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Odor relief could be coming to P'burg

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Residents of the downtown area might be able to breathe a little easier in the near future, thanks to an ambitious multi-pronged attack on the city's sewer odor woes.

The Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission has announced that Phase I of the "Separation of the Downtown Combined Sewers Project" will begin within a matter of weeks and although the project construction may disrupt daily life, it will create a system with "effectiveness and efficiency second-to-

none." Eddie Campbell, chief financial officer, said that the commission had met with the mayor and after some brainstorming they decided to start this phase of the project without secured funding. Rather than wait on the estimated \$3.5 million funding for completion, the

commission decided to tackle the downtown sewer smell and start Phase I on their own.

Campbell said that initiative is a tribute to the commission's commitment to provide the citizens of Prestonsburg with the best utility services possible.

According to the commission, Phase

I will involve the separation of the now combined sewers on Scott Court and East Graham Street. This location is the beginning of the combined sewers and markedly must be separated and reconstructed first.

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Elderly drug dealer seeks early release

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A 70-year-old woman, Osalene Triplett, who was sentenced and jailed four months ago on a trafficking conviction, went before Judge Danny P. Caudill on Friday to request shock probation on the basis of failing health.

Triplett was sentenced in May on charges of first-degree trafficking, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and cultivating marijuana, at which time she said she was suffering with failing health.

Triplett informed Judge Caudill on Friday that she is primarily confined to a wheelchair, suffers from high blood pressure and diabetes, and that she requires oxygen. Triplett's attorney offered medical records to support her allegations.

The commonwealth objected to the motion, but Caudill took the request under advisement.

Plant hunters finding gold in goldenseal

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Claims that an Appalachian plant can make illicit drugs undetectable in the bloodstream may have helped to generate the current boon for root diggers in the mountain region.

The tiny yellow roots of goldenseal plants are fetching \$18 to \$22 a pound straight out of the woods and up to \$45 a pound on the retail market thanks in part to the demand by drug users.

Jim Chamberlain, a research scientist with the U.S. Forest Service in Blacksburg, Va., said the prices have made goldenseal popular among Appalachian root diggers who have been collecting it by the tons.

The situation has raised concern about the possibility of overharvesting the plant that thrives in the moist soils of the eastern hardwood forests.

Ironically, Chamberlain said claims about the plant's drug-masking qualities are false.

"If you talk to people who are knowledgeable about medicinal plants, they'll all tell you unequivocally that it isn't true,"

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Dennis James Meredith was sentenced Friday to five years in prison with no probation or parole for second-degree sodomy and first-degree sexual abuse. The charges stemmed from an incident in which he abused a step-grandchild.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

Meredith gets five years for sodomy, sex abuse

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man will spend the next five years in jail for sex crimes, and the judge who sentenced him is intent on making sure he stays the full time.

Dennis James Meredith was sentenced Friday to five years in prison pursuant to a guilty plea of second-degree sodomy, a class C felony, and first-degree sexual abuse, a class D felony, which Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said is a rare occurrence.

Meredith was originally charged with first-degree sodomy and first-degree sexual abuse for incidents

occurring from November 2000 to July 2001, in which he abused a step-grandchild under 12. Meredith pleaded guilty to the charges in the middle of May in exchange for a dismissal of a persistent felony offender charge and an amendment from first-degree to second-degree sodomy.

Judge Danny P. Caudill sentenced Meredith to five years without the possibility of parole and a three-year conditional discharge after that. He was ordered to complete the sex offender program and to register with the Department of Probation and Parole for life.

Taylor said it is a rare occurrence for a defendant to enter a plea of guilt to this type of charge due to the

requirements and stigmas associated with a sex offense. The defendant has to submit to an HIV test, complete the extensive and intense sex offender program, register with the sex offender registry, and have no chance of probation or parole until at least 85 percent of the sentence is served.

Taylor said that his office views the sentence as a victory and the fact that Meredith is now a convicted sex offender is a testament in large part to the young victim's courage.

Taylor commended Kentucky State Police on the "excellent job" they did in the investigation, in which a video interview with the victim proved the most compelling evidence.

Fall filings still few, far between

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

Filings for the November election continue slowly but surely as three new candidates have filed in the past week.

The filing period for mayor as well as city council races are open in the cities of Allen, Martin, Prestonsburg, Wayland and Wheelwright.

Jimmy J. DeRossett has filed for a seat on the Prestonsburg City Council, which places him in the race along with Dr. Philip Simpson, Robert R. Allen II, Roy Lee Compton and Carolyn Ford.

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'Magic bullet' case brings mandatory five-year sentence

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Mickey Keller, a West Prestonsburg man, was sentenced to five years in prison without consideration for probation for the one "magic bullet" that equaled three assault charges, one for each of the three victims it claimed on June 17, 2001.

Keller entered an open plea on June 25, one day before he was scheduled to go to trial. Keller pleaded guilty to three counts of second-degree assault, a class C felony, for discharging a bullet that hit three men who were riding a four-wheeler on a country road near his house at Hershel Owen's trailer park in West Prestonsburg.

According to Wayne Taylor, assistant commonwealth's attorney, Keller had said that he fired once with the 9 mm handgun before it broke. However, the one bullet passed through the calf of one of the riders and went through the thigh of another before becoming lodged in the rear of John Mark McKenzie, who was driving.

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Pike man killed in argument

Times Staff Report

PIKEVILLE — A Pike County man is dead of a gunshot wound after a verbal argument apparently escalated into violence Tuesday.

According to a police report, Earnest Childers, 62, of Alleghany Road, and

James Clifford Perry, 37, of Hellier, became involved in an argument that ended when Perry was fatally shot by Childers.

Earnest Childers is being held at the Pike County Detention Center.

The incident remains under investigation by the Kentucky State Police.

Court OKs payments for projects

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court on Friday included a resolution to approve payment to Johnson Commercial

Contracting in the amount of \$39,231 in relation to the Floyd County Community Center located in Martin.

The court also ordered that checks be issued in the amount of \$18,419 to

(See FISCAL, page six)



photo by Jarrid Deaton

Why did the chicken cross the road? To get a bacon cheeseburger. No one may know the real answer as to why this fowl made its way to Hardee's in Prestonsburg, but it's safe to say that it wasn't on the menu.

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Odds and Ends

■ **FORT PIERCE, Fla.** - Bowling a perfect game is tough, but how about doing it at 82 years old and just 17 days after a partial stroke?

A Vero Beach man did just that. Ted Byram had been temporarily incapable of speech and unable to lift his right arm - his bowling arm - a little more than two weeks before bowling a 300 during league play Wednesday at a Fort Pierce bowling alley.

"After getting eight strikes in a row, I knew I had a chance," said Byram, a New Jersey native who moved to Florida 20 years ago. "That last ball felt like it weighed 25 pounds. But it had nothing to do with the stroke. It was nerves."

Byram, who bowls five days a week and carries a 190 average, once rolled a 280 game. Never had he rolled 12 consecutive strikes. And for it to happen so soon after suffering a stroke?

"Pretty unbelievable, huh?" Byram said as a smile crept across his face. "I just rolled the ball and the pins kept dropping."

■ **MINNEAPOLIS** - The Minnesota Department of Transportation was having trouble keeping track of its several hundred drainage ponds at highway interchanges.

So it named some of them Bart, Barney and Milhouse.

Yes, TV's "The Simpsons" has come to stormwater runoff management, courtesy of state hydrologist Patrick McLarnon. "It's just something fun," he said, and a better naming scheme than the numbers and letters that used to be employed.

The Simpsons ponds - there's also Apu, Clancy Wiggum, Maggie, Itchy, Lenny, Quimby, Scratchy and Seymour - are all part of the Interstate 494-Highway 61 interchange project in Newport in the metro area.

McLarnon also has named ponds after "Happy Days" characters Richie, Joanie, Chachi

and The Fonz along Interstate 94 and for "Star Wars" aliens along Highway 12.

None of the names appear on plaques at the ponds, but that's how they're designated in state databases to track water quality and runoff flows.

Other state planners use different naming schemes, McLarnon said. One had a project with five ponds, which he

named for his five children.

What's next? "Maybe 'South Park,'" McLarnon said.

■ **SPRINGFIELD, Ill.** - The Henson Robinson Zoo is getting lots of new visitors and they aren't human.

Pet owners are dumping unwanted animals at the zoo's front door.

Snakes, an African pygmy

goat, fighting roosters, reptiles and feral cats all have been left on zoo property.

Two prairie dogs are among the latest animals to be abandoned.

Zoo workers arrived June 27 and found the two prairie dogs - believed to have been pets - inside a plastic box in front of the main entrance.

The prairie dogs are in quar-

antine until it's determined if they are carrying any diseases or parasites. Prairie dogs are territorial by nature, so they can't just be put in with the 10 already at the zoo.

"We're not sure what we're going to do with these two yet. We can't put them in this exhibit because the prairie dogs that are here would kill them," Henson Robinson director Talon Thornton said. "Our first responsibility is to our animal collection here."

Thornton encourages people who have unwanted pets to try to find a new owner instead of leaving the animals on the zoo's doorstep.

"It would be great if we could take all the animals in Springfield that people don't want, but it's just not feasible," Thornton said.

■ **VAIL, Colo.** - For as little as \$65, you can take home a piece of chic Vail.

In a novel merchandising effort, town officials are hawking Vail manhole covers adorned with a "V" logo and the words "Elev. 8150" and "Founded 1962."

"We can rest assured that no one else is selling these, so we're not stepping on anyone's toes," said town spokeswoman Suzanne Silverthorn. "I guess

they'd look good in someone's dorm room."

The 2-foot diameter, 75-pound, cast-iron covers sell for \$295 apiece, while smaller, 8-inch utility covers cost \$65. They are available in black or nickel finish.

The brainchild of Town Manager Bob McLaurin, the sale of the manhole covers comes after a series of thefts of those in use.

"We didn't have a problem with people stealing them until we started using customized ones about a year ago," said police Commander Joe Russell. "At that point, they seemed to become collector's items."

In the past year, two of the full-size covers and eight of the smaller versions were swiped before public-works crews began gluing them down with a sealant, said Larry Pardee, the town's streets and maintenance manager.

"I guess they've become college souvenirs," he said last week.

Vail code-enforcement officer Bill Bresnahan wondered why anyone would want an industrial piece such as the one in the pavement in front of his station.

"What would you do - use them as a paperweight?" he asked.

From highway to heaven: Hiking trails replace deadly road through Cumberland Gap

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDDLESBORO - Not so long ago, a deadly ribbon of asphalt twisted its way through the Cumberland Gap, forcing drivers into perilously sharp turns that led to the nickname "Massacre Mountain."

Today, after millions of dollars in construction and restoration, the highway is gone, replaced by twin tunnels, and the sounds of squealing tires have given way to singing birds and chattering tourists.

The countryside once more looks much as it did in 1775, when Daniel Boone helped mark a trail to open the frontier on the other side of the Appalachians.

"It's unbelievable to realize there was a road there less than eight months ago," said Sue Richards, owner of The RidgeRunner bed and breakfast in Middlesboro. "You can't tell. The grass is growing, trees are growing. It's absolutely gorgeous."

Before it was closed about six years ago, the 3.2-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 25E on the Kentucky-Virginia line saw an average of five people a year

killed in traffic accidents. The road had been paved across the mountain to carry automobiles in the early 1930s.

"It was an engineering feat at the time to get a road across that mountain," Middlesboro Police Chief Jeff Sharpe said recently. "They had to make some pretty sharp curves, and that's what made it dangerous."

Citing the high death rate, the National Park Service lobbied for money to dig tunnels for the 18,000 motorists who crossed the mountain each day. Those tunnels were completed in 1996 at a cost of \$240 million, and the deadly old road was closed.

Not one fatal crash has occurred since the tunnels opened, Sharpe said.

Using descriptions from old journals and maps as guides, the Federal Highway Administration also hauled in dirt to restore the landscape to its natural contours, and people now travel on hiking trails instead of the highway. The restoration cost \$5 million.

People who used to be able to peer into Gap Cave as they drove by now have to walk about 10 minutes from the closest parking area for a guided

tour. "It's so much more peaceful now," said Arthur Boggs of Harlan, who visited the cave last month.

Sharpe, who witnessed the carnage of many crashes, said that for victims' families, removing the road could be compared to putting a killer to death.

"It's a comfort to them to know that someone else won't have to face the same thing they've gone through," he said.

Vouchers would require constitutional amendment, agency says

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - Use of public money for private and parochial education in Kentucky probably would require a constitutional amendment, state education officials say.

The state Department of Education released an analysis of Kentucky law after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld school vouchers in Cleveland, declaring the experimental program did not violate the U.S. Constitution.

The Kentucky Constitution

goes further in restricting the use of public school money, according to the analysis. At least three sections of the Kentucky Constitution deal with school funding, and all seem to preclude its use for anything other than public schools.

"Merely passing a bill appears not to be adequate in Kentucky," said Kevin Noland, the department's general counsel.

One section of the Kentucky Constitution says school money "shall be appropriated to the common schools and to no other

purpose" and that "no sum shall be raised or collected for education other than in the common schools" without a referendum.

Another section says: "All funds accruing to the school fund shall be used for the maintenance of the public schools of the commonwealth and for no other purpose."

Yet another section says: "No portion of any fund or tax now existing, or that may hereafter be raised or levied for educational purposes, shall be appropriated to, or used by, or in aid of, any church, sectarian or denominational school."

