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East Ky. test results run the gamut

by RALPH B. DAVIS MANAGING EDITOR

The fortunes of Eastern Kentucky school districts are all over the charts following test results released last week. While some still reflect stereotypes

of underachievement, others are showing the potential to excel, even outpacing the rest of the state in some instances.

Analysis of the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills scores shows that some trends continue to hold. In sixth- and

ninth-grade scores, independent school districts on the whole continue to dominate their countywide counterparts. The Pikeville and Paintsville school systems also continue lead the rest of Eastern Kentucky in those two grades. But a look at third-grade scores

shows what could be new trends in the making.

Third Grade

Third-graders across Eastern Kentucky, as well as the state as a whole, show the most success on the

CTBS. Of 15 districts examined, only one — Letcher County — failed to meet or exceed the national average.

Leading the way among third-graders are a set of new faces. While

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briefs

State receives money to fight terror

The Justice Department said Friday it had awarded the state of Kentucky \$2.2 million to buy equipment it might need to respond to a future terrorist attack.

The grant money can be used to buy special gear such as respirators and gloves that would help protect emergency workers responding to a terrorist attack. The funds also could be used to buy detection and communications equipment.

Other states have received similar grants in recent months. To qualify for the funds, states had to conduct an assessment of their needs.

"This grant is an important part of our nation's fight against terrorism and representative of the federal, state and local cooperation necessary for us to win that fight," Attorney General John Ashcroft said in a statement Friday.

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Tomorrow Partly cloudy High: 87 • Low: 63

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

Two third-grade and two fourth-grade classes share one room at Central Elementary, where the only separation of the classes is bookshelves and interaction is encouraged. The atmosphere is a "family setting" and the noise level is minimal for 100 students in one room.

A TALE OF TWO SCHOOLS

Reasons for disparity between Stumbo, Central unclear

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

When looking at the similarities and differences of two Eastern Kentucky schools that are at opposite ends of the list in the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills ranking, it is unclear why there is such a gap in scores between two schools that are located approximately 35 miles apart.

At opposite ends of the spectrum are Central Elementary in Johnson County and Stumbo Elementary in Floyd County.

When the scores were in and the schools had been ranked, Central Elementary's sixth-grade class scores were best among 451 schools statewide, while the school's third-grade students ranked seventh out of 758 schools.

While Stumbo's sixth-grade scores landed them in 432nd out of 451, the most alarming scores were those of the third grade, which put them at the very bottom of the list of all Kentucky schools.

Central principal Billy Johnson said he is proud of his students and attributes their success to preparation.

Johnson said that Central's students are given a similarly formatted CTBS battery in kindergarten, first and second grade, which better prepares them



photo by Loretta Blackburn

John M. Stumbo Elementary's staff has adopted the policy that they will "do whatever it takes" to improve the school's test scores.

for the test given in third grade.

But Debbie Daniels, acting principal at Stumbo, said that school's students were likewise tested in early grades.

However, Johnson said the board graphs the scores and does a data analysis to find where the instruction gaps are. Central also does Brigance testing in addition to the CTBS in order to find what skills are lacking.

"If 70 percent didn't master subtraction, it means it wasn't taught well

or we didn't spend enough time on it," said Johnson.

In preparing for the CTBS it appears that both schools instruct according to core content, which is established by the state, but their techniques differ somewhat. Daniels said that teachers at Stumbo instruct according to core content and write each day's lessons on the blackboard each morning. She said the primary

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4 charged in driveway paving scam

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

AUXIER — Four London men were arrested on Thursday and charged with theft in a driveway paving case following an investigation by Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn.

Randolph S. Boswell, 22, Saul Boswell, 45, Eric Boswell, 18, and Harold Woods, 30, were arrested and charged with theft by deception.

According to a police report, Mary Craft of Auxier was the victim in a scheme which involved a contract to pave her driveway which resulting in her being overcharged by several hundred dollars.

"They were saying that they would do

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More residents forced from area near Pike mine

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Authorities ordered more evacuations in an area where mining has loosened huge boulders that could roll down on houses.

Kentucky State Police said Friday that the area faces an impending danger.

Troopers blocked all traffic on Kentucky 881, the main road into Brushy, and evacuated the homes of about 12 families in the Pike County community on Friday.

Three homes were evacuated on Monday.

Rodney Brown, spokesman for the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, said his agency has ordered that miners not involved in the rock removal stay out of the area because of the danger.

Lodestar Energy, a Lexington-based coal company, has been cited and forced to shut down the Pike County mining operation at

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

Construction is moving along on a new bridge crossing the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River in Prestonsburg. The span will replace the old Town Branch Bridge.

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Odds and Ends

■ KIRKLAND, Wash. — When Rob and Agnieszka Girling first found \$5,000, they thought about all the things they could spend it on. But that didn't last long.

"We knew we couldn't live with ourselves if we tried to keep the money. We would just feel awful, and disgusted at our own lack of discipline," said Rob Girling, a software designer at Microsoft.

He found the money Sunday while hiding in a bedroom closet playing hide-and-seek with

his daughter. He noticed a bank envelope taped above the door and opened it to find 100 \$50 bills.

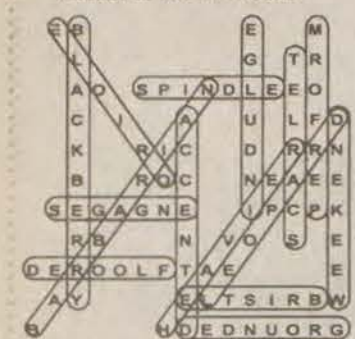
The Girlings walked two blocks down the street to where the previous owners now live and presented Duke and Svetlana Young with the cash. The Girlings bought the house last year from the Youngs, who had built it.

"They went above and beyond what the average person would have done," Duke Young said.

Young said he had been saving the money for about a year to pay for home improvements and travel. But then he and Svetlana married, traveled to Italy on their honeymoon and sold the house, all within a couple of months. In their excitement, they said, they overlooked the money.

The Youngs plans to give the Girlings a weekend trip or some other gift as a reward.

REMOVE EVEN LETTERS TO MAKE A NEW WORD



■ TAMPA, Fla. — It's out with the old and in with the new at Busch Gardens.

The theme park is replacing its 22-year-old Dolphins of the Deep act with a 750-seat theater for an adventure film exhibit, officials said Tuesday. The theme park's three dolphins, two sea lions and two otters, and their trainers, will be transferred to Sea World in Orlando.

Replacing the dolphin act will help attract younger audiences looking for special effects,

park officials said.

"We're 43 years old," said Robin Carson, general manager of Busch Gardens in Tampa. "It's time to change and improve and to provide a diverse product."

Like other theme parks across the country, Busch Gardens has been struggling to keep attractions current and attendance up.

The park saw an 8 percent drop in visitors last year, according to Amusement Business, a trade magazine. Last year, about 4.6 million people visited the theme park, the magazine reported.

The new exhibit, called Haunted Lighthouse, opens next spring. Visitors will don 3-D glasses to watch a 25-minute adventure film based on a story by R.L. Stine, author of the popular "Goosebumps" children's books.

The dolphin tanks will close Sept. 2.

■ ROCKFORD, Mich. — If this happens again, maybe the street should be renamed Sunshine Drive.

A small tornado that touched down Tuesday evening near Whirlwind Street uprooted trees, damaged several buildings and tipped over a delivery truck.

The National Weather Service confirmed that a twister packing winds estimated at 70 mph caused the damage. The Grand Rapids Press reported Thursday.

The tornado was ranked as an F-0, the least-powerful category of twisters on a scale that goes

up to F-5, said Bob Dukeshner, a weather service meteorologist. In an F-5 tornado, winds can reach up to 318 mph.

The tornado that struck about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday near the intersection of Whirlwind and Summit Avenue was so weak, Doppler radar failed to detect it.

"There weren't any warnings out with this one, not a severe thunderstorm or tornado warning," Dukeshner said.

The twister was strong enough to leave a path of damage 300 feet wide and a mile long.

■ AUGUSTA, Maine — Fresh Maine lobster salad with

yellow pear tomato and seared pearl onion won the gold medal at the governor's annual lobster cook-off.

The recipe is an original creation of Charles Butler, chef at the Waterfront Restaurant in Camden, who took home the top prize of \$1,000 on Thursday.

"It was really kind of a light dish," said Butler, who also won top honors in 2000. "I really wanted someone to put it in their mouth, and have them really taste the lobster."

Lobster salad was the theme of the eighth annual Great Taste of Maine Lobster Governor's Tasting and Culinary

Competition.

Organizers of the contest, sponsored by the Maine Lobster Promotion Council and held at the mansion of Gov. Angus King, extended invitations to nine chefs from around the state. Dishes were judged by a panel of food experts on factors from presentation and creativity to flavor and nutritional value.

A group of guests invited to the event awarded the \$750 People's Choice Award to Robert McGowan, the chef at the Heritage House Restaurant in Skowhegan, who prepared Mediterranean marinated grilled lobster.

Kentucky's version of Amber Alert system months away

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky should have its own version of "Amber Alerts" spreading information about abducted children within a few months, officials said Thursday.

They envision a system that combines tone-activated emergency broadcast alerts and giant message signs on highways. Kentucky State Police, with regional posts and round-the-clock dispatchers, would collect the needed information and decide when to activate the sys-

tem — a step not to be taken lightly.

"We don't want this going off all the time," Joann Donnellan, a spokeswoman for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, said during a meeting at the Capitol.

"It's not for runaways or parental abduction cases unless the child is in grave danger," Donnellan said.

The alert systems, which operate under many names, are used in more than 40 places nationwide. Fifteen are statewide. Amber systems are named for Amber Hagerman, a

9-year-old who was kidnapped and murdered in Arlington, Texas, in 1996. Radio and television stations are the backbone of the systems.

Several states incorporate highway digital message signs into their systems.

The signs, which cost as much as \$200,000 apiece, are now in use for displaying traffic information in Louisville, northern Kentucky and at the Cumberland Gap Tunnel in southeastern Kentucky. The Transportation Cabinet wants to install them in 60 other locations along major highways, though officials say that could take years.

Carol Jordan, who heads child-abuse and domestic-violence services in Gov. Paul Patton's office, said the Kentucky system "can be rolled out rather quickly" but declined to lay out a timetable. The mechanics could be worked out in weeks; training law-enforcement officers and other personnel would take at least a few months, Jordan said.

Alert systems have been in the news recently because of highly publicized abductions in the West. Texas issued its first statewide Amber Alert this week when an infant was kidnapped from a Wal-Mart parking lot in Abilene on Tuesday. The baby was found and a suspect arrested Wednesday.

Kentucky has 310 radio stations and 16 over-the-air television stations. Broadcasters "want to get it going," said Gary White, president and chief executive officer of the Kentucky Broadcasters Association.

Child-abduction alerts would be similar to weather bulletins

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Problems ease for mountain towns that get water from coal mines

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FLEMING-NEON — Excess water gushing out of an eastern Kentucky hillside may be evidence that this coal town's water

shortage is long past.

Dipping a cup into the crystal flow, Carlos Phillips, the water plant operator for Fleming-Neon, said faucets shouldn't run dry again in the Letcher County town that gets its water from abandoned coal mines.

Water levels have been holding at normal in both Fleming-Neon and Evarts, the eastern Kentucky towns that suffered shortages during the winter when water levels inside the mines inexplicably dropped.

Ed Neal, a spokesman for the Kentucky Division of Water, said both towns now appear to have sufficient reserves to avoid a repeat of what happened in December and January, despite current drought conditions.

The Kentucky National Guard hauled 100,000 gallons of water a day into Fleming-Neon aboard tanker trucks to keep faucets running in the Letcher County community. In Evarts, residents were asked to conserve water when output from the mine fell from 900 gallons a minute to about 100 gallons.

Neal said Fleming-Neon has since tapped into another mine to use as a backup to the one that was already in use. In addition, plans are being drawn up now to tap into a deeper section of the original mine to supply millions of gallons more.

"We're doing everything we can to prevent this kind of thing from happening again," Phillips said. "As it looks right now, we shouldn't have any more problems."

Reservoirs trapped in underground mines have been a ready supply of water in the mountain region for generations. Evarts Mayor Burt Fee said the water is so pure that some families pipe it directly into their homes without treating it.

The Kentucky Geological Survey said some of the mines hold hundreds of millions of gallons of water that are largely free of bacteria, pesticides and other contaminants present in streams and lakes.

In Evarts, crews are installing water lines to tie into the Harlan water system for a backup if the mine runs low again. That work could be done by winter.

The long-range goal is for Fleming-Neon, like Evarts, to tap into a neighboring system for backup.

"For now, we have wells we can go to for backup," Fee said. "We've got other sources avail-

able."

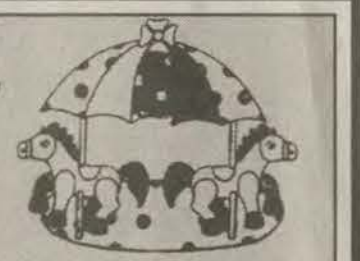
Fee said Evarts draws up to 310,000 gallons of water a day from the underground mine.

One of the problems Evarts faced was a network of aging water lines, some more than 50 years old. Neal said up to 60 percent of the water had been leaking out of the lines before repairs were made.

Neal said every water system in the region would benefit from connecting to a neighboring system. He said the water systems could form a grid that could supplement flow to areas affected by drought.

Several water districts in the Cumberland Valley area have plans for such connections.

Neal said no one has been able to go back into the mines



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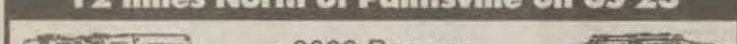
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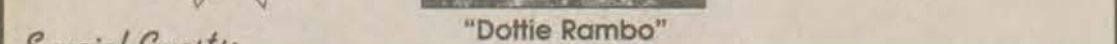
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■ In 1983, Hurricane Alicia slammed into the Texas coast, leaving 22 dead and causing more than \$1 billion worth of damage.

Ten years ago: On the second night of the Republican national convention in Houston, Texas, Sen. Phil Gramm delivered the keynote address, denouncing Bill Clinton's economic program as "worse than sleaze." Basketball star Larry Bird announced his retirement after 13 years with the Boston Celtics.

Five years ago: United Parcel Service and the Teamsters union reached a tentative agreement to end a 15-day-old strike. Beth Ann Hogan became the first woman student in the Virginia Military Institute's 158-year history.

One year ago: Fire broke out at a budget hotel outside Manila, killing 75 people.

Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of Defense Caspar

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Community collaboration proves fruitful for Inez family

FORT GAY, W.Va. — A series of collaborative efforts have resulted in the Diamond family of Fort Gay, W.Va., becoming the owners of a new home on August 12.

Felix and Christine Diamond, originally of Inez, began the process of home ownership by

contacting Christian Appalachian Project Elderly program volunteer John Gaither, whose service area included Martin County. Gaither became familiar with the Diamonds' living situation through multiple contacts during the course of working with them through the program. In addition

to just lending a listening ear and being a friend, he would periodically transport the Diamonds to and from the physician, pharmacy and grocery store. It was during these exchanges that he learned just how greatly the family could benefit from a better home.

Then one evening while attending mass at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Louisa, Gaither and his wife Jean learned that a refurbished trailer had been donated by a parish in Indiana and was available through CAP's founder Father Ralph W. Beiting. When the Gaithers remembered the condition of the Diamonds' home, they began the process of linking the two.

The trailer, a 1962 model, had been completely remodeled inside and out and was put through a series of inspections to ensure its safety. During these modifications, the trailer sat adjacent to the lot occupied by the Genesis Child and Family Development Center in Louisa. John and Jean worked diligently to provide the home with a new deck and regulation-standard electrical wiring.

As timing would have it, the Gaithers were scheduled to leave CAP, since their yearlong volun-

teer contract was due to expire in August 2001. But that following month, the Elderly program was blessed and received a new volunteer, Ray Hranj, who was equally dedicated in the quest to provide the Diamond family with a safe yet affordable home.

After the mobile home had undergone several safety-related inspections, the family faced the problem of finding an affordable lot. When Reverend Milton Bertram, a retired Methodist minister, learned of the predicament, he agreed to lease a lot in Fort Gay to the family for a nominal fee. Then there was also the problem of moving the trailer from Louisa to Fort Gay. Thanks to Reverend Grace Turner of Good News Ministry, also located in Fort Gay, the problem of relocation was solved.

After nearly a year's worth of combined efforts through various programs and services, the Diamonds were finally able to move into what would be home from then on.

"I'll definitely spend the rest of my days here," says Felix with a sense of finality. "I guess we're home."

The Elderly program, Volunteer program and Genesis Child and Family Development Center are programs of the Christian Appalachian Project, an interdenominational service-based Christian organization committed to helping people in Appalachia through education, crisis intervention and community development. With more than 70 programs, CAP's efforts reach over a million people in 13 Appalachian states.



photo by Carla Davis

A place to call home is what these folks have strived more than a year to achieve for the Diamond family, originally from Inez. Pictured from left to right are Ray Hranj, Elderly caseworker for Martin County; Rev. Milton Bertram, a retired Methodist minister; Rev. Grace Turner, of Good News Ministry; Felix Diamond, new home recipient; Father Ralph Beiting, CAP founder; Christine Diamond, new home recipient; Teresa Gullett, Elderly program manager, and Judith Leonard, Elderly caseworker for Lawrence County. Not pictured are John and Jean Gaither, who initiated the effort.

Schoolhouse Rock Live! to Rock at Pikeville High

PIKEVILLE — Jenny Wiley Theatre will stage Schoolhouse Rock Live! on Friday, August 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Pikeville High School Auditorium.

Inspired by the popular Saturday morning educational television program Schoolhouse Rock, the musical is a trip through the mind of a nervous young teacher the morning of his first day of school. This production is part of Jenny Wiley Theatre's "Theatre on Wheels" tour and this will be the only performance open to the public.

Using catchy songs, old-fashioned humor and clever lyrics he remembers that learning can be fun. In the process, the audience is thoroughly entertained while learning important information like how a bill becomes a law, the finer points of grammar, stories of important inventors, when women began to vote and even the law of gravity!

Many adults will remember this Saturday morning series and its songs, including "Conjunction Junction," "Just a Bill" and "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly." With the popular show back on the air, young people today will also recognize their favorite songs and characters. This show is filled with great songs, dancing and family fun suitable for children of all ages.

Schoolhouse Rock Live! is directed by veteran JWT Company member Mark Smith, featured this season in Greater Tuna, as Thomas Wiley in The Legend of Jenny Wiley, as Benny Southstreet in Guys and Dolls and as a singing brother in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Smith has performed and directed with the California Theatre Center in California and was seen last spring in Pikeville in the touring production of The Jackie Robinson Story.

The cast features other well known JWT performers including Amanda Bridgette, a Charleston, W.Va., native seen this season as the narrator in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and, since August as Sarah Brown in Guys and Dolls.

Other cast members include Doug Nuttelman, who starred as the lovable Nathan Detroit in Guys and Dolls, Seth Kinney, featured as the Elvis impersonating Pharaoh in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Anthony Abdallah, featured as the hilarious Big Julie in Guys and Dolls. Elizabeth Brandel, seen in Season 2001 as Lucy in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown and Golda in Fiddler on the Roof will be returning to perform in

Schoolhouse Rock Live!

And Prestonsburg native Heather Branham, a recent graduate of the Western Kentucky University Theater Department and production stage manager for the entire JWT season will also be featured on stage in

Schoolhouse Rock Live!

The production also features sets by Brad Coleman, the JWT technical director and a native of Paintsville, choreography by Ragan Renteria, costumes by

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Jenny Wiley Theatre will present Schoolhouse Rock Live! on August 23 at Pikeville High School. The showing will be the company's only public performance of its "Theatre on Wheels" tour this year.

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is 37. Rock singer-musician Zac Maloy (The Nixons) is 34. Hip-hop artist Everlast is 33. Actor Christian Slater is 33. Actor Edward Norton is 33. Actor Malcolm-Jamal Warner is 32. Rock musician Dirk Lance (Incubus) is 26. Actor Mika Boorem is 14. Actress Parker McKenna Posey ("My Wife and Kids") is 7.

Thought for Today: "The self-hatred that destroys is the waste of unfulfilled promise." - Moss Hart, American playwright and director (1904-1961).

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— Felix Frankfurter

GuestView

Mining board playing games

The legislative subcommittee that considered new coal mine safety regulations this month sent a strong message: Kentucky lawmakers want miners protected. Approval was unanimous.

Industry representatives also have been unanimous — in first derailing the approval process, then posturing as supporters and, in the end, openly opposing the new, improved rules.

Three industry members of the new Kentucky Mining Board — Paris Charles, Ben Spears and William Spears — all had emergencies that kept them away on the same day last October, when the proposals were supposed to be considered. In January, with public attention focused on them, they voted to endorse the tougher penalties for intentional violation of mine safety laws and regulations. But in July — meeting in Madisonville, the back yard of industry lobbyist Kim Nelson — they reversed direction. All three voted to oppose the final version of the regulatory package.

