the car.

"It was taken by a local wrecker service and then transported back to Childers and Venters, where I asked them to store it," Thompson said.

Thompson told Gray that Allen had also given him a statement, but the sheriff did not offer any details of what Allen told him.

Gray asked that the theft by unlawful taking charge against


Allen be dismissed because there was no evidence the vehicle had been stolen in Floyd County.

Daniels did not object to the charge being dismissed because the alleged crime occurred in Pike County.

District Judge James Allen agreed and dismissed the theft charge against Allen.

Judge Allen also referred the charges against Johnson and Little to a Floyd County Grand Jury.

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Historical

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patent embraced the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, with a strip of land on either side, extending from the water's edge to the crest of the ridge, beginning at a point on the river to a point above the mouth of Cow Creek. A stake at the Forks of May's Branch marks a point in the "back line" of the 2,000-acre survey, and also marks the lower corner of the five-acre Lot No. 11 of the original survey of the Town of Prestonsburg. Judging from the language of the original survey and the topography of the ground, this marked beach (JG) probably stood at the lower end of the large bottom below May's Branch, and this entire bottom was included in and marked the beginning of the 2,000-acre patent. The original survey of the Town of Prestonsburg was made on May 13th, 1797, under Col. John Preston's Grant, by John Graham, D. S. M. C. (Deputy Surveyor of Mason County, Ky.) for the Adventurers under Major Andrew Hood, and Solomon Stratton."

During the period from 1800 to his death in 1835, John Graham was Floyd County's leading land agent. The 2,000-acre tract which we are discussing here was just one of his many landholdings. Davidson points out that on March 1st, 1815, Graham sold "most of the upper portion of the Town of Prestonsburg" to John Spurlock, the first man to establish a home on the site of the future town. According to family tradition, Spurlock brought his family from Montgomery County, Virginia in 1791 and erected a cabin on the ground now occupied by the Frances, Kazee & Frances Law Office. Not much is known about John Spurlock, but we do know that he served as town jailer in 1812. He and his wife Frances raised eight children, seven of whom married into the pioneer families of the valley.

In 1819, Graham sold another portion of his 2,000-acre tract to Mason Williams, a Baptist minister living in Morgan County, Kentucky, and it is this tract which becomes the focus of Davidson's research during the last half of his abstract. On May 18th, 1819, according to Davidson, Reverend Williams bought a tract of land adjacent to the land purchased by John Spurlock in 1815. "An adjoining tract of 50 acres was later acquired," he says, by the same Mason Williams, as assignee of John Yost by a survey of May 18th, 1819, under Land Office Warrant No. 2131, as recorded in Floyd County Survey Book A, page 314." Williams' deed shows that the property line began "at a hickory on the Graveyard Branch in the line of John Preston's 2,000-acre survey."

At a later time Williams added an adjoining 98-acre tract to his original 50-acre tract, and in 1834 he sold both of these to a man named William M. Smith. Smith subsequently sold them to a man named James M. Smith, and in 1865, this latter man sold them to Jerome B. Burrows of Ashtabula, Ohio. The two tracts later became known as the Smith, Burrows, and Garfield tract, and on March 17th, 1890, this tract was sold to Robert S. Friend of Prestonsburg, formerly the owner of the Washington and Jackson Hotel. Friend subsequently sold the tract to the Garfield Land and Improvement Company, reserving only a 50-foot square in the Smith Cemetery for his family's use. The consideration was \$140,000, a princely sum in those days, paid for by 1,400 shares of stock in the grantee's corporation.

The Garfield Land and Improvement Company was incorporated on March 24th, 1890. Listed as incorporators were P. O. Harmison, Isaac Richmond, R. S. Friend, T. H. Baldrige, S. T. Nickels, Walter S. Harkins, John C. C. Mayo, and A. H. Stewart. It was capitalized at \$280,000 in shares of \$100 each. Its stated business was the buying and selling of land.

Unfortunately, the company failed to sell enough property to pay its taxes, and several years later the sheriff was ordered to sell the property. Sheriff M. T. Allen subsequently sold 90 acres to Beverly C. May, and after that the land passed through many other hands. May and his wife, Anna Laura May, sold the land to Andrew Jackson Davidson in 1895. Davidson sued the Garfield Land and Improvement Company for possession of the land, and after litigation it was sold to satisfy the tax lien. Attorney Frank A. Hopkins bought the land at a Commissioner's Sale in 1899. After it was partitioned, it was

owned by a number of different parties, including Prestonsburg attorney Walter S. Harkins.

For purposes of clarification, Marshall also traced the title of a 20-acre tract located immediately east of the Mason Williams tract. On October 6th, 1815, John Graham sold this tract to Henry B. Mayo, later of Platte County, Missouri. In 1853, acting through his attorney, Edwin Trimble, Mayo sold this property to John M. Burns, one of the town's leading lawyers. Here again, the chronological chain of ownership men-

tions several of the town's prominent men. Henry B. Mayo was a brother of William James Mayo, Clerk of the Floyd County Court during the early period and a prominent Methodist lay preacher. John M. Burns, who built the house which became the Garfield House, 1850s, the law firm of Burns & Elliott enjoyed the largest law practice in the Big Sandy Valley. Edwin Trimble was one of the two Floyd Countians who were killed during the Battle of Saltville, which occurred on October 2nd, 1864.

On January 3rd, 1870, John M. Burns and his wife Keziah sold this tract of land to Sarah B. Denton, wife of James Denton and grandmother of John C. C. Mayo, the Paintsville capitalist.

After that, the tract was sold to Emma and Robert W. Weddington. Mrs. Denton paid \$900 for the tract and sold it to the Weddingtons for \$1,500. In 1890 the Weddingtons sold the land to Robert S. Friend for \$7,000.

Friend then sold a portion of the tract to S. T. Nickles of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, and in subsequent

years, the tract was broken up into smaller and smaller pieces. A part of the tract ultimately became, in 1904, the R. S. Friend & Co. Addition to the Town of Prestonsburg.

Land makes history, they say, and the history contained in Attorney Davidson's abstract sheds light on patterns of land ownership in 19th Century Prestonsburg.

It shows, for example, that from the very beginning, the town's leading men placed a high value on the level bottom land along the Big

Sandy River. This was to be expected, of course, in a county where most of the available land also shows that the favorite hobby of the town's lawyers and merchants was land speculation, and that, with typical American optimism, they looked forward to the day when the town's expanding population would require additional living space in the form of residential lots.

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Around The Region

Governor Patton named in lawsuit

Governor Paul Patton's name came up in a lawsuit filed by a former state official who says he lost his job with the Transportation Cabinet because he sought an investigation of a company previously owned by the governor.

Former Transportation Cabinet branch manager for internal audits, John Wesley Ruble, filed a lawsuit earlier this week claiming he was fired because he was a whistle blower against AnPat Inc., a landscaping business established by Paul and Judi Patton and later sold to the daughter of a Patton political supporter.

The business was sold to Barbara Adams Deskins, a daughter of former road contractor Stuart Adams. Both Deskins and Adams contributed to the Democratic Party; Adams also contributed \$500 to Patton's bid for the Governor's Office.

AnPat's new owner changed the com-

pany's focus. The business began installing guardrails and has contracted millions of dollars of work in Kentucky.

In his lawsuit, Ruble claimed that AnPat kept used guardrail it had removed and that belonged to the state. The used guardrail was supposed to be returned to a storage site in Frankfort.

A former AnPat employee, Joe Flynn, reiterated Ruble's claims in a sworn statement submitted with the lawsuit. Flynn said guardrail taken from I-75 were used on private enterprises.

An audit stated that there was no evidence state guardrail was used on private projects.

Ruble removed four tractor-trailer loads of guardrails from the AnPat storage site in Pike County in May of 1996.

Ruble, who was promoted to a management job in June of 1996, was fired in April 1997. The new management job

offered no merit system protection.

In his legal action, Ruble alleges he was induced into taking the promotion,

and that Cabinet officials planned to fire him for blowing the whistle on the alleged theft.

Regional RE Events



Founder's Week Inauguration and Celebration

October 21:

• 7:30 p.m.—The Count Basie Orchestra, sponsored by the Pikeville Concert Association, Booth Auditorium, Record Memorial Building, Level 5. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

• 9 p.m.—Founders' Week Celebration and lighting of the campus at the Allara Library Courtyard.

October 23:

• 11 a.m.—Inaugural ceremony in the Booth Auditorium, Record Memorial Building, Level 5.

• Noon-2 p.m.—Inaugural luncheon and entertainment by PC Music Ensembles in the Allara Library Courtyard/Dining Hall.

• 2:30 p.m.—Founders' Day Festival and games, sponsored by PC Student Government Association in the Allara Library Courtyard.

October 24-25

• Pikeville Academy and Training School Reunion.

MSU homecoming

Morehead State University has ordered a cake to share with alumni on Homecoming, Saturday, October 11.

The "wish cake" hot-air balloon was scheduled in honor of the University's 75th anniversary as a public institution of higher learning, according to Bill Redwine, director of alumni relations and development and coordinator of Homecoming activities. "Complete with 16 pink candles, red roses and banner and standing nearly 100 feet tall, it will welcome visitors to Jayne Stadium for the Homecoming football game," he said.

Scheduled to be installed about 11 a.m. that morning, the balloon will remain tethered at the entrance for two hours prior to game time, according to Mark Howard, MSU alumnus and promotions director and graphic designer for Oxford Promotions Limited in Louisville which owns the balloon.

Homecoming '97, which runs October 10-12, promises to be a special time filled with activities for returning alumni and friends, Redwine noted.

Kicking off the activities will be the annual appreciation coffee and continental breakfast for the MSU faculty and staff on Friday, October 10, from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

All employees are encouraged to gather for the event, which will be held in the Alumni Center. At noon, the Track and Cross Country team will host a luncheon in the Adron Doran University Center and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity will hold a golf tournament at Eagle Trace Golf Course.

The Welcome Reception, sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association, starts at 5 p.m., Friday, October 10, at the Morehead Holiday Inn-Pavilion. This event gives early arrivals a chance to visit with friends and various University officials.

Toll-free number for VA education benefits information

Robert J. Epley, director, VA Regional Office, St. Louis, Missouri, announces new services available to Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, and Iowa callers seeking information about VA education benefits.

Beginning October 1, a toll-free number will be offered which is 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (or 1-888-442-4551).

Police bust drug, theft ring in Lawrence Co.

by Jerry Pennington
Big Sandy News

A bust of an alleged drug and theft ring in Lawrence County last week has resulted in the recovery of several items connected with several other crimes in the community.

Last week, local police along with cooperation from the Kentucky State Police, arrested three people and confiscated over \$60,000 in stolen equipment as well as several marijuana plants and crack cocaine.

The arrests began around 7:30 p.m. Thursday, when Patrick Calvin Blackburn, 32, of Louisa and Shirley Hinkle Marcum, 25, of Genoa, West Virginia, were arrested in a house on Third Street in Highbottom, just south of Louisa.

Both were charged with receiving stolen property, possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance (crack cocaine). Among the property recovered there were televisions, VCRs, cable equipment, weapons and assorted tools.

About ten minutes later, Helen Spence, 32, of Torchlight, was arrested at her home five miles south of Louisa. She is charged with five counts of receiving stolen property, two counts of obscuring the identity of a machine, cultivating marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

At the residence, police obtained two ATVs, a motorcycle, a riding lawn mower, assorted garden equipment, stolen automobile parts and 55 cultivated marijuana plants. All three are being held at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Johnson County.

The arrests came following a joint investigation between the Kentucky State Police, the Louisa Police Department and the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department. Police also say more arrests are coming.

"At this time, we're still gathering information," Louisa Police Chief K.T. Adkins said. "We anticipate that there are at least five more people we'll be going after."

Adkins said the theft ring was definitely associated with the fire that burned

down the city garage in Louisa last month. The garage housed a vehicle that had been stolen.

"The vehicle that was burned in the city garage had been processed through chop shops," Adkins said.

Adkins believes that people involved in the ring would obtain titles to junked cars, then steal a car of similar make and model and switch the vehicle identification numbers. They would then sell the stolen cars as rebuilt models.

"We have no idea how many vehicles like this are floating around in the area," Adkins said.

Adkins said anyone who has recently received a good deal on a rebuilt car from someone, should check with police. A lot of the stolen vehicles came from the Columbus, Ohio, area, Adkins said.

"I'm not saying that we've shut them down, but we've put a dent in their operation," Adkins said. "I'd say this group is responsible for about 85 to 90 percent of the crimes in the county over the past year."

Adkins said they had information in several of the separate crimes, but credits officers Tim Ellis and Barry Bellomy with connecting the dots in the cases.

At the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, deputies are still sorting through files of cases that can be closed through the arrests.

Deputy Scott Randall said anywhere from eight to 12 cases will be closed due to the recovered items.

"This is a major operation that had been going on for a year, at least," Randall said.

Among the crimes linked to the arrest for the sheriff's department is last Monday's burglary of the Lawrence County Cable office in which over \$40,000 worth of equipment was taken. Randall said some of the equipment has already been recovered.

The sheriff's department is also expecting more arrests to come from the investigation, as well as more charges being filed against the three already arrested.

"We've been spending a lot of hours on this and this has been a long, lengthy investigation," Adkins said. "But by no means are we slowing down on this."

Pike County may get second Wal-Mart store

by Bruce Justice
Appalachian News-Express

The acquisition of land in South Williamson by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. could mean that town will be the second in Pike County to boast a Wal-Mart Supercenter.

But Beverly Rick, a spokeswoman for Wal-Mart Stores Inc., said nothing is definite and several details must be worked out before building plans can be finalized.

"Right now about all I can tell you is we did acquire some land in the South Williamson area back in July, and that presently we are working with the state of Kentucky to get all the necessary permits needed to begin construction," Rick said. "But as of now, those permitting processes are still to be completed."

Rick said the Wal-Mart corporation has been interested in the South Williamson area for some time, but always knew constructing a store there would be a long, tedious process.