Kentucky courts have cited those sections in several cases, including a 1983 case involving the supplying of textbooks to children in private schools.

The Kentucky Education Association was instrumental in stopping bills in the General Assembly in 1998 and 2000 for tax credits for parents of children in private schools.

The bills' sponsor, Republican Rep. Bob Heleringer of Louisville, said another attempt at the legislation might have more momentum. "I think the opinion of the Supreme Court has started widespread interest, and I think this issue is going to resonate," Heleringer said.

House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo also said another bill on tax credits could appear, and with more support, when the General Assembly convenes in January.

"I believe that people who send people to private schools pay taxes, and I've always thought they should get some type of tax break," said Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg. "I do think the state needs to be careful as to how it approaches the issue, but I think there's support."



Breanne G. Harmon

Harmon receives MSU Alumni Award and Presidential Scholarship

Morehead State University recently announced that Breanne G. Harmon, of Prestonsburg, is among those students who have received an Alumni Award and the Presidential Scholarship for the fall semester, 2002.

Harmon, the daughter of Gwen Hale-Frazier, of Blue River, and Bob Harmon, of Hueysville, is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She was a 2001 Governor's Scholar, a volunteer tutor for elementary students, and a coach for elementary cheerleaders. She was named a member of the PEPP program (Professional Educational Preparation Program) and the National Honor Society.

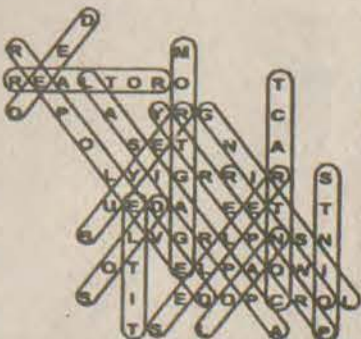
To be eligible for the Alumni Award, at least one parent or grandparent of the applicant must be an MSU alumnus and an active member of the MSU Alumni Association. The candi-

date must be admitted as an entering freshman or transfer student, and have a minimum ACT composite of 18.

To be eligible for the Presidential Scholarship, applicants must meet one of the following criteria: be a National Merit Scholar or Finalist; a valedictorian or salutatorian from MSU's Kentucky service region with an ACT composite of at least 30; a National Merit Semi-Finalist; or have completed the Kentucky Governor's Scholar Program. Individuals with an ACT composite of at least 28, or a minimum grade point average of 3.75 and a minimum ACT composite of 28 will be considered for the award.

Applications and information on scholarships and grant programs at MSU are available from the Office of Admissions, MSU, Morehead, KY 40351-1689. The toll-free number is (800) 585-MSU1 (6781).

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Over a Century of Knowledge and Service

Straight up: On the Kentucky bourbon trail

by GUY GUGLIOTTA
THE WASHINGTON POST

LOUISVILLE — At first blush, a multi-course "bourbon dinner" presents a daunting prospect: five whiskeys (or was it six?) during a single meal, each a gastronomic enhancement, each bringing the diner nearer to oblivion.

But, as the waiter was careful to point out with each new round, this was the good stuff: Think billiards, not pool; verandahs, not juke joints; Clark Gable, not Clint Eastwood; Kentucky Derby, not NASCAR. We're not talking shots of booze here.

"Don't call it that," said Jim Beam master distiller Jerry Dalton, as he gargled a taste of the clear, eye-watering, 135-proof "white dog" that will emerge rust-colored from an oak barrel as bourbon several years from now. "I'm the first member of my family to make legal whiskey, and this ain't moon-

shine."

He got that right. Dinner at Louisville's venerable Seelbach Hotel opened with a Manhattan (up), which was swept away 15 minutes later and replaced by a different bourbon on the rocks in a stubby glass. This accompanied the appetizer — smoked spoonfish, with caviar and sour cream.

Soup came with bourbon neat in a snifter (the brand names were becoming hard to remember), and salad featured bourbon on the rocks in an old-fashioned glass. For entrees, cowards could pick chicken or salmon, but aficionados chose the enormous pork chop on a bed of rice with plantains and bourbon (cut-glass tumbler? — shapes began to blur).

By dessert (bourbon biscuits with mushy sweet stuff, accompanied by bourbon in a glass), the meal had come together in a soothing fog of bonhomie. Good bourbon nestles in the stomach like a warm blanket, giving each

course a weight and substance beyond anything observed in nature. It's not girl food.

"Bourbon dinners are basically a marketing tool, and I'm not really fond of them," notes bourbon historian and spirits expert Gary Regan, who soldiered valiantly to the end. "On the other hand, when you get a great dinner and you're drinking whiskey, what could go wrong?"

Not a thing. The Seelbach was the first stop on a recent tour of Kentucky's "bourbon trail," an excursion through distilleries, landmarks and rolling green countryside convened by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States — the trade group that represents almost every distilled alcoholic drink sold in the country except cough medicine.

Last year, distillers sold nearly 13.1 million nine-liter cases of bourbon nationwide, worth more than \$3 billion. In a domestic spirits market dominated by vodka, bourbon holds a respectable 9 percent share, with recent growth almost entirely due to robust sales of the high-end "single batch" and limited-edition bourbons.

Manufacturing has gone high-tech, and computerized sensors monitor every step of the process. The business has been globalized. Maker's Mark is owned by Allied Domecq, the London company that also owns Beefeater gin and Dunkin' Donuts. France's Pernod-Ricard owns Wild Turkey. Jim Beam is a subsidiary of the Illinois-based Fortune Brands, which sells everything from plumbing fixtures to golf balls.

Still, distilling remains a skill defined by intuition, tradition and a Hippocratic commitment to "do no harm" to the genius of the deceased: Bill Samuels, a descendant of founder Robert, "got the formula right 50 years ago," says David Pickerell, Maker's Mark's vice president of production. "My job is just not to screw it up."

The custodians of this heritage are the master distillers from the nation's 10 bourbon distilleries. They are a swaggering, gregarious crowd, comfortably 21st century even as they pay homage to history.

Beam's Dalton is a big-bellied raconteur who also turns out to be a Ph.D. physical chemist. He tweaks the chemistry of his whiskey whenever he spots a "drifting parameter" on his computer, but he acknowledges "a mystical element ... I can feel 200 years of Jim Beam whiskey-making whenever I walk in here."

Pickerell is a bluff, self-proclaimed "production geek," a former Army officer who once taught chemistry at West Point. He sponsors periodic get-togethers for about 30 competitor-colleagues — each must bring a bottle of the best, "but you can't drink your own." The geeks, he says, get along well. "We have very few secrets from one another," and most have worked in each other's companies at one time.

However, while nobody directly disses anybody else's whiskey, every master distiller knows what the competition brags about, and has a ready response.

Brown-Forman's Lincoln Henderson, a dapper grandfather with an elegant white beard, is developing a new high-end whiskey at the company's Woodford Reserve distillery, and uses rye "for spice."

He is well aware Maker's Mark pooh-poos rye in favor of wheat, which it says gives bourbon a smoother, front-of-the-mouth "finish." "It's all BS," Henderson says with an affable grin. "Whether you use rye has nothing to do with the finished product."

Over at Jim Beam, Dalton defends Beam's hammer mill, which "does not impart burns or scorching" to commeal during grinding, even as Pickerell extols the virtues of Maker's Mark's rolling mill. With hammer mills, Pickerell observes gently, "some grain gets scorched. ... It's inevitable."

The verdict on these assertions lies in the palate of the partaker, and when it comes to palates, the experts tend to rely on their own.

"My dad worked here, and my grandfather before him," says Wild Turkey master distiller Jimmy Russell, 67, a bear-like balding guru. "Making bourbon is mostly on-the-job training. If you try to prove it chemistry-wise, you can't."

By federal law, straight bourbon whiskey must be made from a grain "mash" composed of not less than 51 percent corn, distilled to a maximum of 160 proof (80 percent alcohol), aged for at least two years in new charred oak barrels at a maximum of 125 proof and bottled at no less than 80 proof. Straight bourbon may not contain flavor or color additives.

The recipes, known as "mash bills," use around 70 percent corn, with the rest devoted to rye, wheat and barley that is "malted," or sprouted, producing an enzyme that converts the starch in the grain to sugar.

Henderson said Woodford Reserve's mash bill is 72 percent corn, 18 percent rye and 10 percent barley. Maker's Mark, according to Pickerell, uses 70 percent corn, 16 percent soft red winter wheat and 14 percent barley.

Dalton refuses to say: "If I told you that, you'd be the master distiller, and I'd be the floor sweeper."

Once the mash is boiled in water, it is ready for fermentation in an open stainless steel or wood vat holding several thousand gallons. The mix is a repulsive brownish-yellow, feels like papier-mache before it sets and smells like a taco stall in Chula Vista.

To it is added some used mash from the previous fermenting, known as "backset" or simply "slop." This is the essence of the sour mash process, and is a key in maintaining batch-to-batch flavor continuity and acidity.

The final ingredient is yeast, about which outsiders are told nothing. The yeast strains used in bourbon apparently were found sometime shortly after Daniel Boone crossed the Cumberland Gap, and remained clutched in the hot little hands (if yeast can be clutched) of the patriarchs — doled out and recultured year after year.

There are fewer than 15 mash bills in existence, and an unknown number of bourbon yeast strains.

Soon after the mash gets to the vat, the yeast starts eating it, converting the sugar to alcohol and giving off bubbles of carbon

dioxide. In the early hours, when the yeasts are feasting, the mash looks like it's boiling. As the process advances (for about three or four days) the gurgling slows and the grain sinks to the bottom, leaving an omelet-like crust floating on top.

This "beer" is then remixed to the consistency of oatmeal and mercifully departs, pumped into a still where steam heats it until the alcohol flashes off in a vapor. The vapor is the part that's saved. The mash residue is given to local farmers as animal feed, usually for free.

The vaporized alcohol and water are condensed into what distillers call a "low wine," which is not wine at all, but the first level of distilled spirit. This is what's inside Snuffy Smith's jug.

The low wine is pumped into a second still and vaporized again. The end product is raw bourbon, called "high wine" or, more affectionately, "white dog," because "it's water-white, and it'll bite you," Dalton says.

Beam's white dog finishes at 135 proof. Maker's Mark closes at 130 proof. Woodford Reserve distills three times and finishes close to the legal limit at 158 proof. At Wild Turkey, it's none of your business.

Once past the beer stage, everything associated with bourbon-making becomes a spectacular scientific innovation, a proprietary secret or an intuitive stroke of genius. It is not always clear which is which.

At Woodford Reserve, Henderson eschews the conventional chimneylike "column still" in favor of "pot stills" from Scotland. "Everybody used them until after Prohibition, when column stills were seen as more efficient," Henderson says. "We wanted to go back to how whiskey was made in the early days. Pot stills are less efficient, but it's easier to adjust the flavors."

Translation: If you want true, old-fashioned "small batch" whiskey, stick to Woodford Reserve, which refuses to compromise quality in the name of modern-day, corner-cutting

"efficiency."

Others make different choices. Without mentioning Henderson's high-proof white dog, Jimmy Russell notes that at Wild Turkey "we're still distilling (in column stills) at lower proofs, because you get less flavor at higher proofs. ... Even though lower proof means you

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase III bond release on Permit No. B36-0249, which was last issued on January 25, 2002. The application covers an area of approximately 187.37 surface acres overlying 0 underground acres, located 1.0 mile northeast of Ivel in Floyd County, Kentucky.

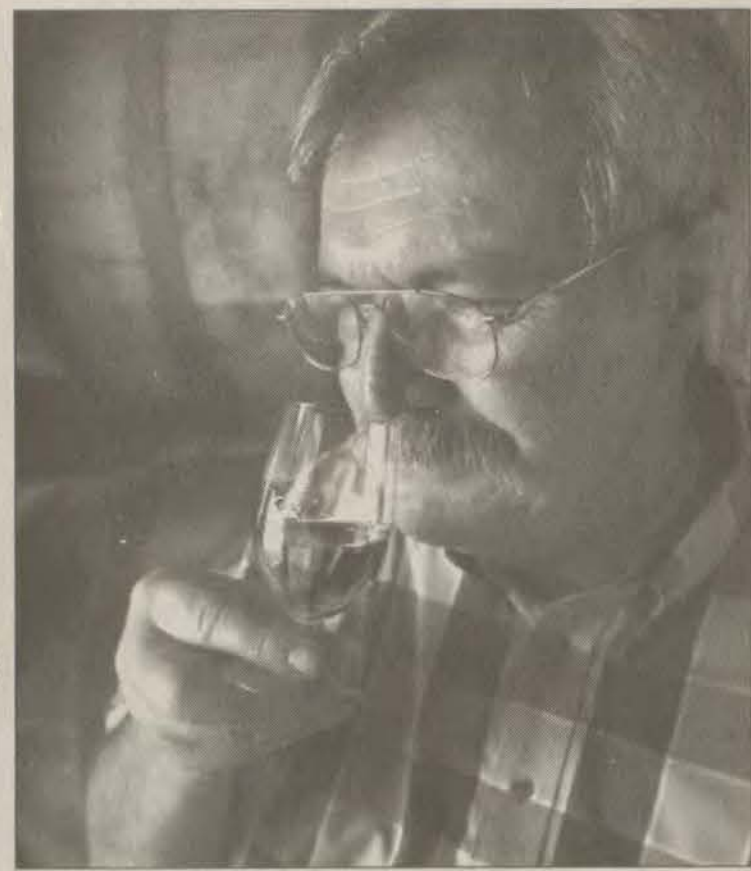
The permit area is approximately 1.0 mile northeast from Ivy Creek Road's junction with U.S. 23, and located 0.8 mile northeast of Ivy Creek. The latitude is 37° 36' 02". The Longitude is 82° 39' 36".