Perhaps one can excuse a lobbyist like Mr. Nelson, or Bill Caylor of the Kentucky Coal Association, who get paid to protect the industry. But not members of the Mining Board, whose job is to safeguard the folks who dig coal, not the bosses who cut corners and create dangers underground.

Mr. Caylor rejects any suggestion that he and the people for whom he works are anything less than keen on safety. He says his objections have been procedural. But no less an authority than Gov. Paul Patton, a veteran coal operator, warned his industry friends, "If you all are going to continue to object to everything, you're just not going to have much public support."

The coal culture is so insular, only voices from inside the coalfields get much of a hearing. So it's a good thing Gov. Patton has pushed this safety reform. And that subcommittee member Johnnie Turner, a Harlan Republican, was there this month to turn the tide of debate. Left to its own devices, the industry would have made a quick procedure of gutting these much-needed new rules.

— The Louisville Courier-Journal

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— beyond the beltway

This time, let the South go

by DONALD KAUL

Every few years one of the major papers discovers that the state of Texas is single-handedly dumbing-down American education and sends one of its crack reporters to do a story on it. This year it was the New York Times' turn, and it dutifully reported that Texas, because it buys books in huge numbers, is able to exert veto power over textbooks it doesn't like.

Because Texans have a rather constricted view of history, science and literature, this means that books that venture out beyond "Dick and Jane Go to Church" have a hard time in the Lone Star state.

Which would be no great loss if all that meant was that Texas kids came out of school as dumb as they went in. So what else is new?

But textbook publishers, being the cowardly, profit-motivated creatures that they are, do the economical thing; they dumb-down all of their textbooks to fit the Texas template and the rest of the country is stuck with them.

This is just another example of Texas pushing the rest of the country around and I'm getting sick of it. We, the people of the enlightened states, should declare that we are mad as hell and we aren't going to take it anymore.

I once suggested that we kick Texas out of the Union or, perhaps, sell it to Mexico, but nobody took me seriously.

(For one thing, nobody believed Mexico would buy Texas.)

OK, so I'll try again, this time on a larger canvas.

I think we should convince the Confederate states to secede again. We should admit that Mr. Lincoln made a bad mistake back there in 1860, we should apologize and, as Horace Greeley once suggested, "Let our wandering sisters go."

Think of it, a United States with no Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas or Florida.

From our very inception as a nation we have been forced to accept domination by Southern politicians who, by virtue of the seniority system of our Congress and the over-representation of small states there, have been able to stop or delay every progressive idea of the past 200 years.

(It is one of the great paradoxes of American history that our political system lets the poorest, most backward, ill-educated part of the country have a vastly disproportionate voice in running things.)

Enough, I say. Let them have a country of their own, just as they wanted so badly 140 years ago. They can keep all the military bases down there (Southerners love military bases, especially when Northerners pay for them), they can fly the Confederate flag to their hearts' content and have schools

where kids say a Christian prayer every morning before class.

They can establish freedom from anti-discrimination laws, privatize Social Security and keep their industries safe from environmental regulation, all the things their politicians fight for now.

I would also be willing to let them have the Second Amendment to the Constitution (the right to bear arms, really the only part of the document most Southerners care about), and four members of the Supreme Court — Rehnquist, Scalia, Thomas and Kennedy.

It's a divorce made in heaven. But if some Southern politicians balk at giving up all the benefits we provide the Southern states, I think we could still convince them. Bribery usually works. Make every reluctant Southern pol a very rich man and I'll guarantee they'll be won over to the cause of secession.

If worse comes to worst, we could secede from the South. I have a good many friends in the South and I hope none of them takes this personally. But if they do, so be it. They're the ones who can't seem to keep their states from electing yokels like Trent Lott, Strom Thurmond and Jesse Helms to office.

I'll miss North Carolina, Key West and the restaurants in New Orleans, but nothing good happens without sacrifice.



— Jim Davidson

How to stay out of a rut

Did you hear about John Jones? He died some time ago and they inscribed these words on his tombstone: "Here lies John Jones. Died at age twenty-one; buried at age sixty-one."

You see, John Jones had been in a rut for 40 years of his life. Here I'm reminded of the way it used to be in our country before we had paved highways. After a big rain, the first few cars or wagons made big ruts which led to the sign "Choose your ruts carefully because you will be in them for the next 20 miles."

I know this for sure, one of the greatest challenges I face each day in my own life is to stay out of the old proverbial rut. Now, just in case the word "rut" isn't in your working vocabulary, what I'm talking about here is the mental state that most of us fall into when we have performed routine, humdrum activities for so long that we have lost our zest for living. For the person who is in a rut, life is no longer exciting and rewarding, and because it happens so slowly and over an extended period of time, most of us fall into a rut without realizing we are in one.

During seminars and speaking engagements, I've conducted surveys that relate to this, and most adults will admit falling into a mental rut at one

time or another in different areas of their lives. This topic is very important because medical studies have shown boredom, a side effect of being in a rut, is a disease more crippling to the human species than most of us realize. The problems of boredom are manifold in our work force, schools, marriages, churches and anywhere else our thinking settles down into a well-worn groove.

If you are aware of the problems associated with boredom, have you ever asked yourself why people become bored? While the problem itself may not be easy to solve, the answer is relatively simple. Whenever you find boredom (people in a rut), you will find the absence of a worthy goal or a great motivating idea.

In my work over the past 30 years with our nation's public schools, I believe I have found at least a part of the reason why people let themselves fall into a rut. The reasons are different for different people, but for the most part, it goes back to our basic education and our habitual way of thinking.

While working with students in the area of communication skills, I have made a very important discovery. When you ask students the question: "What is produced when you link words together?" they will say sentences. When you take it one step further and ask what is

produced when you link sentences together, they will say paragraphs.

On the surface this may appear too simple to even mention, but the reason many people fall into a mental rut is because the world and every successful enterprise or individual person runs on great ideas. While it may sound trite, the world does not run on paragraphs. You see, the paragraph only separates the ideas, but it's the good ideas that are contained in the paragraph that makes the difference.

Unfortunately, most schools do not teach students to set goals or look for the ideas in a paragraph that will help serve other people. The only way we can succeed over the long haul is to find a need and fill it, and this requires each of us to constantly search for new and better ideas.

Going back to my earlier statement, when a person is bored it is simply the absence of a worthy goal or a great motivating idea. Unless we are taught to think along these lines, it's easy to become bored and fall into a rut. The truth is, we don't make exciting plans while we are in a rut, and if we aren't careful the things that are most important will just pass us by.

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Faith Extra

On the internet, insight into a world of religions

by BILL BROADWAY
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Of the scores of new Web sites on religion, a few have emerged as particularly useful to anyone interested in learning more about different expressions of faith.

Enthusiasts can thank people like Preston Hunter, a computer programmer in Texas who developed Adherents.com, perhaps the most extensive Internet bank of membership statistics, and Harry Plantinga, a computer science professor in Michigan who spent thousands of hours

scanning texts to create the Christian Classics Ethereal Library.

Here is a list of some informative and helpful sites developed by individuals, institutions or organizations. All can be accessed without a fee and without registering for membership.

ADHERENTS.COM
(WWW.ADHERENTS.COM)

This site breaks down more than 4,200 religions, denominations and other faith groups throughout the world by size and geographic area. It also includes such facts as the religious affiliations of U.S. presidents, actors and science fiction/fantasy writers.

AMERICAN RELIGION DATA ARCHIVE
(WWW.THEARDA.COM)

This Lilly Endowment project maps major religious affiliations by state, county and metropolitan area using data from national surveys and studies.

BLACK AND CHRISTIAN
(WWW.BLACKANDCHRISTIAN.COM)

Founded by Harvard Divinity School graduate Jacqueline Trussel, this two-year-old site provides news, histories and features about African-American denominations, plus chat rooms and tips on preach-

ing and worship.

CHRISTIAN CLASSICS ETHEREAL LIBRARY
(WWW.CCEL.ORG)

This volunteer-run service presents hundreds of works in the public domain—meaning it's legal to download them onto your computer—as text or MP3 audio files.

DAVIDWILEY.COM
(DAVIDWILEY.COM/RELIGION.HTML)

Dozens of sacred texts of world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and the Baha'i faith among them—plus such other works as the Egyptian Book of the Dead and Dead Sea Scrolls.

E-LIBRARY
(WWW.LIB.IASTATE.EDU/COLLECTIONS/ERE-SOURC/RELIGION.HTML)

This Iowa State University site offers dozens of links to religious resources on the Internet, including specialized

directories, study guides, journals and organizations. Similar services include the Virtual Religion Index (religion.rutgers.edu/vri/index.html) and Internet Resources in Religion and Society (users.drew.edu/epullen/links/internet.html).

FREEDOM FORUM
(WWW.FAC.ORG/FIRST)

The Nashville-based First Amendment Center offers guidelines, updates and curriculum packages on such issues as prayer in public school, school-voucher programs and censorship.

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN EVANGELICALS
(WWW.WHEATON.EDU/ISAE)

Wheaton College, the alma mater of the Rev. Billy Graham, is located in Illinois and is considered by many the spiritual and intellectual center of

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Lawmakers look into state's tourism development efforts



Rep. Howard Cornett, R-Whitesburg, speaks during a meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Economic Development and Tourism.

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky tourism officials told lawmakers Thursday they remain focused on motivating more out-of-state travelers to visit Kentucky, but they're also ratcheting up more unconventional marketing efforts to educate Kentuckians about the state's attractions.

In a meeting of the Economic Development and Tourism

Committee, Kentucky tourism officials said their recent efforts to pump up tourism have included in-state print and radio advertisements and the distribution of "host kits" to people throughout Kentucky. The host kits are designed to give Kentuckians ideas on where to take relatives and friends from out-of-state who visit to Kentucky.

"Almost half of the people who visit the State of Kentucky come here to visit a family or friend," said Deputy Commissioner of Travel Ann Coffey. "And what we found in our research ... is that people in our own state don't really know all the wonderful things there are to do in our state."

Besides giving Kentuckians ideas about where to take visitors, the in-state marketing program is also aimed at boosting Kentuckians' interest in the state's events and attractions.

"The secondary benefit of the in-state program is to keep Kentuckians home," Coffey said.

Today's meeting also gave lawmakers an opportunity to point out some of the tourism projects in their home areas they believe deserve attention. Sen.

Dick Roeding, R-Lakeside Park, noted that there are discussions about building a replica of the Hofbrauhaus — a world-famous German beer garden — in Newport.

However, plans for a Hofbrauhaus in Kentucky could be in jeopardy since tourism officials decided the

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Legislative committee focuses on elderly abuse

FRANKFORT — Members of the General Assembly's Program Review and Investigations Committee focused Monday on the way the state officials respond to allegations of abuse, neglect and exploitation of adults in

Kentucky's nursing homes.

Kathy Gannoe, executive director of the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency of the Bluegrass, told lawmakers that ombudsman offices throughout the state hear allegations daily concerning instances in which Kentucky residents don't receive proper treatment in nursing homes. And the state doesn't have a track record of responding quickly and thoroughly to such allegations, Gannoe said.

"When a resident experiences abuse, neglect or exploitation, they should not be abused twice — once by whatever entity caused harm and the second time by the State of Kentucky by failing to address it," Gannoe said.

State officials don't deny the state's track record on responding to allegations of mistreatment in nursing homes hasn't been as good as it should have been, but say improvements are underway.

"The important issues and problems related to adult protective services, and elder treatment in particular, have been identified as a major initiative by the Cabinet for Families and Children, with the Secretary's Office in the lead," said Dr. Timothy Jackson, Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet for Families and Children. "These issues are permanently locked on our radar screen."

And various state agencies

are now better coordinated to work together to respond to allegations of elder abuse, lawmakers were told, due to the recent implementation of an Memoranda of Understanding between the Cabinet for Families and Children, the Office of the Inspector General and the Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman.

But the improvements made so far have been "the easy part," Jackson said.

"If all of us as a society are going to accept the fact that protecting vulnerable adults is really important to us, at some point we're going to have to realize that we have to pay for it. In these times of budget constraints that inevitably will probably mean that resources from another important effort may have to be diverted. There are indeed tough choices to be made ahead."



Sen. Ernie Harris, R-Crestwood, listened to testimony about abuse and neglect of the elderly in Kentucky nursing homes during a meeting of the Program Review and Investigations Committee.

Church reform group looks to reinvigorate Catholic parishes through laity

by RON DePASQUALE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — David Zizik thought he had a good idea to help the Roman Catholic Church, so much so that he has pressed ahead with it in the face of resistance from Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law.

Zizik wanted to unite parish councils throughout the Archdiocese of Boston and give the most loyal Catholics — those who volunteer countless hours overseeing parish finances, religious education and youth ministries — a chance to collaborate and revitalize their churches. Donations were down in the wake of the clergy sex abuse scandal and many Catholics were demoralized.

But the church flatly rejected Zizik's proposal.

When Law got word in April of the plan for an Association of Parish Councils, the cardinal ordered every priest and bishop under his command to ignore the group. He said an Archdiocesan Pastoral Council already existed and the creation of another group would be "superfluous and potentially divisive."

Zizik was stunned. He had proposed the new organization to work within the church and alongside the hierarchy, bringing together a broader representation of Catholics than the existing council, which he said was hand-picked by the cardinal.

Zizik said his new group would be distinct from the fast-growing Voice of the Faithful, the lay organization trying to effect change but not necessarily in concert with church leaders. Law has publicly tussled

with that group as well, over whether archdiocese charities should accept donations from the reformers.

Despite Law's directive on the parish association, Zizik was not deterred. He and others who support his approach have decided to move ahead anyway, and are working under a new name — Parish Leadership Forum.

They continue to discuss their goals with the archdiocese and feel they have allayed some of church officials' fears.

"We need to strengthen parishes. That's how to reinvigorate the church, that's where the action is," Zizik said. "We need to pool resources, provide support, provide a forum for ideas and concerns within parishes that mobilizes parish leaders."

The idea for the group came after the release of archdiocese records which showed church leaders knew about sex abuse allegations against priests dating back to the 1960s but did not keep them away from children.

The revelations have sparked a crisis that spread through virtually every diocese in the United States, eroding trust in church leaders.

Zizik became convinced that victims could have been spared if parish leaders had an easy way to communicate with each other as the accused clergymen were shuttled among church assignments.

The Rev. William Clark, an expert on the church hierarchy who teaches at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., said Law may have opposed the parish councils group because he was more threatened by demands for

reform from within the church than from church critics.

"People who see themselves as very involved and not trying to bring down the church in any way ... these people are the most loyal and most involved and in some ways, for that very reason, they present a bigger challenge," Clark said.

The cardinal argued that Zizik's plan violated church law. Bishop Walter Edyvean, the vicar general, said canon law dictates that a parish coun-

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Corey Martin, props by Candace Mabry and Alison Monsees and music by Scott F. Bradley, JWT's artistic director.

As always, the performers will be available to meet the audience after the show. In addition, the JWT Teacher's Guide to teaching theater, normally available only to teachers hosting the tour in their school, will be available for \$5.

So "Unpack Your Adjectives," don't be a "Victim of Gravity" and grab the family to come out to see Schoolhouse Rock Live! on Friday, August 23 at the Pikeville High School Auditorium. Tickets will be \$6 General Admission and can be reserved by calling 1-877-CALL-JWT. Tickets will also be available at the door — but plan ahead, otherwise there might not be enough "Elbow Room"! And remember,

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4th Place: \$450		
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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

June Akers, 76, of Galveston, died Monday, August 12, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 15, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Hi Morgan Bradford, 64, of Winona Lake, Indiana, a native of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, August 10, at the Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 13, under the direction of McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel.

Ernest Powell Clay, of Gallipolis, Ohio, native of Allen, died Sunday, August 11, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Crisp Clay. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, April 14, at the Martin Cemetery, Allen. Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Fred Fraley, 91, of Lexington, formerly of Wayland, died Wednesday, August 14, in the Pine Meadows Nursing Home in Lexington, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ottis Hamilton, 34, of Teaberry, died Tuesday, August 13, at the University of Louisville Hospital, following an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Fields Hamilton. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Eliza Mitchell, 80, of Drift, died Tuesday, August 12, at the McDowell Appalachian

Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Grethel Newsome Mullins, 80, of Melvin, died Tuesday, August 6, at her residence. Services were conducted Thursday, August 8, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mamie Newman, 87, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, August 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Effie Patton Post, 90, of Langley, died Wednesday, August 7. Services were conducted Saturday, August 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Dan Rowland, 61, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, August 6. Funeral services were conducted August 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Banner Kidd Sr., 72, native of Prater Creek, died on Tuesday, August 13, at his residence in Kendallville, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Verleen Akers Kidd. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 17, at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church. Burial was in Springfield Township Cemetery, north of Mongo, Indiana. Arrangements were by Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, Indiana.

Willie Golden Wilburn, 89, of Toler Creek Road, Harold, died Wednesday, August 14, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Grethel Lynn Looney Zemo, 56, of Harold, died Thursday,

August 8, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Allen R. Zemo. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 10, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Mitchell Crate Blair, 82, died Sunday, August 11, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Blanton Blair. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 13, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mitchell D. Jude, 28, of Sitka, died Monday, August 5, on Rt. 1439. He is survived by his wife, Tamara Robinson Jude. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 8, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Della Mae McKenzie, 87, died Wednesday, August 7, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville. She is survived by her husband, Dolpha McKenzie. Arrangements were under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Exer Meek Price, 84, native of Boons Camp, died Monday, June 17, in Chardon, Ohio.

Wayne Thomas Ratliff, 54, died Wednesday, August 7, at his Thealka residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 9, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Charles B. Rice, 79, a Johnson County native, died Tuesday, August 6, in Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 10, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

Oddie Selvage Sr., 72, died Sunday, August 11, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is sur-

vived by his wife, Martha Branham Selvage. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Richard Paul Wehle, 73, died Sunday, August 4, at Carilion New River Valley Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Anamary Stapleton Wehle. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Jack D. Wells, of Garden City, Michigan, died Sunday, August 11. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 13, with burial at Litteral Cemetery, Oil Springs, under the direction of R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home.

Christine Wheeler, 61, died Monday, August 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Erma Jean Wright, 74, died Tuesday, August 6, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 9, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Pike County

Osie Branham, 81, of Wolfpit, died Tuesday, August 13, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 16, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

James Allen Chaney, 49, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, August 14, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 16, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Myrtle Annie Coleman, 64, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, August 13. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 17, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Geneva Elkins, 69, of Mosherville, Michigan, a native of Jenkins, died Sunday, July 28, at the MacMcGuire Skilled Nursing Facility, Hillsdale, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 15, under the direction of George White Funeral Home.

Lillie Dale Goodman, 75, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, August 14, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 18, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Clarke Hart, 81, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, formerly of Hellier, died Friday, August 9, at Plantation General Hospital, Plantation, Florida. She is survived by her husband, Arvie Hart. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 12, under the direction of Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Flora Rowe Hylton, 69, of Ashcamp, died Friday, August 9, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 13, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Stella Johnson, 92, of Virgie, died Thursday, August 15, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 18, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Ed. Francisco Jr., 64, of Newberry, Ohio, formerly of Hellier, died Monday, August 5, at Heather Hill Nursing Home, Newberry. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 10, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Harold Slone Jr., 50, of Virgie, died Monday, August 12, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Donna Slone. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 15, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Joseph "Joe" Justice, 91, of

Hurricane Creek, died Tuesday, August 13, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 16, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Patti Meade, 47, of Phyllis, died Thursday, August 15, at Jewish Hospital, Louisville. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Clara Holly Ramey, 89, of Elkhorn City, died Monday, August 12, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Jeff Ray, 76, of Warrior, Alabama, formerly of Pikeville, died Tuesday, August 6, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Gary F. Rose, 63, of Hardy, native of Pike County, died Saturday, August 10, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 13, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Nellie C. Runyon, 92, of Pinsonfork, died Friday, August 9, in the Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 12, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Walter E. Whitt, 92, of Frankfort, native of Pond Creek, died Monday, August 12, in Frankfort. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 15, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Martin County

Sara Jane Chapman, 24, of Warfield, died Thursday, August 8, at Warfield. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 12, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Carmen DeLong Hall, 95, formerly of Martin County, died Monday, August 12, at Westminster Thurber Health Center in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, August 15, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Willie (Wig) Jude, 64, of Pilgrim, died Friday, August 9, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 12, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Luther L. Moore, 79, of Sparr, Florida, native of Martin County, died Wednesday, August 7, at New Horizon Rehabilitation Center, Ocala, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Maynard Moore. A memorial service was held Saturday, August 31, at 2 p.m., at the Moore Cemetery on Emily Creek.