"Many things are taken into consideration before a new Wal-Mart store is built," Rick said. "First of all, we do a study on demographics, topography of the area in which a store might be built, and an area's overall job market."

"If those preliminary criteria are met, then we begin the process of finding a suitable place to build."

Rick said although Wal-Mart believes some major hurdles, such as the acquisition of the land after South Williamson met Wal-Mart's criteria, are behind the corporation, she emphasized that plans to build could still fall through.

"Obviously, we want very much to build a store in South Williamson, and at this point we don't really expect any problems," Rick said. "But right now everything is still in the proposal stage."

"There is no definite timetable for construction to begin."

Rick said she will release an official statement if building plans are finalized.



Governor Paul Patton attended the kick-off for the Kentucky Employees' Charitable Campaign. A yearly event, the campaign annually raises nearly \$700,000 for participating charities: the Christian Appalachian Project, United Way of the Bluegrass and the Combined Health Appeal. Pictured with Governor Patton is Mike Sanders, president of the Christian Appalachian Project.

Head Start student, 4, forced to clean urinal

by Kim Stacy
Appalachian News-Express

A substitute Head Start teacher is still on the job despite complaints about inappropriate punishment from the parent of a four-year-old boy who was reportedly forced to clean a bathroom urinal.

Lea Smallwood, the Head Start teacher at Lookout Elementary, allegedly made four-year-old Jason Ratliff clean the urinal after he stuffed toilet tissue in the urinal.

Rebecca Ratliff, Jason's mother, said the incident took place last Thursday and she witnessed the punishment when she went to pick up her son from school.

"When I went into the Head Start building, I didn't see Jason or the teacher, and some of the other kids told me he was in the bathroom, cleaning the toilet," said Ratliff. "When I walked into the bathroom, she (Smallwood) was holding him by the back of the shirt over the toilet and he had both his hands in the toilet. 'I heard her say, 'You'd better hope this flushes, Jason Ratliff!' His sleeves were wet. Then she looked at me and asked if I was his mother. I was so mad and disgusted, I couldn't even talk to her. I had to get out of there." Ratliff said she then went to the main building to speak with the head teacher, Trula Bowling, about the incident. But Bowling was at a meeting.

"There was no one at the school to address the situation, so I left," she said.

Ratliff said she met with the Head Start director, Nora Horne, Monday, and she (Horne) assured her the problem would be dealt with and that Smallwood would be dismissed that day.

Despite repeated attempts to contact Horne, she did not return calls to the News-Express.

When Ratliff took her son to school Tuesday, she said Smallwood was still teaching. Smallwood is a substitute teacher and has been at that school for about three weeks.

"I was told on Tuesday that Mrs. Smallwood would keep her job and that the punishment was pretty standard procedure for that type of thing," said Ratliff. "They tell me that, a day after they reassure me the situation would be taken care of."

"She was in no position to make him clean the toilet. Mrs. Bowling told me Tuesday that Jason had stuck about 75 rubber gloves and a soap dispenser down the toilet. I don't care if he did, it was still wrong to do that to him. I want it to be known what she did. I want her position pulled so she will never have the opportunity to treat another child that way." Bowling said Tuesday that Ratliff lied to her about the incident and that three teachers witnessed it. However, Bowling refused to name the teachers. Bowling did say that Smallwood did not make the Ratliff boy clean the toilet, but she refused to comment on what did happen.

"The News-Express is against the Pike County School System. All you people at The News-Express try to do is down the school system. I will advise you that you'd better find out the truth before you print anything," Bowling said.

Ratliff said she isn't concerned about the fact that Smallwood punished her son, but with the form of the punishment ... She plans to take civil action against Smallwood.

Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results	October 8, 1997
LOTTO KENTUCKY 10-18-20-21-24-27 Next Estimated Jackpot \$1.8 million	POWERBALL 10-14-22-33-35 (11) Next Estimated Jackpot \$19 million

Cut-thru funds okayed

The House of Representatives has given its final approval to Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers' request to provide an additional \$2.05 million for the Salyersville Cut-Thru Project.

Rogers said the funds will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to complete construction of the cut that redirects the Licking River from downtown Salyersville during severe flooding.

The money was included in the final version of the 1998 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill Conference Report, which funds the Army Corps of Engineers, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and other government agencies responsible for energy and water development.

The House passed the bill on October 2, and it was sent to President Bill Clinton after a routine vote in the Senate. — *The Salyersville Independent*

School tax rates set

School tax rates were set for the upcoming year during Monday's regular meeting of the Magoffin County

Board of Education.

The same topic — the tax rate — was included on previous agendas, only to be postponed. Though a decision was reached last week on the item, two motions were filed before a majority vote approved the acceptance of the compensating rate without exemptions.

The compensating rate approved was 42.7 cents per \$100 estimated value on real estate, with personal property compensating rate being approved at 45.7 cents per \$100 estimated value. — *The Salyersville Independent*



Fiscal court hires five new employees

Five new county employees were hired during a meeting of the Magoffin Fiscal Court last week.

Cleda Jayne was hired as E-911 dispatcher; Manual Allen and Christopher Salyer were hired to assist with the countywide mapping project that is currently underway; and Randall Perkins and Joe Salyer were employed to work on county roads. — *The Salyersville Independent*

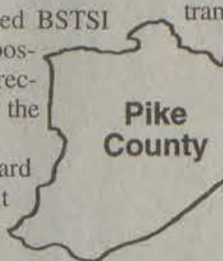
Big Sandy Telecommuting not 'selling out' as rumored

Officials with Big Sandy Telecommuting Services Inc., have squelched rumors concerning the future of BSTSI.

Four different entities have approached BSTSI about expanding its Internet service and possibly joining forces with the company, director Barry Newsom said at a meeting of the executive board last week.

Chairman Don Wallen said he had heard rumors that the company was selling out and that he wanted to squash those rumors immediately.

Wallen said any proposal that the group looked at would be those that would enable the company to expand its service area and improve the quality of its service. — *Appalachian News-Express*



country had the chance to brave the rapids at scenic Breaks Interstate Park Saturday for the first time this year.

With the annual scheduled release of water from John Flanagan Reservoir by the Army Corps of Engineers, the usually serene Russell Fork will be transformed into an adventurer's paradise.

John Flanagan Reservoir Park Ranger Chip Miller said the Corps will release the first of two gates that hold the water at 8 a.m. Saturday. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Strike averted; bus drivers still on the job

The deadline for a threatened bus driver strike of the Pike County School System passed last Wednesday morning, but officials reported no strike activity and the county's school buses are still rolling.

A school official said none of the county's nearly 300 drivers reported to the Pike County Board of Education office Wednesday at 10 a.m., the time a driver spokesman said the strike would begin. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Suspended Martin County Coal employee sues over drug testing

Jerry Caudill, a 22-year employee of Martin County Coal, filed suit last week in Martin Circuit Court claiming that the random drug testing Martin County Coal had implemented on its employees had been improperly conducted.

Caudill, who was fired on September 5 this year, claims in his petition that he does not take any drugs and that — according to the drug and alcohol policy at MCC — all test results are to be kept confidential.

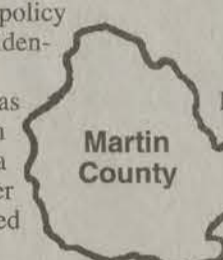
He claims an unknown agent of MCC has revealed the results of his drug test resulting in great humiliation. Included in the suit was a termination notice signed by Mine Manager Dennis Hatfield showing that Caudill had failed a drug test.

Representing Caudill is John David Preston, a Paintsville attorney. This case is set to be heard by Circuit Judge Stephen (Nick) Frazier. — *The Martin County Sun*

Hinkle was found guilty last year in Martin Circuit Court in connection with a burglary which occurred in 1993 at the residence of Boyd Fitch at Yellow Creek. She was sentenced to ten years by Judge Stephen "Nick" Frazier.

Mrs. Hinkle appealed the decision, but the Appeals Court upheld the conviction.

Randolph Scott Marcum, Hinkle's co-conspirator in the burglary, is currently serving an 11-year sentence at West Liberty. — *The Martin County Sun*



Martiki problems continue

Troubles continue to mount for Martiki, and P and P contracting. First with the tragic death of Fay Meek two weeks ago and then last week with the diesel spill.

Although, in both instances P & P has been held liable, Martiki has suffered as well, because it was on their property. Along with bad publicity, some of their trucks have been idled while federal investigators check them out, to make sure they are in proper working condition.

The diesel spill on Pigeon Roost has turned out to be more serious than was originally suspected. It was at first thought that a mere 200 to 300 gallons of the stuff was spilled into the creek. A Martiki representative said that anywhere from 1,500 to 1,700 gallons dumped into the creek. He pointed out that, although on Martiki property, the fuel was placed in a tank owned by P and P. — *The Martin County Sun*

Hinkle begins sentence on burglary conviction

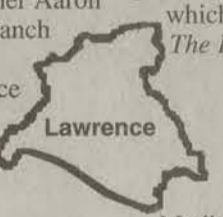
Virginia Fay Hinkle was transported October 2 to PeeWee Valley to begin serving a ten-year sentence on a conviction of first-degree burglary.

Four-wheeler fatality

A Lawrence County man died Friday night following injuries sustained in an all-terrain vehicle accident.

Elmer Parsley, age unavailable, was pronounced dead at the scene by Lawrence County Coroner Aaron Moon following the accident on Deans Branch Road.

According to a report from the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, a roll bar from the vehicle came to rest on Parsley's neck and pinned him to the ground. — *The Big Sandy News*



Loss from fire adds to city's financial trouble

Losing around \$60,000 worth of uninsured equipment in a fire at the city lot is just one of the factors contributing to a low account balance for the city of

Louisa, who considered borrowing \$100,000 Monday night to get them through a "dry spell."

City Clerk Bonnie Thompson said the city has a balance of around \$13,000, which has to cover bills and payroll until tax money begins to flow into the city, which should be within the next couple of weeks. — *The Big Sandy News*

TRMC's Mental Health Unit honored nationally

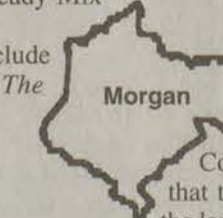
The Mental Health Unit of Three Rivers Medical Center in Lawrence County received national recognition Friday, when it was named most improved among 195 hospital-based units nationwide.

The Mental Health Unit provides in-patient mental health services to adults, 18 years and older, who are suffering from serious mental or emotional problems. — *The Big Sandy News*

Wells group makes two acquisitions

The Wells Group, headquartered in West Liberty, recently acquired two more Eastern Kentucky ready-mix concrete companies — Big Sandy Ready-Mix Company and Vanceburg Ready-Mix.

Companies owned by the Wells Group include the Pikeville Ready-Mix company. — *The Licking Valley Courier*



Bogus \$20 bills detected here

Susie Blevins, assistant operations cashier of Bank of the Mountains, reported that several counterfeit \$20 bills have been found in various customer deposits at Bank of the Mountains.

Detection of the bill is difficult. The bill is described as containing the serial number D 37110506 B, Series 1977, back plate number 95, Federal Reserve Bank Cleveland, Ohio. — *The Licking Valley Courier*

Republicans' petition drive draws response from Democrats

The announcement last week by County Republican Party Chairman Tim Conley that the Morgan County Republican Party is taking the lead in a petition drive for a water line to serve the Wrigley-Redwine area has drawn response from Democrat Party Chairman Earl Reed.

Reed said it was a "mistake to try to politic with public water lines. Everyone of both parties needs good, clean water." — *The Licking Valley Courier*

Optimism over Opportunity Center

Members of a steering committee met for the first time, Monday, to exchange ideas on the expansion of the Human Services Center in Hindman into an educational opportunity center for Knott County.

The project originally came about as groups met this summer to draw up a proposal for Governor Paul Patton's "New Town" community initiative. The opportunity center emerged as the top project in the proposal, and enthusiasm grew.

Although the governor has yet to announce the communities chosen for the program, the opportunity center concept found such favor in Knott County that other funding sources are being accessed and planning for the center is underway. — *Troublesome Creek Times*



Texas trial begins in murder of slain Mousie hero

Monday saw the beginning of a Texas murder trial for the man accused of the shooting death of Garland, Texas police officer Michael David Moore. The officer had evidently foiled the attempt of an alleged bank robbery. Moore's Mousie funeral was attended by over forty Texas police officers. He was the son of Robert and Glenna Moore of Topmost. — *Troublesome Creek Times*

Knott Industrial Authority organizes

The newly-formed Knott County Development Authority immediately began work last week organiz-

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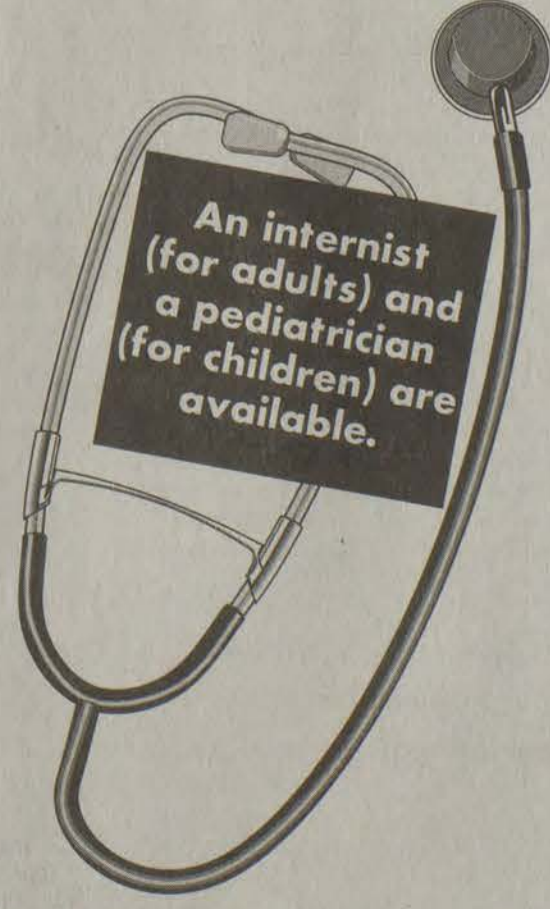
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The Weekend EXTRA



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Sara Hopson

Good to the last drop

Recent reports about the effects of coffee have been stimulating to say the least. Because of its unusual properties, coffee is now being hailed as the leading aphrodisiac slightly ahead of oysters and Spanish fly.