The bond now is a cash bond and a surety bond in the amount of \$80,700. 100% of the original bond amount of \$484,600.00 is included in the application for Phase III Bond Release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding, mulching, and the establishment of an initial growth of vegetation, completed August 1996.

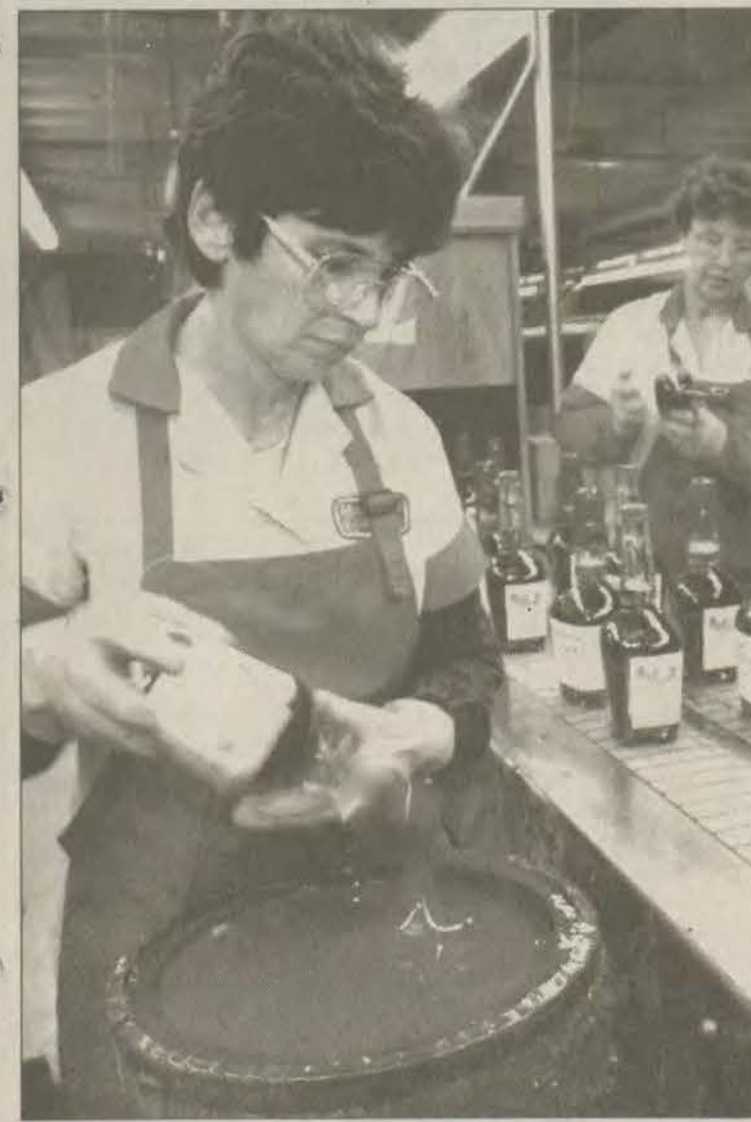
A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for September 10, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 9, 2002.

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

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Ourview

Shakedown on the road

A recent news story about skyrocketing fines for traffic tickets shows state government has other ways to get into the pockets of Kentuckians besides the traditional route of raising taxes.

Not that the legislature is shy about hiking taxes - two years ago, when the economy was still booming and state revenues were rising, the General Assembly slapped a \$100 million tax increase on long-distance telephone calls. This year, faced with a slumping economy and a slight decline in revenue, lawmakers were poised to place new taxes on business before they deadlocked on the issue of taxpayer funding for the gubernatorial campaign.

But the legislature did manage to approve one surefire revenue-raising plan - a new fee structure for speeding tickets that is going to hit lead-footed motorists hard.

Beginning Aug. 1, the fine for speeding just 5 mph over the limit will jump from \$90.55 to \$116.50. Drivers caught going 10 mph over the limit will pay \$131.50, an increase of almost \$26.

Court officials told the Sun that police issue most speeding tickets for driving 15 mph over the limit. As of Aug. 1, speeders who hit the "15" mark will pay a hefty fine of \$141.50.

Also, the legislature changed the law so that speeders can no longer prepay their fines and avoid paying the court an extra \$25.

Noting the changes, McCracken Circuit Clerk Mike Lawrence offered motorists some sound advice: "Pay before Aug. 1, and don't get any more tickets."

In recent years the legislature has socked it to speeders, more than doubling the fines for speeding offenses. Five years ago, a driver who prepaid a ticket for going 10 mph over the limit paid just \$42.50, Lawrence said.

The rising fines haven't drawn much public attention, but that could change once motorists begin feeling the impact in their wallets.

Legislators aren't worried about protests from speeders - they don't have an organized lobby in Frankfort. And, of course, no one wants to champion the cause of highway lawbreakers.

Still, the legislature should exercise some restraint on raising traffic fines and court costs.

For one thing, the prospect of paying a heavy fine may encourage more speeders to challenge tickets in court, thus tying up valuable court time. Also, it's not a good idea to use law enforcement to generate substantial revenue for the state. That could lead to abuses such as quotas for speeding tickets.

Traffic fines should reflect some notion of appropriate punishment for the offense. A \$131 speeding ticket doesn't seem outrageous, but at the rate the legislature is going, fines for minor speeding offenses may soon top \$200.

Speeders should feel some sense of guilt and remorse when they're caught by police, not justified anger that the state is shaking them down for a big fine.

— The Paducah Sun



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— beyond the beltway

'Retroactively' would be nice

by DONALD KAUL

President Bush gave his long-awaited speech on Wall St. reform the other day. Speaking in New York to community mucky-mucks, he said:

"Our leaders of business must set high and clear expectations of conduct, demonstrated by their own conduct ... Responsible leaders do not take home tens of millions of dollars in compensation as their companies prepared to file for bankruptcy, devastating the holdings of their investors."

Laugh? I thought I'd die. The best part, of course, was that he said it with a straight face. I mean, here is a man who is even now trying to explain his conduct in a shady stock deal that made his fortune a dozen years ago, telling others that it's bad to be wicked. Not since Al Capone sent flowers to the funeral of a man he'd assassinated have we seen such shameless hypocrisy.

The truth is, if Mr. Bush were as ethical as he wants others to be, he wouldn't be a rich man today.

Have you heard about the stock deal I'm referring to? It's a beaut. (I draw on the Wall Street Journal — hardly a liberal, leftwing rag — for my facts.)

In 1989, Bush was the CEO of a

small, money-losing, debt-ridden energy firm called Spectrum 7. The company was bought for the way-above-market price of \$2 million by Harken Energy (whose CEO later admitted that he was essentially buying George Bush's family name and political contacts). Bush got a good deal of stock as part of the deal.

Harken wasn't making any money either but it managed to hide the fact with an ingenious stock manipulation that cheered up the company's balance sheet enough to allow its stock to rise — for a time. Eventually, the Security and Exchange Commission ruled the 1989 transaction phony and ordered the company to restate earnings. Just before news of that ruling got out, causing the stock price to plunge, Mr. Bush sold two-thirds of his stake for \$848,000.

Insider trading? Perish the thought, he says. A lucky coincidence. He used the money to pay off the loan he'd taken out to buy a piece of the Texas Rangers baseball team, whereupon the clueless voters of Texas proceeded to build the team a handsome new stadium. The Rangers' value skyrocketed and Mr. Bush sold out again, this time as a multi-millionaire. Ain't the Free Enterprise system wonderful?

He also said this in his speech:

"Corporate officers who benefit from false accounting statements should forfeit all money gained by their fraud."

But not retroactively, I imagine.

He said still other things in his speech, all funny. For example:

"In the long run, there is no capitalism without conscience. There is no wealth without character." And ... "the American system of enterprise has not failed us. Some dishonest individuals have failed our system."



I wonder where that puts Dick (Seldom Seen) Cheney, our rumored vice president? Cheney is being sued by a non-partisan watchdog group for overseeing "fraudulent accounting practices" at Halliburton Co. while he was CEO there. Halliburton, the suit alleges, used accounting tricks to overstate revenue by some \$445 million in

1999-2001, thereby kiting the stock. The Security and Exchange Commission is looking into the matter.

When asked about it, Cheney said that, as CEO, he never paid any attention to accounting procedures. Apparently he was too busy with other CEO duties, like deciding whether to have bar soap or dispensers in the laboratories.

(See BELTWAY, page six)

— Jim Davidson

But ... the bumblebee can't fly!

One day in this small community, a patrolman stopped a woman who was speeding. He asked to see her driver's license and said, "Lady, you were going 50 miles an hour in a 35-mile-an-hour zone." As she handed him her license, she said, "Before you begin writing that ticket, I think we should get our priorities straight. Are you supposed to advise me of my constitutional rights first, or am I supposed to tell you that my son is the head of the state highway patrol?"

As you read this humorous story, did you understand exactly what this lady had in mind? If you did, then you have some insights into the process of communication. While she did not say so, it's obvious that she was trying to use her son's influence to avoid paying a speeding ticket. The ability to communicate is a wonderful gift and those in our society who develop and use it well, have a tremendous advantage over those who do not.

As you think about the importance of communication in your own life, I would like to tell you another story involving communication that could have a tremendous bearing on your

future. It's the story of the bumblebee. According to the theory of aerodynamics, the bumblebee is not supposed to be able to fly, because the size, weight and shape of his body in relation to his wing span, makes flying impossible. But you see, here's the problem — somebody forgot to tell the bumblebee about this theory and he goes ahead and flies and makes a little honey every day!

This story or example has been around for a long time and while most people have heard it, I'm not sure they see the correlation between the bumblebee and themselves. The reason this is true is because we have the ability to communicate, while the bumblebee does not, and if someone who is an authority tells us that it's impossible to do something, we just accept it at face value. Instead of going ahead and trying something new or difficult and giving it our best shot, we just pass it off by saying, "Well, you just can't do that."

Let me make a quick distinction here. While some people attempt life-threatening or potentially dangerous feats, I'm talking about normal, everyday activities that could make us happier and more successful human beings.

About 25 years ago, when I first went into the sales profession, it didn't take me long to realize I had to steer clear of

the older salesmen who had been around for years. Most of them were just plodding along and marking time. They were quick to tell me why a particular person or company would not buy from us. Of course, many new salesmen listen to this kind of talk and they never go out and make the effort, or if they do, they take the first rejection as proof the older, more experienced salesmen were right.

All through life, we meet people who have tried things and failed, and they

will be quick to tell us why we can't do it, either. Here's the principle the bumblebee should teach us: If what you want to do has potential and merit and will help you achieve what you want to achieve, how are you going to know whether you can succeed or not, if you don't try it for yourself?

When you make the effort destiny comes into

play. As William Jennings Bryan once said, "Destiny is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved."

As you go forth today, REMEMBER: the bumblebee is not supposed to be able to fly, but he DID!

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Born to pray? Religious leaders pin their hopes on 'millennial' generation

by RACHEL ZOLL
AP RELIGION WRITER

A high school senior and part-time cashier at a greeting card store, Jessica Gonzales may be part of the next big thing in religion.

She likes attending spiritual retreats with fellow San Antonio teens. She considers the youth ministers in her Roman Catholic

parish her friends. She looks forward to attending church.

Researchers - raising the hopes of clergy everywhere - say there are millions of young people like her from all religious backgrounds. The goal of this up and coming generation, the theory goes, is to be good.

"When my friends were kids, they went to church because they had to," said the 17-year-old

Gonzales, among the thousands of Catholics set to travel to Toronto next week to see Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day. "Now, most of my friends are involved because they want to be."

Gonzales is part of the generation dubbed millennials, children born starting in 1982, who researchers believe are more spiritual and less individualistic

than their mostly baby-boomer parents.

Neil Howe and William Strauss, authors of the book "Millennials Rising," say these young people also prefer group activities and want clear rules set for them - a combination that seemingly guarantees they will be sitting in the pews as adults.

Some theologians have expressed concern that such generalizations will lead to ministries that market spirituality merely as an activity.

But many religious thinkers who follow youth trends agree with the findings, and have urged churches to do more to ensure the millennials fulfill their religious potential.

"I think it's a great opportunity, if churches pay attention to it," said Kenda Creasy Dean, a professor of youth, church and culture at the Princeton (N.J.) Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian school.

Creasy Dean sees the change as a predictable cultural shift that follows a pattern in which young people reject the beliefs held by the generation before them.

"Whatever parents think is cool, kids rebel by saying it's not cool," she said. "Parents are trying to be very open and let kids make their own choices. Kids are saying relativity isn't what it's cracked up to be because everything in my life is shifting sand."

The Rev. Christopher Robinson, a Catholic priest and professor at DePaul University in Chicago, said religious rituals - what he calls "chanting and smells and bells" - are attractive to the millennials. That's because, coming from homes

that rejected tradition, the practices are new to them, he said.

Robinson recently conducted a service for young people centered on chanting, lighting candles and praying individually and as a group.

"The idea was that they would be able to be together but

have a one-on-one with God," he said. "They stayed 45 minutes longer than expected."