Birdie Muncy, 73, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Tuesday, August 6, at Charleston Area Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 10, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Helen Ruth Dulin, 83, of Blaine, died Wednesday, August 7, at Blaine. Graveside funeral services were conducted Friday, August 9, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Martha Sue Rose Green, 71, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, died Thursday, August 8, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 11, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Knott County

Walker Bates, 63, of Pinetop, died Tuesday, August 13, at the Knott County Nursing Home, Hindman. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 16, at Mallie Fork Old Regular Baptist

Church in Pinetop, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Lloyd Wayne Bentley, 50, died Sunday, August 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Tirrella Ann Bentley. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, August 13, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Margie Slone Bentley, 64, Topmost, died Sunday, August 4, at McDowell Appalachian Hospital from an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 7, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Loy Conley, 82, of Mousie, died Saturday, August 10, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lovenia Slone Conley. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, August 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Kenneth Ray Couch, 67, of Littcart, died Monday, August 5, at his residence. Services were conducted Friday, August 9, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Molly Evelyn Francis, 58, of Dwarf, died Monday, August 5, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 9, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Marjorie Martin Mocabee, 89, of Greenup, died Wednesday, August 7, in King's Daughters' Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 10, under the direction of Wright's Funeral Home.

Marion-Virgie Moore, 85, died Monday, August 5, at Marion General Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 9, under the direction of Boyd Funeral Home.

Flora Gibson Mullins, 86, of Amburgey, died Wednesday, August 14, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, August 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Sidney Bronson Puckett, 61, of Anderson County, died Thursday, August 8, at the Markey Cancer Center in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, August 11, under the direction of Ritchie-Peach-Todd Funeral Home.

Dora Belle Slone, 90, of Wauseon, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died Friday, August 9, at the Fulton Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 12, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Obituary

Arnold Freeman

Arnold Freeman, 60, of Bardstown, a native of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, August 14, 2002, at Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center in Leitchfield.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Freeman of Bardstown.

Other survivors include two sons, Charlie and Aubert Freeman, both of Mt. Washington; two daughters, Johnnie Karr of Bloomfield, and Dawn Murley of Bardstown; one brother, Henry Sizemore of Findlay, Ohio; four sisters, Billie Smith, Naomi Shepherd and Nyoka Decker, all of Findlay, Ohio, and Nora Bales of Florence; 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, August 19, 11 a.m., at Schmid Funeral Home, Mt. Washington.

Burial will be in Highland Memory Gardens, Mt. Washington.

Visitation is Sunday from 12 noon to 8 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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School

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grades did a recap in the afternoon, while the upper grades did a weekly assessment of what they learned.

Tonya Carpenter, a fourth-grade teacher at Central, said that the student's knowledge of core content is improved by giving the child written material which makes each child aware of what is expected of him or her. The core content for reading is posted on the bookshelf of Carpenter's classroom.

A major difference in the two schools is the third- and fourth-grade teaching atmosphere. As opposed to one class in each room with varied seating arrangements, mostly aligned desks, at Stumbo,

Central has two third-grade classes and two fourth-grade classes in one room. The classes are separated only by bookshelves and interaction is encouraged, including a weekly group writing session.

There are four teachers and two aides per classroom and Kaye Burkett, a fourth-grade teacher at Central, said that the staff works together and "feeds off one another."

Peggy Belhasen, Title I teacher at Central, referred to the classroom as "a family," which depicts the "kid-friendly and interactive atmosphere" suggested by Carpenter.

"We have a mental IEP [individual education plan] for

every kid," said Carpenter.

In comparing interactive learning and group activities, the similarities and differences are unclear. Central has fourth-grade trips to Louisville Zoo and studies science "hands-on" by visiting a local pond.

Katie Woody, fifth- and sixth-grade science instructor at Central, said she pairs students in her classroom and each table seats four students, who are encouraged to work together.

Daniels, who is serving as acting principal at Stumbo while the school's site-based council searches for a replacement, said was not in a position to be aware of group activities.

However, she did say that the sixth-grade class at Stumbo is involved in the Challenger Program in Hazard. Daniels said that the school had received math activity kits which they plan to use in the classroom this year.

Some differences between the two schools that are clear, pointed out by Anita Colvin, math instructor at Central, deal with special education and fifth- and sixth-grade teaching environments. Stumbo's fifth- and sixth-grade students do not

change classes, while Central's do. And while special education students are taught in separate classrooms at Stumbo, they are included in the regular classroom at Central.

From the sociological and economic standpoint differences can be seen. While both schools show a high proportion of low-income students, 94 percent of Stumbo's student body was on free or reduced lunches last year, compared to Central's approximately 75 percent.

The rural location of

Stumbo as opposed to Central's more accessible locale in Paintsville also plays an important role in the sociological differences — differences that Daniels said are a challenge for Stumbo in regards to exposure. She said that Stumbo needs to expose its students through other means, such as through computers and bringing people from the outside to the school. Daniels said that the school intends to participate more in the Mountain Arts Center activities.

One other noted difference, which Daniels said she feels is a problem at Stumbo, is focus. The banners that hang from the walls of Central's gymnasium and cafeteria portray academic achievements, which Johnson said showed the focus of the school.

While time and repairs have prevented the posting of banners at Stumbo, Daniels said that there has not been enough focus on teaching. She adamantly expressed that this would change as strict policies and procedures and the implementation of a new program that allowed no down-time had been in the works over the summer.

On a positive note for Stumbo, Daniels commented that the school has two groups of kindergarten students who scored distinguished in the areas of math and reading. She said that the entire class was above the national average.

While similarities and differences can be seen in comparing and contrasting the two schools, the dynamics are too great to conclude any definite reasons for such a wide gap in scores. And although the reasons as to "why?" are important in correcting the problem for Stumbo, the words of Daniels portray the attitude that must be taken to move forward.

"There is no excuse," said Daniels. "We have a job to do and we have to do it."

Daniels said the faculty of Stumbo Elementary had adopted a policy of "we will do whatever it takes" in order to correct the situation.

Daniels said that the school is currently developing its procedures for selecting a principal after having completed training on how to do so and will be selecting one in the future.

Results

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Paintsville and Pikeville continued to score well, ranking 30 and 31 out of 178 school districts statewide, they were outpaced by three other Eastern Kentucky school districts.

Jackson Independent led not only Eastern Kentucky, but also the state in third-grade results, scoring in the 88th percentile nationally.

Following Jackson were two county districts, Perry and Johnson, which ranked 26 and 29. Perry scored in the 71st percentile, while Johnson scored in the 70th.

Paintsville and Pikeville were next, scoring in the 70th and 71st percentile, respectively.

Three other districts also beat the state average. Breathitt County was 62nd on the list, Pike County was 68th and Hazard was 90th.

Six schools did not meet the state average, but still were at or above the national average.

They were:

■ Floyd County, ranking 130 out of 178 school districts and scoring in the 55th percentile.

■ Lawrence County, 133, 54th percentile.

■ Magoffin County, 144, 52nd percentile.

■ Knott County, 145, 51st percentile.

■ Jenkins, 148, 51st percentile.

■ Martin County, 152, 50th percentile.

Bringing up the rear was Letcher County, which fell below both the state and national averages. Letcher ranked 157 statewide and scored in the 48th percentile.

Other Grades

There is some similarity in sixth- and ninth-grade scores, with five districts leading the way in both grades and the same five also being the only ones to score above the state average.

Of the five, four are independent school districts — Pikeville, Paintsville, Hazard and Jackson. The lone exception in both grades is Johnson County.

On both lists, Pikeville led the way, ranking third in the state. Pikeville sixth-graders scored in the 77th percentile, while freshmen scored in the 75th.

Paintsville came in second on both lists, with sixth-graders ranking 11th in the state and ninth-graders ranking 12th. Paintsville scored in 68th percentile in sixth grade and in the 65th in ninth.

The only difference in the two lists comes in at the number 3 and 4 spots, with two districts trading places.

Johnson County sixth-graders came in ahead of Hazard, ranking 20th to Hazard's 26th. The two schools scored in the 65th and 62nd percentile, respectively. Johnson County's overall district score had to be boosted by the performance of Central Elementary, which led all schools in the state.

In ninth grade, however, the results were reversed, with Hazard freshmen ranking 49 and Johnson County ranking 45.

Coming in fifth in Eastern Kentucky in both grades was Jackson Independent. Sixth-graders there ranked 81st in the state and scored in the 54th percentile, while ninth-graders ranked 79th and scored in the 51st percentile.

The final similarity between the two grades comes at the number 6 spot, where Pike County ranked among Eastern Kentucky districts in both cases. Pike sixth-graders ranked 115th and ninth-graders ranked 97th in the state. Ninth-graders just missed the national average, coming in at the 49th percentile, while sixth-graders met it, scoring in the 50th percentile.

The remaining nine school districts examined scored below the national sixth-grade average. They were:

■ Knott County, ranked 118 out of 178 districts and scoring in the 48th percentile.

■ Magoffin and Perry counties tied, ranking 123rd and scoring in the 48th percentile.

■ Lawrence County, 126, 47th percentile.

■ Breathitt County, 127, 47th percentile.

■ Floyd County, 140, 44th percentile.

■ Jenkins, 151, 42nd percentile.

■ Letcher County, 153, 41st percentile.

■ Martin County, 165, 38th percentile.

In ninth-grade scores, four Eastern Kentucky school districts scored in the bottom 10 percent statewide.

At the bottom of the list was Magoffin County, which ranked 170 out of 172 districts statewide. Freshmen there scored in the 30th percentile.

Floyd County was next, ranking 161st and scoring in the 34th percentile. Perry and Martin counties round out the schools at the bottom, ranking 158th and 155th, and scoring in the 36th and 37th percentile, respectively.

Other ninth-grade scores included:

■ Jenkins, ranking 120 out of 172 districts and scoring in the 44th percentile.

■ Lawrence County, 125, 43rd percentile.

■ Letcher County, 140, 41st percentile.

■ Breathitt County, 142, 40th percentile.

■ Knott County, 149, 38th percentile.

Court pays bills, makes appointment

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court on Friday included approval to pay various bills for the county.

The court ordered that checks be issued for the waterline extension of the Spurlock Creek Water Supply Project to PDR Engineers for \$2,811, Clay Pipeline Inc. for \$58,315.54, and Laurel Construction Co. for \$39,960.

The court also ordered payment from a check in the amount of \$3,468.46 received from KACO Insurance to the Floyd County Sheriff for damages that

were sustained to his vehicle.

It was also authorized to pay the sheriff \$3,609.30 for law enforcement services at Dewey Lake for the month of July.

The court also authorized the transfer of funds with \$20,911.85 going to supplies and equipment, \$200,000 to the Jail Fund from the General Fund, and \$99,132.10 from the Road Fund to the General Fund.

Also at the meeting, it was ordered that of Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson be appointed to the Floyd County Community Center Board to fill a vacancy.

The next scheduled meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court is Sept. 20.

Internet

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American evangelical Protestantism. History, resources and news appear here, along with a glossary that clarifies such terms as evangelicalism, fundamentalism and pentecostalism.

LIFE OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH
(WWW.DECANLYUNET.COM/ORTHODOXY.HTML)

An excellent introduction to Orthodox Christianity, including an explanation of its split with Roman Catholicism in 1054 and the numerous branches of Orthodoxy that exist today. Colorful icons, paintings and photographs complement the text and links to numerous resources.

PATRON SAINTS INDEX
(WWW.CATHOLIC-FORUM.COM/SAINTS/INDEX.SHTM)

The number of entries on this site has increased rapidly with Pope John Paul II's unprecedented rate of beatification pronouncements. The canonization last month of Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, the first native Indian saint, and Pedro de San Jose de Betancur, Guatemala's first saint, bring the total to 3,795. Profiles include portraits, biographical information, areas of patronage and readings.

PLURALISM PROJECT
(WWW.PLURALISM.ORG)

Harvard University's Pluralism Project has emerged in recent years as a premier observer of America's rapidly chang-

ing religious landscape—especially the influx of religious practitioners from other parts of the world. Students of all ages will find helpful facts, figures and resources on world religions and interfaith activity in the United States.

RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS PAGE
(RELIGIOUSMOVEMENTS.LIB.VIRGINIA.EDU/HOME.HTML)

More than a listing of sites and resources, this University of Virginia project has originated 150 profiles of religious movements, including recently formed sects and cults. This expansive resource also houses the archives of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and new sections on religious freedom and religious broadcasting.

VIRTUAL JERUSALEM
(WWW.VIRTUAL-JERUSALEM.COM/SENDAPRAYER)

Virtual Jerusalem, one of many sites that transport cybersurfers to Jerusalem, says it will collect e-mail prayers and take them to the Western Wall, the only remnant of the Jewish Temple.

WORLDWIDE FAITH NEWS
(WWW.WFN.ORG)

An interfaith group of two dozen U.S. denominations supports this database of news releases on religious events, activities and developments worldwide. The archive of 18,000 documents includes reports in five languages.

Pill arrests made in Pike

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — Three Pike County residents were arrested after the Kentucky State Police Drug Enforcement Section and Pikeville Post officers executed search warrants at their residences.

Zola Gilbert Stames, 41, was arrested and charged with five counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, which included OxyContin.

Kathy Shortridge, 37, and her son, Matthew Little, 18, were

arrested and charged with seven counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, which also included OxyContin.

The searches were a result of an ongoing drug investigation in the Pike County area targeting individuals receiving large amounts of prescription drugs from an out-of-state physician and purchased from an out-of-state pharmacy.

Both cases are still under investigation and additional charges are pending.

Mine

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Brushy, Brown said the problem arose Monday when a blast loosened huge rocks, including an 11-foot boulder that crashed into a nearby mobile home.

State police dispatcher Bill Crow said he expected all the families would be allowed to return to their homes by Monday.

"They're working 24 hours a day up there to remove those rocks," he said.

The Kentucky Department for Mines and Minerals and the Kentucky Department of Mining Reclamation and Enforcement also are investigating the errant blast.

Kerry Holt, spokeswoman for

the Kentucky Cabinet for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, said mining operations will not be allowed to continue until Lodesstar removes all the rock from the area around the homes.

Jerry Pinson, who lived in the mobile home, was not home when the boulder crashed through his bedroom.

His neighbor, Melissa Logan, said she heard a blast that was louder than usual. "Just a few seconds after that was the big crash," she said. "And I looked out my window and saw that. I was just amazed. I was shocked."

Scam

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the driveway for something like \$300, and when it was over they would say the person owed them \$1,500," Sheriff Blackburn said.

Saul Boswell was also charged as a fugitive from justice and is awaiting extradition to Tennessee, where he faces

charges of deceptive business practices.

Sheriff Blackburn is requesting that anyone who may have been victimized this summer by paving companies to contact the Floyd County Sheriff's Department at (606) 886-6171.

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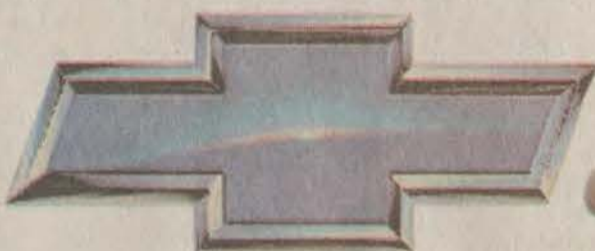
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Tourism

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Hofbrauhaus would be classified as a restaurant, making it ineligible for the economic incentives available under the Kentucky Tourism Development Act, Roeding said.

Tourism officials said the wording of the Kentucky Tourism Act is the reason a Hofbrauhaus wouldn't be eligible for Kentucky Tourism Development Act incentives. But Roeding was skeptical of that interpretation of the law.

"This is a tourism attraction," Roeding said. "To call the Hofbrauhaus 'just a restaurant,' is an oversimplification like calling Secretariat, 'just a horse,'" Roeding said.

Church

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cil remains "exclusively within the parish where it has been established and it is presided over by the pastor of that parish."

After meeting with Edyvean, Zizik's group decided to exist as a forum of parish council leaders, instead of as an association of parish councils, a move that seemed to placate church authorities, Zizik said.

The difference is the forum is a group of individuals, rather than a formal unification of the parish councils.

Because supporters of the forum believe in the church's fundamental teachings, the group won't be focused on divisive social issues, such as divorce or clergy abstinence, but on creating a support network that would help parishes teach each other, he said.

"There's a lot we can do without making wholesale changes," Zizik said. "There's a lot of changes we can begin to do now if we start to talk to each other."

The Rev. Robert McMillan, the archdiocese's director of planning and research, insists the church welcomes the idea of parish leaders meeting with each other, which he said has occurred before.

An initial forum event, to which pastors and a regional bishop will be invited, is planned for October, where Zizik will speak about the forum's goals. Topics will include handling financial hardship and parental anxiety over allowing children to take part in youth programs.

Lay Catholics want to give themselves a stronger role in helping the church heal because they're angry and see the damage the abuse crisis has done to their parishes, said Michael Roberto, a Harvard business professor and member of the forum's planning committee.

"We're getting people reconnected," Roberto said. "When people hear about getting together and grappling on a grass-roots level and dealing with the fallout of this crisis, they say, 'Hey, that sounds pretty good.'"

Alert

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for which the Emergency Alert System already is used.

In addition to its own Amber system, the Patton administration plans to send alerts throughout state government offices, using e-mail, Web sites and telephones. Jordan said it could be critical if a child was missing or known to have been abducted from a state government building. The Capitol, she noted, gets thousands of visiting children.

"We all know the minutes following a kidnapping are the most critical," Jordan said. "We have 30,000 employees" in state government. "We have an army of people who could be vigilantly looking."

Mines

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that supply water to Evarts and Fleming-Neon. For that reason, no one knows why the water levels dropped during the winter.

He said a rock fall is suspected in the Evarts mine. Drought conditions may have been to blame in Fleming-Neon. Water levels rose there with the arrival of rain and melting snow.

At least three other cities in the Eastern Kentucky coalfields — Benham, Lynch and Wheelwright — rely on abandoned mines to supply water for residents.

Those three haven't reported any problems with their water supplies.

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Wildcats hungry to win in SEC



University of Kentucky football coach Guy Morris

by STEVE BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky wideout Derek Abney can pinpoint the moment he felt that the Wildcats' embattled football program was making huge strides

toward respectability.

Kentucky quickly jumped on top of seventh-ranked archival Tennessee 21-0 and somehow held a 28-21 lead heading into the final quarter.

The Vols rebounded to go up 35-28 with 5:26 to play, apparently

putting to rest any chance of being upset by a team they'd beaten 16 straight times.

Abney and the rest of his teammates had other ideas.

"When we got the ball back and got in that huddle, we knew we were going to score," Abney said.

"We really felt like they couldn't stop us. Every single person knew we were going to win that game."

A fumble on the potential game-winning drive in the final seconds eventually cost Kentucky the game.

(See WILDCATS, page three)

On Tap

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK ONE

August 23

- Ashland Blazer-Johnson Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Betsy Layne-Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
- East Carter-Greenup County, 7:30 p.m.
- Knott County Central-Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.
- Morgan County-Rowan County, 7:30 p.m. (Cave Run Classic)
- Phelps-Pike County Central at Pikeville (Pike County Bowl)
- Raceland-Lewis County, 7:30 p.m.
- Shelby Valley-East Ridge (at Pikeville) 8:30 p.m. (Pike County Bowl)

August 24

- Belfry-Tates Creek (at Pikeville), 8:30 p.m. (Pike County Bowl)
- Breathitt County-Fleming County (at Mt. Sterling), 8 p.m. (Recreation Bowl)
- Clay County-Sheldon Clark, 8 p.m. (Appalachian Bowl)
- Fleming-Neon-Evarts (at Whitesburg), 6 p.m. (Pine Mountain Classic)
- Glasgow-Ballard Memorial (at Paducah Tilghman), 4:30 p.m. (Paducah Tilghman Charity Bowl)
- Harlan-South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Leslie County-Montgomery County (at Clay County), 5:30 p.m. (Appalachian Bowl) (City/County Bowl)
- Pikeville-Campbellsville, 6 p.m. (Pike County Bowl)
- Pineville-Hazard, 8 p.m. (2001 Laurel Bowl)
- Prestonsburg-Lawrence County at Mt. Sterling 6:00 PM Recreation Bowl
- Whitesburg - Magoffin County, 8 p.m. (Pine Mountain Classic)

Baseball

STRIKE TALK

ESPN's Harold Reynolds optimistic labor peace can be achieved

by DAVID WHARTON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The turmoil surrounding baseball's labor talks is nothing new to Harold Reynolds, who experienced the process as an All-Star second baseman for the Seattle Mariners during the 1980s and early

(See TALK, page three)

Sideline Shots

A party worth attending

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University football fans who don't have tickets to what promises to be one of the biggest regular season games in the history of the school's football program won't have to miss the game entirely. As a matter of fact, the game will be played

(See SIDELINE, page three)



Josh Holbrook was one of several area soccer players to compete in this year's Bluegrass State Games. Coaches in the East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association, a league Holbrook also plays in, are now required to attend a coaching clinic.

courtesy photo

EKYSA requiring coaches to attend clinic

Locally, the modules will be available as follows:

U6/U8	Saturday, Aug. 24	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Hazard
U10/U12	Saturday, Aug. 24	2 p.m.-6 p.m.	Hazard
U6/U8	Sunday, Aug. 25	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Prestonsburg
U10/U12	Sunday, Aug. 25	2 p.m.-6 p.m.	Prestonsburg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association (EKYSA) Board has just passed a resolution requiring certain coaches and assistant coaches to attend a KYSA coaching clinic prior to coaching a team in the fall of 2002 and thereafter. For a number of reasons, the

league has become more concerned about coaching development.