In light of all the evidence, it seems that science can now prove that a morning cup of coffee wakes up more than the old cerebellum. And this astounding scientific breakthrough gives new meaning to the words "Coffee Break" and "Coffee Mate."

"Look at her," I said to a friend the other morning as we watched two acquaintances having their morning coffee. "Just look at the way she's holding her coffee cup, the hussy."

"What are you talking about," the friend asked.

"She had the audacity to ask that man to have a cup of coffee with her. Look how she's holding her pinkie. That's the most disgusting display of vulgarity I've ever witnessed."

"Sara," my friend said, nervously. "They've been having coffee together for the past two years. In fact, we had coffee with them yesterday morning."

"But that was before. You haven't heard," I said, as I pointed to the newspaper article. "Having coffee with someone of the opposite gender is now considered grounds for divorce in 22 states."

"I can't believe this," my friend said. "My husband's been drinking coffee for years. I must be buying the wrong kind. Do they specify a particular brand?"

"No, they don't," I said, as I scanned the article again. "It doesn't mention Juan Valdez, or Mrs. Olsen. Just plain old coffee."

"Does it really make you sexier?" my friend asked.

"Well, it's hard to say," I said, haltingly.

"I only drink it early in the morning. But to be perfectly honest with you, at 7 a.m., I tend to look like Tammy Faye Baker in drag."

"Yeah, I know what you mean," she shrugged. "The only thing I could 'turn on' that early in the morning IS the coffee pot."

"Look," I remarked quickly. "I do believe she's leering at him over her Styrofoam cup."

"She certainly is," my friend agreed. "And look how she's batting her eyelashes every time she takes a sip. You can see the steam rising from the cup."

As we continued to watch the torrid love scene unfold, we were jolted out of our seats by a familiar voice hoarsely whispering, "How about a cup of mocha, cuties?"

"How dare you!" I exclaimed.

"Excuse me?"

"You heard her, buster. Buzz-off," my friend said, emphatically. "What kind of women do you think we are? We don't drink coffee with just anybody. Come on, Sara. Let's get out of here before he further insults us by trying to offer us a doughnut to go with it."

If drinking coffee causes one to become sexier, no wonder it's the top-selling drink.

by Chuck Shepherd

News of the Weird

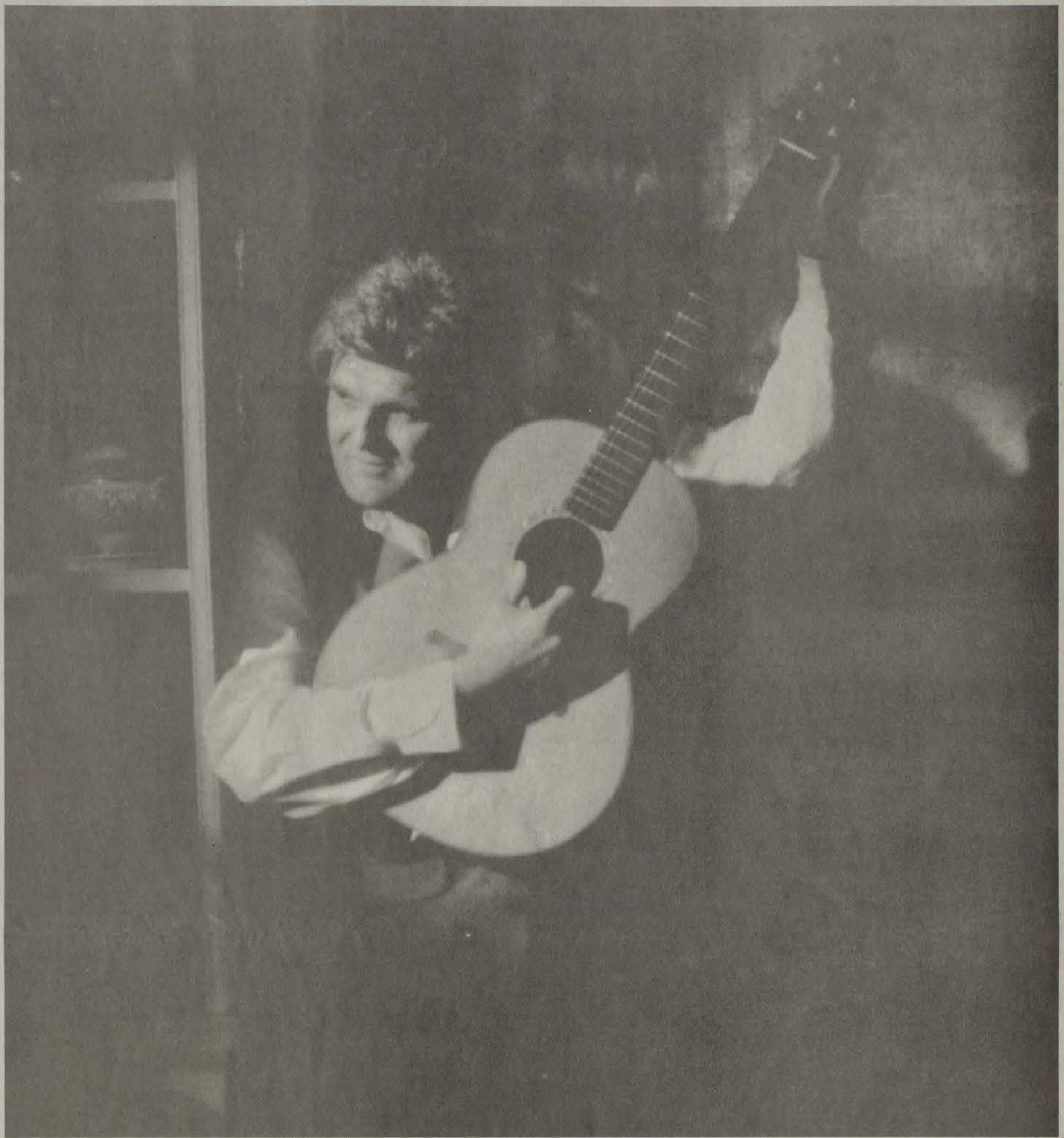
— In September, a judge in Santa Monica, Calif., ruled that test-tube baby Jaycee Louise Buzzanca, 2, has no legal parents. She is the result of donor sperm fertilizing a donor egg in the womb of a surrogate mother. The judge said John and Luanne Buzzanca are "parents" only by surrogacy contract, and since they divorced before Jaycee's birth, those rights were lost (though John was happy with the decision because it saves him \$386 a month in child support).

— Protestant minister Hans Visser announced in August that he had lined up doctors, social workers and drug dealers to begin a social program of supplying heroin at discount to hopeless addicts in Rotterdam, Netherlands, to help keep them away from crime and life-threatening cheap drugs. Said Visser, "I expect I will (soon) be having a chat with justice officials."

— Letter carrier Martha Cherry, 49, was fired by the Postal Service in White Plains, N.Y., in August after 18 years of apparently walking her rounds too slowly (66 paces per minute, with a stride of less than one foot). Wrote a supervisor of the 5-foot-4 Cherry: "At each step, the heel of your leading foot did not pass the toe of the trailing foot by more than one inch. As a result, you required 13 minutes longer than your demonstrated ability to deliver mail to this section of your route." Cherry has appealed to those on her route to help save her job.

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

— The New York Times reported in August that more than a third of all bottled water sold in the United States is merely filtered tap water and that several cities soon will put their municipal water on store shelves. "What



Ricky Skaggs

Ricky Skaggs to perform in concert

The Mountain Arts Center is bringing a US 23 country music star to its stage to help it celebrate its first anniversary.

Ricky Skaggs will appear in a benefit concert at the MAC on October 18 to raise funds for the MAC's development of a Stars of Country Music Highway Exhibit.

Skaggs hails from the Lawrence County area of the U.S. 23 Highway of Country Music Stars. Some could easily argue that Ricky Skaggs was a child prodigy. Skaggs was born July 18, 1954, in rural Eastern Kentucky. At age three, he was singing in church with his mother, Dorothy, and by age five his dad Hobert had given him his first mandolin. With virtually no instruction, it wasn't long before the young boy had figured out his way around the instrument. Soon he was singing and playing with his family at local churches, fairs, and

town socials in his native Eastern Kentucky.

It was about this time that Skaggs had a chance to play onstage with one of his mentors, Bill Monroe. At a personal appearance in Martha, the local audience requested that the Opry star let "Hobert and Dorothy's boy" play something. And play he did. Young Ricky performed "Ruby," a popular Osborne Brothers number, on Monroe's vintage Gibson mandolin. A scant two years later, Ricky performed the same song on Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs' popular Martha White Mills-sponsored television show. This was his first paid performance. He received \$52.50 for his efforts.

Skaggs' first major professional break came in 1970 when he and fellow singer Keith Whitley joined Ralph Stanley's legendary bluegrass band, the Clinch Mountain Boys. As Ralph told the story some years ago. "We were late for a show. I think we had a flat tire

or something. I walked in, and these two boys were singing the Stanley Brothers music better than the Stanley Brothers."

After honing his skills and learning the ways of the road for four years, Skaggs moved on to Washington, D.C., where he took a day job for the Virginia Electric and Power Company. By 1974 he signed on as the fiddler with the popular progressive bluegrass band, the Country Gentlemen. Following his stint with the Gentlemen he worked with banjoist J.D. Crowe before forming his own band, Boone Creek, which also included dobroist Jerry Douglas.

The move to the nation's capitol was to be an important one for Skaggs. His work in that area led him to a stint in Emmylou Harris' Hot Band. While with Harris,

(See Skaggs, page seven)

comes out of the tap is truly excellent water," said the public works director of Houston. Wrote the Times: "Thus, the marketing plans dare consumers to pay as much as \$1 or more for a quart of water in a bottle that could be drawn from their own taps and placed in a refrigerator for less than 1/10 of a cent." (The Times reporter, tasting Houston's water, wrote, apparently without irony: "Bold, full-bodied, provocative.")

— In August, Bausch & Lomb Inc. agreed to pay \$1.7 million to settle a multistate investigation in which attorneys general accused it of fraud. According to the states, the company sold the very same disposable contact lenses under three different model names, purporting to have different characteristics, for prices varying from \$2.50 to \$23 a pair. Said a New York investigator, "The lenses are the exact same physically — the only difference was their instructions for use."

— Quorum International Ltd. announced plans in July for a \$1.6 billion Holy Land theme park in Mesquite, Nev., along Interstate 15 about 75 miles from Las Vegas, including a 33-story statue of Jesus and large models of Noah's Ark and the parting of the Red Sea.

— The Lundarelli family in Udine, Italy, said in July that it would not bow to pressure and would thus leave its Fuehrer wine on the market (joining its Guevara, Lenin and Marx brands). Fuehrer's label has a photo of Adolf Hitler and comes in two varieties, Zieg Heil and Ein yolk, Ein Reich, Ein Fuehrer ("One People, One Empire, One Ruler"). — The Economist magazine, reporting in April on how Cuba's economy has driven professionals into the retail market, wrote of Norberto, a Moscow-trained engineer who sells pork sandwiches from a stand in front of his home. Norberto's higher-earning job, however, is to illegally show bootleg porno tapes smuggled in from Miami to farmers in the countryside on his VCR, powered by a car battery. According to The Economist, "From miles around they come, on horseback, with their wives and girlfriends, to see Norberto's blue movies. He charges five pesos a head. When, at the end, they all clamor to see it again, he charges another five."

— In August, real estate firm Cornish & Carey, with offices in California's Silicon Valley, added a bridal registry to the services it offers,

even though the area has the highest median house prices in the country. Said the company president, "It's something for the generous gift giver." And the QVC network's new "Extreme Shopping" show debuted in September offering mansions for sale to call-in TV viewers. First up was the home of Engelbert Humperdink, offered for \$3.95 million.

THE WEIRDO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

— Well-to-do Frederick, Md., plastic surgeon Lorin F. Busseberg, 54, slumped rapidly after a 1995 divorce ended his 20-year marriage. He has been jailed since May for failing to pay \$25,000 in child support, and according to a July Washington Post story, he now denies ever being married to the wife, and in fact constantly corrects officials that he is a different man, "Lorin Fred Busseberg." His employees quietly shut down his office after he failed to contact them from jail, and he told a judge in July that he had sold the practice for a million yen to a Japanese man, but no record exists of the sale.

— In August, a judge in Morris County, N.J., ordered Joseph Petracca, 61, to shut down his unlicensed Riverdale "kennel," in which he housed the 100 German shepherds to which he admitted he had become "addicted." The court order will probably end Petracca's work of trying to breed the "perfect dog." Said the judge, "When you are addicted to dogs, alcohol or drugs, you seek treatment."