Creasy Dean said some of her students occasionally attend services at a local Eastern Orthodox church, even though they belong

(See PRAY, page seven)

In rural South, once-thriving Jewish congregations dwindling

by SHELIA HARDWELL BYRD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLARKSDALE, Miss. - Gloria Himmelstein remembers working in the kitchen of Congregation Beth Israel with dozens of other Jewish women, making corned beef sandwiches for the annual antiques show.

"The synagogue was so active," she recalls. "The Sisterhood had a big antiques show. They had vendors from Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama. The whole city looked forward to it."

There hasn't been an antiques show here since the mid-1980s - most of the Jewish residents are gone. The synagogue is for sale.

Himmelstein has watched the Jewish community dwindle over the years as younger generations, including her son and daughter, moved to urban areas offering more opportunities.

"We used to have 100 families," in the 1950s, Himmelstein said. "At this point, there's nothing here for the children. Not just being Jewish, I'm talking Clarksdale as a whole."

Clarksdale, like much of Mississippi's soil-rich Delta, offers few jobs outside farming and its casinos. As labor-intensive farm jobs gave way to mechanization, many working-age residents have had to search elsewhere for employment.

The last time Himmelstein worshipped at Beth Israel, the town's only synagogue, the crowd was small. Though 200

can sit comfortably on the rows of green velvet-covered pews, only about 10 were in attendance.

The situation is not unique to Mississippi, said Dale Rosengarten, curator of the Jewish Heritage Collection at the College of Charleston Library in South Carolina.

"It is very common, unfortunately. It's a trend, certainly across the South, especially in small communities and small towns that lose enough of their Jewish population that they can't support their synagogue," Rosengarten said. "Small towns are becoming Jewish ghost towns."

In recent years, rural synagogues or temples have closed in many states, including Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina and Arkansas.

Rosengarten said this does not mean the South is losing its Jewish population. Major cities, such as Atlanta, Charlotte, N.C., and three cities in South Carolina, have rising Jewish populations.

Mississippi is a slightly different story, Rosengarten said, because it's a mostly rural state with few metropolitan areas.

Three other small Mississippi Delta cities - Cleveland, Greenwood and Greenville - each have synagogues, all with declining congregations and no full-time rabbi. Jackson's Beth Israel Congregation has the largest membership in the state with about 200 families.

Mississippi's Jewish population reached an estimated peak of 6,400 in the 1920s and has dropped to about 3,000 today, said Stuart Rockoff, the historian for the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life in Jackson.

At the same time, he said, the population of Southern Jews has increased due to the rise of Sunbelt cities such as Atlanta and Houston, which have very large Jewish populations.

The institute works closely with smaller cities to preserve the history of the Jewish experience in the South and the traditions of Judaism.

For instance, many small towns cannot afford a full-time rabbi, so the institute plans to hire someone who could travel from place to place to lead the services.

"Also parents have a hard time giving their children a Jewish education," Rockoff said. "One of our programs is to hire a specially trained educator who would help train parents to be Sunday school teachers."

The institute organizes literary and film festivals with Jewish themes across the South. Another of its goals is to preserve historic synagogues, whenever possible.

"Down in Natchez, we've come up with an agreement that once the congregation can no longer function, we take over their synagogue as a satellite museum," he said. "We're working through government grants to get the funding. We don't have the money to save every single place."

The institute is working with the Clarksdale congregation to try and find the best way to dispose of the synagogue's artifacts.

The original congregation in Clarksdale was established in the late 19th century, said furniture store owner Jon Levingston, a past president of Beth Israel. He said the current building was constructed in the 1920s.

Within the walls of the two-story, brick temple is nearly a century of history. Black-and-white photos of former Sunday school students line the walls of the education annex. The students were taught Jewish traditions and how to speak Hebrew before their confirmation, or graduation.

The 1968-69 class was the largest, with 58 students, including adults. By 1993, confirmation was held for but a single student.

The Torah, the first five books of the Bible handwritten in Hebrew on sheepskin, is tucked away in the ark behind the pulpit.

A picture of the late Benjamin Schultz, Beth Israel's longest-serving full-time rabbi, hangs in the social hall.

Arnold Himmelstein, current president of Beth Israel, said it's uncertain what will happen to the temple's religious artifacts, including colorful stained-glass windows on which family names were painted.

"We're trying to contact families to see what they'd like to do with the windows," he said. "We've got a lot of decisions to make. This is the first time I've been involved with the closing of a synagogue."

Catholic Conference of Kentucky names new executive director

FRANKFORT — The chairman of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, Thomas C. Kelly, O.P., Archbishop of Louisville, named Vincent E. Senior to be the new executive director of the bishops' state conference Monday.

The Catholic Conference of Kentucky is the official public policy agency for the state's four Roman Catholic dioceses in Kentucky. Senior succeeds Jane Chiles, who resigned her position on June 31, due to medical necessity.

A native of Louisville, Senior, 66, holds a bachelor's of arts degree from Bellarmine University in Louisville and a master of business administration from the University of Louisville. He is also a graduate of the Harvard University Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government and the Duke University Strategic Leadership Program for Senior Executives.

Senior is retired from the Reynolds Metals Company where he was employed for 37 years. He is a former plant manager at the Reynolds aluminum foil operation in Louisville and Richmond, Va.

Prior to his retirement, Senior served as corporate director of public affairs, managing Reynolds' state and local gov-

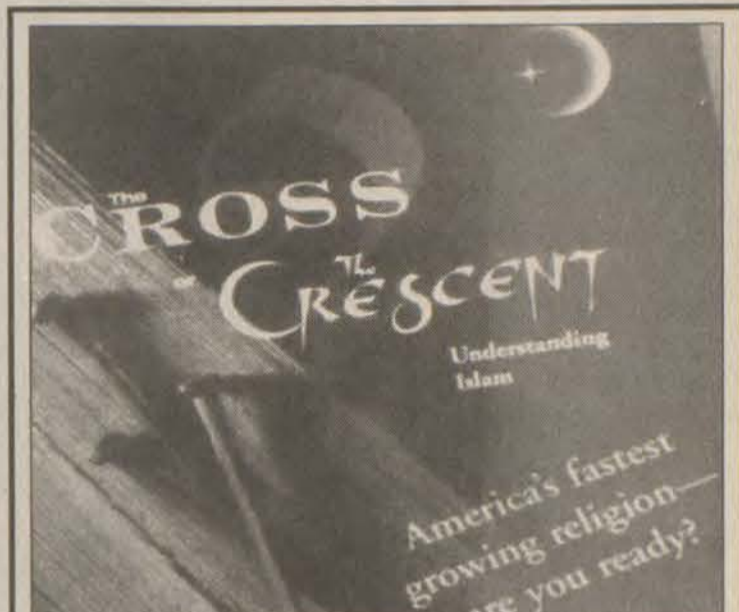
ernment relations across the U.S.

Since leaving Reynolds, he has served in executive positions with Greater Louisville Inc. and the Associated Industries of Kentucky in Frankfort. Senior has long been active in community and civic affairs as well as serving on numerous boards and commissions in Louisville and Richmond, Va. He is presently active in Leadership Louisville and is a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville.

"I am especially pleased to have Vince join our staff at the Catholic Conference," Archbishop Kelly said. "He is a wonderful example of what it means to live the Gospel values in our daily lives. His leadership and experience will well serve the Conference's mission of pursuing the Common Good and respect for all human life."

"I look forward to continuing to serve my Church and our Commonwealth in seeking a more just society which values and respects the rights and dignity of the human person and our human family," Senior said.

Senior and his wife, the former Alice Thomas of Elizabethtown, reside in Prospect and have three grown daughters and four grandchildren.



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Floyd County

John Allen, 94, of Prestonsburg, former commonwealth attorney (Floyd and Knott counties), 31st Judicial District, 1939-1946), died Saturday, July 13, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Clara Allen, 76, of Betsy Layne, died Monday, July 15, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Bert Allen. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 18, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Gertrude Carroll, 59, of Martin, died Saturday, July 13, in the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Bill Carroll. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Johnny Henderson, 60, of Lakeville, Ohio, native of Floyd County, died Saturday, July 6, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Gayheart) Henderson. Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 9, under the direction of Byerly-Lindsey Funeral Home, Loudonville.

Aileen Hughes Howard, 73, of Garrett, died Thursday, July 11, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Ruby B. Logan, 84, of Ashland, native of Floyd County, died Saturday, July 13, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 15, under the direction of Marshall Steen Funeral Home.

Muri Prater, 74, of Hueysville, died Saturday, July 13, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Paul Salisbury, 63, of Teaberry, died Sunday, July 14, at his residence, following a sudden illness. He is survived by his wife, Linda Howell Salisbury. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Nell Boyd Samons, 77, of Dana, died Sunday, July 14, at her residence. Funeral services

were conducted Wednesday, July 11, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Frederick Timothy (Tim) Shelton, 36, of Martin, died Wednesday, July 17, at his residence, following a sudden illness. He is survived by his wife, Pamela Ousley Shelton. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 20, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Tony Ray Walters, 43, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, July 12, in Ewing, (Fleming Co.), following a sudden illness. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 15, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Patty Sue Barker, 67, died Wednesday, July 10, at Highland Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Barker. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 13, under the direction of Preston Funeral Chapel.

Edwin "Babe" Cantrell, 69, died Monday, July 8, at Hospice of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Linda Cantrell. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 11, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Bobby "Bob" Gene Daniel, 63, died Monday, July 8, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 11, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

George Lee McKenzie, 63, of Shepherdsville, died Thursday, July 11, at his residence. Burial was in Highland Memorial Cemetery, Ft. Mitchell.

Brooklynn Paige Music, 16-months-old daughter of Bruce Jeremy and Kelly Cook Music, died Monday, July 15. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 18, under direction of Jackson Lytle and Ingling Williams Funeral Home.

Russell Niece, 47, of Staffordsville, died Saturday, July 13, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Tina Blanton Niece. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 16, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Jeffery Wayne Oney, 26, of Hager Hill, died Monday, July 8, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Angela Ann Billiter Oney. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Lucy Mae Slone, 87, died Tuesday, July 9, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 12, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Verla Opal Pack Wiley, 84, died Thursday, July 11, at Central Baptist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 15, at Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Nippa.

Knott County

Dale K. Beavan, 91, of Hillsboro, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died Wednesday, July 3, at the Heartland Nursing Home, Hillsboro, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 7, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Paul Len Huff, 26, of Georgetown, formerly of Pippa Passes, died Monday, July 1, at Georgetown. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 4, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Julie Rose Young Stacy, 39, of Wilmington, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died June 28. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 2, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Pike County

David Jr. Akers, 58, of Little Robinson Creek, died Tuesday, July 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 20, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Johnny R. Ball, 40, of Pinsonfork, died Tuesday, July 16, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Tracy Hancock Ball. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 19, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Rodney Gene Clevinger, 42, of Pikeville, died Monday, July 15, the result of injuries sustained when the truck he was driving overturned on U.S. 119 at Belfry. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Smallwood Clevinger.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 19, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Charles E. Conway, 50, of Las Vegas, formerly of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 16, at Mountainview Hospital, Las Vegas. He is survived by his wife, Mary Conway. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July 20, under the direction of Off Saunders & McFarlin Funeral Home.

Phillip Miles Damron, 46, of Collins Highway, died Tuesday, July 16. He is survived by his wife, Tammie Delena Robinson Damron. Arrangements are under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Anna Rae Hamilton, 60, of Breaks, Virginia, died Thursday, July 11, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 14, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Myra Spears Justice, 88, of Forrest Virginia, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, July 11, in Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 14, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Irvin Maynard, 64, of Pikeville, died Thursday, July 11, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Minta Maynard. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 15, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

James Clifford Perry, 37, of Hellier, died Tuesday, July 16. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Sturm Perry. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 19, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Joseph "Joe" Reed, 89, of Canada, died Wednesday, July 17, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, July

20, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Sarah Rebecca Tackett, 57, of Virgie, died Friday, July 12, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Burnard Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 15, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Clarica Williams, 91, of Muncie, Indiana, died Tuesday, July 16, at Westminster Village, Muncie. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 18, under the direction of Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, Morehead.

Martin County

Lucille Baisden, 78, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Thursday, July 11, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Clyde Baisden. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 14, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Rhodes M. Dials, 77, of Warfield, died Thursday, July 11, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 15, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lydia Ellen Crum Horn, 91, of Turkey Creek, died Saturday, July 13, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 15, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Maude Mollett Hutchison, 77, of Medina, Ohio, died Saturday, June 15, in Magnolia Care and Rehabilitation, Wadsworth, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, June 18, and interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Wadsworth, Ohio.

Bessie Smith, 82, of Inez, died Wednesday, July 10, at Martin County Health Care Facility in Inez. Funeral services were conducted Friday, July 12, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Lula Mae Sturgell, 41, of Kermit, West Virginia, died Tuesday, July 9, at St. Mary's Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Clinton Sturgell. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, July 11, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Lawrence County

Barbara Ann Shortridge Collins, 67, of Fallsberg, died Sunday, July 14, at Three Rivers Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Kermit Collins Sr. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, July 16, 2 p.m., at Collins Cemetery, Fallsburg. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home, Louisa.

Sheila Vance Mumford Moore, 75, of Louisa, died Thursday, July 11, at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, July 14, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.



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to other religions, because they enjoy the elaborate rituals. In fact, Eastern Orthodox congregations have been among the more successful in attracting millennials, she said.

John Beacham, 17, a Catholic from Spokane, Wash., said rituals make him feel part of the history of the church.