If a person has previously coached or assisted an EKYSA team and has not obtained an F license or higher through KYSA, they will be required to attend at least one of the KYSA certification modules discussed below before coaching or assisting in the Fall. Youth Modules have replaced

the old F license. Regardless of the age group a person has worked with, if they meet the criteria in Paragraph 2, above, they must take either the U6/U8 module or the U10/U12 module. A person can take both if they desire.

Prior to these dates, a few certification classes are offered elsewhere in Kentucky. Contact me or check the KYSA website at: HYPERLINK <http://www.kysoccer.net> www.kysoccer.net in the coaching section for times and locations.

The course registration form is available online with Adobe

(See EKYSA, page three)

FOOTBALL UPDATE

New football helmets tackle concussions

by DAVE CARPENTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The NFL's top football helmet manufacturer is looking to turn more heads, especially on campuses

around the country, with a new model it claims could reduce the risk of concussions.

Riddell Sports' longer, extra-padded helmet doesn't have the on-the-field results to declare it a safer helmet yet.

But its appearance in pro training camps and on some college and high school practice fields this summer signals the latest innovative play-calling in a hard-hitting market involving three helmet makers, compet-

ing to equip more than 2 million players in the United States.

Manufacturers are giving teams, players and parents more choices and a slightly more streamlined look for a

piece of equipment that hasn't changed much in the past two decades.

"One company pushes another — one does something

(See HELMETS, page four)



■ Amy Hayes

BOXING

Hayes climbs boxing announcer ranks

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Boxing announcing sensation Amy Hayes has roots in Eastern Kentucky. Hayes' parents, Morris and Freda Hayes, are formerly of Hi Hat and Ligon in Floyd County.

"I remember being 17 and working as a ringcard girl in, Detroit," said Hayes. "I looked at the ring

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file photo
High school hoops schedules for the 2002-03 season are now online.

All high school hoops schedules released for 2002-2003 season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

All schedules for the quickly approaching 2002-2003 high school boys' and girls' basketball seasons have been released. The schedules are

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S P O R T S B O A R D

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Back up the truck ... Mets ready to clean house

We're not in quite as good a shape as we were a couple weeks ago," Phillips said to explain the belated start to their fire sale. It was the understatement of an ultra-underachiever's year.

by JON HEYMAN
NEWSDAY

NEW YORK—Say this for the Mets: At least they know when to give it up. General Manager Steve Phillips signaled the end of their longshot playoff hopes by trading Shawn Estes Thursday, though quite honestly, the words "playoff hopes" and "Shawn Estes" don't really belong in the same sentence.

"We're not in quite as good a shape as we were a couple weeks ago," Phillips said to explain the belated start to their fire sale. It was the understatement of an ultra-underachiever's year.

Put another way, the Mets have as much chance of reaching the postseason as Jeromy Burnitz has of winning the batting title.

Also zilch are their chances of trading Burnitz, who conveniently

came to Flushing just in time to forget how to hit.

Estes, a nice guy whom the Giants knew wasn't cut out for New York, was shipped along with \$1.55 million to the Cincinnati Reds Thursday for two minor-leaguers and two players to be named. We'll call the minor-leaguers

(See METS, page four)



Sports Calendar

If you have information for The Floyd County Times sports calendar, please mail it to 263 South Central Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653 or fax it to 606/886-3603. You may also call The Times sports department at 606/886-8506. Our email address is sports@floyd-countytimes.com.

BOWLING

Special Olympics signups

The Floyd County Special Olympics will be conducting signups for bowling and volunteers on two separate dates in August. The first signup will be Tuesday, Aug. 20 at the Weeksbury Community Center from 5:00-7:30 p.m. The second signup will be at the Floyd County Library Meeting room in Prestonsburg on August 22 from 5-7:30 p.m. Bowling will start in early September and continue through the middle of November.

If anyone is unable to attend one of the signup sessions they can call 606/452-9564 and we can get them signed up. Or call Special Olympics Kentucky at 1-800-633-7403.

WRESTLING

Bookings

The Appalachian Wrestling Federation is currently accepting bookings for shows. The AWF is one of the state's top independent wrestling promotions with access to international stars.

■ Email AWF Promoter Joe Clark at jbcocle@excite.com.

The AWF address is Appalachian Wrestling Federation, Joe Clark, Promoter, 385 E. Campbell Br., Morehead, Ky. 40351.

■ Phone: 606/784-9186.

For more information on how to book the Appalachian Wrestling Federation and its stars, email questions and comments to awfbookings@yahoo.com.

GYMNASTICS

Classes

The Pikeville Area YMCA will hold gymnastics classes every Wednesday for children of all skill levels between the ages of 3-12 at the Hambley Center. Jodi Justice is the instructor. For more information, call Greg Boggs at 606/433-9622.

GOLF

Tournament

South Williamson ARH Hospital has scheduled its fifth annual charity golf tournament at 9 a.m., Aug. 30 at Mountain Pub Link. The tournament is a four-person scramble format event with one mulligan per player per round; single-players can also enter and will be placed into teams before the event. Registration costs \$50; there is a \$500 first prize. Free food and beverages will be supplied throughout the day. For more information contact Jimmy Williamson (606/237-1700, Ext. 1749), Bryan Ferrell (606/237-1700) or Cindy Crigger (606/237-1772).

FISHING

Bass club memberships

The Big Sandy Bass Anglers are accepting new members for the 2002 season. For more information, call 606/432-5814 or 606/478-2242.

A LOOK AT SPORTS



photo by Ed Taylor

Workouts are always difficult when football gets an early start. The South Floyd Middle School Raiders headed for a water break after practicing on the new South Floyd High School field.

FOOTBALL IN THE AIR

by ED TAYLOR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ahhhhh! You just smell it in the air. The pigskin season is just upon us and it won't be long until they are playing for real.

The college season is but two weeks

away. The NFL is in preseason play now and soon they will be kicking the old football around for good.

The high school schedule begins in two weeks and fans are just waiting for the kickoff to begin.

The middle school pigskin season gets underway just after the high

school season kicks-off and it looks like it is going to be an interesting season in Floyd County.

Charlie Williams will lead the South Floyd Middle School Raiders onto the gridiron this season as they try to

(See FOOTBALL, page three)

IN DEPTH COVERAGE: STERIODS

It doesn't take a genius to pass a steroids test

by DAVE KINDRED
THE SPORTING NEWS

Naturally, athletes were eager to pay for advice from Charles E. Yesalis. The Penn State professor knows steroids. He has written three books on the subject. He has testified to Congress. He has worked with the U.S. Senate Judiciary

Committee, the FBI, the American Medical Association, the NFL Players Association, the U.S. Olympic Committee and the NCAA.

So athletes sought him out. Not for help in getting the drugs that are legally obtained only by prescription; anybody smart enough to buy Milk Duds can score steroids. Nor

were athletes concerned about health risks; who sweats the small stuff when you believe you're bullet-proof?

They came to Yesalis in hopes of covering up the crime.

"They wanted to hire me as a consultant to make sure they don't get caught," he says.

He says he turned down the

requests, once prompting an athlete to say, "Well, Chuck, I figured you were going to say that. But, you know, I would even take it off my income tax as a business expense." They shared a laugh there.

Such a world we've made. Steroids as business tools. Every home run hitter a suspect.

Now we hear Major League Baseball making noises about a steroids-testing program. Though any testing is better than no testing, Yesalis says the hard truth is that not even the most stringent program, let alone the namby-pamby deal likely to come from current

(See STERIODS, page four)

SOCCER STANDINGS

Major League Soccer

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	9	9	4	31	36	29
Columbus	9	10	4	31	34	37
MetroStars	9	10	2	29	35	34
New England	7	13	1	22	36	44
D.C. United	6	11	4	22	19	27

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	12	7	2	38	34	20
Dallas	9	5	7	34	31	28
Los Angeles	10	8	3	33	31	30
Colorado	10	9	3	33	33	37
Kansas City	8	7	8	32	32	35



photo by Chris Belcher

Brandon Kinzer was a feature winner at 201 Speedway on Saturday, Aug. 11.

AUTO RACING

The 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup schedule (winners in parentheses) and driver point standings:

FEBRUARY

■ Feb. 17 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Ward Burton)
■ Feb. 24 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)

MARCH

■ March 3 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas. (Sterling Marlin)
■ March 10 — MBNA America 500, Hampton, Ga. (Tony Stewart)
■ March 17 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C.

(See RACING, page four)

Football

improve on a fine 10-3 finish last year.

"This is my first year coaching them, but I look for us to be competitive this year," said Williams. "We have some good kids coming back and it should be a good year for South Floyd."

Jeff Collins will assist Williams with the middle school program.

I remember Charlie when he quarterback the high school Raiders. He was a good one. He had some injuries during his career.

I got a nice email from Jamy Johnson, a good old South Floyd grad. Jamy is teaming with Tommy Dingus doing

high school basketball over WMDJ. Jamy told me they were back on the air last year and will return again this basketball season.

Of course, Tommy is a former Allen Central Rebel.

"We are doing mostly Allen Central and South Floyd games," said Jamy. "There is a lot of interest in it now and we are looking forward to calling the games this year."

Also, Dennis Harris emailed me and spoke highly of Donnie Daniels and his dad, Dennis has really been a help to the football program at both Wheelwright and South Floyd. You folks up Left Beaver are fortunate to have person like

Dennis on board.

REDS ON THE DEMISE

As of this writing, Thursday, the Cincinnati Reds further proved that teams with very good pitching have little or no trouble with the Reds. Arizona has manhandled Bob Boone's ball club and the Reds are teetering on the brink of dropping farther and farther from the Cardinals.

The Reds, after this week-end series with Houston, must journey to Arizona, stop at Houston for one game before coming home to play St. Louis two games. It is make or break time for the Reds.

Ken Griffey, Jr. has not helped with his bat and really I don't look for him to this year. I believe the Reds have given up on Barry Larkin ever becoming an offensive player like he was before. If they

could unload both Griffey and Larkin in the winter months, the Reds might be able to sign a good free agent pitcher next season, that is if we have a

(See FOOTBALL, page four)

Sideline

at Marshall Stadium. Sorta.

Marshall football fans who were unable to get tickets to the Herd's Sept. 12 game at Virginia Tech will still get an opportunity to watch the game in a stadium with a rowdy crowd.

The crowd will just be at Marshall Stadium and the game will be on the video board. The event is being called the Big Green Tailgate Party with 93.7 "The Dawg".

The stadium's west lot will be open and available for tailgating pre-game on a first-come, first served basis. Admission to the stadium for the game will be \$5 per person, with all proceeds going to pay for the completion of the "M" Club Pavilion and to

the Big Green Scholarship Foundation.

"Marshall has the best fans in college football and this is a way for them to get together and enjoy watching the Thundering Herd play," Marshall coach Bob Pruett said.

The game will also give Herd fans a chance to make a statement to college football fans around the country.

"If we have a large enough crowd in attendance at the stadium there is a chance that ESPN will do a live cut-in of the crowd during the telecast," Marshall Associate Athletic Director Mike Bianchin said. "Herd fans can show their support for the team and let the entire country know how they

feel."

The event is being sponsored by the Big Green Scholarship Foundation and 93.7 "The Dawg", the official radio home of Thundering Herd athletics.

I can just see it now - a stadium full of fans and no actual game on the field, just on the big screen. Hey, it'll be the next best thing to being at the actual game in Blacksburg.

Middle school football set to begin

A preseason middle school football grid was held Saturday at Prestonsburg High's Josh Francis Field. Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties had teams in the event. Mighty Johnson County Middle School and its eighth-grade team claimed the middle school crown last season with a victory over Adams Middle School. In 2000, Adams claimed the title. Before that, JCMS held a tight grip on supremacy in the middle school grid ranks.

Besides Adams and Johnson County, Paintsville, Allen Central and Inez fielded some of the better teams last season. Area coaches are asked to get their middle school football information to The Times.

High school volleyball begins this week

High school volleyball teams in Eastern Kentucky and all across the state begin play this week. Locally, Allen Central is the defending 30th District champ. The AC team is coached by Larry Maynard.



2002 South Floyd Middle Raiders: Former South Floyd High quarterback Charlie Williams (far right, front row) will lead the middle school Raiders during the 2002 season. The Raiders lost just three games last year and return some impressive talent again this season.

photo by Ed Taylor

Wildcats

The loss, however, taught the Wildcats more about themselves that a victory might have.

"We all believe we should have won that game," Abney said. "If we can play Tennessee that way, we can compete with anybody. We'd come a long way since the beginning of the season."

Now the Wildcats prepare for a new season, trying to put back-to-back 2-9 seasons and crippling NCAA sanctions — including a bowl ban this season — far behind them.

"Considering what we've been through the past few years, the attitude is real positive," said senior linebacker Ronnie Riley, who hurt his knee in last year's opening game and missed the rest of the season.

"There's just an upbeat feeling around here that hasn't been here before. Guys are working hard because we know we can win some games this season."

Second-year coach Guy Morriss also likes the demeanor of his young squad.

"We've preached to them from day one not to worry about things you can't control," Morriss said. "We've tried to get them to focus on one thing: play hard, have a great time and let's win some football games."

Offensively, Kentucky returns six starters, including junior quarterback Jared Lorenzen.

Lorenzen started every game during his freshman season, breaking six NCAA freshman passing records with 3,687 yards and 19 touchdowns.

He lost the starting spot to freshman Shane Boyd after a mediocre performance in a season-opening loss to Louisville. He regained the job five games later, coming off the bench to spark a near-upset of eventual Southeastern Conference

champion LSU.

Over the last five games of the season, Lorenzen averaged 376 passing yards and threw for 17 TDs. That convinced Morriss that Lorenzen should be back as the starter entering the 2002 season.

"Can that momentum we built offensively at the end of last season carry over? I hope so," Lorenzen said.

Lorenzen and senior running back Artose Pinner, who rushed for 441 yards and scored four touchdowns last season, will be protected by an experienced but paper-thin offensive front.

All five starters — left tackle Matt Huff, left guard Jason Rollins, center Nick Seitze, right guard Keith Chatelain and right guard Antonio Hall — have combined for 53 starts. But injuries could force the team to depend on several redshirt freshmen with little to no experience.

Abney, a junior who led the team with 66 catches for 741 yards and six TDs last year, is back to lead a deep group of wideouts. Seniors Aaron Boone and Ernest Simms and sophomore Tommy Cook also return, and junior-college All-American Chris Bernard should add another outside threat.

Defensively, the Wildcats should be strong up front with the return of several veterans who missed time with injury last season. Junior tackles Dewayne Robertson and Jeremy Caudill, and sophomore tackle Ellery Moore should be healthy.

Senior Otis Grigsby will play at one end with either Vincent Burns, a sophomore transfer from Northern Arizona, or redshirt freshman Trey Mielsch at the other.

Riley's return at linebacker could provide an emotional

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Freshman

Guy Morriss, Kentucky head coach. "They'll both dress. They're going to get (repetitions) in practice. Both have done well so far and are both very talented. It's a matter of which one can learn the system and other things."

Beach caught the eyes of Kentucky fans with his performance in the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star Game in June at the University of Tennessee's Neyland Stadium in Knoxville. He led the Kentucky team to a 31-14 win with 172 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 12 carries.

"That gave me a lot of confidence," Beach said. "People said I had good stats because of (Blazer's) competition. But I showed them that I could run the ball."

Blazer finished 8-4 during Beach's senior season losing to eventual state runner-up Rockcastle County in the Class 3A Region 4 semifinals. He rushed for 2,533 yards on 244 carries for a 10.4 yards per carry average and 39 touchdowns. Beach also caught 15 passes for 176 yards and four touchdowns.

Beach said a stronger work ethic is needed to make that

Talk

'90s. Now Reynolds is seeing the negotiations from another perspective, chronicling them as an analyst for ESPN's "Baseball Tonight."

The sides appear to have hit a stumbling block on the issue of a payroll tax and the players' union has scheduled a conference call Friday that could result in the announcement of a strike date.

Reynolds, who ended his career with the Angels in 1994, re-emerges guardedly optimistic, if only because he believes owners and players realize the alternative to a resolution-another work stoppage-could be disastrous for the game.

"They've got to be successful or it's going to get ugly," he said.

Question: What is it like to go through labor negotiations as a player?

Answer: The biggest frustration for a ballplayer is, everybody thinks you are greedy. It's not all about money. That is a big part of it, but you're also fighting for those players coming up behind you, pension plans and all that.

Q: Many fans belong to labor unions and have gone on strike to fight for relatively small wage increases. Shouldn't they be skeptical about a high-paid player wanting even more?

A: My mother will never understand why a ballplayer

making a million dollars would walk out on his job. It's hard to explain, but the principles of the union have not changed. You are fighting for free agency, you're fighting against being a pawn. You want to have a say and be part of the industry.

Q: Has your view of baseball's recurring labor problems changed, now that you are looking in from the outside?

A: If you're a player, you're only going to hear your side. Now I have a better perspective on both sides. I think a lot of player salaries are not justified by the performances and that's a big problem. But the biggest issue I have with the whole thing is that the commissioner's position is not a neutral position. (Commissioner Bud Selig) is an owner who is trying to make this thing work.

Q: Where do fans figure into the equation?

A: You hear fans yelling "We pay your salary, go out and hit the ball." Now, the reality is, the fans don't have a lot of say. It's not like when they came through the turnstiles in the 1950s. It's sorry to say, but even if they didn't go to games, baseball would still sell its TV package and that's a lot of revenue. At the same time, it's a catch-22 situation. The game doesn't work without the fans.

Q: What happens to the rela-

tionship between baseball and its fans if the players go on strike?

A: We're in an era of so much entertainment. The fans have got video games. There's the X Games. There are so many other things that can grab their attention. America's pastime is having trouble keeping its grip.

Q: Are these negotiations different from those in the past or are owners and players doing the same old dance?

A: Totally different. I don't think it's blood and guts this time. They are sitting down, understanding they can't have a work stoppage. I'm actually very optimistic. If you asked me a year ago, I'd have said no way. But both sides are really communicating. Will they set a strike date? They probably will, but they are communicating.

Q: Each time a baseball strike is threatened, some people call for government intervention. Should President Bush, who once owned the Texas Rangers, get involved?

A: It's a no-win situation for him and I would not want to see him put in that position. He'd end up being thought of as the president who was an owner. We need someone who doesn't have anything to gain from either side.

Q: Can you imagine a resolution that could break the cycle of discord or is it the nature of baseball as big business to repeat this process every few years?

A: The problem is, we wait until the last minute to deal with things. The deadline may be five years away but we need to make adjustments as we go along. We need a person in the commissioner's seat who is like a CEO operating a business, taking inventory of how we're doing, critiquing things and adjusting to make the game work for fans, players and owners.

EKYSA

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Acrobat. The specific URL is: <http://www.kysoccer.net/coaches/index.html> (click on Coaching Education then Course Registration Form). The registration form was given to county reps at the June 2002 EKYS meeting. It was also sent out in an email.

A person who has never coached before that is brought on after the classes and before the fall season will have a two-season grace period. However, brand new coaches are strongly encouraged to attend, if possible.

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Mets

prospects because it's polite to do so. But one of them, Pedro Feliciano, is a 26-year-old relief pitcher just out of Double-A. "Late bloomer," one Reds person charitably called him. The other, Elvin Andujar, is whiffing a lot in rookie ball.

It's pretty sad the Mets will pay the remainder of Estes' 2002 contract as he tries to pitch the surprising Reds into the playoffs. The Reds have a bevy of fine young position players and enough rent-a-pitchers to make their September interest-

ing. They have a future.

Meanwhile, the Mets have a miserable mess on their hands. They have a roster full of overpaid, overfed, overly satisfied underachievers. After their 5-3 loss to the Padres extended their home losing streak to eight

Steroids

talks, will eliminate steroids in baseball.

"With drug testing in place in the NFL, NBA, and every major Olympic sport, there's still a steroids problem in those leagues and federations," he says. "It would be naive to think that if baseball had a steroids-testing program, they're still not going to have a huge problem."

The problem will persist because world-class athletes and chemists generally stay a step ahead of the science posse. Or, as Yesalis has come to believe after 23 years of research: "Drug tests catch only stupid, careless and foolish people."

There are, as we know, locker rooms filled with the stupid, careless and foolish. But Yesalis draws a distinction that applies to baseball's millionaires.

"If you're talking about an elite, wealthy athlete," he says, "they'll go to people like me to make sure they don't flunk drug tests."

For Yesalis, a test by eyesight is enough: "When you see mature men who have already strength-trained for years, and all of a sudden they gain 30 pounds of lean mass, I am tremendously suspicious because that doesn't happen naturally. You don't need to be a steroid scientist to know that is incomprehensible."

Barry Bonds and Sammy Sosa, two suddenly bulky strongmen, have denied using steroids and pledged to abide by any testing program players help devise. Many people, including borderline omni-

scient sports writers, have insisted that Bonds and Sosa pass a test because a simple test would end the suspicion.