— In Topeka, Kan., in August, a radical patriot "common-law jury," permitted by state officials to convene in a room in the Capitol, impeached U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten of Wichita. Among his "crimes": By jailing a couple for nonpayment of taxes, he was guilty of kidnapping; he enforced land-regulation laws when everyone knows that land-owning is a God-given right; he defended the IRS, which the jury believed is an "off-shore entity" and a racketeering conspiracy; he issued court documents that did not contain a "seal"; he issued some orders as "Thomas Marten," without the "J."; he did not have a flag in his courtroom; and he allowed a clerk to make people sign documents in the middle of the signature line rather

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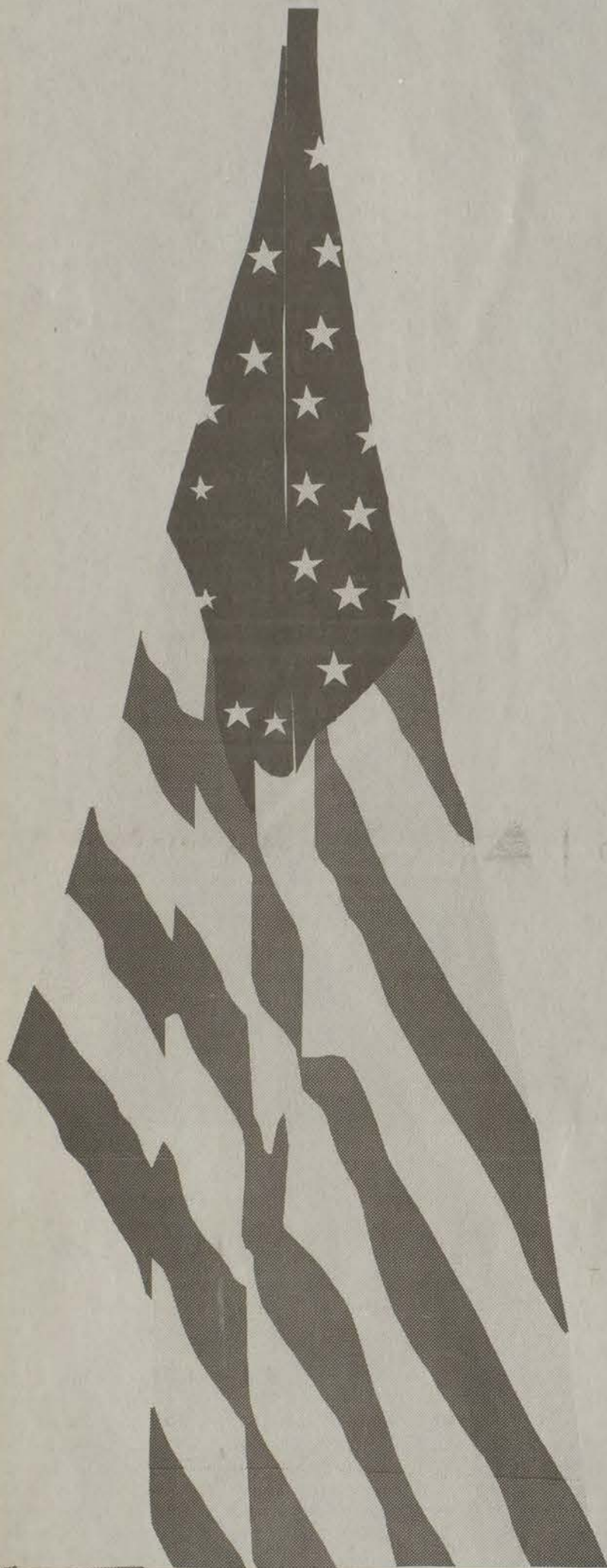
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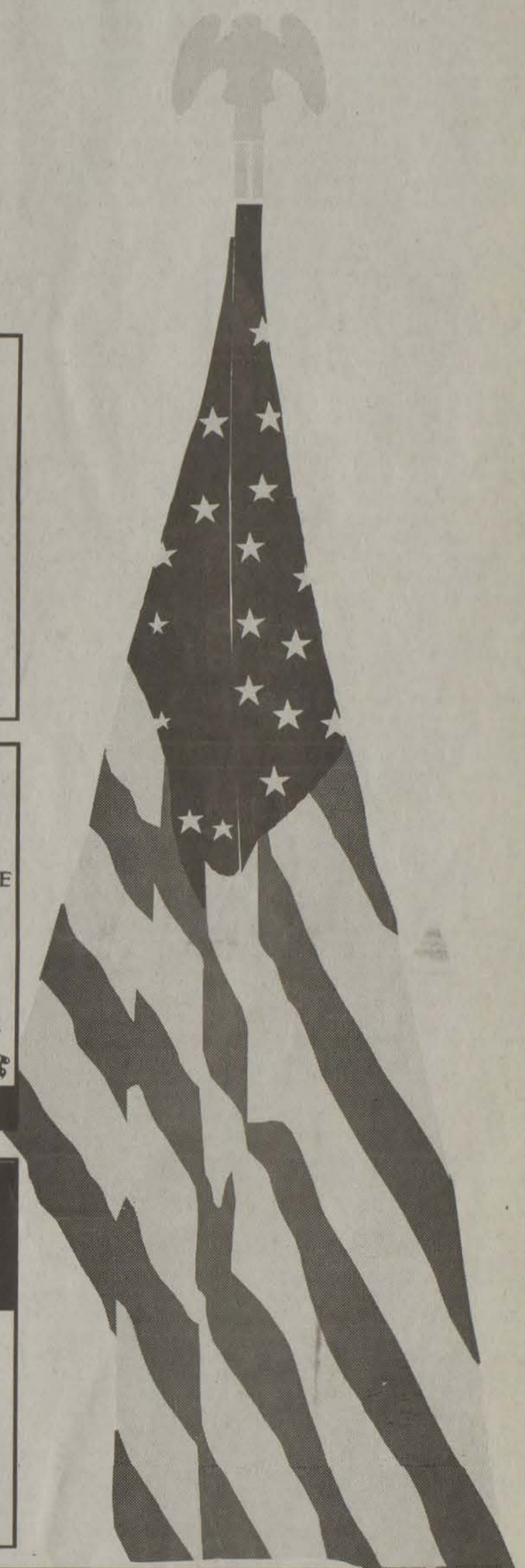
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ENTERTAINMENT EXTRA by Evelyn Ludvigson

Q. I'd like to know why we still hear unpleasant things about Bryant Gumbel. I was told that the original slurs came from white people who resented him being on the "Today" show. But he's out of that now, so why do we still hear disc jockeys and others take pot shots at him? I'm a 67-year-old grandmother and I think this is a terrible example of how to treat a celebrity. K.W.

A. I once heard a bit of sage advice: "You can't be loved by everyone, but still, try to live your life as if it's possible."

That doesn't mean grovel or act counter to your principles. However, it does mean being as civil as you can be to others, especially if you're in a position of power or privilege. For Gumbel, the complaint from many quarters was that he didn't take enough time to reach out to people. He was cool, and that was interpreted as arrogant. He was (and is) a perfectionist who often paid more atten-

tion to details, and missed the bigger picture. And, of course, there was that "evaluation" brouhaha when (somehow) comments about his "Today" show colleagues were found in his computer directed to the big bosses at the show. Fairly or not, that's what people remember.

As for race, Gumbel has been criticized by many black leaders for not being more involved in black causes. He took a lot of heat for refusing to support the call for an official American apology for slavery.

Now that he's off the "Today" show, he does seem more relaxed. He even admitted to one of my colleagues before going on to host the Emmys, "I never watched much television as a kid. I was a nerd who liked to read. So, look what happened anyway?"

Q. Is it true the wonderful Luciano Pavorotti will quit the opera and become a politician? I hope not. Please answer this let-

ter for me and a lot of Luciano's fans here in Michigan. Angela McP.

A. Luciano Pavorotti intends to keep singing for as long as he can. He has had voice trouble over the years. Opera mavens say this is due to his startling lack of formal training which means he never learned how to conserve his marvelous gift.

As for the political question, Luciano intends to become even more active in charitable causes than he already is, and some of his new efforts are expected to have diplomatic involvement. He reportedly has told friends he hopes to do more in honor of the generous efforts of his late good friend, Diana, Princess of Wales.

Q. Is it true Ken Wahl is married? A Ken fan.

A. Yes, it's true. Wahl, who became a TV star in the series, "Wise Guy," and then walked out "to make movies," married one of

the Barbie twins we sometimes see on TV. That means there is now at least one real-life Ken and Barbie pair in our lives. P.S. While Wahl's film career fizzled for several years, he's licked many of the problems that almost licked him, and he's expected to get back into the "reel" world.

Q. Why won't Demi Moore make a movie with her husband, Bruce Willis? Is it a matter of actors' egos getting in the way? Maria C.

A. The wedded twosome feel they're better off artistically, and in the paycheck department, if they work separately, doing films each is more comfortable with.

COUNTRY CHATTER

Mark Chesnut is at it again. He has just released his seventh album, perhaps his best to date, titled "Thank God for Believers."

So how does this major country and western star handle his superstar status?

"I'm pretty much your basic ugly redneck. I'm not fancy at all. I'm not into gourmet food. I don't like to dress fancy. The only ring I've ever had in my life is the wedding band I'm wearing now."

Mark takes great pride in his wedding band. His wife, Tracie, is

his life. They have adorable boys and live on a beautiful 60-acre ranch near Lake Sam Rayburn in Texas.

Mark confessed that if he didn't sing like his father, he would have become a fishing guide. He owns a bass boat and a bay boat for saltwater fishing.

Neal McCoy is on a roll! His new album, titled "Be Good At It," is getting a lot of publicity in Nashville, as it will be out this month on Atlantic Records. The timing couldn't be more perfect for Neal as he is coming off the success

of "Shake" in which many folks didn't have that much confidence, but it turned out to be a super success. Now that Neal is with Avalon Entertainment, look for him to be a bigger television and advertising presence — couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

"Look, honey, I'm standing in your shadow."
"Well, that's a switch. I'm usually in yours." — Naomi Judd and husband Larry Strickland bantering back and forth at George Jones' birthday extravaganza.

Skaggs

Skaggs' other musical talents began to surface. He wrote the arrangements for Harris' highly revered bluegrass-roots album, "Roses In The Snow." In addition to the arranging chores, Skaggs also sang harmony and played a passel of instruments including mandolin and fiddle. And it was while working with Harris that Skaggs met producer Brian Ahern.

Skaggs releases three critically acclaimed records for the independent Sugar Hill Records including "Sweet Temptation" which provided him with his first chart single, "I'll Take The Blame" and an album of brothers duets with guitarist Tony Rice, "Skaggs and Rice" before moving to Nashville in 1980.

Once settled in Nashville, Skaggs soon signed with Epic Records, then headed by Rick Blackburn. Equally as important as the major deal, Blackburn, in a then-unheard-of show of faith, allowed Skaggs to produce his debut album, "Waitin' For The Sun To Shine." It was a brilliant move for all involved. The album produced four chart singles including two back-to-back number ones. Skaggs was fast on his way to becoming a major country music star.

From that point on, the 1980s belonged to Ricky Skaggs. He

joined the world-famous Grand Ole Opry in 1982 — at that time the youngest member to be included. And he racked up an impressive 18 Top Ten singles with 12 topping the charts. Skaggs managed to pick up dozens of industry awards in the ensuing years, including four Grammys and eight trophies from the Country Music Association. Skaggs' career progressed so fast that he won both the Horizon award and Male Vocalist award for 1982. Three years later he followed up that victory with the organization's most coveted award, Entertainer of the Year. All the while, Ricky continued to hone his production skills, producing albums for the Whites and Dolly Parton's much-touted return to country project, "White Limozeen" in 1990.

More importantly, Skaggs helped to bring country music back around to its roots and led the revival for a much-needed overhaul. He helped to pull country music out of the slick pop sounding doldrums that had dominated the genre for too many years. He blended traditional elements such as bluegrass, gospel, honky tonk, and western swing with contemporary songs and state-of-the-art production techniques. He was a visionary in that he accomplished all of this with an eye toward the future while

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paying respect to its past. Skaggs continues to pay his respects to country's rich history while nurturing it for the 21st century.

Ricky Skaggs' benefit concert at the MAC begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$29.50 per person. Also appearing during the anniversary celebration in a benefit performance will be the Kentucky Opry. That performance will be October 17, at 7:30 p.m. Festivities include the dedication of commemorative plaques at 6:45 p.m. An anniversary cake will be served in the lobby following a concert. Tickets for that concert are \$20 per person.

Weird

than flush left.

FEUDS

— Ever since last year's court decision in Ontario permitting women to go shirtless (as long as not for sexual or commercial purposes), critics have been waiting for social turmoil. In one of the few reported incidents, former best friends Heather Genereaux, 24, and Jennifer Fitzgibbon, 23, brawled in Kingston in June when Fitzgibbon decided to sunbathe topless in her back yard, in view of Genereaux's 10-year-old son. Genereaux suffered a black eye; Fitzgibbon lost her bikini bottom.

— In the summer, in the midst of the training-instructor sex scandals, a pair of two-star generals at the Pentagon headed a quiet attempt to quash a major jurisdictional battle. Military commissaries (which sell mostly food) started to sell flowers for gardens, and post or base exchanges (department stores), which thought they had the exclusive right to sell bedding flowers, upped their sales of food items. "This is war," said one official who was sympathetic to the exchanges.

— In August, on Interstate 40 in Winston-Salem, N.C., Shakeitha Hardee, 17 and five months preg-

nant by a guy named Keevin, spotted Keevin in the passenger seat of a car driven by Melody Carroll, 21 and also five months pregnant by Keevin. The two women shouted at each other side by side at 55 mph until the road narrowed to one lane because of construction, at which point neither would yield, and both banged their cars against the other for about 500 yards. Carroll's car finally hit the end of a guard rail and was totaled. Said Hardee's mother, "If (Keevin) would just let them know which one he wanted, you know?"

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Sports

by
Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

KHSAA Football Game Schedule

Friday, October 10
 South Floyd at Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
 Johnson Central at South Point, OH, 7:30 p.m.
 Betsy Layne at Leslie County, 7:30 p.m.
 West Jessamine at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
 Prestonsburg at Morgan County, 7:30 p.m.
 Sheldon Clark at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
 Allen Central at Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
 Knott County Central at Pike County Central, 7:30 p.m.

Can these surprising UK Wildcats go to a bowl?

by Cliff Smith

It happened so fast—the first U.K. offensive play from the line of scrimmage against Louisville. Couch under center, takes the snap, and before you could complete a sentence, he had already zipped the football to tight end Jimmy Haley for a short gain. So quickly—executed, so well.

Thus began the Hal Mumme era in competitive play at the University of Kentucky.

Fans should tip their hats to C. M. Newton, too—this U.K. football team is really exciting! The big question now is whether this bunch of coaches and players can further defy the odds and win enough games to pull out a bowl bid.