"It's old. It's cool. This is the same stuff they've been doing for years," Beacham said.

Even with the crisis over priests who molested children, the Catholic church is also well positioned to attract young people, Howe said.

"Pope John Paul II, what he's done with the church has been toward emphasizing that there are specific duties and actions which are incumbent on every

Catholic believer to be a good Catholic. What's interesting is how that resonates with kids," Howe said. "These are kids who want to know what they're supposed to do."

Yet adapting youth ministry to reach millennials is not simple, Robinson said. Many of the church programs are being run by adults who swore off traditional practices during the rebellions of their own youth, he said.

"Baby boomers don't want to look like they're going backward," Robinson said.

And some denominations are playing catch up, after years of viewing youth ministries as little more than social clubs. For these congregations, the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Colorado was a wake-up call,

Creasy Dean said.

"People who hadn't read anything printed about youth in 20 years suddenly were reading it as if it were just printed yesterday," she said. "It forced this realization that theology matters in kids' lives."

Jimmy Creegan, a 17-year-old from Damascus, Md., said he agrees with the research on his generation. A Catholic, he said it was not unusual to hear talk of religion in the hallways of his public high school.

"It's an open forum," he said. "My friends - even the ones that seem like they're antiestablishment, they like breaking the rules and going against the norm - you ask them, 'Do you believe in God?' Most of them say, 'Oh yeah.'"

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Sideline Shots

Smith optimistic about 2002-03 season

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Tubby Smith will be starting his sixth season as head coach of the University of Kentucky men's basketball team in the fall. The Maryland native has high hopes for his his 2002-03 edition of the nation's winningest college basketball program. And for Smith, it should begin with some of the same things it left off with.

"Jules Camara finished the season very strong and is working really hard this summer to improve his strength, his body and his shooting," Smith said in an SEC teleconference earlier this week. "We expect Keith Bogans, although he had a tough season last year, to bounce back and have an excellent year. We lost a starter in Cliff Hawkins, who is ineligible for the first semester. Who we replace him with at this time is still up in the air. We have some quality recruits that we think can step in. Plus guys like Erik Daniels, Gerald Fitch, who started some last year, along with Marquis Estill can give us some added depth."

Smith also faces the challenge of replacing freshman transfer Cliff Hawkins.

"We have Brandon Stockton out of Glasgow, a 5-9 freshman point guard who can really play," Smith told reporters. "He's a natural point guard. Antwain Barber, a junior college transfer from Wabash, played point guard for his junior college team. Plus Gerald Fitch has played some point. So we'll look at those three guys and see who will evolve into running the team."

Then there's Jason Parker. Various reports earlier this year said Parker wasn't working as hard as he should be on his way back from injury.

"He's getting better," Smith said, when questioned about the former Duke recruit. "There was a point in the second semester that we were a bit concerned. There were some psychological issues because when he reinjured his knee last October, the expectations were that he'd be back in December or early January. And when he wasn't, I think it was a letdown on his part psychologically. But now he's mentally focused on rehabbing his knee. He's working extremely hard. He starts running next week so we think he's on schedule to be ready to play next season."

And, there's also Keith Bogans.

(See SMITH, page three)

STATE COLLEGE FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

WKU, Michael begin new season on last day of August

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BOWLING GREEN - The Western Kentucky University Department of Athletics released football kickoff times for the 2002 season this past week, adding that the Hilltoppers will make two television appearances as part of the Gateway Football

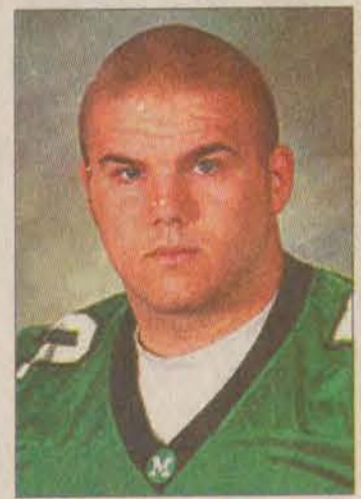
Conference package.

Western's home games with Western Illinois (Sept. 14 at 1:30 p.m. CDT) and Illinois State (Nov. 2 at 4:30 p.m.) will both be televised, making Western one of two league teams with more than one TV contest. FOX Sports Midwest, FOX Sports Chicago and the Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network (HSSN) will carry the WIU meet-

ing - the Toppers' conference opener - while HSSN will also broadcast the home finale against ISU. The Redbird contest can also be seen on local affiliates in Normal, Macomb and Carbondale.

The Hilltoppers' other two home games in September with Kentucky State and Youngstown State will

(See WKU, page three)



Sheldon Clark High School grad Joey Stepp was back in Inez recently to help with youth football signups.

ELK HUNTING



photo courtesy of BluegrassPreps.com

Prestonsburg High product Matt Stone (22) is one of several talented Kentucky players in this year's Hatfield-McCoy Bowl.

Hatfield-McCoy Bowl scheduled for Saturday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MATEWAN, W.Va. - Players begin practice this week for the Hatfield-McCoy Bowl. The Kentucky squad, coached by former South Floyd High School head coach Nate Jones, head into this year's bowl game looking to avenge last year's loss.

West Virginia won last year, 14-6, under the direction of former Gilbert coach Gordon Carter. College coaches are invited to attend this year's game, as in previous seasons. This year's Kentucky squad will practice at Prestonsburg High School.

The game pits the 30 best rising college freshmen football players in southern West Virginia against the 30 best from Eastern Kentucky. The

Eastern Kentucky squad is represented by players from Floyd, Johnson and Pike counties. Martin county players are also eligible for the game, but none are playing in this year's event.

The game is a continuation of the West Virginia's oldest bowl game, the Kiwanis Senior Bowl,

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RACE TODAY

Drivers anxious to race on New Hampshire's new groove

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUDON, N.H. - When passing was limited at New Hampshire International Speedway, driver after driver went to see the track's owner with suggestions on how to improve the racing.

Bob Bahre listened intently, then paid a paving company about \$200,000 to create a second groove on his almost-flat, 1.058-mile oval.

Winston Cup drivers will get the first chance to test the changes on Friday in qualifying for the New England 300.

(See HAMPSHIRE, page four)

PROFILE

Younger Waltrip reaching icon status

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The biggest names in NASCAR - Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Dale Jarrett, Bobby Labonte - each drew a roar from the sellout crowd at Chicagoland Speedway, even if the ovations for Gordon and Stewart were mixed liberally with boos.

Lesser drivers got polite applause and a sprinkle of cheers during last Sunday's prerace introductions.

One of the loudest ovations, however, was reserved for a guy with two Winston Cup victories in 516 starts during an 18-year career.

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Safe boating certification now mandatory

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Safe boating certification is mandatory for children from 12 through 17 years old who operate a personal watercraft or motorboat of over 10 horsepower, unless they are accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) or a person with a safe boating certificate.

A study guide is available by calling 1-800-858-1549, or e-mailing to info.center@mail.state.ky.us

Boaters should obtain the guide and study it. Then go to one of the locations listed here to take the examination.

For an online study guide, go to <http://www.boatus.com/onlinecourse/>. This is an excellent study guide and

exam. If you can pass this test, you should have no trouble with the Kentucky examination. However, the Boat/US certificate will NOT be honored in Kentucky, since there is no way to tell who actually took the internet exam.

Kentucky will honor safe boater certification cards from another state or country, or a course completion card

issued by the U.S. Power Squadron at <http://www.usps.org/> or the Coast Guard Auxiliary at <http://www.cgaux.org/>.

Hunter education course

A 10-hour course that consists of firearm identification, ethics, wildlife identification, proper use of ammuni-

tion, and much more will be held in Floyd County at the Dewey Lake Fish & Game Club in August. Dates for the course are August 12-14. Times for the course are 5-9 p.m. For more information, 1-800-858-1549. The hunter education classes are free of charge.

On the Net:

<http://www.kdfwr.state.ky.us/huntered.htm>

Floyd Countians register for BGSF track and field

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - The brother duo of Jeff and Steven Jones, Auxier, will be in competition in the Bluegrass State Games during the upcoming weekend. Joining them are fellow Floyd County residents Brad Bond, Prestonsburg; Thalia Holland, Prestonsburg; Chanel Music, Prestonsburg; and Shauna Case, Martin.

Jean Wright serves as the sport commissioner for the track and field portion of the Games. Rules are a combination of modified IAC and National Federation. All

competition in the track and field events will be divided by age group and sex categories. Disputes concerning competition must be officially filed with the rules committee within thirty minutes upon completion of the event. All decisions of the rules committee are final.

The Bluegrass State Games Summer Games got underway this weekend with some sports, including softball and martial arts, scheduled.

Outside of track and field, Harold's Casey Castle joins a host of other Floyd Countians registered for this year's Summer Games. He will bowl for gold.



file photo

Recent rain has forced Floyd County racer Paul Harris and others to the sidelines.

Local pair to compete in Bluegrass State Games

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Two Prestonsburg area men are preparing to travel to Lexington on July 27-28 to compete with other Kentucky citizens in the Bluegrass State Games in the sport of golf. Chuck Rowe and Jamie Howell are two of several golfers from Floyd County that are making the trip to Lexington for a shot at a medal at the State Games.

The pair of Rowe and Howell are being sponsored by Rocky Rowe, Edith Butcher and Home Furniture of Prestonsburg. The Games is an annual event held in Lexington and surrounding cities that brings together Kentuckians from throughout the state to compete in an olympic style setting. Golf is just one of many sports such as track and field, softball, soccer, basketball and many others.

The golf category is a two day event that will be held at two separate venues. The format is two-man team best ball scramble.

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NWTF offers insight on fires

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

As the wild fires in the West start to smolder, families and wildlife are left with ash remains and little reason to believe it won't happen again.

"We've lost over 400 homes and half a million acres in our area. A home burned 300 yards from where my family and I live," said Dusty Parsons, president of the National Wild Turkey Federation's White Mountain Merriam's chapter in

Waltrip

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have to really believe it can happen. Confidence over my career is something I've probably lacked the most because I saw the reality of the situation.

"A lot of times in my career, I've been more concerned with who was behind me instead of who is in front of me," he added. "Now, I don't care who is in my mirrors, they're not going to pass me."

The hard, cold numbers of his career no longer bother Waltrip, either.

"If I can run off 10 or 12 wins over the next couple of years, my numbers wouldn't look very different from a lot of other cats."

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But based on reviews from Busch series drivers who raced on the track in May, the widened surface in the turns has most of the field excited about Sunday's race.

"It was a well-thought out and well-conceived plan," said Jeff Burton, who competed in the Busch race. "Without totally changing the racetrack, it was as good of an attempt as they could make and I think it's going to work."

Ken Schrader and Kevin Harvick will attempt to gain an

Arizona.

Family homes and wildlife habitat have been the victims of tragic wildfires in the West, and now the importance of fire and habitat management has never been greater.

"Over 95 percent of the people here understand that prescribed burns can prevent major fires from happening, but the forest service gets caught up in court so often with groups who are not in favor of proper management," said Parsons.

The NWTF supports the use of prescribed fire, combined with other forest management tools and techniques, to restore

and improve forestland and wildlife habitat. When properly used as a management tool, prescribed fire benefits wildlife and land.

Recently, the Colorado State Chapter of the NWTF donated a four-wheel drive all-terrain vehicle to the Colorado Division of Wildlife. The ATV will be used in the application and monitoring of prescribed burns on the 8,000 acres of Mt. Evans State Wildlife Area. Prescribed burns help reduce the amount of plant matter that can easily start and fuel a forest fire. These burns also help the forest to regenerate and develop.

"Prescribed burns and timber management have been the best tools in the toolbox where wildlife management is concerned," said project originator Ralph Matzner, of the Colorado Division of Wildlife. "A lot of times when we are finishing our cleanup of a prescribed fire, we have elk and turkeys on the perimeter eating in the underbrush."

Matzner says that a number of the forest fires that are raging across the country could have been reduced, even prevented, with a sound prescribed burn program.

Excessive amounts of fuels

make it difficult to effectively manage fire in some areas. Varying weather conditions make the forest floor susceptible to devastating fires when high fuel levels are present and unmanaged for long periods of time.

"It's important that we allow our public land managers to actively use prescribed fires and other techniques in areas that are vulnerable to the intense and damaging fires we're seeing out West," said Joel Pedersen, NWTF wildlife biologist.

The lack of fire in an ecosystem can result in a build up of fuels like pine needles and dead

branches. This can lead to unnaturally intense and destructive fires. Over time, pine needles build up on the forest floor and the bottom layers become dry tinder. When ignited, this type of fire is difficult to control. But controlled burns that are carried out when moisture is present, make for a burn with less heat and susceptibility to spread.

"If you can mimic a burn that took place naturally in the forest's history, the likelihood of a beneficial burn is much higher," said Pedersen.

Harvesting timber is another way to manage controlled burns. Because stands of trees are thinned, fires cannot spread from one tree to another.

Controlled burns are just as important in Eastern forests. Trees with less wildlife habitat value such as maple and sweet gum compete with hardwoods like oaks. But Forest Service officials can use cut-and-burn procedures to manage for better oak regeneration. In the past, forest fires benefited the entire forest ecosystem because their frequency and intensity was

BASEBALL

Reds find no peace pitching to Reese

by ALAN ROBINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Jimmy Anderson couldn't have had a good feeling when Pittsburgh manager Lloyd McClendon came charging toward the mound in the first inning.