No, it would not. Passing such a test can mean ...

1) The athlete doesn't use steroids.

2) He uses steroids daily but with a masking agent.

3) He uses steroids, but all traces are flushed out of his system within two or three days.

4) He uses a steroid recipe fashioned by a designer famous for undetectable potions.

5) He used steroids as training aids two years ago, bulked up, kept buff with madman workouts and now needs a juice refill only every January.

6) He uses human growth hormone, or insulin-like growth factor I. These replicate steroid enhancement, but no test exists for them.

The question: "So a negative steroid test really proves nothing?"

Yesalis: "You are absolutely and totally correct."

As for the positive result that identifies a user, it can happen. Inexplicable things happen. Julia Roberts married Lyle Lovett. But Yesalis' experience suggests Gwyneth Paltrow will marry Britney Spears and Lil' Bow Wow in a three-way ceremony before Bonds or Sosa tests positive.

Beyond the athlete's ability to finesse the test, Yesalis cites circumstantial evidence that a multibillion-dollar industry might not identify all its

cheaters."

"What franchise-making NFL superstar has ever been caught in their drug screening for performance-enhancing drugs? None. Who is the last world-famous Olympic athlete caught? Ben Johnson, 1988. ... Even with drug-testing, I believe the NFL, the NHL, the NBA and the majority of Olympic sports have the same level of drug use as is attributed to baseball."

As if to buttress Yesalis' belief, Dr. Wade Exum, for nine years the director of the U.S. Olympic Committee's drug control program, has charged in a lawsuit that the USOC has not identified or sanctioned several U.S. medal winners who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs. The USOC denies it.

Yesalis even wonders if fans care. "Oh, yes, a lot of fans say they're bothered. I'm bothered by the fact these chemically enhanced athletes are breaking records of my idol, Mickey Mantle, where my strong belief is these clowns couldn't carry Mantle's jockstrap."

"But the important question is, 'Mr. and Mrs. Fan, are you bothered enough to turn off your television? Or not pay \$200 for an evening at Camden Yards?' I think we know fans are not bothered much. If anything, given the fans' love of watching the ball go over the wall, steroids have been very, very good for baseball."

Yikes.

In fact, double yikes.

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games, Mike Piazza said, "Guys are trying too hard." No way is that their problem. If anything, it's the opposite. A team that's trying doesn't routinely make three errors in a game, doesn't lose games this way this often. This team never dirtied its uniform. This team owes an apology, if not a refund.

Phillips tried to roust this bunch months ago, to no avail. The reality is, they mailed it in from the start. And now it is over.

It's pretty sad the Mets just lost a three-game series at Shea to one of the worst road teams in the National League. But it's sadder still they have to begin their fire sale by trading a veteran to the Reds, a team in a pennant race with a \$45-million payroll. The Mets managed to spend \$60 million more than that for a team that's inferior, a team ready for the scrap heap.

But while expectations for their season were extraordinarily high, expectations for their fire sale can't be. Even if they offered to pay what remains on Burnitz's deal this year, who'd take him with \$11 million due next year? Or how about Roger Cedeno, who can look as if he's just learning the game?

"It's tough, with the uncertainty in the game," one competing exec said about the Mets' chances of unloading Burnitz and Cedeno. It's tougher still because of the uncertainty of their respective games. Burnitz was supposed to be a consistent 30-homer guy. The only thing consistent about him is his non-performance. Nice guy. Can't play a lick. Same for Cedeno, who stumbled through the first two months. He's doing better

but still isn't close to the fellow we saw three years ago.

We applauded Phillips for using creativity and Fred Wilpon's bucks to assemble what looked like a representative team. But this team stunk from Day 1. By May they started a tank job that won't be forgotten.

We applaud Phillips, too, for halting the oft-spoken charade that they are in a race when they're no better than Montreal or Florida or Philadelphia. But now Phillips really has a chore. How does he make Burnitz sound palatable? A sucker is born every minute, not every second.

Perhaps they could get a real player for one or more of their other free agents. They probably will keep Edgardo Alfonzo, but Mark Guthrie could bring a decent prospect or two. So might Steve Trachsel. Good luck unloading Jeff D'Amico, more durable than we thought but less talented.

They have Al Leiter locked up, a decent No. 2 pitcher. They'll have Pedro Astacio, assuming his contract soon vests at 180 innings. But after that, what? In the bullpen, they have Scott Strickland, who surrenders a home run every other inning, it seems. And they have Armando Benitez, who's OK in the regular season, anyway.

They have Piazza, whose psyche must be as bruised as his body. They'll pray Roberto Alomar and Mo Vaughn will get better next year. They know Rey Ordonez won't ever hit, and they have a mess in the outfield.

They'll hope shortstop prospect Jose Reyes and pitching prospect Aaron Heilman will

be saviors, but probably not until 2004. If you thought this year was bad, next year could be far worse.

Bengals, Browns need map to find their division

by RUSTY MILLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Bengals now play in the AFC North. The Bowl Championship Series no longer cares whether a team wins 2-0 or 102-0.

Those are among the big changes in the NFL and the NCAA as teams sweat it out on the field and prepare for the 2002 season.

In the high school ranks, blocking in the back was recognized as a distinct infraction from clipping.

Here is a synopsis of what's new and different:

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Racing

(Sterling Marlin)
■ March 24 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)

APRIL

■ April 8 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas. (Matt Kenseth)
■ April 14 — Virginia 500, Martinsville. (Bobby Labonte)
■ April 21 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
■ April 28 — NAPA Auto Parts 500, Fontana, Calif. (Jimmie Johnson)

MAY

■ May 4 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond. (Tony Stewart)
■ May 26 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Mark Martin)

JUNE

■ June 2 — MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del. (Jimmie Johnson)
■ June 9 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa. (Dale Jarrett)
■ June 16 — Michigan 400,

Brooklyn. (Matt Kenseth)
■ June 23 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif. (Ricky Rudd)

JULY

■ July 6 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Michael Waltrip)
■ July 14 — Tropicana 400, Joliet, Ill. (Kevin Harvick)
■ July 21 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H. (Ward Burton)
■ July 28 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond. (Bill Elliott)

AUGUST

■ Aug. 4 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis. (Bill Elliott)
■ Aug. 11 — Sirius Satellite Radio at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Tony Stewart)
■ Aug. 18 — Pepsi 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
■ Aug. 24 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.

SEPTEMBER

■ Sept. 1 — Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
■ Sept. 7 — Chevy Monte

Carlo 400, Richmond, Va.
■ Sept. 15 — New Hampshire 350, Loudon.
■ Sept. 22 — MBNA America 400, Dover, Del.
■ Sept. 29 — Protection One 400, Kansas City, Kan.

OCTOBER

■ Oct. 6 — EA Sports 500, Talladega, Ala.
■ Oct. 13 — UAW-GM Quality 500, Concord, N.C.
■ Oct. 20 — Martinsville 500, Martinsville, Va.
■ Oct. 27 — NAPA 500, Hampton, Ga.

NOVEMBER

■ Nov. 3 — Pop Secret 400, Rockingham, N.C.
■ Nov. 10 — Checker Auto Parts 500K, Avondale, Ariz.
■ Nov. 17 — Homestead 400, Homestead, Fla.

DRIVER STANDINGS

1. Sterling Marlin, 2,944.
2. Mark Martin, 2,891.
3. Jimmie Johnson, 2,888.
4. Tony Stewart, 2,840.
5. Jeff Gordon, 2,838.
6. Rusty Wallace, 2,812.
7. Ricky Rudd, 2,794.
8. Bill Elliott, 2,756.
9. Ryan Newman, 2,683.
10. Matt Kenseth, 2,664.
11. Kurt Busch, 2,620.
12. Dale Jarrett, 2,605.
13. Michael Waltrip, 2,490.
14. Jeff Burton, 2,474.
15. Ricky Craven, 2,369.
16. Terry Labonte, 2,356.
17. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 2,331.
18. Bobby Labonte, 2,284.
19. Jeff Green, 2,280.
20. Dave Blaney, 2,250.

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Season

available on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.com under the scoreboard section.

The season for some boys teams will begin on Monday, Dec. 2. Most all others will begin their seasons the following night.

June Buchanan, a 14th Region contender, is one of the teams in action on December 2.

Boxing

announcer and thought, I want to be that."

The 28-year-old athlete worked as a Hawaiian tropic girl and modeled for 10 years while breaking into broadcasting. "My

The Crusaders are scheduled to play an opponent which has yet to be announced.

Allen Central head boys' basketball coach John Martin was in the process of finalizing his pre-season pan-o-rama earlier this week. The pre-season event in held the night before Thanksgiving and features some of the area's best teams.

father did talk radio in Detroit," she said. "When I was little, we would pretend we were doing the nightly news together.

She now lives with her parents in Lexington. Her favorite

sport is basketball. College basketball. She has her own website, and, she's one of the hottest thing in professional boxing today. Her next announcing is Sunday, Aug. 18, 6 p.m. Eastern, at Pechanga Resort & Casino in Temecula, Calif. The event will be held live on Fox Sports Net. Earlier this year, the boxing announcing upstart signed an agreement with Goossen Tutor Promotions to announce the Sunday night fights on the Fox Sports Network. Her first fight was Sunday, Mar. 10.

Hayes has been featured in Maxim and numerous other magazines.

Football

2003 season.

I, like all baseball fans, am just waiting to see if the baseball players strike. I really think they are afraid of what it will do to the game. The fans are not going to condemn the owners, but the players because

they are the ones in view all the time. We will just have to wait and see.

Email me at edtaylor@gtcom.net. I would love to hear from home. Until next Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Helmets

that's innovative and the other one adopts it," said Bill Jarvis, athletic equipment manager at Northwestern University, whose players test gear for Riddell and wear a variety of helmets.

Riddell's Revolution is the first football helmet to be marketed on the claim that it might be able to cut down on concussions — a claim that has the Chicago company's competitors grumbling about hype and lack of evidence.

Its arrival comes on the heels of a new lighter-weight helmet from Adams USA Inc., which bought out the helmets of Bike Athletic Co. Adams says the lightness of its Elite series helmets might reduce the risk of certain injuries because players aren't as inclined to drop their heads when they get tired.

Both approaches may be right for different reasons and different injuries, according to helmet expert and industry consultant Dave Halstead. But he said neither is likely to lessen the most troubling risk in football — catastrophic brain injury.

"I don't think there's a helmet out there that's somehow going to be the panacea," said Halstead, technical adviser to the National Operating Committee for Standards on Athletic Equipment and director of the Sports Biomechanics Impact Research Center at the University of Tennessee. "What football helmets do today is keep you from getting killed."

If Riddell is right, its design could also keep players from getting mild traumatic brain injuries, or concussions, as often — a compelling claim in a sport that causes about 100,000 concussions a year, 40 percent of them at the high school level.

The Revolution is its response to research funded by the NFL that found seven of 10 on-field concussions were caused by hits to the side of the head.

The helmet has more interior padding and a shell that extends forward to the jaw to increase the area of protection. The back protrudes to offer better padding. The facemasks have been redesigned and teardrop-shaped holes on the top provide more ventilation.

"I'm glad to see that they are making advancements because nobody has made a change in the helmet in 20-something years," NFL Players Union executive director Gene Upshaw told NFL.com.

Riddell said about 40,000 of the new helmets will be in use this fall, worn most visibly by as many as a quarter of NFL players and some players on all top

college teams. But while the NFL may be its biggest showcase, with a majority of the 2,000 players wearing Riddell's of one model or another, the \$100 million-a-year company is looking to more lucrative playing fields: those of the nation's 15,000 high schools.

"The product we developed was really focused on getting to the masses," said Bill Sherman, president and chief executive of the company that makes 300,000 helmets annually and other gear. "We want every player in the NFL wearing the Revolution helmet, but when we introduce a new product we have to look at our core market and that's a million high school players."

The new helmets sell for about \$150 — at least \$30 more than Riddell's standard model.

Garry McNab of Adams USA, the No. 3 helmet maker, says the warning label on Riddell's new helmet speaks louder than any sales pitch. It reads: "No helmet can prevent serious head or neck injuries a player might receive while par-

ticipating in football."

"I can't say that one helmet's any better than the other, and I don't think anybody else can say that," said McNab, secretary-treasurer of the Cookeville, Tenn.-based company.

Riddell's closest rival, Litchfield, Ill.-based Schutt Sports, hasn't changed its basic helmet shape in 15 years, and president Julie Nimmons suggested her competitors' new looks might be a gimmick. Schutt recently released a new, lighter helmet, the Air Advantage, with slightly different features and is field-testing a prototype with more padding.

"Football is a game of very, very hard collisions, and I don't think there's a manufacturer out there that isn't concerned about what happens on the field," Nimmons said. "However, there's only so much any of us can do" about trying to minimize injuries.

On the Net:
<http://www.riddell.com>
<http://www.schuttsports.com>
<http://www.adamsusa.com>

Notebook

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"This is a great opportunity for Midget League coaches to bring their teams to workout with our players and coaches on the Smith Stadium artificial turf field," said UVa-Wise Director of Athletic Operations Ray Spenilla.

The clinic is a non-contact workout. T-shirts, shorts and tennis shoes are the only dress requirements. No cleats will be allowed on the field.

Coaches must pre-register their teams by 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 23. To pre-register or for more information, please contact the UVa-Wise Athletics Office at 276/328-0206.

Program continued

The University of Virginia's College at Wise is beginning the second year of its Cavs & Kids athletics ticket program, which allows area elementary, middle and high school students to purchase football and basketball game and season tickets at a reduced rate.

Students attending schools participating in the Cavs & Kids program are able to purchase individual football and basketball tickets for \$1 each. In addition, students may purchase football season tickets for \$4, covering all five of the team's home games this season. Basketball season passes are \$14.

A further benefit for students is the combined plan in which season tickets for both football and basketball are only \$10.

Those schools participating in the new program will keep all of the money raised in the Cavs & Kids program. Students attending schools that do not participate in the program may purchase tickets at the gate for \$2.

Adult football tickets for this season are \$5 at the gate.

The Cavaliers open the home football season, Saturday, Sept. 7 against Mid-South Conference foe Cumberland College. The four other UVa-Wise home dates are: Sept. 14, Pikeville College; Sept. 28, Cumberland (Tenn.) University; Nov. 2, North Greenville College; and Nov. 16, Belhaven College. Kickoff for all home games at Carl Smith Stadium is at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact the UVa-Wise Athletics Office at 276/328-0206 or 800-282-1760. School's wishing to participate in the Cavs & Kids program, please contact UVa-Wise Director of Athletic Operations Ray Spenilla at 276-328-0204. For complete UVa-Wise sports schedules and information, visit the college's athletics web site at www.uvawise.edu/athletics.

Eagles looking for league championship

by STEVE BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Morehead State football coach Matt Ballard has lofty goals for this year's talent-rich squad.

"There's no question this group has the ability to go out and win a (Pioneer League) championship," said Ballard, who is entering his ninth season at the school.

"These guys have learned how

to play well and win close games. We just have to focus on each individual game and then go out and seize the moment."

The Eagles lost their first four games last year, prompting Ballard to challenge his players.

"The goal was to win the final seven," he said. "We slipped up and lost one, but we got better and gained a lot of confidence as the season went on."

Five starters return on offense, led by junior quarterback David Caudill and wideouts Matt Loy and Ralph Delsardo.

Caudill threw for 1,597 yards and 11 touchdowns last season, adding another 230 yards and four TDs on the ground.

"I want to play more consistently and protect the ball this year," Caudill said.

Fullback David White, the

team's leading rusher last year with 324 yards, also is back and is expected to share time in the backfield with halfbacks Eli Parkes and B.J. Maselli.

"We don't have one guy that's going to catch 50 balls or one back that's going to gain 1,000 yards," Ballard said. "Instead, we've got a bunch of guys that are going to contribute and make big plays."

Defensively, the Eagles return six starters, including 2001 All-American linebacker Zac Prewitt, preseason All-American cornerback Brandon Phillips and senior defensive tackle Chris Parker.

Prewitt led the team with 108 tackles and had two interceptions, while Phillips finished with 36 tackles and five interceptions. Parker added 62 tackles, including 10 for loss, three sacks and an

interception.

"I want to lead this team to an undefeated season and win a championship," Prewitt said. "The Pioneer League championship is all we have on our minds."

As talented as Prewitt is, Ballard thinks he could have another linebacker that is just as good. Starting last year as a freshman, Craig Unger finished third on the team in tackles with 93.

"I've never had a player in my career come in, start at linebacker and have the impact he had as a freshman," Ballard said. "Not only is he a man, he's half-crazy."

Senior punter Bill Ballard also returns after averaging 40 yards per punt last season. Redshirt freshman Joey Herbst is expected to handle both kickoffs and field goals.

"The makeup of this team is perfect — just the mixture of veterans and young players," Ballard said. "The veterans know that they can't just go through the motions or one of these young guys is going to come up and grab his spot."

Wildcats

charge while senior Morris Lane will bring speed to the position. Senior David Johnson, another returning starter, and sophomore Mike Williams are expected to start at outside safety.

Although the defensive backfield struggled last season, that experience should help that unit this season.

Senior Derrick Tatum and junior Leonard Burress should return to their starting spots on the corners with either senior Quentus Cumby or redshirt freshman Muhammad Abdullah

roaming at free safety.

"Most of these guys have had a year in the system now, and that should help us," defensive coordinator John Goodner said. "If we mature as much this season as we did last season, this could be a solid unit all the way around."

Fifty percent of the kicking game is set as senior punter Glenn Pakulak, an All-SEC performer last year, returns to try to improve on an impressive 44.5-yard-per-punt average.

A handful of young legs are vying to become the Wildcats'

placekicker, led by sophomore Clint Ruth and redshirt freshman Taylor Begley.

With a new athletic director running the program, Morriss knows the squad likely will have to overachieve if he is to return for a third season.

"When you're in the football business, the bottom line is wins and losses," he said. "But if we can go out, play the way we're capable of playing and win some of the close games we didn't win last season, everything else will take care of itself."

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Bengals

NFL: Realignment and revamped scheduling will steal most of the headlines among the innovations at the pro level.

The Browns and Bengals now join the Baltimore Ravens and Pittsburgh Steelers in the new AFC North, which replaces the old Central Division.

The new South Division will include Tennessee and Jacksonville, along with expansion Houston.

Follow along closely, now. The Texans, led by No. 1 draft pick David Carr, return to Houston to replace the old Oilers, who became the Tennessee Oilers who were renamed the Tennessee Titans.

Tampa Bay's Buccaneers no longer are a part of the NFC's so-called Black-and-Blue Division. The Central, now the Northern Division, is limited to smashmouth Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay and Minnesota. The Bucs move to the South to join Atlanta, Carolina and New Orleans.

The new divisional setup helps to balance the schedule, with each team playing home and away against its three division opponents. Each team also goes up against four teams from another division within its conference, four teams from a conference in another division and plays two intraconference games against teams coming off similar records.

Games against common opponents have now become a tiebreaker for playoff spots.

Among the new rules the NFL has enacted are: the clock will start only when the ball is touched on a kickoff; the clock is not stopped on a sack in the last 2 minutes of a half; home teams are not permitted to play artificial noise or music when the visiting team has the ball; a

player is no longer considered out of bounds when he touches an end zone pylon unless he has already touched the boundary line; chop blocks on kicking plays now result in a 15-yard penalty; and quarterbacks trying to make a tackle after a turnover cannot be hit helmet to helmet.

NCAA: The BCS asked several of its computer-rating components to disregard the margin of victory in games if it wanted to continue to be a part of the system that supposedly determines the teams qualifying for the national championship game.

The BCS' thinking was that elimination of the MOV would prevent bullies from running up the score on the Louisiana Techs, Prairie Views and, yes, Ohio Bobcats.

Some computer geeks said, yes, they would take the MOV out of their formulae. Others said it was important whether you won by 10 touchdowns or on a last-second field goal and declined to remain a part of the BCS.

In other new business, the sport's sanctioning body streamlined several rules dealing with media contact.

The NCAA made it official that players and coaches cannot be interviewed while the game is being played. Likewise, coaches cannot be wired with microphones during the game for media transmission. And reporters may not interview players once the game starts — even at half-time.

Yet a camera with no audio component may be attached to the umpire with prior approval of the official and the participating schools, so be prepared for those shots of the sky after

a tackler accidentally blindsides an unsuspecting zebra.

In other rule makeovers, some dealing with trivial matters: all players of a team are required to wear facemasks of the same color; and penalties on the defensive team on a successful extra-point attempt may be levied either on the subsequent extra-point try or the succeeding kickoff, at the offended team's choice.

One of the most arbitrary and least popular penalties on kick plays — interfering with the kick receiver — will likely become even more arbitrary and unpopular. Before, the kicking team's players had to give the kick returner a 5-yard cushion to catch the ball. Now that has been doubled to a 10-yard buffer.

Don't be surprised if "kicker-interference" calls begin to outnumber those annoying Carrot Top commercials on TV.

High School

There were few changes at the prep level.