It is already evident that this new coaching staff can coach! And Tim Couch is a legitimate future Heisman Trophy candidate—not this year perhaps but before he completes his career at Kentucky.

The defense is porous. It was expected to be. Louisville scored 24 points, Mississippi State 35, Indiana only 7, Florida 55, and Alabama 34.

But, oh, that offense! Isn't it fantastic fun for the fans? Whoever would have thought before the season began that Kentucky would rack up well over 400 total yards against Florida and then do it again the following week against Alabama? And in each of those contests U. K. had more than 100 yards rushing!

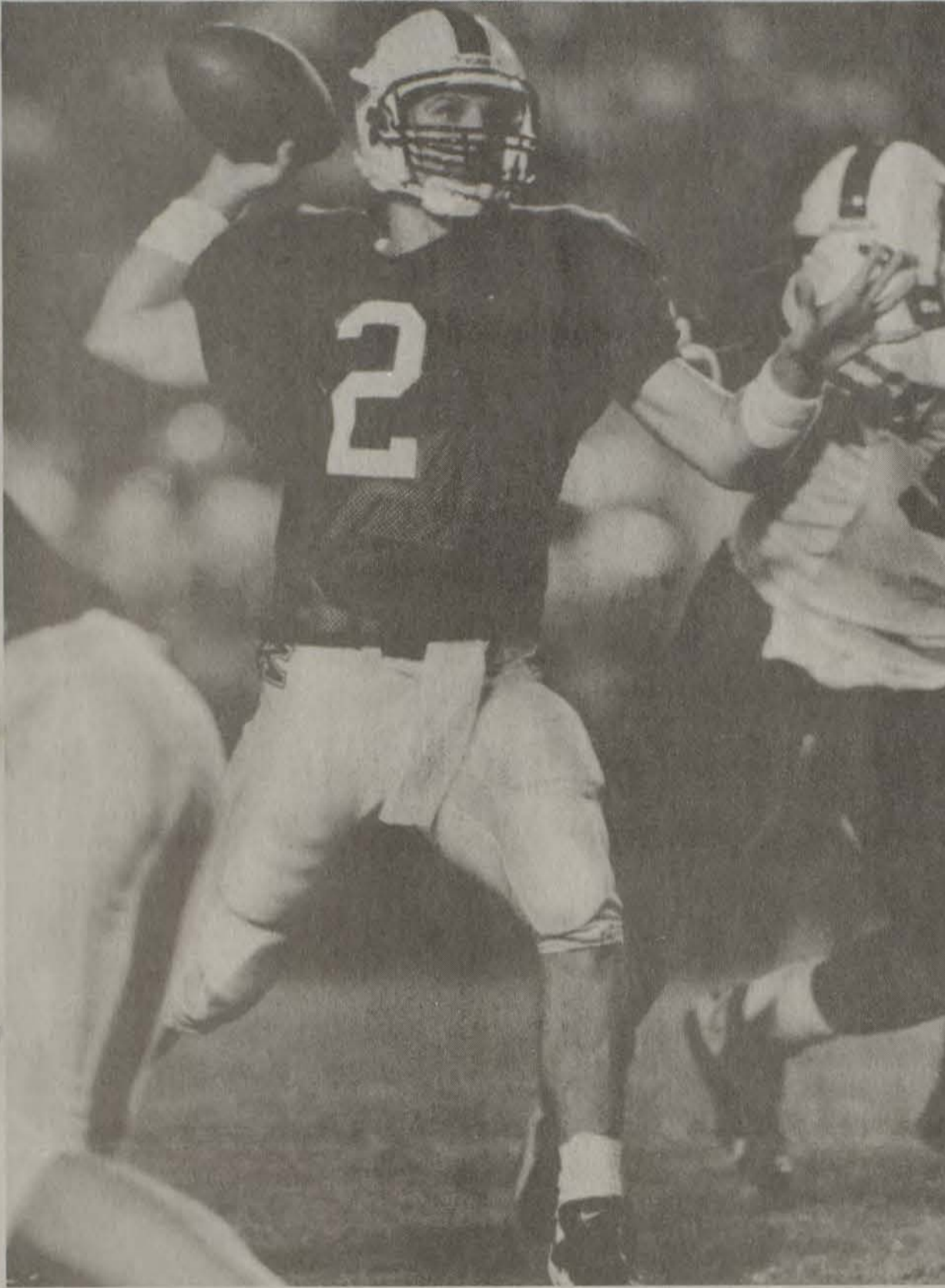
Yet even Defensive Coordinator Mike Major is entitled to some credit, too. It was his assessment that brought about position changes that have helped. And, he and his assistants made adjustments after the Mississippi State game that held Indiana to only 47 yards on the ground.

For the first time in quite some time, U.K.'s linebackers, with the inclusion of pure freshmen Ryan Murphy out of Cincinnati's Moeller High School, are either leading the team in tackles or are among the leaders, which is as it should be, but hasn't been at UK for some while.

Though it hasn't been able to mount much of a pass rush, Del'Ali (excuse me, I'm used to the abbreviated first name), leads the team in sacks and is right up with the leaders of the SEC in that category.

And Derek Homer, disappointing in the first games, started showing the promise he exhibited in preseason camp against Florida (3 carries for 42 yards, 2 pass receptions for another 2 yards) and then a crowd-electrifying catch and run covering 60+ yards for a TD against Alabama.

South Carolina, like Alabama, has turned up weaker than expected—another U. K. opportunity. It will begin Saturday in Columbia at 12:30 p.m. Then comes Northeast Louisiana before a homecoming crowd at U.K. Can U.K. make it 5 wins heading into the remainder of the SEC schedule against LSU, Georgia, Vanderbilt, and Tennessee?



Tim Couch — Is there a Heisman Trophy in his future?

Go-Kart races at Dwale offer fun for all ages

The new Riverview Go-Kart racetrack at Dwale saw its second week's activity last Saturday with a warm and bright sunny day, with spectators witnessing speeds over 50 mph. With seven different classes competing for the win, over 33 karts were on hand to entertain the crowd.

Following are the feature winners, and the class in which they competed: the 250, Brandon Montgomery; Stock Men, Scott LeMaster; Single Pull (kids), Nick Halbert; Single Pull (men), Kenny Patton; Live Axle, Matt Setser; and Junior Pro, Jacob Ross.

Races are held every Saturday at 2 p.m., with gates opening at noon. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the premises.

Sponsors are needed for the event. For more information about the races or if you would like to help sponsor, phone 886-9563.

SPORTS BRIEFS

East Kentucky youth soccer results

Two Floyd County teams travelled to Pikeville Saturday to play in perfect conditions. The large group of excited parents and fans were treated to two close and exciting games where the visiting teams prevailed.

In the first game, the Orange Crush defeated the Revolution by a score of 3-1.

Laura Barrett tallied her second hat trick of the season to lead the Plague to a 5-3 victory over the Mutiny. Her first goal came five minutes into the match, but was answered by the Revolution to tie the game at 1. Jimmy Archerson scored to regain the lead for the Plague. Each team added a goal in the first half, which ended 3-2.

The Plague led 4-3 midway through the second half after Barrett's third goal. Both teams picked up their level of play, and Plague goalie Jimmy Archerson turned away several good shots on goal. Each team missed a penalty kick opportunity, and the outcome remained in doubt until Danielle Tourigny drove the ball high into the Revolution goal with five minutes remaining. Her goal was set up by defender Devon Salyer's pass from the back.

Cawood badgers Betsy Layne 75-0 in district contest

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Betsy Layne Bobcats must have thought they would have to call the fire department to put out the red hot Cawood Trojans last Friday night in a home game that was witnessed by very few fans in the stands. The cool evening kept the folks home and maybe it was just as well, as the Bobcats could do nothing against the bigger Cawood team.

Coach Ted George tried every defense he could to stop Cawood but to no avail. The Trojans had 10 possessions of the football over the 48 minutes and scored on nine of those possessions.

The only time they failed to score was in the second quarter when they moved the football to the Betsy Layne 11-yard line and fumbled the ball away. But Betsy Layne returned the favor when quarterback Tyler Puckett failed to handle the football on the snap from center. Cawood fell on the loose ball and it took only two plays for the Trojans to get on the board for a 41-0 half-time lead.

Feature back Billy Mitchell rushed for 46 yards for Betsy Layne as the Cawood defense keyed on the senior back. He found few holes to run through and the Cawood defensive end was too quick for Mitchell outside. The bright side of the loss, if there is one, was the performance of Chad Bryant. Bryant did not carry the football until the final 11 minutes of the game but finished with 47 yards for the game. Nick West had 25 yards rushing. Betsy Layne fell to 2-4 on the season, and dropped 0-1 in the district.



The Prestonsburg Blackcats defense went into action against Breathitt County, but couldn't stop the Bobcats' running speed. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Fleming memorial run/walk to kick off scholarship campaign

The Blue Ribbon Campaign for the Christopher G. Fleming Scholarship Fund at Prestonsburg Community College will be kicked off Saturday, October 11, at 9 a.m. on the Riverwalk at PCC with the First Annual 3K Christopher G. Fleming Memorial Run/Walk.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on the day of the race in front of the Johnson Administration Building at PCC. Entry fee is \$10 per person, and \$5 for senior citizens.

All proceeds will benefit the Christopher G. Fleming Scholarship Fund at PCC.

The Christopher G. Fleming Scholarship Fund has been established at PCC to honor Fleming's memory. Fleming, of Banner, was an instructor of kinesiology and health promotion as well as director of Project Health at PCC when he died June 21

at the age of 31, shortly after winning the annual "Run for Liberty" 2.5-mile road race in Warfield.

Division chairs for the Blue Ribbon Campaign are: Family Division—Kenneth M. Fleming, Fleming's brother; College Division—Kelly Adam, assistant professor of kinesiology and health promotion and director of wellness at PCC; and Bob Hutchison, a member of the PCC Board of Directors and the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation, Inc.

Contributions to the scholarship fund may be mailed to: Christopher G. Fleming Scholarship Fund, Prestonsburg Community College, One Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Additional information concerning the scholarship fund may be obtained by calling the PCC Development Office at 886-3863.



KHSAA FOOTBALL NOTES

Henry County remained one of 18 undefeated teams with a 6-12 win over Taylor County. The wildcats are off to the school's best start in history and face undefeated Washington County this week.

Owensboro picked up its first win of the season with a 34-14 decision over Barren County.

Dixie Heights' Bryan Lillard ran 18 times for 114 yards and a touchdown in a 42-10 win over Scott. Lillard had a record six tackles and a touchdown interception on defense.

Bowling Green won its 28th consecutive regular season game with a 23-2 win over Franklin-Simpson. The Purples held Franklin-Simpson to just one yard of total offense in the first half, holding a 23-0 lead. Chuck Beard passed for 123 yards and a touchdown, and rushed for 41 yards and a touchdown in the contest. Bowling Green's last regular season loss came in week eight in 1994, a 16-14 decision at the hands of Franklin-Simpson.

Ryan Neff now holds three season passing records at Lexington Catholic. Neff has completed 74 passes for 1,216 yards and 13 touchdowns in his career. Catholic handed Mercer County a 41-12 defeat last week to improve to 5-1.

Breathitt County continued its winning streak with a 48-22 district win over Prestonsburg. Quarterback Kyle Moore connected on ten of 13 passes for 237 yards and three touchdowns. The Bobcats have not reeled off 36 consecutive wins. Their last loss was a 28-

0 defeat at the hands of Bell County in the second round of the Class 3A playoffs in 1994.

Jerrold Fuqua became Caldwell County's all-time leading rusher in a 21-12 loss to Fort Campbell. Fuqua ran 22 times for 175 yards in the contest, increasing his career total to 3,597 yards. Earlier this season, Fuqua set the school career touchdown record and currently has 46.

Trey Peckenpaugh set a school record for pass completion in a game with a 16-of-29 performance for 218 yards and two touchdowns in a 22-15 Henderson County win over Union County. Brian Bivens averages 40.7 yards-per-punt on the year for the Colonels.

Fulton City's Elliott Taylor scored two touchdowns off interceptions in a 21-14 win over Ballard Memorial. Taylor scored on returns of 85 and 90 yards.

Ryle is off to its best start in school history with a 5-1 mark after a 41-3 win over Holmes. The Raiders face Scott this week at home.

UNDEFEATED TEAMS

A total of 18 teams have posted undefeated marks so far this season. Following is a class breakdown:

Class A
 Beechwood 5-0; Middlesboro 6-0; Hazard 6-0
 Class AA
 Edmonson County 7-0; Henry County 6-0; Washington County 6-0; Boyle County 6-0; Danville 7-0; Lawrence County 6-0; Breathitt County 6-0

Class AAA
 Bowling Green 6-0; Valley 6-0; Montgomery County 6-0

Class AAAA
 Apollo 6-0; Henderson County 6-0; Nelson County 6-0; Madison Central 6-0; Paul Dunbar 6-0.

Football Master Schedule updates
 Following is a listing of football schedule updates/corrections received from member schools past press time for the printing of the Football Master Schedule.

October 9—McCreary Central at Knox Central, 7:30 p.m.

October 11—Jenkins at Pikeville, 1 p.m.

October 17—Western Brown (OH) at Boyd County, 7:30 p.m.

October 24—Warren Central at Marion County, 7 p.m.; Middlesboro at Corbin, 7:30 p.m.

SCORE/SCHEDULE CORRECTIONS UPDATES

In week three of football action, Ryle High School added a game to its schedule and defeated Clermont

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to midfielder Eddy Kuss, who set up Tourigny in front of the net. Plague coaches credited the victory to a great team effort, and especially the defensive play of Lakita Lykins.

Matt Simons gives up basketball

Eastern Kentucky University men's head basketball coach, Scott Perry, has announced that Matt Simons, 6-11 senior center from Shelbyville, has decided to "give up the sport of basketball," citing personal reasons.

Perry was informed of Simons' decision via a letter received Friday morning.