Aaron Boone and Adam Dunn had just walked in succession — exactly the kind of can't-find-the-strike zone pitch-

ing that caused McClendon to pull Anderson in the third inning Friday in Milwaukee, even with the Pirates leading in a game they would win 9-2.

This time, McClendon only meant to assure Anderson that he wasn't coming out, even if one more ineffective performance would tie him with Milwaukee's Ben Sheets for the NL lead in losses.

"I should have screamed from the dugout, 'I'm not taking you out,'" McClendon said. "I just told him I wasn't taking him out, that it was his game regardless of what happened, so he should find a way to get it done."

For a change, he did.

Anderson (7-10) gave up a run on Sean Casey's infield single, but shook it off to limit the Cincinnati Reds to two runs and four hits over seven innings in the Pirates' 6-3 victory Wednesday night.

Pokey Reese backed up Anderson's best start since a complete-game 5-1 victory in Cincinnati on June 16, with a two-run single in the second and a two-run homer in the

sixth.

The Pirates improved to 6-1 since the All-Star game after losing 13 of 19 going into the break. The Reds' three-game winning streak ended as Ryan Dempster (5-10) made his second consecutive ineffective start since being traded to Cincinnati by Florida.

MOTORSPORTS

Hendrick to assist in launching minority-owned team

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Sam Belnavis and Tinsley Hughes sat in a conference room at Hendrick Motorsports going through a stack of paperwork that set the groundwork to making them owners of a Winston Cup race team.

Despite their familiarity with racing and their experience in business dealings, the two had

always been on the outside.

Belnavis and Hughes are both black men, a rarity in a sport that has long been dominated by white Southerners. Both are determined to break the barrier and succeed in fielding a full-time race team.

With the help of car owner Rick Hendrick, they just might.

Hendrick has agreed to help the group launch BH Motorsports, a team that aspires to run a full season in 2003. He'll show the duo his blueprint for being a successful team owner and help with everything from engines and parts to sitting in on meetings with potential sponsors.

Hendrick, who already fields Winston Cup teams for drivers Jeff Gordon, Terry Labonte, Jimmie Johnson and Joe Nemechek, says he's offered his help because it's time for NASCAR to diversify.

"NASCAR has become such a strong sport in the country and there are African-American fans out there," Hendrick said. "I just think it's really good for our sport and for the sponsors to bring in the element that we are missing and that we need, and that's an African-American team."

"Right now, I don't know of any two men who are better suited to be the ones to do it."

Both men have an extensive history in racing.

Belnavis, a native New Yorker, comes from the business side of racing. He was director of sports marketing when Miller Brewing Co. first signed on as a primary car sponsor in 1982 and has had a hand in the sport ever since.

Hughes, raised near a Virginia race track, has spent his time trying to become a successful team owner and until recently was part of the only other

black group fielding a Cup team.

Hughes was co-owner with Thee Dixon of Mansion Motorsports, where they have sporadically fielded cars for Carl Long. Mansion Motorsports has struggled to make races this season — Long recently moved on and Hughes opted out to work on the deal with Hendrick.

"At Mansion, we were operating at zero. For us to even compete and make a race, that was considered a miracle," Hughes said. "That's why this alliance with Hendrick is so appealing. Maybe now we're not starting at zero."

The goal is to get BH Motorsports further than any other team with an all-black front office has gone.

Joe Washington and Julius Irving, former NFL and NBA players who tried in 1997 to start NASCAR's first wholly minority-owned team, failed. Former NFL coach Denny Green said earlier this year he wanted to launch a team, but nothing has happened.

Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson became part-owner this year in a Busch series team, but that's not NASCAR's highest level and Jackson isn't even a full-time player.

If history was the only indication, the odds would seem to be against Belnavis and Hughes. But with Hendrick's name associated, they've got a fighting chance.

"These teams that tried before us and failed, it's all a matter of funding," Belnavis said. "This is an expensive sport and sponsors are hesitant to spend money, especially on people they aren't sure know what they are doing."

"But with us, in the eyes of

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Classes

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get their feet on the ground. They've made buddies, they know their way around and aren't lost."

Just about the only drawback to quarter systems is that the school year typically runs through July. With preseason practices starting up in August, players are faced with a short summer break. That is one reason why coaches such as Pittsburgh's Walt Harris prefer the semester system and its longer offseason.

"There is a window of opportunity for those guys to get a fresh outlook on things, which I think is important," says Harris. "I think you need time away from football. We have a longer summer to get ourselves physically strong and in great shape for the season."

Still, the chance in a quarter system to focus on football early in the season outweighs any freshness factor a semester scheme offers. Keep that in mind as you watch teams early on, especially Ohio State.

The Buckeyes figure to benefit most from their school's academic calendar. The early practice time will allow the defense to work on developing its cornerbacks. The team's coverage ability will be key in early-season games against Texas Tech and Washington State, which have strong passing attacks. Ohio State also can use the football-only period to hone offensive line chemistry and sort out its running back situation. If the Buckeyes put the time to good use, a Big Ten title could be academic.

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IRL drivers test Kentucky Speedway

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA — Indy Racing League drivers Robbie Buhl and Jeff Ward visited Kentucky Speedway on July 17 for a one-day test in preparation for the August 11 "Belterra Casino Indy 300" and upcoming circuit races in Nashville and Chicago. Ganassi reported its best lap at 221.300 mph and Buhl was unofficially timed near the same speed. Both drivers bettered Indy 500 Rookie-of-the-Year Alex Barron's previous fastest test lap of 220.408 turned at Kentucky in May. The fastest IRL pole speed on record at the track is 219.191 mph, engineered by Scott Goodyear in 2000.

Ward, who is enjoying one of his most successful seasons to date, enters this week seventh in the series points standings after winning in Texas and posting a total of two-top five and five

top-10 finishes so far this season. He said his move to Chip Ganassi Racing is making a difference in his on-track performance.

"I'm with a No. 1 team. The resources here are pretty incredible. Even some of the guys from the CART team are here helping engineering wise," Ward said. "I've had good cars every race. If we have any problems during the weekend we get rid of them quickly and move on."

"Basically, we're working on qualifying and race stuff. We don't have the engine that we'll be running here, this is pre-Indy stuff which is down quite a bit of horsepower. We'll have a couple miles an hour left when we come back. The car is comfortable, so we're just working on getting a good balance and all the numbers they want to read with shock settings and everything. When we come

back we won't waste a (practice) session being too low or too high," the pilot of the No. 9 Target Chip Ganassi G-Force Chevrolet added.

Buhl, who missed the two races prior to the Indy 500 this season as a result of an injury, said his Dreyer & Reinbold Racing team is looking to gain-

ing the rhythm that generated three top-five finishes in 2001 and ways to improve on its current season's best 12th place finish. Buhl drove his No. 24 Purex/Aventis G-Force/Infiniti to a ninth-place finish in the "Belterra Casino Indy 300" last August after the car ran out of fuel during the final laps as it

held the race lead.

"Since Indy, we've really struggled with being around at the end of the races, so we're trying to get our rhythm back," Buhl said. "The Infiniti guys have been giving us good power, but we haven't been around at the end, so we have to eliminate that as a variable. It's a

matter of getting out here and doing miles, trying stuff, and getting our momentum back. That's just what we're doing."

He also was taking notes on the new surface at Kentucky Speedway, which he predicted will make for interesting racing during the "Belterra Casino Indy 300" in August.

Hendrick

the people who will be looking at our plans, they'll see a certain level of credibility because surely Rick Hendrick would not align himself with losers."

So Hendrick is doing what he can to help. One of the conditions for his assistance is that BH Motorsports help develop a grooming system for more blacks to break into the sport, Belnavis said.

As much as Belnavis and Hughes want to put a black driver behind the wheel of a Cup car, both know it's not possible anytime soon. In NASCAR's history, six black drivers made it to Winston Cup and none is currently on the circuit.

Bill Lester, a 41-year-old racer in the Craftsman Truck series, is the only black driver currently competing on one of NASCAR's top three levels.

Willy T. Ribbs was the first black driver to race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway when he ran in the Indy 500 in

1991. He's tried to compete on NASCAR's top circuits and spent last season in the truck series, finishing 16th in the final standings, but hasn't run a race this year.

And George Mack, who regularly competes in the Indy Racing League, this year became just the second black driver to compete in the Indy 500.

But there are few options for BH Motorsports now, something NASCAR CEO Bill France is well aware of but has struggled to correct.

"We've got a diversity program working," he said. "But this is a very difficult sport to get into. You don't play it in school."

A team on solid ground could handpick a driver and take years to groom him. BH Motorsports won't have that luxury and knows its first driver will be white.

"There just aren't any black drivers out there right now at this level," Belnavis said. "That's

something Rick Hendrick wants to see changed, so it will be our goal to help develop that side of it. Maybe it will be through a truck team or a Busch team, but hopefully it will happen."

And that's all Hendrick can ask for right now. While he hopes his assistance will help BH Motorsports meet its goal of fielding a team next season, he's a realist and understands that's a lofty goal that might be hard to reach.

If BH Motorsports gets a sponsor, a driver, shows up at a track and makes a race, Hendrick will be satisfied because it will be a start to something he believes is long overdue.

"We have nothing to gain other than we like these two individuals and we'd like to see our sport grow," Hendrick said. "This is something we need to do in the NASCAR community — we need to make a commitment to growth and diversity."

NWTF

determined by the systems' natural readiness to burn. Now, certain special interest groups oppose active management, which includes prescribed fire and forest thinning. Prescribed burns produce smoke and can alter vegetation, which are concerns for residents in forested areas.

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Reds

wasn't thinking he was going to take me out," Anderson said. "He just told me I wasn't going anywhere."

Only a few days before, there was speculation Anderson was coming out of the rotation and right-hander Sean Lowe was going in. But, after McClendon talked with general manager Dave Littlefield, it was decided Anderson would keep on starting.

But McClendon told Anderson he couldn't keep pitching the way he did to end the first half of the season, when he won only once in seven starts between June 10 and July 12.

"He told me he expected more of me, and that he couldn't afford to keep taking me out after two or three innings," said

Anderson, who didn't last longer than 5 1-3 innings in his previous five starts. "He said the team needed me to start pitching well."

At his new team, Dempster is starting to hear a similar message.

His second start with the Reds was only marginally better than his first, when he lasted only 3 2-3 innings in a 6-3 loss to Houston. Against the Pirates, he surrendered six runs in six innings.

"I got ahead of Pokey Reese 1-and-2 in the count and I didn't make him hit my pitch," Dempster said. "There's no excuse for that. If he doesn't hit that home run, we still have a chance to win."

So far, Reds manager Bob

Boone is seeing the kind of pitcher he saw with Florida, despite Dempster's proven ability to pitch a lot of innings.

"I only saw him a couple of times with Florida, and I thought he was a little raw," Boone said. "He left a lot of pitches in the middle of the plate, instead of commanding his fastball, and that's what's happening here."

Reese's four-RBI game matched a career high. The second baseman spent five seasons with Cincinnati before signing with Pittsburgh.

"I was jacked up for this game," Reese said. "I was almost too high before it started. But I got through it."

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HCC Upward Bound student has story to tell

By Amber Huff, Intern

I recall the day that Hazard Community College Upward Bound Coordinator Venetia Strunk came and talked to my class. I remember turning in an application and going to the interview. Most vividly,

though, I remember my very first day at Upward Bound. I was nervous, to say the least, and not sure what to expect once I set foot on the college campus. Here I am, four summers later, on the brink of my last moments with the Hazard Community College Upward

Bound Program. I can't even fathom what my high school years would have been like without being involved in Upward Bound.

I was, as a freshman, extremely anxious about beginning my career as a high school student. I felt I had enough to

trouble myself with the extreme stress of college preparation. However, being in this program helped me to tackle both. I was given advice about what classes to take, what tests I shouldn't miss, and how to deal with the pressure of my highly chaotic schedule. While my peers

waited until the end of their junior year to take the ACT, I had taken it every year, free of charge. Entering my senior year, I have already been on three college campus tours. I have also had the privilege of working with Evelyn Wood, the Public Relations Coordinator

for the college for three summers. Now, I am given the opportunity to take college courses here on campus for free.

Not only has it been a great aid in my college preparation,

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Technical campus to offer night classes

The Technical Campus of Hazard Community College will offer night classes beginning with the fall semester that begins Aug. 19.

Basic Automotive Repair for Beginners (Jack Hayes is the instructor), Basic Home Repair for Beginners (Mark Fields is the instructor), and Aromatherapy (Susan Goodson is the instructor) are three courses offered for those not necessarily looking for a career, but just the skills needed for their personal use.

All three classes will meet on Thursdays, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the technical campus.

The following classes will be also be offered: Basic Brick and Block Laying will be offered at the Breathitt Area Technology Center on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Claude Gross, Breathitt ATC carpentry instructor, will be the teacher. Gross was recently named Teacher of the Year by a national professional organization.

Basic Plumbing will be offered on Mondays at the Knott Area Technology Center from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Patrick Goodin, princi

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Hazard CC holds night classes

Getting an education in the evenings is an excellent way for folks to work toward their college degree. Hazard Community College, Hazard Campus, will offer the following classes during the fall semester: Financial Accounting, Introductory Astronomy Lab, Introduction to Business, Small Business Management, Basic Ideas of Biology, Principles of Microbiology, Introductory Microbiology Lab, Consumer Lending, Human Anatomy and Physiology I, and II; Introduction to Computer, Medical Terms from Greek and Latin, Basic Public Speaking, Contemporary Economic Issues, Human Development and Learning, Foundation of College Writing I and II, Writing I and II, Survey of American Literature, Introduction to College, Physical Geology,

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Floyd County students take a break during Alice Lloyd College's summer orientation.

ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE holds orientation

Freshmen and transfer students traveled to Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, on Saturday, July 13th for ALC's annual Summer Orientation. Over 180 students visited campus.

The faculty and staff of ALC

were on hand to provide information and advice to the new students regarding financial aid, academics, the Student Work Program, and other related topics. Students were also introduced to many clubs, sports, and activities on campus. A student panel answered many questions from

the group and was well received because of the student to student communication.

Academic advising was also on the day's agenda. Each student was assigned to a faculty member

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KHEAA Executive Director Visits ALC



KHEAA Executive Director, Dr. Joe McCormick, left, visits with ALC student Shawna Hall, of Floyd County, ALC Financial Aid Director Nancy Melton, and Robbie Shepherd, of Leslie County.

Alice Lloyd College hosted a special guest on their campus Wednesday, July 17th. Dr. Joe McCormick, Executive Director of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), dropped by Pippa Passes to familiarize himself with Alice Lloyd College and its students. Dr. McCormick also met with Nancy Melton, ALC's Financial Aid Director and President of the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, to discuss certain federal and state financial aid issues facing colleges and universities around the state. Dr. McCormick is responsible for administering state aid to Kentucky students such as CAP Grants, KEES Scholarships, and the KY Tuition Grants.

Challenger Center excites kids

By Connie Hagans and Amber Huff, HCC Upward Bound Interns

Eastern Kentucky has been excited about the opening of the new Challenger Center on the campus of Hazard Community College. The purpose of the center is to introduce children to the concepts of math, science, and astronomy. This summer, the center has been packed with students of varying ages from

schools in surrounding areas. Students from the Martha Jane Potter Elementary School in Letcher County have been frequent visitors this summer season.

"Last summer the kids came down for a week long camp and they were learning about the ISS (International Space Station Challenge) and they really enjoyed it," commented a staff member from Martha Jane Potter, Theresa

Branhan. "They decided to come back for another week, and they learn different things each year. Many kids came last year and so they knew what it would be like. They have so much fun, when it is time to come home, they don't want to go. If I was a kid, I would like to do this because when I was growing up we didn't have any summer programs like this. I enjoy working with the kids."

Volunteer from the school, Gale Murphy, agrees. "They really have fun. They learned how to guide a spaceship and directions. Each day, they learn something different from their task. When they first started, one person wanted to make all of the orders, but the kids started giving suggestions each day and they came together more as a team."

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CAMPUS CONNECTION

Integrity and dedication make a difference

by Rachelle Burchett

Since the arrival of Dr. George D. Edwards as the third president of Prestonsburg Community College and the first CEO of the Big Sandy College District, significant positive changes have occurred. Dr. Edwards assumed his current post on November 13, 2000 and found numerous challenges awaiting him. Prestonsburg

Community College had been without permanent leadership since July 1999 when Dr. Deborah Floyd retired as President. The college was in the midst of a comprehensive self-study process to seek reaffirmation of accreditation, the college's

enrollment was declining and months of negative publicity that resulted in several lawsuits had taken its toll on College

personnel. Additionally, the College's technology infrastructure was deemed incapable of supporting the numerous instructional and administrative needs and there was significant inefficiency in the employment of human resources.

Dr. Edwards brought nearly 20 years of instructional and administrative experience in community colleges with him as he assumed the executive level position in the Big Sandy District. He has served as faculty, worked with business and industry economic development, and continuing education, supervised faculty in both transfer and technical programs, and he has a history of always doing the right thing for students. Additionally, Dr. Edwards was a native of a community quite similar to that of Eastern Kentucky and he understands the culture of the Appalachian people. "I was the youngest of seven children and the first to attend college. I grew up in the coal fields of Southwest Virginia and my parents instilled in me the value of high ethical standards." Dr. Edwards also had connections to Kentucky having attended Berea College and Murray State University. He also began

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Changing Roles at PCC

Changes are taking place at the Prestonsburg Campus. Christine Conley, previously the Director of Planning and Research will now be the Director of Grant Writing and Projects. Conley has been an employee of the College since 1996 when she accepted the position of Director of the Community Center for Life Long Learning. She was a 1970 graduate from Berea College and then went on to Syracuse where she received her Masters degree in 1973. Conley's exceptional writing skills were a primary factor in Dr. Edwards's decision to offer her the position of Director of Grant Writing and Projects. Along with grant writing Conley will also be working with the SACS accreditation and assisting Jean Dorton, Director of Institutional Advancement, in the capital campaign for the College. Conley has also been an integral part of the RCCI Committee and the Intentional Effectiveness Counsel. Her dedication extends into the community where she has been actively involved in numerous community projects. Conley is excited about her new position. "I look forward to writing grants to enhance current programs and adding innovative ideas to the college as it continues to serve the community," stated Conley.

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Choose to be an individual, not a number

"I am looking forward to attending classes this fall," says Tina Spradlin after she attended orientation at the Prestonsburg Campus. "Orientation was very helpful. Everyone made me feel very welcome."

Orientation and Compass testing took place this past week on the Prestonsburg Campus to get students prepared for fall classes. Carl Rodgers and Jim Short, both full time students and work-study employees in the counseling department, helped during orientation. "I enjoy helping in

orientation. I feel that by giving students the information that they need they will feel more comfortable when classes begin. I have been very impressed with the education that I have received here at the College and I like being treated as an individual not a number," stated

Rodgers. Short

also felt privileged to be a part of orientation. "This college has been great for me. Everyone is very cooperative, the small classes sizes make a great difference, and the faculty are so knowledgeable. Helping in orientation gives me the opportunity to impress on forthcoming students the value of this college."

Various speakers were made available to give short presentations in hopes to answer questions or concerns that students may have. The college wants every student to feel welcome and comfortable about the education they will be receiving and orientation is a good way to start. Ashley Hancock,

another student that took advantage of orientation agrees, "Orientation was very informative and all of my questions

were addressed. I chose this College because it was close to home and I am glad I made this choice."

Don't panic if you missed orientation or haven't registered for classes because IT'S NOT TOO LATE. Orientations are scheduled to take place August 5, 02 at the Prestonsburg Campus, August 7, 02 at the Pikeville Campus, and August 12-13, 2002 at the Mayo Campus. If you are still debating whether or not to attend college remember that the tuition is affordable, financial assistance is still available, and you will be able to attend classes at either of the four campuses. The friendly faculty and staff of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District are waiting to serve you. For more information, call 888-641-4132, ext. 266.

Campus

his community college career at Hopkinsville Community College and he also worked with the Kentucky Department of Personnel in the 1970's.

Along with his vast experience, his strong connections to Kentucky, and his thorough understanding of communities similar to his own, Dr. Edwards has also provided strong leadership to solve many of the issues facing the Colleges in the Big Sandy District. A few of his many accomplishments are:

- Successful reaffirmation of accreditation by SACS for Prestonsburg Community College and by COE for Mayo Technical College.

- Revitalization of the workforce and economic development function for the region through the establishment of the Center for Economic Innovation and increased staffing.

- Enrollment for both Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College has grown by over 16% since arrival.

- The Technology infrastructure at the Prestonsburg Campus has been completely updated at a cost of approximately \$230,000.

- A process improvement program has been implemented with significant changes in the registration, bookstore, finan-

cial aid, and advising process.

- Improved the campus climate by initiating numerous new traditions to include employee appreciation events, honors programs to recognize the academic achievement of students, legislative reception, scholarship reception, and enhanced student activities programs.

- Greater efficiency in the utilization of human resources particularly in areas where departments were understaffed.

- Facility improvements to include renovation as well as new construction. Three new buildings are under construction in Prestonsburg and over \$7 million in renovation are underway at Mayo Technical College.

- Curriculum revision and revitalization at all campuses. For example, the truck-driving program at Mayo Technical College now generates approximately \$1 million in revenue annually for the district.

- A highly positive and successful transitional plan for consolidation of the two colleges with their four campuses with an eventual goal of single accreditation by SACS.

- Dr. Edwards has personally visited nearly all regional high schools to discuss partnership opportunities and it is expected that the college's dual enrollment program will

increase substantially as a result.

"Much has been accomplished since my arrival in Eastern Kentucky and it would not have occurred without the dedication and hard work of the college's personnel. We have an outstanding group of employees who have been very willing to adapt and to always do what is right and what is best for the students. The future for our colleges is much brighter than it was a few short years ago and as long as we do our very best for the students we serve, we will be the educational choice for the citizens of Eastern Kentucky," stated Dr. Edwards.

Linda Lyon, the Director of Public Relations and Marketing for the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District added, "George Edwards is a man of integrity and honor. His dedication to education and concern for the students at Mayo Technical College and Prestonsburg Community College has been evident from the first day he came to our campuses. Leading the way through a consolidation is not an easy task for any CEO but he has shouldered the load admirably. With every decision it is evident that his guiding principle is to "put students first."

Roles

Another long time employee, Mazola Salmons, previously the interim Director of Admissions and Records, has now accepted the position of Associate Dean of Student Affairs. Salmons graduated from Prestonsburg Community College in 1971 and then continued her education at the University of Kentucky where she received a Bachelor's degree in 1973. The summer following Salmons' graduation she returned home, and began her many years of service to Prestonsburg Community College. While working at the College, she obtained a Master's degree in Vocational Education in 1978. This was only the beginning for her long-standing career at the college. While working as the secretary of the President she began teaching as adjunct faculty. Moving into teaching fulltime she continued as a faculty mem-

ber for over 21 years. Other titles that she held include Coordinator of Student Activities, Assistant to the President, Director of the Pikeville PCC Campus, and Coordinator of Special Projects. She has changed roles many times and has continued to be a tremendous asset to the College. "In all of the years I have worked at the College, I have enjoyed watching the institution grow as others take advantage of the high quality educational opportunities available here. As Associate Dean of Student Affairs, I'm looking forward to meeting the children of the students I taught during my earlier years!" Other staff changes include the resignation of Dr. Rui-xiu Dai, Associate Professor of Mathematics. Dr. Dai has been a professor at Prestonsburg Community College for 11

years. The College wishes him well in future endeavors.

Gay Herrin, Division Chair for Humanities and Social Science, will be recuperating this fall semester due to injuries sustained during her vacation. She will be greatly missed and the College wishes her a speedy recovery. Taking her place as interim Division Chair will be Professor Bob

Looney. Congratulations also go to Myra Elliot who will serve as the new A.D.N. Coordinator.

The College welcomes Dr. Lance Angell to its campus. Angell has accepted the position as the director of Planning and Research and is expected to be on campus July 22, 2002.

ALC

for advising. Any questions that the student had were answered at this time. Class schedules, academics, and dorm life were just a few of the topics students were curious about. The day ended with a campus tour. For many it was their first time at Alice Lloyd College, and they learned much about the historical significance and rich tradition of the beautiful campus.

Classes will begin at Alice Lloyd College on August 22nd.

Challenger

team." "This is my second year of coming to space camp," student Tyler Short told us. "Last year, we were at the other Challenger Center and both are great. I have learned a lot about teamwork. Last year I was a team leader and this year I am a leader and a follower. I like the robot game where you sit in a chair and there is a camera and you're blindfolded and you tell people which way to go because people are telling you the directions and there is a pipeline that looks like the space station and you have to dock with the pipe."

The Challenger Center is

HCC

History of the U.S. Through 1865, Drugs/Society/Human Behavior, Orientation to Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Development, Literacy and Language, Life Science in Early Childhood Education, Pre-Algebra, Elementary Algebra, Introduction to Music, American Music, Human Nutrition and Wellness, Applied Physics, General Psychology, Spanish, Statistical Method, Introduction to Gerontology, and Juvenile Delinquency.

For when classes will be offered and more information, call Hazard Community College at 436-5721.

beneficial for summer recreation as well as educational purposes. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoys the time they spend with each other in this learning environment. The center will open for years to come to increase students' knowledge and to bring them together.

Upward

aid in my college preparation, but it has also helped to shape my personality and give me confidence. Through this program, I have met some amazing people who I am privileged to call my friends. I was once very introverted and shy (a difficult thing to believe) but the friends I have made in this program have helped me to come out of my shell and not be ashamed of who I am. They have given me confidence, strength, and new insight on life. When I have laughed, they have guffawed along with me and when I have cried, they've offered their shoulders. Besides this, Venetia Strunk, Eugene Hunley, and all the other staff members have become close to my heart in a way I would have never thought possible.

Upward Bound has been many things for me. It has helped me prepare for a future that is so uncertain. Mostly though, it has meant a new family for me. A friend jokingly referred to it as the "exclusive

Upward Bound" since there is such a kinship between us. I know that when I leave them in May, I will have to stock up on tissues. I am so glad that this new family has touched my life in such a significant way. Thanks to Upward Bound, I march forward, with a clearer picture of my future, and with a past full of enough great memories to last a lifetime.

Tech

pal at the Knott ATC, will be the instructor.

Basic Property and Site Surveying will be offered on alternate Saturdays, beginning Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Basic deed research will also be covered. Tom Watts, technical campus faculty member, will teach the class.

To register and for more information, call Elaine Cress at 436-5721, ext. 8310.