In the past, "blocking to the back" was referred to as clipping and assessed a 15-yard penalty. Now it is a distinct violation that draws a 10-yard step-off.

Like the NCAA, the Ohio High School Athletic Association also declared that defensive penalties on an extra-point play will may be assessed on the subsequent extra-point try or the succeeding kickoff.

The OHSAA will also be monitoring two rules experiments.

First, the penalty for offensive pass interference will be 15 yards from the previous spot with no loss of down. Second, penalties called on receivers on kick plays will be enforced from the end of the kick.

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Golf's Greatest Road Trip

COLLEGE NEWS

Consolidation
brings
changes at
PCC, Mayo

PRESTONSBURG — Dr. George D. Edwards addressed faculty and staff of Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College in their first All-district meeting for the academic year.

The meeting, held at Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, was highlighted by a presentation by Edwards on the consolidation of Mayo and PCC into the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District.

Edwards previewed a PowerPoint presentation for the group focusing on the consolidation process and two colleges coming together into one during this transition year. The theme of the presentation was "Making Beautiful Music Together."

"Consolidation will benefit students, staff and the community," said Edwards. "One of 16 districts which will be consolidating within the Kentucky

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There's
more than
sports in
collegeby LOUISE TAYLOR
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

LEXINGTON — In one corner of UK basketball coach Tubby Smith's conference room hangs a small, simple poster of a little kid holding a basketball.

"Great visions," the caption says, "often begin with small dreams."

At 6-foot-5 and 299 pounds, there's nothing small about University of Kentucky football tackle Antonio Hall. But he does have dreams: to be an opera singer, to teach music, to play professional football.

Recently, he began realizing another: To get middle-school children dreaming of college, so they are inspired to stay a straight course through high school and beyond.

"When I was growing up, everyone wanted to play sports," Hall says.

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GEARING UP FOR FALL CLASSES



Local high-school graduates Sabrina Martin, Joe Skeans, Carrie Ross and Matthew Ward share similar feelings about starting college next week. They are nervous, yet anxious to begin classes and are excited to be starting a new life.

COLLEGE
BOUNDby Lena Basha
STAFF WRITER

Ward is nervous, but he is more thankful just to have been given the opportunity to go to college. "I knew if I didn't go to college, I couldn't make some of my dreams come true," Ward said. "I'm excited about the whole experience of it like meeting new people and learning new things. I am eager to try to find out what I want to do with my life."

The end of summer is rapidly drawing near.

While for many people, this simply means that the Kentucky temperature will start dropping, for many recent area high-school graduates, the end of summer is the beginning of a new chapter in the book of life - that chapter titled "College."

Joe Skeans, a 2002 graduate of South Floyd High School in Hi Hat will pack his bags and head to Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passas.

"I have mixed emotions right now," Skeans said. "I'm a little nervous, but at the same time I am excited. I think I'll just need a couple of weeks to adjust."

Skeans decided to attend Alice Lloyd after he received an academic scholarship and decided that he could not beat the price.

The price, or lack thereof, also factored into Allen Central High School graduate Jeni Spurlock's decision to attend the University of Kentucky. She

received the Robinson Scholarship, which offers a fully paid education to the University of Kentucky or any of its community college extensions.

"Ever since I was little I loved UK basketball and I always wanted to go to UK," Spurlock said. "Then I got the scholarship and that made it more possible to go to the school."

She has been working on securing this scholarship since the eighth grade. To be eligible, one must write an essay, be a first-generation college student and come from a low-income household. She also had to maintain herself academically by keeping up an exemplary grade point average and enrolling in advanced-level college-preparatory classes.

"I had to take four English classes and the advanced science classes like physics and chemistry," Spurlock said. "I knew I had to do it and it was hard, but I also liked the challenge of all those classes."

While Spurlock knew for almost half of her life that she was college-bound, Opportunities Unlimited graduate

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CAMPUS CONNECTION

Dixon joins
forces with
regional law
enforcement

Since Sept. 11, 2001 safety has become more of a concern for each of us. We seem to be more cautious of things that once seemed like nothing.

For law enforcement agencies, time is critical and protecting our communities is as important as protecting their families.



■ Burchett

justice program at Prestonsburg Community College, and instructor Shawn Roop invited local law enforcement agencies from the five surrounding counties to the Prestonsburg Campus. Dixon's purpose was to share information concerning the criminal justice program and the new options available.

Those representing their counties were Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, Floyd County Chief Deputy Stan Farler, Prestonsburg Chief of Police Darrel J. Conley, Johnson County Sgt. Howard Dotson from the Johnson County Sheriff's Department and Salyersville Police Chief Matthew Watson.

Dixon began by discussing the new education possibilities made available to officers. The Department of Criminal Justice Training and KCTCS have established an agreement granting 19 credit hours toward an associate in applied science in criminal justice based on the completion of the 16-week basic training program administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Training.

Sgt. Dotson of Johnson County was very pleased with the recent agreement between KCTCS and DOJT.

"I think it is excellent! Nineteen credit hours is a great incentive for anyone to take advantage of," said Dotson.

Dixon also volunteered the use of equipment and software such as

"Anything to help our local agencies solve a crime — that is what our program is for, to train and educate those who will be entering the field," Dixon said.

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FOREIGN STUDIES

Student experiences British life, culture

by ROGER MULLINS
PIKEVILLE COLLEGE CLASS OF 2001

For most people, visiting exotic locales throughout the British Isles and all across the European continent would constitute an entire life's worth of travel. For one Pikeville College student, however, it was all in a semester's work.

Bonnie Potter, a graduate of the Class of 2002 with a degree in history/political science, became the first student representative from the college to spend a full semester abroad. Potter, who will begin law school at the University of Kentucky this fall, participated in the Semester in London program, sponsored by the Private College

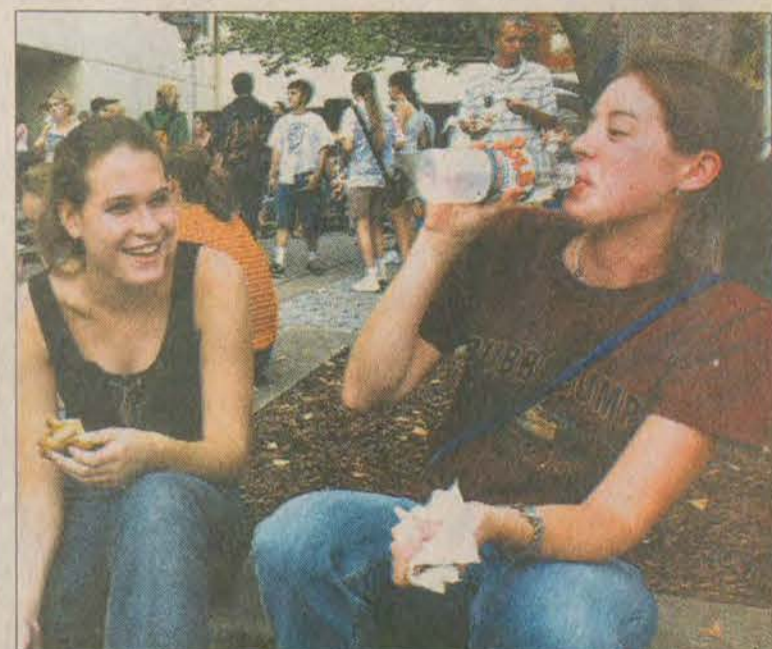
Consortium for International Studies. As a participant, Potter shared a flat with two other students from the program and attended classes on the campus of the Imperial College of Science and Technology. She also worked in Parliament as an intern in the office of Graham Brady, a member of the House of Commons.

"One of my classes, British Life and Culture, was a great experience because every week we went on an excursion to a different place in Great Britain," Potter said. "We went to Stonehenge, Stratford-Upon-Avon, Warwick Castle, and Bath."

(See POTTER, page two)



Bonnie Potter became the first student from Pikeville College to spend a semester studying abroad.



Morgan Caldwell, left, and Kari Ross, both of Prestonsburg, enjoy the "Taste of Richmond" event during New Student days at Eastern Kentucky University. More than 15,000 students are expected this fall, well ahead of last year's numbers.

Bound

Sabrina Martin was not always sure that college was in her future. "I always wanted to go to college but I always had a doubt that I wouldn't make it," she said. "I just didn't think college was for me."

Despite her doubts, Martin will begin classes at Prestonsburg Community College next week

and she is already planning to transfer to Morehead State University after her first year. According to Martin, Opportunities Unlimited, a Floyd County school for students who have trouble learning, made college a more concrete part of her future.

"All the teachers would talk to me about college and take time

from their busy schedule to explain how important it was," she said. "They would tell me that I could do it. All I had to do was try," she said.

David School graduate Matt Ward will also start classes at PCC next week. His college prospects were also once in danger too before he transferred from Prestonsburg High School before his senior year.

and start classes and ball practice, he will miss the comfort of his high school life.

"I'll miss being with my family and my friends a lot of the times," Skeans said. "I'll miss the luxuries of high school, being in one spot more or less and not having to walk across a campus to get from place to place."

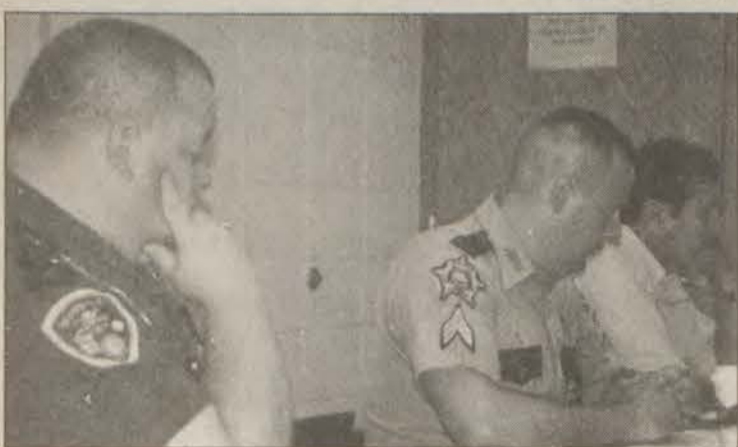
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Blacksmithing is demonstrated by Curtis Combs, welding faculty member at the Technical Campus of Hazard Community College. Combs demonstrated his craft during Art of the Mountains, a Perry County arts and crafts event dedicated to preserving and encouraging the unique heritage and talent of the region. The group held a barbeque at the Perry County Park. Combs is helping to coordinate a Welding Expo at the Technical Campus on Wednesday, August 28, and Thursday, August 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

College



Salyersville Police Chief Matthew Watson, Johnson County Sheriff's Sgt. Howard Johnson, and Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn were among local law enforcement representatives who met with Mike Dixon, coordinator of PCC's criminal justice program, to discuss ways the program could help agencies.

Comphotofit, a program that can form life-like composites from eyewitness descriptions. Dixon explained how beneficial this could be to every department and welcomed their use of it.

Matthew Watson, Salyersville chief of police, was impressed with the equipment that Dixon and his students had and was grateful for the opportunity to use them.

"This is a definite plus for us smaller agencies who are unable to afford such high-tech equipment," said Watson.

Dixon feels that the local agencies should also be able to benefit from the use of the equipment.

"Anything to help our local agencies solve a crime — that is what our program is for, to train and educate those who will be entering the field," Dixon said.

In closing, the group decided

to reconvene at a later date and discuss ideas and possibilities that could better help each agency with protecting their communities.

"I think our local agencies need a central location for sharing information and equipment. This will be a great asset," said Farler.

The criminal justice program has been successful since its beginning and Dr. George D. Edwards, president at PCC and CEO of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District, is proud to have the program at the college.

"Our criminal justice program has been very successful in the recruitment of students and in acquiring high-tech equipment through grants," Edwards said. "Our goal at the college is not only to educate but to provide the community with any services that we have available."

"I hated school," Ward said. "My teachers were more interested in giving grades than caring about the students. The David School has smaller classes and I liked being a part of the community."

Another factor that assisted students in choosing which school to attend was the course of studies offered.

Piarist School graduate Kari Ross will attend Eastern Kentucky University, mainly because of its reputable athletic training program. She also looked into schools like Centre College, UK and Purdue University in Indiana.

"I had a friend who went to ECU and she spoke really well of the school," Ross said. "It is pretty close to home and still far enough away. I want to be close enough so I can drive back whenever I want to or need to."

Ross left Sunday to start new student orientation.

"I look forward to being on my own but I'll miss my family and my friends," she said. "I am nervous, though, about the classes."

Likewise, Martin is nervous about the college curriculum at PCC. "It's going to be something new, and different and I just know it, it's going to be a lot of hard work," she said.

Spurlock, while nervous about her classes, is also eager about college life. "I'm ready to get out of the house and I'm excited to see how different college will be," Spurlock said. "I'm nervous about starting over and making new friends but I'm excited and I want to do whatever I can get myself into. I want to stay active and maybe join some intramural sports teams."

Speaking of sports, Skeans recently signed to play baseball with Alice Lloyd this year. While he is anxious to go to Alice Lloyd

Sports

"Now, they watch videos of guys in fancy clothes and nice cars, and they want that. That life is OK, but it's one in a million."

"If you're an athlete, you might not get to go pro, but if you go to college, a lot of doors open for you."

Hall set out on his college football path when he was in eighth grade and a teacher took him to football games in Pittsburgh.

The experience knocked his knucklehead straight, Hall says, and inspired him to create and design Complete College Experience, a one-day program that showed nine children, most of them 13-year-olds from Winburn Middle School, what UK offers in sports, engineering and the arts. The teens even got a chance to hear baritone Hall sing 'O! Man River, and an aria in Italian from The Marriage of Figaro.

Also on stage: Bryan Boehm, UK senior, orchestra member,

and Lafayette High School's assistant baseball coach, who took out his custom violin and played The Swan from Camille St. Saens' Carnival of the Animals.

De'Loreon Burton, 13, dreams of being a veterinarian, plays the alto saxophone and likes track and field at Winburn. He knocked the socks off UK football receiver DeMarcus Wood when he analyzed a painting in the Singletary Center art museum.

"What era do you think this painting is from?" center Director Holly Salisbury asked, standing before an oil painting of a Spanish knight.

"The Renaissance," says De'Loreon.

Correct: circa 1610.

"How about the symbol on his neck?"

De'Loreon: "Maybe a cross or some emblem of Christianity?"

Bingo.

Later, De'Loreon is deep in conversation with Salisbury,

about art, of course. "I think I'll bring my dad here," he says.

A few hours later, Wood is still shaking his head: "That little boy, how he knew all the facts when we were in the museum. That was amazing."

For other kids, the art was boring, but other stops on their tour piqued their interest. "The football players' weight room was off the hook and, and, and so was Mr. Wood and just getting shown around," says DeAnna English, 13.

As De'Loreon did, Elizabeth Wheeling found the museum most entrancing. She also picked apart a painting, this time an 1883 oil, a farm scene by Julien Dupre of a woman trying to hold back a runaway ox.

She brought the house down in giggles when she correctly answers one question from Salisbury.

"Is she rich?"

"No!" Elizabeth responds. "Because she lives on a farm."

Changes

Community and Technical College System. The Big Sandy Community and Technical College District will offer more advantages for students in Eastern Kentucky."

A seamless system of campuses

from Pikeville to Prestonsburg and Paintsville will provide students with a wider array of technical and general education courses. Students will be able to easily access classes at any or all of the campuses to acquire a more diverse degree or diploma.

Scholarship options will improve as students will have access to financial aid once restricted by college campus. Evening and weekend classes will increase in number and location as more staff options will be available within the district.

Edwards also introduced staff from both colleges who will serve in district leadership roles during this transition year. Bobby McCool, from Mayo, will serve as chief administrative officer.

Academic affairs will be headed up by Dr. Nancy Johnson from PCC, executive dean of academic affairs for PCC. Serving under her guidance will be division chairs Arlene Butcher, Sue Garland and Keithen McKenzie from Mayo, Robert Looney and Reza Akhlaghi, from PCC, as well as Sandra Robertson, director of library services, Jimmy Wright, technical services coordinator, and Della Pack, program facilitator of distance learning, from PCC.

Business affairs will be headed up by John Herald, dean of business affairs from PCC. Joe Sutton,

dean of student affairs from PCC, will head up district student affairs. Public relations for the district has consolidated under the leadership of director Linda Lyon from Mayo.

John Dove, from PCC, heads up the Information Technology Department. David Pelphey is director of community and economic development, Jean Dorton heads up institutional advancement and Chris Conley is director of planning and research.

From Mayo, Juanita Fannin is director of counseling and Connie Sanders is the registrar. From PCC, Michelle Meek is the budget director and Jackie Cecil is director of human resources. Nellie Baldwin from Mayo will serve as food services director and Linda Little, from PCC is the bookstore manager.

More information about the transitional organization structure for the Big Sandy District can be found on the district web page, www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu.

Other speakers for the meeting included consolidation team leaders, deans, public relations director, and Bobby McCool, CAO from the district.

Following a buffet luncheon, the afternoon meetings split out into faculty and staff meetings with information and speakers on topics pertinent to each group.

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Potter

In addition to those locales, Potter also undertook a Beatles sightseeing tour in Liverpool, visited the castles and coastal villages around Dublin, Ireland, and visited Edinburgh in Scotland.

"Scotland was amazing," Potter said. "Edinburgh Castle was beautiful — it's set up on a hill, the highest point in town, and it's surrounded by a field of flowers."

Potter spent a great deal of time on the continent as well, traveling to Paris and Amsterdam and throughout Italy, Spain and Belgium.

"I really enjoyed going to all the different countries and seeing how the different cultures function. Rome was incredible," Potter said. "To look at the coliseum or Pantheon and realize that they had been there for thousands of years was remarkable. And I really enjoyed seeing the Italian countryside, as well. It looked exactly like a postcard."

Potter was also able to use the location of her flat in the exclusive South Kensington section of

London, just a short Tube (subway) ride from the theatre district, as a means to take in nearly every running show.

"The shows were amazing, better even than Broadway," Potter said. "I got to see Les Mis, My Fair Lady, Chicago, Rent, Fame, Cats, My One and Only, The Lion King, Mamma Mia, Phantom and This is Our Youth, which starred Matt Damon."

Potter's semester, offered multiple opportunities in every facet of the college experience, the chance to attend classes at an internationally-ranked institution, to work in one of the oldest established governments in the world, to travel throughout an entire continent, and to absorb as much culture as possible in a relatively short period. Somehow she managed to do it all.

"Last semester was one of the most amazing experiences of my life," Potter said. "I'm really glad Pikeville College gave me the chance to do this. Traveling abroad is definitely an experience everyone should have."

Ashland names new president and COO

The Associated Press

COVINGTON — Ashland Inc. named Ohio native James J. O'Brien as its new president on Tuesday as the company continued to try to rebound from a stock price tumble.

The former senior vice president and group operating officer

is replacing Paul W. Chellgren, who accepted early retirement after getting involved in a prohibited office romance. O'Brien, 48, will take the post on Nov. 15, when Chellgren formally retires.

O'Brien will also be named to the Fortune 500 company's board of directors.

"Mr. O'Brien is a strong, dynamic leader with impeccable credentials. He is well-respected within the company, the industry, the business world and the community," said Mannie Jackson, chairman of the Personnel and Compensation Committee of Ashland's board of directors.

Jackson said the board's decision was unanimous.

"I am honored by the board's confidence in me," O'Brien said in a statement on Tuesday. "Ashland is a great company with terrific people and to be selected to serve at the helm is an exciting and humbling experience."

Ashland's stock price fell 17 percent, or \$6.11, on Thursday amid concerns over the company's ability to pay asbestos claims. Ashland disclosed the claims in its quarterly report to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Ashland executives responded the next morning in a confer-

ence call to investment analysts, saying its insurance policies will easily cover the 154,000 pending asbestos exposure claims against the company.

Late afternoon Tuesday, the stock price was trading at

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

Q What is a Physician-Patient Retainer Agreement (also known as Boutique Medicine and Physician Concierge)?

A The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has heard reports that certain physicians have set up Physician-Patient Retainer Agreements (also known as Boutique Medicine and Physician Concierge) under which they seek an annual retainer or membership fee from patients before they will see the patients. In exchange for this fee, patients receive various services (such as an annual physical) or amenities (for example, same day or next day appointments). These agreements may enroll Medicare and/or non-Medicare patients.

Q Is Medicare and my secondary insurance plan billed for covered services if I sign a Physician-Patient Retainer Agreement?

A Under these agreements, primary and secondary insurers (including Medicare) are billed for covered services. The agreements that CMS is aware of do not affect any co-payments, coinsurance, or deductible amounts required by primary insurers (including Medicare). Thus, patients and/or their secondary insurance would be liable for any cost-sharing amounts.

Q Can someone at Medicare advise me about an agreement?

A The Department of Health & Human Services has not developed any detailed guidance on such agreements. Anyone enrolled with Medicare that is seeking advice about entering into such an agreement is advised that CMS has not reviewed the agreement, and is not in a position to offer advice on whether or not the agreement is desirable.