"Matt cites only personal reasons for his decision to leave our program. We wish him well as he continues his schoolwork," Perry said. Simons indicated in the letter to Perry that he would remain in school at EKU, working towards his degree.

Simons started 25 of Eastern's 26 games last year at center, averaging 10.5 points and 6.2 rebounds per contest. He hit 46.1 percent from the field and led the Colonels in dunks (17) and blocked shots (36) in 1996-97, finishing fourth in the latter category among Ohio Valley Conference leaders.

A graduate of Shelby County High School, Simons played his first two seasons of collegiate basketball for coach Danny Crum at the University of Louisville before transferring to Eastern.

Fall ginseng reminder

Fall is a time of year when hunters take to the woods to enjoy hunting for game. However, some hunters are not only hunting for game, they are hunting ginseng.

Hunting ginseng has become a way for people to make extra income. The dried roots, which have been used in medicine for centuries, have been bought and sold for high prices. Hunting for ginseng disturbs the natural vegetative growth of the forest. Care must be used in removal of the plant. Hunters, as always, should obtain permission to hunt ginseng from landowners.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Paintsville Lake, in trying to preserve the land it manages, strives to keep the land as natural as possible for the public to enjoy for generations to come. Therefore, digging ginseng on Paintsville Lake property is prohibited, Title 36, Chapter III, CFR Part 327.14 (a) Public Property, "the destruction, injury, defacement, removal or any alteration of public property including, but not limited to, developed facilities, natural formations, mineral deposits, historical and archeological features, and vegetative growth is prohibited."

For any additional information, contact the Resource Manager or Federal Park Ranger at Paintsville Lake, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at (606) 297-6312, or write: Resource Manager, Paintsville Lake, 807 KY Route 2275, Staffordsville, Kentucky 41256.

Homecoming weekend at Georgetown College

Homecoming weekend is one of the high points of the year at Georgetown College, a time when alumni can greet former classmates and see how the college has changes since their undergraduate days. This year's event offers alumni many of these opportunities. The 1997 Homecoming theme is "In The News," highlighting important news that has taken place at the college, such as our award-winning students, a new fine arts building, cultural events, innovative programs, the Bengals Summer Training Camp and a one-of-a-kind Athletic Complex.

Festivities will get underway on Thursday, October 16, with a special alumni convocation to recognize outstanding alumni.

The Jim Reid Memorial Golf Tournament will start at noon on Friday, October 17. Scheduled for that evening is a dinner for the golden anniversary class of 1947, and the Festival of Song production, where students display their talents in competition.

The David Parrish Photorealistic Art Exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 18. A campuswide barbecue will be held at noon, followed by the dedication of Rawlings Stadium at 1 p.m. and the Georgetown-Cumberland University (Tennessee) football game at 1:30 p.m. The annual alumni dinner and dance will be held Saturday evening at Marriott's Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington.

Maskrafters, the college's theatre troupe, will present Visiting Oliver each day of Homecoming weekend. The play was written by former Georgetown student Bill Nave.

EKU spotlight day offers information, football game for Floyd County students and parents

Attention all prospective college students in Floyd County and parents: you have a special invitation to visit Eastern Kentucky University on Saturday, November 1, for EKU's Spotlight Day.

The event, from 9 a.m. to noon at Alumni Coliseum, will include campus tours, academic exhibits and information, open classroom tours, residence hall visits and refreshments. The day concludes with complimentary game passes, for all Spotlight Day guests, to watch Eastern's football Colonels take on the Ohio Valley Conference rival UT-Martin at 1:30 p.m.

High school students, as well as those transferring from a two-year school or even one of EKU's three educational centers are encouraged to attend. Ample parking will be available in the Alumni Coliseum parking lot.

"Visitors will be able to talk with our students, faculty members and residence hall directors," said Les Grigsby, director of EKU's Division of Admissions. "They can see what campus life at EKU is all about.

"Already, about 155 Floyd Countians are studying with us at

EKU," Grigsby said. "We're delighted that some of the county's best and brightest students have come to Eastern, where the top priority remains teaching.

"The combination of innovative academic programs, affordable costs and a competitive financial aid program make Eastern an educational bargain," Grigsby added.

Every academic major will be represented at the event, where over

15,000 prospective students have been invited. The academic exhibits will be set up like an information fair, where students can browse and get as much information as they want. No formal presentations are scheduled.

Eastern's residence halls will be open, and a number of classrooms and departments across campus will be open so students can see firsthand EKU's learning environment.

"Choosing the right place to continue an education is an important decision," Grigsby said. "We believe Spotlight Day gives students a feel for the special atmosphere of our University."

For more information, contact the EKU Division of Admissions at 606-622-2106 or toll-free, 1-800-465-9191. EKU's home page on the World Wide Web may be accessed at <http://www.eku.edu>.



BASSIN' WITH THE PROS

FOLLOW THIS PRO'S TIPS FOR CATCHING BASS

Use large lures, fish deeper structure away from the shore, and work hard.

Those are the keys to catching trophy-class largemouth bass, according to professional bass tournament angler Charlie Reed. He should know, by his count he's caught more than 250 bass weighing seven pounds or heavier.

"I believe the most common mistake anglers make is not fishing deep enough," says Reed, a member of the Johnson Outboards Pro Staff. "Big bass are rarely caught in shallow water except during the spawning season.

"The majority of my big fish have been caught in water between about 10 and 25 feet deep, depths a lot of fishermen never fish."

When he's working these deeper depths, Reed prefers to fish specific underwater structure such as breaklines, ridges, humps, and channels. One of his largest bass, an 11 pound, 7 ounce giant, came from a dropoff where the depth changed abruptly from four to 15 feet.

"Another characteristic I've noticed about larger bass is that they prefer larger lures," continues Reed. "Virtually every big fish I've ever caught has hit a big lure. I'm not sure if big bass are lazy and don't feel like chasing smaller lures, or if larger lures just create a more active strike response, but I always use large lures when I'm looking for big bass."

Two of the Johnson pro's favorite big fish lures are a Carolina rig lizard and a jug and pork trailer. "Both are large and somewhat bulky," he notes, "and when you retrieve them correctly each has a very lifelike appearance. The Carolina rig lizard has probably accounted for more big bass in recent years because more anglers are using it.

"The plastic lizard imitates a salamander which is a natural bass food. It's a great lure anytime of year."

Another lure Reed enjoys using is a heavy, double-willow leaf spinnerbait, in either 5/8 or one ounce size. He likes to slow-roll the lure over submerged grassbeds, through standing timber, or over dropoffs.

Reed advises anglers who may be trying for a big bass this year that perhaps the most important aspect of trophy fishing is persistence.

"You have to keep casting," he says. "I can't tell you how many times I've been fishing and not catching anything, then suddenly had a strike and landed a big bass. Sometimes I think big bass may actually drive smaller bass out of an area.

"Catching big bass is not as difficult as many anglers believe" Reed concludes "It takes time and effort, but if you use the proper lures and fish in the right areas, sooner or later you'll catch one."

The service experts at OMC recommend that bass boaters and other high performance enthusiasts install a water pressure gauge on their boat. Outboards can lose water pressure if the motor is trimmed or raised too high, or if the water intake is covered with weeds and mud. Loss of water pressure can lead to overheating. A water pressure gauge gives earlier warning of trouble than an engine temperature gauge.

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Northeast, Ohio, 54-0. In week six, it was Bell County 42, Shelby County 8. During week seven, Eminence and Bethlehem played a game originally scheduled for October 31. Eminence won, 64-6.

KENTUCKY FOOTBALL COACHING WINS LIST

281*—Joe Jagers, North Hardin (32 year) 281-98-3
280—Walter Brugh, Paintsville (39) 280-136-5
271—Garnis Martin, Bardstown (39) 271-114-7
258*—Mojo Hollowell, Owensboro Catholic (35th in Kentucky) 258-124-7 (Does not include a 20-29-1 record in five seasons at John Marshall, Indiana)

254—Jack Morris, Mayfield (24) 254-50-2
253—Dan Haley, Bowling Green (29) 253-79-3
251*—Owen Hauck, Boone County (30th in Kentucky) 251-108-1 (Does not include a 26-21-3 record in five seasons at Mt. Healthy, Ohio)

249—Preston "Ty" Holland, Murray (43) 249-159-28
227—Marshall Patterson, Fort Campbell (32) 227-120 (Currently coaching, but not in the state of Kentucky)

225—William Kean, Central (33) 225-45-12

* active high school coach

THE SULLIVAN SHEET

BY RICK SULLIVAN

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1997

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DAVIDSON ... DAYTON 10 over San Diego ... Delaware 7 over JAMES MADISON ... FLORIDA A&M 12 over Delaware State ... DRAKE 14 over Evansville ... VIRGINIA 31 over Duke ... DUQUESNE 15 over St. John's (NY) ... East Carolina 3 over TULANE ... EASTERN ILLINOIS 2 over Middle Tennessee State ... MURRAY STATE 6 over Eastern Kentucky ... MONTANA 5 1/2 over Eastern Washington ... Marist 18 over FAIRFIELD ... FLORIDA STATE 33 over Georgia Tech ... Georgetown 10 over IONA ... NORFOLK STATE 8 over Hampton ... HARVARD 6 1/2 over Holy Cross ... Lehigh 2 over HOFSTRA ... HOWARD 39 over Morehouse ... NEVADA 9 over Idaho ... IDAHO STATE 11 over Southern Utah ... S.W. MISSOURI STATE 12 over Illinois State ... OHIO STATE 22 over Indiana ... INDIANA STATE 5 1/2 over Western Illinois ... MICHIGAN 20 1/2 over Iowa ... JACKSON STATE 1 1/2 over Southern ... KANSAS STATE 4 1/2 over Texas A&M ... WESTERN MICHIGAN 32 over Kent ... KENTUCKY 7 over N.E. Louisiana ... LIBERTY 11 over Western Kentucky ... LSU 21 over Ole Miss ... MIAMI (OH) 2 1/2 over Marshall ... Maryland 19 over WAKE FOREST ... NORTHWESTERN 6 over Michigan State ... PENN STATE 44 over Minnesota ... Mississippi Valley 4 over LANE ... Texas 18 over MISSOURI ... Monmouth (NJ) 20 over ST. FRANCIS (PA) ... NAVY 8 over Virginia Military ... NEBRASKA 4 over Texas Tech ... NORTHEASTERN 4 over New Hampshire ... Rice 7 over NEW MEXICO ... UTAH STATE 25 over New Mexico State ... Nicholls State 6 1/2 over SAM HOUSTON STATE ... North Carolina 17 over NORTH CAROLINA STATE ... TOLEDO 7 over Northern Illinois ... Northern Iowa 5 over YOUNGSTOWN STATE ... NORTHWESTERN STATE 22 over S.W. Texas State ... Southern California 2 1/2 over NOTRE DAME ... Utah 7 over OREGON ... UCLA 18 over Oregon State ... WEBER STATE 16 1/2 over Portland State ... Wisconsin 4 1/2 over PURDUE ... Villanova 15 over RICHMOND ... Robert Morris 3 1/2 over TOWSON STATE ... SAN DIEGO STATE 2 1/2 over Las Vegas ... UTEP 1 over San Jose State ... SOUTH FLORIDA 3 over Southern Illinois ... St. Mary's (CA) 14 over CHAPMAN ... Stephen F. Austin 1 over TROY STATE ... SYRACUSE 27 over Temple ... TENNESSEE TECH 13 over Tennessee-Martin ... TCU 10 over Tulsa ... Georgia 5 1/2 over VANDERBILT ... WESTERN CAROLINA 9 over Wofford.



The Breathitt County Bobcats' defense stopped the Blackcats defense. Breathitt County won 48-22 over the Blackcats. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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1997 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 4,258	1. Randy LaJoie, 3,974	1. Jack Sprague, 3,353
2. Mark Martin, 4,133	2. Todd Bodine, 3,728	2. Rich Bickle, 3,273
3. Dale Jarrett, 4,061	3. Steve Park, 3,633	3. Joe Ruttman, 3,194
4. Jeff Burton, 3,920	4. Phil Parsons, 3,253	4. Ron Hornaday, 3,054
5. Dale Earnhardt, 3,713	5. Elliott Sadler, 3,252	5. Mike Bliss, 2,977
6. Terry Labonte, 3,611	6. Mike McLaughlin, 3,233	6. Jimmy Hensley, 2,962
7. Bobby Labonte, 3,512	7. Buckshot Jones, 3,191	7. Jay Sauter, 2,913
8. Bill Elliott, 3,412	8. Elton Sawyer, 3,119	8. Rick Carelli, 2,911
9. Ted Musgrave, 3,192	9. Tim Fedewa, 3,094	9. Chuck Bown, 2,776
10. Jeremy Mayfield, 3,132		

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP: Dale Jarrett picked up his sixth victory of the year, outrunning Bobby Labonte and Dale Earnhardt in the late stages of Charlotte Motor Speedway's UAW-GM Quality 500. Labonte highlighted a rare appearance of four Pontiacs in the top 10.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL: Jimmy Spencer and Mark Martin staged one of the season's greatest battles, with Spencer holding off Martin in Charlotte's All Pro Bumper-to-Bumper 300. It was Mr. Excitement's second victory of the season in his No. 20 Chevrolet.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES: Joe Ruttman picked up another SuperTruck victory on the road course at Sears Point, Sonoma, Calif. The race was a heartbreaker to Dave Rezendes, who crashed with a couple of laps remaining, and the final laps also featured some extra-curricular activities between Rich Bickle and Boris Said.

TOP 10

- Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.
1. Jeff Gordon (1) Only a slight slip
 2. Dale Jarrett (3) Six big wins
 3. Mark Martin (2) Still hanging in there
 4. Jeff Burton (4) Newest star
 5. Dale Earnhardt (7) Hold on... he's coming
 6. Bobby Labonte (Unranked) Deserved to win
 7. Bill Elliott (8) Tough at Talladega
 8. Terry Labonte (9) Slight comeback
 9. Ernie Ivan (6) Qualifying woes
 10. Ricky Rudd (5) Inconsistent

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Pole*	Winner*
Aug. 17	ITW Devilbiss 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Benson	Martin
Aug. 23	Goody's 500, Bristol	K. Wallace	Jarrett
Aug. 31	Mountain Dew Southern 500, Darlington	B. Labonte	Gordon
Sept. 6	Winston Cup 400, Richmond	Elliott	Jarrett
Sept. 14	New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H.	Schrader	Gordon
Sept. 21	MBNA 500, Dover	Martin	Martin
Sept. 28	Hanes 500, Martinsville	W. Burton	Burton
Oct. 5	UAW-GM Quality 500, Charlotte	Bodine	Jarrett
Oct. 12	Sears DieHard 500, Talladega	(Mayfield)	(Gordon)
Oct. 26	AC Delco 400, Rockingham	(Jarrett)	(Rudd)
Nov. 2	Dura Lube 500, Phoenix	(B. Labonte)	(Hamilton)
Nov. 16	NAPA 500, Atlanta	(B. Labonte)	(B. Labonte)
Nov. 23	Suzuka Circuitland, Japan		

* 1996 winners in parentheses.
x First year race is on schedule.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Rusty Wallace vs. NASCAR: It wasn't enough that a penalty at Martinsville for jumping a restart may have cost Wallace a victory. The governing body added insult to injury with a \$5,000 fine for cursing on the radio. Wallace replied by delivering his fine via a Brink's truck with 500,000 pennies on board. Bill France Jr. had his picture taken receiving the change, but Winston Cup Series director Gary Nelson wasn't laughing. **Gazette Motorsports Writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion:** "Wallace thinks he's being made an example. But in fairness to NASCAR, Wallace doesn't want to talk about the fact that, at Martinsville, he was warned twice before being penalized."

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The rich history of NASCAR
From 1975, when he first appeared on the Winston Cup Series, until last week, Darrell Waltrip never missed an event for which he attempted to qualify. In 1990, Waltrip missed several races due to injury, but it took a strange set of circumstances at Charlotte to send Waltrip packing. If Terry Labonte had completed his second-round qualifying run 1/10,000th of a second faster, Labonte would have earned the 38th starting position and Waltrip would have been in the field on an ex-champion's provisional. But Gary Bradberry earned the 38th spot, Labonte took the ex-champ's slot, and Waltrip got bumped.

Wallace broke open the pig

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
CONCORD, N.C. — NASCAR fined Rusty Wallace \$5,000 on Oct. 2 for the poor choice of words he used after being black-flagged late in the Hanes 500 at Martinsville. The fine was for using profanity in an interview following the race. When asked if he regretted his actions, Wallace broke up a crowd of journalists by using the same offending word, followed by a "no." Wallace's review of the incident: "After the race was over, they interviewed me and I said, 'I don't give a blank about myself, because I've won a lot of races. But I feel really bad for the team.' And they didn't like it. I used the wrong word, and they didn't like it. So they fined me \$5,000. To me, it's kind of like adding insult to injury. I still feel like the win got taken away from me. Now, I get fined. That's racing. Sometimes when they get you down and in bad shape, and you're laying on the ground with your face up, they stick their heel right in your face, so I got that again."
COUNT IT IF YOU WANT: Wallace, still seething after being fined \$5,000 by NASCAR on Thursday, paid up in full on Friday ... in pennies. A Brink's truck arrived at the speedway carrying 500,000 pennies.

WINSTON CUP SEARS DIEHARD 500
COMING UP: Oct. 12, 5 p.m. EST
WHERE: Talladega Superspeedway, Talladega, Ala.

Dale Earnhardt
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Earnhardt is the master of Talladega, with 11 victories overall and five in this race. Waltrip has four Talladega victories.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

Busch Grand National racing gave Randy LaJoie a chance to reach his potential as a race driver, and LaJoie is obviously very grateful.
LaJoie, who won five races and the 1996 BGN championship, is happy as a regular in the Triple-A minor leagues of NASCAR. LaJoie, a former rookie of the year (1983) and champion (1985) of NASCAR's Busch North Series, began the 1995 season as a Winston Cup rookie but was fired by Bill Davis less than halfway through the year. He began racing go-karts at age 12, then made the switch to cars at age 18. He won the track championship at Danbury (Conn.) Racearena in 1981.

- **AGE:** 36
- **SPOUSE:** Lisa
- **CHILDREN:** Cory (6), Casey (will be 3 in Nov.)
- **CAR:** No. 74 Fina Chevrolet Monte Carlo, owned by William Baumgardner.
- **HOMETOWN:** Born and raised in Norwalk, Conn., lives in Kannapolis, N.C.
- **RECORD:** BGN: 123 starts, 10 wins, 6 poles, 35 top fives, 58 top 10s, nearly \$1.4 million in career earnings.
- **LAST RACE:** 15th in All Pro Bumper-to-Bumper 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.
- **SHOULD WINSTON CUP DRIVERS RECEIVE POINTS IN BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL RACES?** "I'm not smart enough to figure all that out. I'm just a race-car driver. I'm

WHO'S HOT ... WHO'S NOT

WHO'S HOT: Dale Jarrett has 13 top-10 finishes, with four victories, in his last 16 races.
WHO'S NOT: Darrell Waltrip had finished 14th or worse in 14 straight races, then failed to make the race at Charlotte.

AROUND T

WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

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DIMS CHAMBERS: Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, with seven wins. Darrell Waltrip, Bill Elliott,

ALMOST HOME COOKING

Many of the race fans attending Talladega events are lodged slightly to the east in the adjoining cities of Anniston and Oxford. As you might expect, "Bama Barbecue" is plentiful in the area. One of the circuit's most popular spots, though, is north of Anniston at the "Top of the River," an informal seafood restaurant with colorful appetizers like the famous fried dill pickles.

Ernie Irvan, Mark Martin and Sterling Marlin have each won twice. Among the track's single winners are Kenny Schrader, Terry Labonte, Jimmy Spencer, Dave Marcis and Gordon.

THREE WHO COULD SURPRISE: Can Jeff Burton win here? Sure. Dale Jarrett? You bet. John Andretti? Absolutely.

KEY TO THE RACE: It's a wearying afternoon

of being buffeted about in the gigantic drafts. The slightest mistake can cause either a disastrous crash or a set of circumstances where the neglectful driver is sent dramatically to the back.

AUTOMOBILE RACING CLUB OF AMERICA: Oct. 11, Mountain Dew 500, Dallas.

NOTE: Once again, Coopersville, Mich., driver Tim Steele has dominated the ARCA series. ... A victory last week at Charlotte was No. 28 of Steele's career, and he has won 16 times on superspeedways. ... Kirk Shelmerdine, once Dale Earnhardt's crew chief, finished an impressive third in the Charlotte race.



John Andretti

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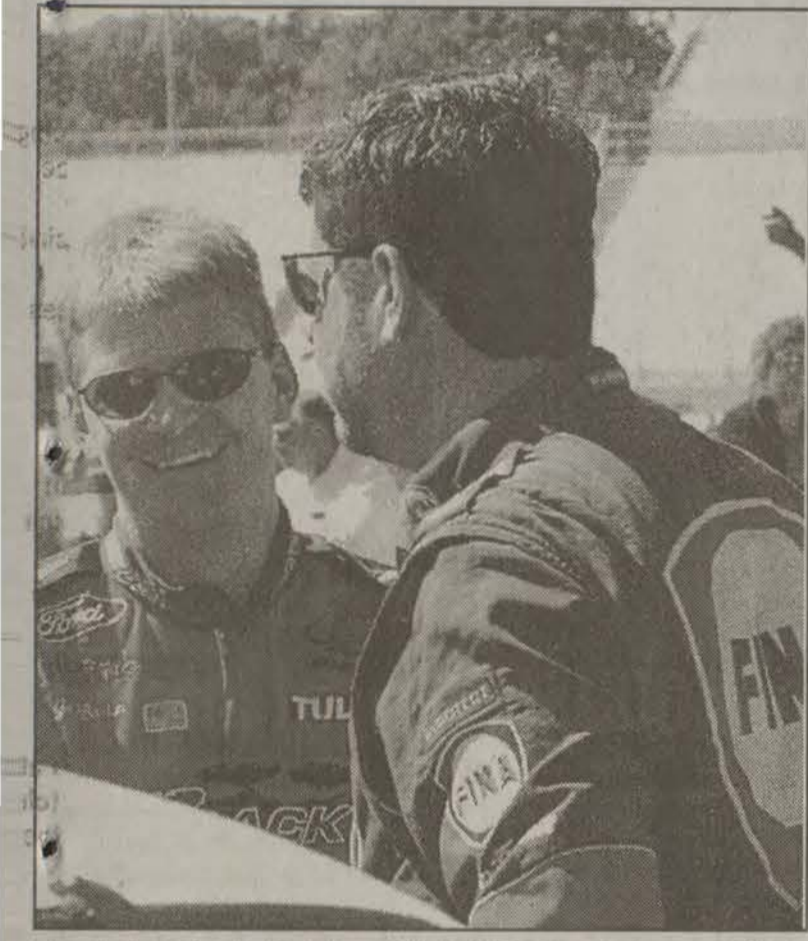
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PROFILE

Randy LaJoie



Randy LaJoie, right, talks with Jeff Burton during practice.

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NASCAR This Week/Why I Like; c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054.

This week's winner is Joan K. Proctor of Fridley Lake, N.Y., for Why I Like Steve Park.

Not going there. Whatever they want to do, that's fine with me.

WHAT KEEPS DRAWING MORE AND MORE TEAMS AND SPONSORS INTO THE

BUSCH SERIES? "I think it's kind of like college football. You're going to see a lot of new faces. We've got Elliott (Sadler) and Steve (Park). Steve's going to Winston Cup next year.

"Hopefully Elliott will stay around for a couple of years. There's nothing wrong with the Busch Series. I went to Winston Cup for half a year and pretty much got run out.

"I came back to the Busch Series where we get Sundays off and I'm making a very good living. It's fun. We've got guys coming into this sport with a lot of talent, from Matt Kenseth to the Midwest, to the northern guys coming down. It's just a fun series."

YOUR TURN

READERS ASK THE QUESTIONS

Dear NASCAR This Week, I am a very dedicated fan of NASCAR and especially of Sterling Marlin. You have been in our newspaper for two years now, and I have noticed that there have been drivers from the Truck Series, the Busch Series and Winston Cup. There have been owners and even NASCAR officials featured in the profile. But not once has Sterling been featured. I could see if you overlooked someone like Rick Mast or Bobby Hillin, but not Sterling. He has big-name sponsors, a big-time team, he has a laid-back attitude, the works. I am very disappointed to see that someone would forget one of the best drivers in NASCAR racing. Please put Sterling in the profile.

Kylee Fisher
Hamilton, Ohio

Dear NASCAR Race Fan, Sterling Marlin has been featured once in each of the past two seasons. This year Sterling appeared in one of the first editions of NASCAR This Week. Could it be that your local paper did not run the page until the season began in February?

Dear NASCAR This Week, Since I don't have a satellite dish or cable TV out here in the country, my exposure to NASCAR is very limited. The local newspaper just started carrying NASCAR This Week and I look forward to every Thursday for this page. The only other time we get any good racing coverage is when there is an event at Heartland Park Topeka. Then the local news media cover the races. I love the Craftsman Truck Series and try to follow it as best I can. My question concerns Walker Evans. What happened to him and his truck team? I haven't seen him out on the circuit this year and can't seem to find out why. Has he retired? He was always one of my favorite drivers. I even went out of my way one year to get his autograph! Any info would help. Thanks.

Conrad Belny
Topeka, Kan.

Dear NASCAR Race Fan, Walker Evans, perhaps the greatest off-road racer ever, did indeed call it quits after two years driving in the Craftsman Truck Series. Evans remains active in the series as a car, er, uh, truck owner, though he has switched from Dodge to Chevrolet.

If you've got a question or a comment, write: NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054

CREW OF THE WEEK

At long last, the "dream team" of driver Dale Earnhardt and crew chief Larry McReynolds is perched on the edge of victory. Earnhardt has finished second, second and third in his last three starts, and Talladega Superspeedway now represents the team's best chance at ending that ubiquitous, 55-race winless streak.

TRIVIA

1. What was the only track of his era where Bobby Allison never won a Winston Cup race?
2. What was the hometown of pioneering NASCAR driver Wendell Scott?
3. Who was the first inductee into the North Carolina Racing Hall of Fame?

1. Martinsville Speedway.
2. Danville, Va.
3. Richard Petty.

GARAGE

Bank to pay \$5,000 fine

This time, Wallace had no comment to the press. "I think my position is pretty clear," he said.

TRADING BRANDS: R.J. Reynolds' "major announcement" at Charlotte turned out to be fairly routine. Were they pulling out of stock car series sponsorship, weary of fighting the government? Would they use another product for racing sponsorship, turning America's premier division into the Nilla Wafer Series?

No. Jimmy Spencer unveiled a No. 23 Ford Taurus decked out in Winston cigarette colors of red, black and silver. The Travis Carter-owned car had been sponsored by Camel since 1994, when Hut Stricklin was the driver.

TRADING BRANDS, THE SEQUEL: Come 1998, the Stavola Brothers will switch from Ford to Chevrolet with the Circuit City No. 8 they field for Hut Stricklin. The Stavolas had raced exclusively with Fords since 1992. Their only previous experience with Chevys was in 1985, when Bobby Hillin drove a Monte Carlo for the team.

Pro Motor, which provides engines for the Stavola Brothers, will also begin producing General Motors power plants for the first time. Peter Guild, whose firm provides engines for a number of teams, previously produced only Ford products.

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RACING ON THE WEB

Stock Car Racing magazine
Web address:
www.stockcarracing.com

Overview: An impressive showcase of the "dean" of all stock car monthlies, SCR covers far more than just NASCAR, devoting considerable attention to other governing bodies and to technical issues.