The Department of Health & Human Services does not expect to offer "advisory opinions" on whether particular agreements are acceptable. Physicians may offer these Physician-Patient Retainer Agreements, but they are responsible for complying with applicable Medicare requirements and are advised to seek legal counsel to ensure the agreements comply with the

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Washington Post photo by Lois Raimondo

Among movie fan Todd Kluss' many downloads is Disney's out-of-release "Song of the South." The 1946 classic, withdrawn from distribution after civil rights groups complained that it promoted negative stereotypes, "will probably never see the light of day again," Kluss says.

Their Burning Passion for Movies Riles Film Executives

by **BRET SCHULTE**
THE WASHINGTON POST

We cannot sit idly by while these services continue to operate illegally, especially at a time when new legitimate services are being launched," said Hilary Rosen, president of the Recording Industry Association of America.

WASHINGTON — Todd Kluss downloads bootleg copies of movies off the Internet. Hollywood executives would call him a thief, but he says he's not in it for the money, despite the fact that the bootleg market is a multi-billion-dollar industry.

He first ventured down this dark path six months ago, when he grew enchanted with the film "Lord of the Rings: The

Fellowship of the Ring." After paying about \$8 to see it on opening weekend, Kluss knew: "I liked the movie, but I wasn't going to see it in the theater more than a few times. (Downloading) was a nice way of having it until the DVD comes out."

Kluss, 25, admits he doesn't always buy the DVD. He calls much of his contraband "samplers." And how he has sampled.

Kluss located, downloaded and

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United States world leader in mine safety, expert says

by **BILL BERGSTROM**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

PHILADELPHIA — Just days before a group of Pennsylvania miners were trapped in a flooded shaft for three days, nine miners

in China survived a similar ordeal.

While the rescue here inspired the nation, the survival of the Chinese after eight days underground was even more of a rarity.

China produces slightly

more coal than the United States, but has many times the fatalities due to inferior safety practices. Mine disasters are also common in the Ukraine, where 20 miners died in an accident

three days before the

Philadelphia rescue.

China and the Ukraine are still trying to implement safety techniques in use in the United States for

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Massey Energy works to repair flood damage, reputation

by **GAVIN McCORMICK**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

LYBURN, W.Va. — In a state where the coal industry has a spotty reputation for safety and environmental violations, Massey Energy Co. — West Virginia's largest coal producer — has been the acknowledged black sheep.

The company and its subsidiaries have been criticized for being slow to respond after several coal pond spills, including an Oct. 2000 deluge that sent 300 million gallons of sludge into Kentucky and West Virginia streams.

But residents here have given the company high marks for its recent reaction after

storms overflowed the sediment pond at Tower Mountain Mine, causing a flood that swamped three homes and swept away several vehicles.

Massey officials flocked to the scene immediately after the July 19 flood. Within hours, they put affected residents in local hotels. Within three days, they housed everyone in tempo-

rary trailers.

Massey staff has worked long hours to clean yards, remove debris and prepare land for new homes. For weeks, the company has bought food and drinks that residents can pick up in a church around the corner.

Massey also is paying for at least eight new vehicles, in

some cases replacing trucks and cars more than a decade old with models fresh off the lot. And they are buying 10 new doublewide mobile homes to replace every damaged residence.

"They've told us to pick out what

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Bankruptcy

The following is a list of bankruptcy cases filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky in Lexington from August 9-16.

Pikeville Division

Chapter 7

Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.

- Ricky Lee Little, of Topmost.
- Fredia Meade, of Martin.
- Carl Collins and Sherry Collins, of Salyersville.
- Karen Graham, of Thelma.
- Anglee Ward, of Salyersville.
- Pete A. Wicker, of Mousie.
- Greg Cantrell and Melanie Cantrell, of Red Bush.
- Kenneth Stidham, of Hazard.
- Emma Jean Copeland, of Inez.
- Larry Edward Burks and Angela Burks, of Phyllis.
- Glen Dean Hunt and Cristel Hunt, of Kimper.
- Robert G. Trimble and Peggy L. Trimble, of Salyersville.
- Miranda Jo Spurlock, of Martin.
- James R. Looney, of Regina.
- Cynthia A. Looney, of Pikeville.
- Ricky Alvin Bays, of Prestonsburg.

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■ **Neil Middleton**

Middleton named WYMT news director

HAZARD — WYMT-TV and Gray Communications last week announced the appointment of Neil Middleton to news director at the CBS affiliate in Hazard.

Middleton was named to fill the vacancy which resulted from the untimely death of Tony Turner, who died June 30 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident while on assignment in Whitley County.

"We are excited and very fortunate to have Neil Middleton returning to the WYMT family," Station Manager Ernestine Cornett said. "His knowledge, commitment and dedication to his field, and his unwavering loyalty to this station and the area it serves will greatly assist Neil in continuing the important work and

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WYMT

leadership of the WYMT newsroom. We welcome his return."

Regarding his return home to Mountain News as news director, Middleton said, "It's good to be home, but I wish it were under different circumstances. No one can fill Tony Turner's shoes, but I look forward to walking in my friend's footsteps."

Middleton, a native of Harlan County, is a graduate of Harlan High School. He continued his education at the University of Kentucky in Lexington where he studied communications and journalism. He began his broadcast news career as a reporter for WFSR Radio in Harlan, while he was attending U.K. He later worked at WHLN in Harlan as well.

In 1987, he joined WYMT-TV Mountain News as a reporter in the Cumberland Valley Bureau. Middleton has received numerous awards during his news career. While reporting for Mountain News, he was honored on numerous occasions by the Associated Press for excellence in journal-

ism. The awards have included Best Reporter honors as well as recognition for Best Investigative Reporting. Middleton was named Cumberland Valley Bureau Chief in 1988, succeeding Turner after Turner's promotion to News Director of Mountain News. In 1998, Middleton was appointed assistant news director for WYMT-TV and served in that position until September 2000 when he was named Executive Producer of WYMT's sister station, WVLT-TV, the CBS

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law, such as:

■ Agreements that attempt to substitute an annual "fee" for payment of coinsurance, copayments, or deductibles on individual services could be considered insurance policies and, thus, could violate the Medicare supplemental insurance ("Medigap") provisions of the law (section 1882 of the Social Security Act). These provisions of the law are under the purview of State insurance departments.

affiliate in Knoxville, Tennessee. WVLT is in the nation's 62nd largest market.

Middleton is married to the former Rhonda Short, also of Harlan County. While residing in Harlan, Middleton served as a deacon at Harlan Baptist Church, where he also was involved in several mission trips including a junket to Costa Rica.

Steve Hensley, a Hazard native, will continue to anchor the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts.

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■ If an annual fee under the agreement includes payment for covered services, the agreement may result in duplicate payment and/or result in violation of Medicare's limiting charge or assignment rules.

Have questions about Medicare? Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), TTY/TDD 1-877-486-2048 (toll free for the hearing impaired), or visit www.medicare.gov on the internet.

Film

burned onto compact discs "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones" a day prior to the theatrical release; he saw M. Night Shyamalan's "Signs" a full week before reviewers had even caught a sniff of it; and he has opted to watch "Austin Powers in Goldmember," "Reign of Fire" and "Minority Report" in the privacy of his own home.

He says: "People who go through the trouble of downloading these movies are die-hard fans who would buy it on DVD anyway. ... It's a way to sort through what I want to buy."

A self-described film buff with a full-time job and a master's degree, the clean-cut Kluss doesn't feel like an Internet bad boy. "I'm not in it to save the money," he says. "Basically what I do is like a tide-over" until the DVD release.

Kluss is the walking embodiment of a fear that has caused studio executives to clamor for congressional protection and the chairman of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) to bemoan the decline of the "moral rubric in this country."

In February, Michael Eisner, the CEO of the Walt Disney Co., and Peter Chernin, president of News Corp. (parent company of 20th Century Fox), testified before Congress on the need for greater enforcement of copyright laws in the face of, say, a double-hard-drive PC with hundreds of megabytes of RAM and the latest Pentium processor wired into a DSL connection.

Eisner stated: "There must be a reasonably secure environment to prevent widespread and crippling theft of the creative content that drives our economy."

The theft appears only to be gaining momentum. A recent report issued by Viant Media and Entertainment says "the beginning of May 2002 established a new high-water mark for online film piracy activities." The report estimated that somewhere between 400,000 to 600,000 films were being downloaded by Internet users per day.

Jack Valenti, chairman of the MPAA, describes this as "a terrible threat."

Kluss argues differently. He downloaded the latest "Star Wars" installment early, but he wanted to first see it on the big screen, quaking in digital sound and surrounded by fellow fans.

It's also a way to find films he can't buy. In a chat room, Kluss heard about the now-shunned 1946 classic "Song of the South," which features the

hit song "Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah." After civil rights groups complained that Uncle Remus and other black characters in the film promoted negative stereotypes, Disney stopped further distribution. The movie is no longer in release, except as a bootleg.

"It will probably never see the light of day again," Kluss says. "I wanted to see it because it's kind of historically significant."

To find the latest in pirated Hollywood goods, he relies on newsgroups or file-sharing programs much like Napster, which was shut down last summer. Also like Napster, the file-sharing programs are available on the Web for free. Kluss selected one called Kazaa, which has no central server but directly links users' PCs to each other.

The quality varies depending on the source of the bootleg. For films not yet released, the most desirable option is a dub of an advance-review copy, generally sent to the media. Beyond that, you're limited to an assortment of reproductions that come from someone in the theater, perhaps the projection booth, pointing a video camera at the screen. Occasionally, you'll see the heads of audience members bob into view.

As of now, the quality of the bootlegs is roughly on par with a

worn VHS tape. Colors are often faded, images aren't crisp. When an acceptable copy is found, it can be downloaded—which can take several hours—and then copied onto compact disc.

Film industry folks aren't buying it. Since Napster, entertainment moguls have been consumed by the issue of copyright laws and intellectual property rights. At the February Senate hearing, Eisner accused Apple Computer of promoting illegal theft with its "Rip. Mix. Burn." advertising campaign, and called for computer technology that would prohibit the downloading of copyright-protected information. Meanwhile, Disney has joined a consortium of major film studios and record companies that have filed suit against companies including Kazaa for copyright infringement.

"We cannot sit idly by while these services continue to operate illegally, especially at a time when new legitimate services are being launched," said Hilary Rosen, president of the Recording Industry Association of America.

Valenti simply calls it stealing. "It's a question of how one conducts oneself. Taking something from the owner is theft."

BB&T Corporation certifies financial filings as part of SEC order

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - BB&T Corporation on Tuesday filed sworn statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission affirming its 2002 filings.

The documents signed and filed by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John A. Allison and Chief Financial Officer Scott E. Reed certify BB&T's 2001 annual report on Form 10-K, the 2002 proxy materials and other covered reports.

"Among our most important corporate values are integrity and honesty in all our dealings with clients, shareholders and BB&T colleagues," Allison said. "Certification of our SEC reports reflects BB&T's ongoing and unwavering commitment to these values as well as the accuracy we emphasize in our communications with the

investment community."

BB&T is one of 947 large public companies required by the SEC to file sworn statements certifying the accuracy of their most recent annual and quarterly financial reports. Copies of the statements will be available for review at www.sec.gov.

With \$76.3 billion in assets as of June 30, Winston-Salem-based BB&T Corp. is the nation's 14th largest financial holding company. Barron's, a Dow Jones weekly, ranks BB&T as the second-highest performing financial institution in the country.

BB&T and its subsidiaries offer full-service commercial and retail banking and additional financial services such as investments, insurance, corporate finance, international banking, leasing and trust.

Food City kicks off third annual \$100,000 Treasure Hunt

ABINGDON, Va. - As the third annual Food City Food Club \$100,000 Treasure Hunt gets underway, the Food City Treasure Hunt Prize Team is preparing to hit the streets, visiting homes of this year's lucky winners.

Beginning August 25 and continuing through Oct. 19, Food City shoppers will gain an automatic entry into the contest each time they purchase three or more Food City, Food Club, Pet Club, Top Crest or Top Care corporate brand products during the same shopping visit, using their Food City ValuCard.

Random winners will be selected throughout the contest period. The Food City

Treasure Hunt Team will visit the homes of prospective winners on Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12 and Oct. 26. Twenty-four total winners will be given an opportunity to contend for cash prizes throughout the contest period.

Each winner will receive \$200 for presenting his or her Food City ValuCard to the Treasure Hunt Prize Team. An additional \$100, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per winner, will be awarded for each Food City, Food Club, Pet Club, Top Crest or Top Care corporate brand product shown.

"Our Treasure Hunt contest is one of our most unique and exciting promotions," said Steve Smith, chief executive

officer and president for K-VA-T Food Stores Inc., Food City's parent company. "We're really looking forward to visiting the homes of this year's winners. It's great to meet the winners and watch the excitement build as we inventory their corporate brand products and award the cash prizes."

The contest is open to legal residents of Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky and West Virginia, 18 years of age or older at the time of the entry. Someone at least 18 must be present at the time of the Treasure Hunt Prize Team visit to win cash prizes. Some restrictions apply. Official rules and regulations can be found at Food City stores.

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Massey

we want — no limit," said Ruby Caldwell, 48, who is getting a new mobile home to replace the house she lived in for 30 years.

"These guys have been great," she said. "I couldn't have brought in family that would've been better to me."

Gary Duncan, a Massey official in Logan County who is overseeing the cleanup, said: "We're trying our best to put things back the way they were. In a monetary sense, certainly, everyone will be better off than they were. We don't want anyone to suffer more than they already have."

Robin Hardin, whose yard was flooded by a similar spill of the Tower Mountain pond two years ago, said she's glad her friends and neighbors don't have to clean up this time around.

"Massey's doing this time what it should have done for us," she said.

Asked why Massey might be reacting differently this time, Hardin smiled and said, "There weren't a whole lot of reporters around two years ago. I'd say the publicity's helped a whole lot."

Most of the news surrounding Richmond, Va.-based Massey recently has not been so positive.

Mingo County residents sued Massey for allegedly ruining their water supply. Residents of Sylvester filed their own lawsuit saying dust and noise from a Massey operation have made life in their town unbearable.

A shareholder last week sued alleging insider trading by top Massey executives. Even the company's annual

picnic sparked a lawsuit from Charleston residents annoyed by its use of a public park.

In that context, legal observers said, Massey's treatment of Tower Mountain spill victims makes good business sense.

Massey officials declined to say how much they're paying to rebuild Lyburn. Rough estimates put the figure at about \$1 million, which will be covered by its insurance.

Lyburn residents said they are signing contracts that waive their right to sue for damages in return for accepting new homes and vehicles. Massey officials declined to comment on the agreements, but attorneys said such waivers are standard.

Brian Glasser, a Charleston attorney involved in both the Mingo County and Sylvester lawsuits, said the finances of such cases mean that plaintiffs' attorneys won't take them unless they have at least a dozen clients to win potential damages and defray

expenses.

"The coal companies can avoid 95 percent of their problems if they stump up and do the right thing," Glasser said. "And if they're being fair, it's perfectly reasonable for people to settle a claim."

Massey's Tower Mine problems aren't going away. A state stop-work order continues to cost the company between \$750 and \$5,000 a day. And the company may be forced to demonstrate why its site permit should not be revoked.

Still, Massey seems for the moment not just to have placated Lyburn residents but to have won new friends — even among union miners, who've had acrimonious relations with non-union Massey since the mid-1970s.

"I'm a retired United Mine Worker, and they're about to convert me," said Jim Caldwell, another hollow resident getting a new home. "All people want is to be treated right."

Ashland

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\$30.04, still down from the \$36.11-a-share price traded before last week's slide.

When asked what plans O'Brien had to help improve Ashland's stock price, spokesman Stan Lampe said O'Brien is a "seasoned, disciplined, dynamic leader. He will bring a new focus to all the divisions of our company. He is the right man at the right time."

A native of Circleville, Ohio, O'Brien joined the company in 1976. In 1992, he was

named executive assistant to then Ashland chairman John R. Hall, and he was promoted to senior vice president in 1997.

O'Brien is also chairman of the board of trustees at Midway (Ky.) College.

A task force in the company met last week and narrowed its presidential candidates to a handful of internal prospects. The board's decision to make O'Brien president was approved in a special meeting on Monday. No replacement for O'Brien has been announced.

Safety

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more than three decades, including strict ventilation, roof-support and training requirements, a Penn State mine safety expert said.

"Health and safety regulations passed at the federal level in 1969 really revolutionized several aspects of underground coal mining in the United States," said Raja Romney, a professor emeritus of mining engineering.

The Quecreek accident that trapped the nine miners near Somerset was blamed on a mapping problem that led the crew to breach an adjacent, water-filled abandoned mine they thought was 300 feet away. Problems behind the rash of mining disasters in China and Ukraine are more basic.

China is the world's largest coal producer, churning out 1.5 billion tons a year for its own power plants and industries and for export to Japan, which closed its last coal mine in January.

But China's mines often lack such basic equipment as ventilation gear and explosions are frequent.

According to China's state Coal Mine Safety Supervision Bureau, more than 3,500 miners have been killed in gas explosions, floods and other mining accidents this year; 5,798 died last year. The industry's death rate per million tons mined is more than 100 times that in the United States and 20 times the worldwide rate.

Many deaths may go unre-

ported. State media and Chinese government officials reported the recovery of 18 bodies in May from a mine whose owner hid the body of one dead miner, destroyed employee records and used paint to conceal burn marks at the mine entrance.

In contrast, the United States, second in world production at 1.1 billion tons, had 43 fatalities last year and 17 though July 11, the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration said.

Ukraine's mines produce about a tenth as much coal - 109 million tons - but have one of the highest accident rates, blamed on poor maintenance and neglected safety since subsidies ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

Bankruptcy

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Billy Monroe Slone and Gwendolene Slone, of Kimber. Steven Edward Brown, of Langley.

Billy Combs and Sandy Combs, of Hindman. Angela N. Haddix and David R. Haddix Jr., of Jackson.

Michael R. McCall and Rhonda Sue McCall, of Millstone.

Logan Grigsby and Connie S. Grigsby, of Bulan.

Patrick Goodin, of Sassafras. Nettie J. Jensen, of Jenkins.

Linda Sue Burchett, of Betsy Layne.

Chapter 13

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.

Patrick W. Wolford, Phelps. Johnny Wayne Vanover and Betty Jo Vanover, of Melvin.

Wendell M. Bates and Billie J. Bates, of Mayking.

Garvin Chadwell and Christina Michelle Chadwell, of Isom.

James D. Trent and Patricia A. Trent, of Sassafras.

Alvin R. Spangler Jr. and Melissa L. Spangler, of Ermine.

Van O. Webb Jr. and Teresa A. Webb, of Ermine.

James Stewart Young and Michelle Ann Young, of Harold.



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Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Crack open triceratops party favors

Every preschooler I know loves outdoor summer fun, birthday parties and anything to do with dinosaurs. Put that combination together, and it's likely that a dinosaur-themed party will be somewhere in your parenting repertoire during the growing-up years. So save this recipe and use it when it's time to create sandy triceratops party favors. These surprises are something the kids will never forget.

If there are older kids in the



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family who have already earned their degree in the dino phase, let them get their hands in the mix and help you prepare this sand-goop recipe to make triceratops party favors for their younger brother's or sister's party. Once this sand clay is off the stove and has cooled (yes, you'll be cooking sand!), mold it around plastic eggs containing little plastic or rubber dinosaurs. If you don't have plastic eggs, mold the sand clay around the toys to form a ball. Let them dry a few days until hard.

On the day of your party, pass one out to each child, or hide them in your yard for guests to find in a treasure hunt. Invite them all to follow you to the sidewalk. Tell them to tap-tap-tap their eggs against the concrete. The eggs will break after a few tentative hits, and voilà! Your guests have just delivered a slew of baby dinos into the world! Perfect for a "birthday" favor.

SAND CLAY RECIPE

Put 1 cup clean sand, 1/2 cup cornstarch, 1 1/2 teaspoons powdered alum (in the spice section of your market) and 1/2 cup water in an old cooking pot. Stir with hands or a spoon. An adult should then place the pot on the stove, turn heat to medium and continue stirring with a spoon.

As it becomes warm, it will begin to liquefy. Continue to stir for 2 to 3 minutes until clay thickens. Remove from heat and spoon mixture onto cutting board. Let cool.

Make above-mentioned party-favor eggs or enjoy molding into shapes and characters. There are probably as many ideas as there are grains of sand between your kids' and your hands!



Mushrooms on the grill? HERE'S HOW

Nutrition doesn't take a vacation just because you're cooking outdoors. So don't overlook the possibility of grilling a complete, wholesome meal.

Most vegetables can be cooked on skewers or directly on the grill. However, there may be a little loss of vitamins in some vegetables when exposed to intense heat for long periods.

Mushrooms are ideal for skewer cooking, since they need little time. They can be the focus of the meal or a side dish. Low in calories, they are free of fat, cholesterol and sodium and provide a meaty palate feel.