Weak points: Like most, SCR's home page is designed to whet one's appetite. It carefully avoids providing enough information to reduce a fan's need to actually buy the magazine. Who can blame them?

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Legals

VEHICLE BID
The Floyd County Schools Headstart will be accepting bids for the following vehicles: (1) 1998 Pickup truck, four wheel drive; (1) 1998 12-passenger van.

For bid specs contact Vivian McGarey, Floyd County Schools Headstart, 69 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653; or call 606-886-1986.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on October 24, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Commonwealth Bank Parking Lot, Prestonsburg, to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 11/14/97.

Items to be sold: 1996 Cutlass Ciera S/N 6228. All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

For further information contact Mike Haney, 886-2321. First Commonwealth Bank 169 North Arnold Avenue Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0229

Major Revision No. 7
In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Coal-Mac, Inc., P.O. Box 3428, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.2 miles southwest of Teaberry in Floyd County. The major revision will add 3.0 acres and delete 3.0 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 641.03 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.7 miles northwest of KY 979's junction with Tackett Fork Road and located 0.2 miles west of Mitchell Branch. The latitude is 37° 24' 55" and the longitude is 82° 39' 50".

The proposed major revision is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by the Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Shirley Mae Reynolds, Charles T. Vance, Anna Stephens, Elliot Hiers, Samuel Hamilton, Carmel & Marie Clark, Sie Hall, Jr., Carl Mitchell, et. al. and Levi Blankenship.

The major revision proposes to change the post mining land use to pasture.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that S & V Development, P.O. Box 130, Drift, KY 41619 has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to propose to fill an area above the 100 year flood level. The property is located approximately 0.16 miles North of the Junction of Rt. 680 and Rt. 122 near the Left Fork of Beaver Creek. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone 502-564-3410.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for Phase III bond release on Permit Number 836-5304 which was last issued on February 14, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 66.40 acres located 0.75 mile southeast of Weeksby, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 0.75 mile southeast of the junction of KY 466 and Caleb's Fork Road and 800 feet east of Caleb's Fork of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 19 minutes, 06 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 40 minutes, 45 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 836-5304 is a surety of \$14,700. One hundred percent (100%) of the remainder of the original bond amount of \$28,000 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Spring of 1991. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation is according to re-vegetation plan.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by November 10, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for November 11, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by November 10, 1997.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for Phase III bond release on Permit Number 836-5305 which was last issued on February 14, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 145.0 acres located 1.0 mile southeast of Weeksby, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 1.0 mile southeast of the junction of KY 466 and Caleb's Fork Road and 800 feet east of Caleb's Fork of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37

degrees, 19 minutes, 08 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 40 minutes, 47 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 836-5305 is a surety of \$10,600. One hundred percent (100%) of the remainder of the original bond amount of \$38,300 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Spring of 1991. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation is according to re-vegetation plan.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for Phase III bond release on Permit Number 836-5318 which was last issued on June 8, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 107.87 acres located 1/4 mile from Weeksby, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 1/4 mile from Weeksby, Floyd County, Kentucky, on the watershed of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 18 minutes, 25 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 41 minutes, 49 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 836-5318 is a surety of \$8,000. One hundred percent (100%) of the remainder of the original bond amount of \$36,600 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Spring of 1992. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation is according to re-vegetation plan.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by November 10, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for November 11, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by November 10, 1997.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828, has applied for Phase III bond release on Permit Number 836-5324 which was last issued on October 28, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 228.84 acres located 1/2 mile north of Weeksby, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles south of the junction of KY 466 and Hwy. 122 and 0.5 mile east of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 20 minutes, 04 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 40 minutes, 55 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 836-5324 is a surety of \$3,000. One hundred percent (100%) of the remainder of the original bond amount of \$10,000 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Fall of 1990. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation is according to re-vegetation plan.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by November 10, 1997.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 898-5853, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Kentucky May Coal Company, Inc., HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, KY 41828, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.5 mile northwest of Speight in Pike County, KY. The amendment will add 1.11 acre of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 1756.19 acres located in Knott, Pike and Floyd counties making a total area of 2637.08 acres within the amendment permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.1 mile east from Bailey Branch Road's junction with KY State Route 1469 and located 0.05 miles north of Long Fork. The latitude is 37° 16' 40" and the longitude is 82° 41' 31".

The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Hurley Johnson. The operation will underlie land owned by Rabon Hall, Marion Johnson, Grant Honeycutt, Virmus Isaac's Estate, Gary Hall, Ethel Holland, Sandra Childers, Drax Fouts, Second Sterling Corporation, Collins &

Mayo Colliers, Noah Johnson, Mart & Vada Burke, Mack & Lavena Burke, Lonard Burke, Orville Burke, Grant Burke, Johnny Roop, Ernest Johnson, W.M. McCoy, F.D. Johnson, June Gilliam, Gilbert Little, James Burke, Clyde Burke, Dempsey Belcher, James Bartley, Jewell Dean Burke, Andrew Adkins, Sid Hall, William Burke, Lewis Burke, C.L. Tackett, Bennie Blankenship, Carl Moore, Evelyn Burke, Warfield Johnson, Daryl F. Johnson, Tommy Roop, Dramond Johnson, Kinship Resources and Progress Land Corporation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Star-Lite Mining Co., Inc., General Delivery, Highway 122, Hi Hat, KY 41636 has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Permit Number 436-5201, which was last issued on May 13, 1997. The application covers an area of approximately 186.60 acres located on Orchard Branch of Jacks Creek 1.20 mile southwest of Bevinville, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 1.20 mile southwest of the junction of KY 1498 with KY 122 and 1.20 mile southwest of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 20 minutes, 54 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 44 minutes, 15 seconds.

The bond now in effect for Permit Number 436-5201 is a certificate of deposit of \$6,100. One hundred percent (100%) of the remainder of the original bond amount of \$10,000 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Spring of 1991. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation is according to re-vegetation plan.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by November 10, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for November 11, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by November 10, 1997.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0261, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is

hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 1042.56 surface acres underlying 37.2 acres located 0.75 mile north of Prestonsburg in Floyd County.

The operation is approximately 0.75 mile northwest from KY 3's junction with KY 1428 and located 0.1 mile east of Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River. The latitude is 37° 41' 00" and the longitude is 82° 45' 13".

The operation is located on the Prestonsburg and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the area, auger, contour, and cut-thru methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Sallie Goble, Everett Kendrick Heirs, David Clifton, Lonzo Bowling, Clifford Latta et al., Henry L. Mayo, Jr., H.D. Fitzpatrick, M&M Enterprises, Inc., David Mayo & Dr. Porter Mayo, Karen D. & Brent Clark, Maurine Mayo, Joe & Margaret Spradlin & Mary Damron, Jonah & Norma Stepp, Costain Coal Inc., Dewey Lake Fish & Game, Greg Horn, Mary McQuire & Taulbee Fraley, Eugene & Annis Goble, Clay & Evelyn Spradlin, David & Lois May, Frank & Phyllis Calhoun, Okie & Lloyd Whitaker Spradlin, Floyd Skeens, DFM Inc., Scott & Anna Belle Howell, Eugene Spradlin, City of Prestonsburg, Wash Fraley Heirs, S.P. Davidson Heirs, 3JM Company, Inc., Martha Hager, and Clyde DFR Williams, et al. The operation will underlie land owned by M&M Enterprises, Inc., Eugene & Annis Goble, David and Lois May, and the City of Prestonsburg.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0257, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Lucost Grove, Inc., P.O. Box 958, Hazard, Kentucky 41702-0958, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.5 miles east of Wayland in Floyd and Knott Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.0 miles east from Route 1086's junction with Route 7 and located at the headwaters of Doty Branch and Steele Creek. The latitude is 37° 25' 50" and the longitude is 82° 46' 00".

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland and McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the mountain top removal method of surface mining. The surface to be mined is owned by Caleb S. Dean, Walter and Gertrude Stumbo, Kathryn Youman, Mary Maggard, Mountaineer Land Company, William P. Stone Heirs, Cora Hall Heirs, Sharon Fugate, Richard Anderson, Melvin Anderson Heirs, Mary T.

Combs Heirs, Benny Ray Bailey, Wordin Collins Heirs, The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Nicky Stumbo, Virginia Stone, Ray and Vernon Kelly Stone, Marie and Walker Stumbo, James Hall, W.C. Turner Heirs, Millard Beverly Heirs and Mike Crum Heirs.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that The Praise Assembly of God c/o Glen D. May, P.O. Box 31, Allen, KY 41601 has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a one lane bridge across Bull Creek along with the construction of a church in the 100-year flood plain. The property is located approximately 800 feet northeast of the Route 3's intersection with U.S. Route 23 at Watergap in Floyd County, Kentucky. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 18 Reilly Road, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone 502-564-3410.

Build Your Nest Egg For Retirement, But Also Plan For Life's Uncertainties

(NAPS)—Retirement is often portrayed as a predictable event for which you can prepare by reaching a certain level of savings and investments. However, a number of factors that can greatly affect your retirement cannot be predicted.

None of us knows how long we will live, or whether we will become disabled or need long-term nursing or home care. These possibilities can deplete savings and put a family's financial future at risk.

A smart financial plan calls not only for building a nest egg but also protecting that nest of savings with insurance products. Without protection against life's uncertainties, financial risks can undermine your best effort to retirement security. The following steps will help you achieve these goals:

Review your current financial plan. It may be helpful to ask yourself:

- Does my current plan protect me from the unexpected, such as long-term illness, outliving my assets or becoming disabled?
- Does my current financial plan include defensive measures that will enable me to protect my current assets, as well as safeguard those who depend on me if I'm not around.

Figure out how much money your family will need for financial security. Remember, this amount depends on many factors which are difficult to know today. Still, you must prepare for the possibilities that can deplete your savings in retirement. These include living longer than you expected in retirement. Many people retiring today can expect to live

up to 30 years in retirement. Another expense you may have to face is nursing home care or home health care. You also should prepare for the expenses you would face if many of your years in retirement are spent in poor health.

What is enough retirement savings for one person may not be enough for another who faces a disability, a major illness or who lives a very long time. It's best to meet with a qualified financial advisor, such as an insurance agent, to determine which financial products will meet your family's needs.

Build Your Nest Egg. There are a variety of financial products and plans that can help you meet your numerous financial needs. Life insurers can help people save and invest money through managing pension plans, annuities, IRAs, 401(k) plans and mutual funds. Permanent forms of life insurance can also be used to help people achieve long-term financial goals.

Protect Your Retirement Income. This can be achieved through:

- Long-term care insurance to cover nursing home and home health care costs. The younger you are when this insurance is purchased, the more affordable it is.
- Disability insurance to guarantee income in the event of an injury or illness that impairs your ability to work—and your ability to save for the future.
- Annuities to guarantee a steady stream of income for you and your family as long as you live.
- Life insurance to provide your family with benefits when you die.

Keep in mind that retirement security can be achieved only through a planned approach to accumulating wealth and managing a broad range of risks that can threaten your lifelong savings.

The Latest Treatment Option

(NAPS)—For the millions of adults living with undiagnosed depression, the joys of daily life are replaced by feelings of helplessness, guilt and sadness. Activities that were once enjoyable become uninteresting, and stress caused by the associated symptoms of depression may distance close relationships. These are real problems for those suffering from depression, but many people are finding effective treatment from the latest antidepressant cleared for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"When I was at my worst of the depression, I found that people were shy away from me," said Kay Hendricks from San Diego, who suffers from depression. "After I started taking medication and feeling better again, I noticed them responding to me and telling me how much better I looked."

For people with depression like Kay, working with her doctor to choose an antidepressant was an important decision. She was able to find help with Wellbutrin SR®, which is indicated for the treatment of depression with minimal adverse impact on sexual function.

"Wellbutrin SR provides a new therapy option for many of the 17

million people who suffer from depression," said James W. Jefferson, M.D., clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin Medical School, senior scientist at the Dean Foundation in Madison, Wis., and a clinical investigator for Wellbutrin SR. "Not only does Wellbutrin SR offer an effective first-line option with a favorable safety profile, it has been shown to have minimal adverse impact on sexual function."

The term depression has many meanings. People commonly use the term to describe the "blues"—short-lived unhappy feelings that we all experience from time to time. Unlike depression, these feelings tend to lift as situations improve. Clinical depression, on the other hand, is a serious medical illness that can interfere with normal functioning, and even lead to suicide. Scientists believe depression is caused by imbalances of key chemicals in the brain. The good news is that antidepressants, like Wellbutrin SR, can relieve the symptoms by correcting the chemical imbalance.

Studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of the immediate-release (IR) formulation of bupropion. The sustained-release formulation of bupropion, Wellbutrin SR, is bioequivalent to the immediate-release formulation. The most common adverse events reported during placebo-controlled clinical trials with Wellbutrin SR that occurred in ≥10 percent of patients receiving treatment with either Wellbutrin SR 300 mg/day or 400 mg/day, and at a rate of at least twice the placebo rate were: headache, dry mouth, nausea, insomnia, dizziness and sore throat. A physician considering Wellbutrin SR for the management of a patient's first episode of depression should be aware that the drug may cause generalized seizures in a dose-dependent manner. At doses up to the usual recommended dose of 300 mg/day, the incidence of seizure with Wellbutrin SR is approximately 0.1 percent (1/1,000 patients). At the maximum recommended dose of 400 mg/day, the seizure incidence of Wellbutrin SR increased to approximately 0.4 percent (4/1,000 patients). Wellbutrin SR contains the same active ingredient as Zyban, an aid in smoking-cessation treatment, and should not be used in combination with Zyban or any other medicines that contain bupropion. Wellbutrin SR should also not be taken by patients with a seizure disorder, patients who have had bulimia or anorexia nervosa, or patients who are taking a monoamine oxidase inhibitor.

Experts agree the effectiveness of any treatment requires a cooperative effort from the patient and the physician. Patients should work closely with their physician to determine appropriate therapy, including a discussion of dosing and potential side effects. If you or anyone you know is suffering from the symptoms of depression, please contact your primary care physician or a mental health professional for more information.