If using wood or bamboo skewers, presoak them in water. I was taught they should soak for 30 to 45 minutes. But in a demonstration for Cutco Cutlery, Fritz Sonnenschmidt recommended overnight soaking. Who's he? He's the national chairman of the American Academy of Chefs. I'd take his word.

Not everyone cooks outdoors, so the dish that follows may be grilled or oven-cooked. In the Korean-Style Mushroom Skewers, sliced mushrooms are threaded lengthwise, so they lie flat, and are alternated with peppers and scallions. They then lie in a marinade in the fridge to drink up the savory soy sauce and

sesame oil.

KOREAN-STYLE MUSHROOM SKEWERS

- 12 ounces fresh white mushrooms
- 2 bunches large (about 10) scallions (green onions)
- 2 medium-sized green bell peppers
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon dark Asian sesame oil
- 4 large garlic cloves, finely chopped

2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted*, divided

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

1. Trim mushrooms ends; cut in 1/2-inch thick slices. Cut white parts of scallions into 1 1/2-inch pieces. Trim and finely chop enough scallion greens to make 1/4 cup; set aside for later use. Cut bell peppers in 1 1/2-inch squares. Thread mushrooms onto skewers so they will lie flat on the grill, alternating with scallion whites and bell pepper squares, threaded crosswise. Arrange skewers in a snug-fitting baking dish.

2. Prepare marinade: In small bowl, whisk together

(See **BLOCK**, page six)



by Philomena Corradeno

I love peanut butter

It's time to call a meeting to order so we can share in the pleasures of another peanut butter recipe. Remember, if eaten in moderation, it's a good choice. We just can't put our spoons in the jar and eat with complete abandon!

LAYERED CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER DESSERT

12 (2 1/2-inch) chocolate graham cracker squares

- 2 (4-serving) packages sugar-free instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 1/3 cups nonfat dry milk powder
- 2 1/4 cups water
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat peanut butter
- 1/2 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
- 1/4 cup chopped dry roasted peanuts

(See **RECIPE**, page six)



by JoAnna M. Lund

Dear Diane... Sweet Bippy Advice

DEAR DIANE:

For most of my life, I have had Lady Godiva-length hair. From the top of my head to the tips, my hair measures 60 inches (5 feet) in length.

I am also a faithful member of the Pentecostal church and will only have my hair trimmed by a righteous Pentecostal lady. I made it clear to all seven of my daughters that a Pentecostal woman only cuts her hair if she's lost her faith in the lord.

My eight sons have all given me their word that they will only date and/or marry Pentecostal women with Lady Godiva-length hair of at least 60 inches.

But, my three eldest daughters have decided to join a convent, and they have all cut their hair and donated the tresses to charity (Locks of Love, I think it's called).

Please give me some Sweet Bippy Advice to persuade them to be good Pentecostal Godiva-lengthed housewives!

— LADY GODIVA
IN MINNESOTA

DEAR LADY G.:

I never realized my advice was good enough to make the Sweet Bippy category, so thank you very much for the compliment.

That said, I'm not sure there is anything I can (or would want to) say to your daughters to get them to switch religions. A person's religion is a very private, personal choice, and I have no right to persuade them to believe otherwise. It simply isn't my place to say.

I think you may be judging your daughters unfairly. They should not be judged by the length of their hair, but the fullness of their hearts.

Your three daughters have chosen to donate their hair to a charity that provides wigs to financially disadvantaged children who have lost hair as a result of medical treatment. What a beautiful gift these women have given of themselves. You should be proud of them.

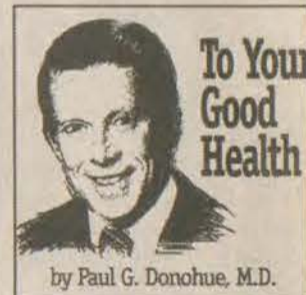
ECG Looks bad; patient looks good

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

When I turned 40, my wife badgered me into having a physical exam. I had never been to a doctor before.

As part of the exam, the doctor took an ECG. He told me I had Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome. I wrote it down so I wouldn't forget it. He

asked me if my heart ever beats fast or if I ever feel faint. I said no, and he said to forget it. Now my wife wants me to see a cardiologist. Do I need to? What is this? — R.K.



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

ANSWER:

No doctor can diagnose WPW — Wolff-Parkinson-White — syndrome by listening to your heart or taking X-rays or sound pictures of it. It is seen only on the electrocardiogram. It produces an odd and distinctive squiggle.

The hearts of WPW patients are wired a bit differently from the normal heart. The normal heart has only one path that the electrical signal generated in the heart's pacemaker takes to arrive at the lower heart pumping chambers. WPW patients have extra paths. Those redundant paths make some WPW patients have episodes of racing heartbeats. The racing heart often cannot pump enough blood, and that can bring on a woozy feeling.

Patients with symptoms are treated with medicines that keep the heart beating at a normal pace. If medicines fail to do the trick,

(See **HEALTH**, page six)

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Never say never

Rosa Torcasio
(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE COLLEGE SOUL")

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I cannot remember a point in my life when I desired anything other than becoming a teacher. As a child, I played school with my little cousins and friends just so I could practice for my future career. But what I didn't realize as a child was how expensive my dream was. I came from a middle-class family, and it seemed as though we'd always struggle to make ends meet. My dream of attending the University of Connecticut seemed so out of reach, but I wasn't willing to settle for anything less.

In the beginning of my senior year in high school, I began applying to colleges, but in my heart I had already made my decision. The University of Connecticut was the one. But a huge hurdle stood between me and my dream: lack of financial resources.

At first, I was ready to give up. I mean, who was going to give me, the average high-school girl, that kind of money? I wasn't the smartest person in my class, not even close; but my heart was in the right place, and I was determined. I knew that scholarships were only given to the really smart kids, or

so I thought, I applied for every scholarship I could get my hands on. What did I have to lose? And then my guidance counselor told me about the financial-aid system. I applied, but I didn't think I would qualify for that either.

After the holidays, my friends started receiving their acceptance letters from colleges, and I eagerly anticipated mine. Finally, a letter arrived from the University of Connecticut. Feelings of fear and joy overwhelmed me, but I was ready. I opened the envelope with trembling hands as tears engulfed my eyes. I had done it! I had been accepted to the

University of Connecticut! I cried for a while, feeling both extremely excited and afraid. I had worked so hard to get accepted; what if I was denied admission because of my financial status?

I had been working a full-time job, but that was barely enough to pay for tuition. My parents couldn't afford that kind of money, and I wasn't going to pretend that they could. I was the first person in my family who would attend a university, and I knew how proud my parents were, but it was impossible for them to finance my education. However, my parents are incredible people, and they taught me never to give up on my dreams, regardless of the obstacles that I encounter, and never to lose sight of what I truly want out of life. My parents were right, and

I continued to believe in both myself and my dreams.

Months went by before I heard anything from the financial-aid office. I assumed that I didn't qualify for aid, but I wasn't ready to lose hope yet. At last, a letter arrived. I opened it eagerly, but it was a false alarm. The letter requested more information in order to process my application.

This happened over and over, and my hopes kept getting shot down. Finally, a bulky envelope arrived; I knew this was the one that would determine whether or not I could attend college. I opened the envelope and could hardly understand what any of the documents inside meant.

(See **SOUL**, page six)



Books: "The Wildest Ride: A History of NASCAR"

The Wildest Ride: A History of NASCAR

By Joe Menzer
(Touchstone Books, \$14)
Reviewed by Chris Richcreek

sports history books examine key athletes or key moments, but "The Wildest Ride" highlights key sponsor moments. That's not to say that Menzer fails to look into other important moments in the sport. He provides numerous anecdotes about key events and drivers, including early characters like Curtis Turner and Joe Weatherly. He examines the apparent racism that has existed in the racing circuit (Quick: Name a black NASCAR driver). He devotes a substantial number of words to explaining what role Big Bill

France played in making the sport what it is today. But the sponsors, whose logos can be found all over the cars and outfits of the drivers, ultimately take center stage. Menzer notes how Rusty Wallace, after winning a race, had to change hats 22 times for pictures to satisfy commitments. Menzer also looks at perhaps the pivotal moment in NASCAR, when Junior Johnson met with R.J. Reynolds officials, who were looking for a place to put the tobacco company's advertising dollars after being booted

off of television. The end result: Winston Cup is now synonymous with NASCAR. NASCAR has undergone a huge evolution from what was once a Southern sport featuring former moonshine runners racing cars. In 2001, NASCAR began a six-year, \$2.8 billion television pact. It was a huge influx of money into a sport that knows which fuel really keeps the wheels rolling.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

Beat Stress!



One often-overlooked benefit of incorporating a fitness program into your lifestyle is its ability to decrease or relieve stress. Stress is your body's response — physical, mental and emotional — to events, conditions, changes and pressures in our lives.

During stressful situations, the body releases hormones that cause several responses. These include increased heart rate and blood pressure, tensed muscles, rapid breathing, slowed digestion, dilated pupils and increased sweating. Overwhelming events in our lives that cause distress can lead to physical and mental illness.

Maintaining a relaxed state at your job, in traffic or on a long car trip with the family is not only helpful, but necessary. Once you have identified the stresses in your life and understand your body's responses, you can begin to establish a regimen to prevent it.

Aerobic exercise, stretching and correct breathing are great relaxation activities that can decrease your stress level and return you to a happy and healthy relaxed state. Here are some examples:

■ Add a challenging power walk or jog to your daily fitness routine. During aerobic exercise, your body is moving oxygen and blood to your mus-

cles and throughout your body. This will relieve muscle tension and promote deep breathing.

■ Stretching can relieve muscle tension and allow you to relax. A basic stretching routine can be done at work, in the car or at home. For example, you can stretch your back and shoulders by reaching both arms overhead toward the ceiling with your fingertips pointing straight up. Hold this position for 10 seconds, then slowly lower your arms down to your sides. Inhale deeply as you raise your arms and exhale as you lower them. Repeat this stretch as many times as necessary.

■ Breathing exercises are an equally important stress reliever. Your breathing pattern affects your entire body and helps move the oxygen needed during the aerobic exercises. Become aware of taking full, deep breaths throughout the day and especially during exercise.

■ Recognizing and reducing your stress will not only improve your health, you'll also find life much more enjoyable.

Sam & Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM AND DAVE:

I'm 17 years old, and I'm about to be a senior in high school. I make good grades and plan to go to college. My mom likes my friends. I never get into trouble, and I follow the rules of the house. Mom never has any problems with me.

The problem? I want to get a tattoo, but she won't let me. Since I'm not 18 yet, I have to have a parent's permission before the tattoo shop will give me one. I even saved up my own money for it, and now Mom is being unreasonable. I've never asked her for anything, and she won't let me get the one thing I have my heart set on. How can I

The tattoo battle with mom

change her mind?
— A CLEAN PALETTE
IN POMONA

SAM SAYS:

I'm willing to bet that you won't be able to change her mind. Tattoos bring out strong reactions in just about everybody. Either you love them or you hate them — there's no middle ground. And it's not likely that you'll be able to change your mom's mind when she's obviously dead-set against them.

You say you've never asked your mom for anything, but I'll lay long odds that's not true. No one lives 17 years without asking for something — toys, clothes, an allowance, what have you. And if you're honest with yourself, I'm sure you'll admit that your mom's given you what you've asked for on more than one occasion.

Not getting a tattoo right now isn't the end of the world. All you have to do is wait for a year, and then you can do anything you want with your body. In the meantime, give your mom a break. It's not easy raising a 17-year-old.

DAVE SAYS:

Sam may be right: You probably won't be able to change your mother's mind. But I think there's still a chance.

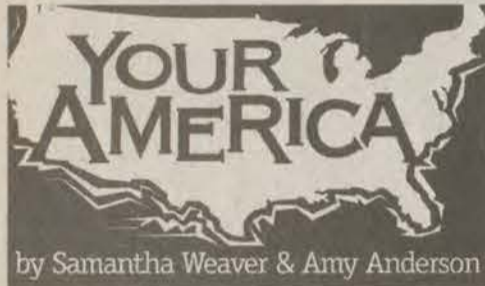
You've really made a good case for yourself in your letter. You say you make good grades, follow the rules of the house and are basically a pretty cool and responsible person. If that's true, you should also remind your mother of this. Let her know that you are level-headed and that she should trust your judgment.

You should also tell your mother that even though you're

only 17 today, you'll be 18 soon and won't need her permission. Sure, you can wait until then, but wouldn't your mother feel better about your getting a tattoo if she were able to go down to the tattoo parlor with you and see that the joint is sterile and that you won't be taking a chance on getting AIDS or something from the needle?

On the other hand, maybe your mom is right. For all Sam and I know, the tattoo you want could be a giant snake that covers half your face and runs down the length of your body. In which case, you need to have your head examined. Freak.

Send letters to Sam & Dave in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Or e-mail them at asksamand-dave@mindspring.com.



So the kids are heading back to school, and you want to make a good impression by reading along with them. Well, while they are studying Dick and Jane or Shakespeare, you can get ahead on your travel reading. The assignment: Check out all the wonderful things that make our country the unique cultural and historical playground that it is. By the time you're ready for your next vacation, you'll have some ideas to make it educational as well as entertaining.

"America Bizarro" by Nelson Taylor (St. Martin's, \$14.95)

This book is a gem, and it is chock-full of wonderful festivals, parade days, outrageous contests and other areas of interest to the Americana connoisseur. Taylor takes us state by

America's offbeat treasures

state, from Tuscumbia, Alabama's Coon Dog Graveyard Celebration (a sort of shady event paying respect to the coon hunting dogs of the Tennessee Valley) to Douglas, Wyoming's Jackalope Days (honoring a sort of mythical animal with the body of a jackrabbit and the horns of an antelope).

"An American Festival of World Capitals" by Laura Bergheim (Preservation Press, \$14.95)

Bergheim brings to life the culture of world capital-ism: from the offbeat (Bigfoot Capital of the World, Willow Creek, Calif.) to the well-known (Chocolate Capital of the United States, Hershey, Pa.). She also covers rivalries (the collective disputed capitals of barbecue, watermelons, etc.). A bonus is the monthly listing of special events, i.e. the festivals for which these capitals are so famous.

"Little Museums" by Lynne Arany and Archie Hobson (Henry Holt, \$17.95)

A veritable treasure of information about off-

beat and little-know museums, Arany and Hobson pay tribute to special collections everywhere. Surprisingly complete, this little book packs in more than a thousand museums across the country.

Honorable Mentions for Specialized Research: "Architectural Follies in America" by Gwyn Headley (Preservation Press, \$19.95)

For those of you who enjoy pointing out strange structures, Headley takes you through the histories of palaces, towers, temples and other odd dwellings.

"Crime Scene USA" by Neal Yonover (Hyperion, \$12.95)

For budding criminologists or any who feel a strange fascination for crime scenes, Yonover explores the cities — both famous and not-so-famous — that have been marked by tragedy. Also included, "Be on the LookOut: BOLO Serial Killer Alert" featuring reports of uncaught serial killers and the details of their crimes. Gory stuff.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain

■ If you ever go on vacation to Germany, there's a museum in Munich that you can't miss — it's dedicated entirely to chamber pots. Possibly the most unusual one on display dates from World War II — it has a picture of Hitler's face painted on the bottom.

■ If you sweat excessively under your arms, remember that there's a technical term for it: "diaphoresis axilqla."

■ Ever wonder how other countries deal with the problem of drunk driving? In Australia, the driver's name is printed in the newspaper under the heading "He's Drunk and in Jail." In South Africa, you can be fined \$3,800 and spend 20 years in jail. In Turkey, the driver is taken 20 miles from home and forced to walk back. El Salvador is probably the harshest, though: There, drunk drivers can be shot.

■ An ostrich's eye is bigger than its



brain.

■ "Typewriter" is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

■ A doctor came up with the recipe for Salisbury steak, and he recommended eating it three times a day to prevent illness.

■ It's been estimated that when the weather gets hot, 10 percent of all people in the United Kingdom put their underwear in the refrigerator to help them keep cool.

■ The name Abigail means "father rejoices."

■ It was Sigmund Freud who observed, "The first human being who hurled an insult instead of a stone was the founder of civilization."

■ Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.

■ Half of the world's tornadoes touch down in the United States.

Thought for the Day:

"Any new venture goes through the following stages: enthusiasm, complication, disillusionment, search for the guilty, punishment of the innocent, and decoration of those who did nothing." — Source unknown

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I can see clearly now

One of the more handy-dandy gadgets about to come out for computer addicts would have to be the Clear View UltraView Mirror. Originally, the mirror was marketed to sign-language interpreters to let them see behind them without reversing the image.

The idea is that if you want to watch a television that is positioned behind you, say, in an office setting, the mirror, which mounts to the side of your monitor, allows you to multitask without putting a kink in your neck.

According to Clear View's Web site (www.interpreter-mirror.com/index1.html), the mirror

is targeted at folks who want to browse Internet sites that complement what they're watching on television. But that doesn't mean you can't use it to watch "SpongeBob SquarePants" while you log on to see how your battered Schwab portfolio is doing.

Granted, you could just put up a standard mirror if all you're watching is the Cartoon Network. If you're watching anything meaningful, like CNN or "Babylon 5," you may want to see the image non-reversed.

The 1.5-pound device is a pair of fully adjustable mirrors that "flips" the image twice, so it appears as it would if you were

looking at it normally. No word yet on the exact price of the unit.

By the time this goes to press, July 26 will be a distant memory, so be sure to get your local system administrator at the company you work a belated "System Administrator Appreciation Day" card.

A system administrator is anyone responsible for maintaining a multi-user computer system, including a local-area network, wide-area network, phone system or voice-mail system. They are often referred to as a "SysAdmin."

In some workplaces, they are

often referred to as "Jerk", "Nerd" and "Lazy Ass." Let's face it, techies get zero respect 364 days a year, so give 'em a break, eh?

If you happen to be a sysadmin, mark your day planners for next year so you can alert them as to the existence of this 3-year-old holiday. SysAdmin Appreciation Day is celebrated on the last Friday of July.

The Web site www.sysadmin-day.com has some gift ideas, some of which you may shake your head at, but I suspect most sysadmins would settle for ice cream and soda pop.

Or just a hug.

Recipe

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Evenly arrange 9 graham crackers in a 9-by-9-inch cake pan. In a large bowl, combine 1 package dry pudding mix, 2/3 cup dry milk powder and 1 1/4 cups water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in peanut butter. Spread mixture evenly over graham crackers. Refrigerate while preparing top-

ping. In same bowl, combine remaining package of dry pudding mix, remaining 2/3 cup dry milk powder and remaining 1

cup water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in whipped topping. Spread topping mixture evenly over chocolate filling. Finely crush remaining 3 graham crackers. Evenly sprinkle crumbs and peanuts over top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Cut into 8 pieces.

■ Each serving equals: 173 Calories, 5 g Fat, 8 g Protein, 24 g Carb., 470 mg Sodium, 1 g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Fat, 1 Starch, 1/2 Fat-Free Milk.

Soul

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The following day, I brought the documents to school and asked my guidance counselor to take a look at them. He looked up at me with a huge smile on his face and told me that not only was financial aid going to help me out with my expenses, but I had also won two of the scholarships I had applied for! I was in shock at first, then I cried. I had actually made my dream come true.

I am now a junior at the University of Connecticut, pur-

suing a degree in English. In the beginning of the new millennium, my dream will become a reality. I will be a teacher.

I live by this quote: "Reach for the sky, because if you should happen to miss, you'll still be among the stars."

Look for our latest books, "Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul," "Chicken Soup for the Teacher's Soul" and "A Second Round of Chicken Soup for the Golfer's Soul."

Block

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soy sauce, sugar, oil, garlic, 1 tablespoon of the sesame seeds and the black pepper. Pour marinade over skewers; turn to coat all sides; cover and marinate 30 minutes or up to 2 hours in refrigerator, turning once.

3. Preheat grill or broiler to high. Place skewers on rack; grill or broil, brushing often with marinade, until mushrooms are tender and vegeta-

bles are browned, 3 to 5 minutes per side. Sprinkle with reserved chopped scallion greens and remaining 1 tablespoon sesame seeds; serve hot or at room temperature. Makes 4 to 6 portions.

*To toast sesame seeds: Place seeds in a skillet; cook and stir over moderate heat until golden.

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Health

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heart doctors can thread a soft, pliable tube through an arm or groin blood vessel to the part of the heart with the extra paths. Once there, they switch on radio waves from the tube, and good-bye, extra path.

You have had no symptoms in 40 years. You are unlikely to have any in the next 40. You need no more input.

Many people have heart-beat problems that range from the innocent to the very serious. If readers would like more information on irregular heartbeats, they can send for the heartbeat report. Write to: Dr. Donohue — SR 102W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 with the recipient's printed name and mailing address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

We hear that Lyme disease

is contagious, like venereal disease. True? — E.R.

ANSWER:

Infection is an invasion of the body by a germ. Lyme disease is, therefore, an infection. "Contagious" means that an infection is passed from one human to another. Lyme disease does not spread from one person to another. It is spread by an infected tick. Lyme disease is not contagious.

Lyme disease is not a venereal disease and is not spread through sexual relations.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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