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Now may be the time to rebalance your 401(k)by TAMI LUHBY
NEWSDAY

No matter how much it hurts, experts say you must open your most recent 401(k) statement and see where you stand.

It may not make pretty reading with the value of some portfolios decimated as market indices touch five-year lows, but the time is right to make sure you stay on track to meet retirement goals.

The stock market tumble has soured Mary Kovach's view of retirement plans. The Long Island City, N.Y., resident has lost money in her 401(k), as well as about \$400 of the \$2,000 she placed in a Roth IRA last year. placing 8 percent of her salary in her 401(k) and review her funds' performances.

Wall Street's slide of the past four months has thrown many retirement plans out of balance, leaving some with too much money in fixed-income investments and too little in stocks.

The lower volatility of bonds and cash may be comforting at a time when the Dow Jones Industrial average is dropping but an overabundance can greatly hurt your chances of having

enough funds at retirement.

"This is the time to go back and see if you are still in line with your original asset allocation," said Trisha Brambley, president of Resources for

Retirement, a 401(k) consulting firm.

The first thing to do in a turbulent market is to look at your allocation strategy — or create one if you never got around to it.

This plan takes into account your age, risk tolerance and retirement goals and determines how much you should have in stocks, bonds and cash. Then, you need to make sure you still have the proper amounts in these investments.

Of course, nowadays some people are rethinking how much risk they can handle and still

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**Medicare
AND YOU**

Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

Q What is the Nursing Home Quality Initiative?

A The Nursing Home Quality Initiative (NHQI) is a campaign to improve the quality of care in Nursing Homes. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is conducting the campaign. This new initiative will hold nursing homes more accountable for the quality of care they give. Consumers can compare the performance of their local nursing homes by the important health care information provided as a result of the campaign.

Q Is NHQI being conducted in all states?

A At the present time, NHQI is a Pilot Project in six states. The states included in the pilot project are Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Ohio, Rhode Island and Washington.

This initiative is expected to go nation wide by fall of 2002.

Q What measures are used to assess the quality of care provided in nursing homes in the pilot project states?

A The nine measures used to assess the quality of care are broken down into two sections, Chronic Care Measures (associated with Long Term residents) and Post-Acute-Care Measures (associated with Temporary or short stay residents).

Chronic Care Measures:

- Residents who need more help doing daily activities
- Residents with pressure sores (bed sores)
- Residents who lost too much weight
- Residents with pain
- Residents with infections
- Residents in physical restraints

Post-Acute Care Measures:

- Short-stay residents who improved in walking
 - Short-stay residents with pain
 - Short-stay residents with delirium
- Additional information about this initiative can be

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EMPLOY KENTUCKY OPERATING SYSTEM TEAM



Kentucky Department for Employment Services employees who won the DES Team Award were: back row, left to right, Tommy Wheatley, Bill Jones, Carty Parker, Larry Branham and Tom Baird. Middle row, left to right, Mindy Church, Kara Henson, Greg Dempsey, Gene Matney, Michele Belcher and Millie Mitchell. Front row, left to right, Sharon Burchett, Toddy Worley, Susan Hampton, Pam Kelbler and Tony Cagle.

Members of statewide initiative win team excellence awardby JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT - Members of the Employ Kentucky Operating System team received the Kentucky Department for Employment's Service's Team Excellence

Award. The 19-member team, which includes several Eastern Kentuckians, was recognized for its work on an automated system that will help DES to better serve its customers. The long-term project involved DES employees from across

the state. DES employees Steve Allen of the Frankfort Central office and Margie Johnson of the Pikeville DES field office nominated the team for the award.

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CHAMBER NOTES



From left to right, Duane Jorgenson, Sherri Martin, and Judee Hale are welcomed as new members to the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce by Chamber President, David Tackett. The trio are representatives of CareAmerica of Eastern Kentucky.



Lynda Spurlock, left, AFLAC agent, is welcomed as a new member to the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce by Chamber President, David Tackett. Tackett serves as marketing president for Community Trust Bank.

Welcoming new members

By Regina Becknell, Executive Director, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce held its first "Eggs & Issues" Breakfast Meeting in hopes of increasing business-networking opportunities for Chamber members. Our

President, David Tackett, Community Trust Bank, formally welcomed several of our newest members.

Spurlock, AFLAC agent, 2928 Hwy 122, Printer, KY 41655, 606-285-9650. AFLAC is additional insurance that covers many costs that most medical policies do not; for example

deductibles, loss of earning power and other out of pocket expenses associated with an illness. These insurance policies fill the gap found in most primary insurance plans. AFLAC policies pay the insurance benefit directly to the insured not the

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Patton wants commission on growth to be like Prichard Committee

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - Gov. Paul Patton says he wants to keep the issue of "smart growth" alive for years beyond his administration.

To that end, he challenged his Kentucky Progress Commission to cultivate enough private support to perpetuate itself, emulating another advocacy group, the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence.

"This is a 20-year process. We need you all to be advocates, to be like the Prichard Committee," Patton told commission members Thursday.

The commission should embark on "a long-term mission to advocate for a better environment, a better business climate, a better

quality of life in Kentucky," Patton said.

The commission was created in conjunction with "smart growth" legislation Patton proposed but which the 2002 General Assembly declined to enact.

Patton wanted to use financial incentives to encourage local land-use planning and property restoration. He never completely shook the specter of state-mandated planning and zoning, however.

Patton said his work on planned growth, and a conviction that smart planning can lower the cost of living, prompted him to alter a goal he stated upon taking office in 1995: to raise Kentucky's per capita income to the national

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Federal agency presents award to state's vocational rehabilitation dept.

FRANKFORT - The Social Security Administration recently recognized the state's Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) for maintaining a high average rate of federal reimbursement monies for placing people with disabilities into jobs during the last six years. The Social Security Administration presented its Associate Commissioner's Citation to the department, which has been reimbursed by the SSA for a yearly average of 93 percent of its claims since 1996, when the program was established.

During the last six years, the Social Security Administration has reim-

bursed the department for a total of nearly \$10.4 million. When DVR helps consumers who draw federal disability payments find

employment, those consumers no longer have to rely on the disability payments. The Social Security Administration then reimburses the department for its costs in placing disability income recipients into jobs. Recipients must be in the job for at least nine months and earn a minimum

monthly salary before the department can receive reimbursements.

Reimbursement funds from

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James, KY Tourism Development Cabinet Communication Director, receives Tourism Certificate

Fred James, communications director of the Kentucky Tourism Development Cabinet, was one of twenty-one tourism professionals from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky to receive the Kentucky Certified Tourism Professional certificate at the 2002 Tourism Development Symposium held June 12-13 at the Holiday Inn - University Plaza, Bowling Green.

The Certification program is a one-year program offered by Western Kentucky University's (WKU) Continuing Education in cooperation with the Kentucky Tourism Council. The sessions are designed to promote a better understanding of the broad spectrum of activities that make up the market in tourism. While attending the certification sessions, participants are instructed by knowledgeable individuals in academia and the Kentucky tourism industry. Graduates of the Kentucky Certified

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Will Snyder elected to KRCC Board of Directors

Hazard - Louise Howell, Ph.D., executive director of the Kentucky River Community Care (KRCC), recently announced the election of Knott County resident, William C. Snyder, for a four-year term to its Board of Directors. Kentucky

River Community Care is a non-profit organization and the regional behavioral health care provider and planning authority for community-based services in Wolfe, Lee, Breathitt, Owsley, Perry, Knott, Leslie, and Letcher Counties. KRCC provides mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services throughout the eight county area.

Snyder is a graduate of the University of Louisville and the University of Louisville School of Law. During his practice as an attorney, he was active in many civil rights issues including employment sexual harassment, discrimination and wrongful termination. Although retired from the practice of law, he continues his community involvement by teaching various criminal justice courses at Prestonsburg Community College. He has exhibited a great interest in work-

ing with the KRCC substance abuse treatment and prevention programs. Recently, KRCC was awarded one of only eleven Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grants funded nationwide to help communities improve and expand substance abuse treatment and other services for young people in trouble with the law. This grant will allow KRCC to focus on early substance abuse interventions with the goal being to develop and implement new models for integrated systems of care that include treatment, judicial, and social services. Should you have any questions regarding adult, adolescent, or children's mental health programs, adult long term care, mental retardation/developmental disabilities, or substance abuse/prevention programs, call the KRCC Help Line at 606-669-9906, ext. 106.

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found in the Nursing Home Compare section of www.medicare.gov and in the Nursing Home Quality Initiative section of www.cms.hhs.gov.

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

401(K)

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sleep at night, said Keith Rauschenbach, vice president of consulting services at TIAA-CREF. While investors are worried, and many are calling their plan providers to voice their concerns, most end up sticking to their current strategy.

If you're weighing whether to make changes to your 401(k), here are general asset allocation guidelines from Financial Engines, a 401(k) advisory firm:

Younger employees who can tolerate more risk may put 70 percent of their 401(k) assets in large-cap equity funds, 15 percent in international and 15 percent in small-cap.

A portfolio with average risk, appropriate for those in their 40s, might have 10 percent in cash, 30 percent in bonds, 40 percent in large-cap equity funds, 10 percent in international and 10 percent in small- or mid-cap.

Those closer to retirement should reduce their risk by placing 45 percent in cash, 30 percent in bonds, 20 percent in large-cap equity funds and 5 percent in international.

A good way to shift your balances is to change future contributions, rather than existing assets, financial advisers say. While continuing to buy stock funds with double-digit negative returns might be tough, remember that you are now picking them up at bargain-basement prices, said Alan Kahn, president of AJK Financial Group in Syosset.

"The stock market is the only market where people don't like to buy things on sale," he said.

Unfortunately, experts say, most people don't monitor their 401(k)s closely enough though they should consider rebalancing once a year. A recent Hewitt

Associates study found only 19.5 percent of active participants made a trade in 2001, despite the wide market swings, down from 30 percent in 2000.

While that shows people are not panicking, it also means they are not rebalancing, said Lori Lucas, a defined contribution consultant at Hewitt. "They are just overwhelmed by the current market environment, which is extremely challenging," she said.

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Said Kovach, who is in her late 30s and works for an advertising agency. "I have to count on my 401(k) for retirement, but I don't think it will be enough."

Federal

the SSA care utilized for department's program services that benefit other consumers with disabilities.

Because of the department's high percentage of reimbursements, there is an added benefit: The Social Security Administration considers the processing of DVR's claims a high priority, which means the department receives reimbursements more quickly than states with a lower percentage of

reimbursements. In turn, DVR can use that money more swiftly to help individuals with disabilities obtain employment.

"This whole program is a win-win for the citizens of Kentucky and this nation," said Bruce Crump, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation commissioner. "By placing people with disabilities into jobs, they are paying federal, state and local taxes and thus contributing to the tax base. In addition the Social

Security Administration is no longer paying them monthly benefits.

"Then there's the value of employment to individuals we've helped — you can't begin to put a price on that," said Crump.

The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency, assists Kentuckians with disabilities to achieve suitable employment and independence.

Tourism

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Tourism Professional program are eligible for the Kentucky Advanced Tourism Management Professional program.

The Kentucky Tourism Professional Certificate Programs coordinator, Sharon Woodward, of WKU, was pleased with the number of participants in the inaugural class. "We are so pleased with the diversity of representation from within the tourism industry," she said. "Western Kentucky University is honored by the continued relationship it has had with the Kentucky Tourism Council...a relationship that enables us to contribute to the continuing education of Kentucky's tourism industry professionals."

James is a native of Floyd County, having served for several years as director of the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission. He and his wife, Linda, are the owners of LJ Productions, a local television ser-

vice with offices in Prestonsburg.

The Kentucky Tourism Council is a 450-member statewide association representing all sectors of the state's travel

industry. The Council's mission is to unite Kentucky's second largest industry through governmental interaction, communication and education.



Gary P. West, left, chairman of the Kentucky Tourism Council, presents Fred James with his Kentucky Certified Professional Certificate.

Award

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"They worked long hours, many spending long periods of time far from their homes, to ensure that a new automated system known as the Employ Kentucky Operating System would evolve into a system that would allow DES to provide services to its customers more effectively and efficiently," wrote Allen and Johnson in their nomination.

The team conducting testing, identified problems, made recommendations for changes, and

defined ways the system could be utilized. They also created manuals and aids, and provided statewide on the system.

The Employ Kentucky Operating System members include Sharon Burchett, Prestonsburg; Kara Henson, Harold; Michele Belcher, Pikeville; Mindy Church, Ashland; Susan Hampton, Corbin; Pam Keibler, Louisville; Millie Mitchell, Frankfort; Larry Branham, Frankfort; Toddy Worley,

Louisville; Tony Cagle, Henderson; Chris Donahue, Cincinnati, Ohio; Greg Dempsey, Frankfort; Cary Parker, Bowling Green; Tommy Wheatley, Elizabethtown; Gene Matney, Cambellsville; Bill Jones, Louisville; Tom Baird, Lexington; Gary Wise, Louisville; and Allie Carney, Union.

The team accepted its award during the department's annual dinner in Lexington on June 20.

Patton

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average in 20 years. "Per capita income alone is not the only measure of quality of life," Patton said. "The environment that we live in is very critical to the quality of life, and the cost of living is a very important corollary to per capita income."

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hospital or doctor. Policies are developed based on each individual need and pay regardless of any other policy in force. Contact Lynda Spurlock today to discuss your AFLAC needs.

CareAmerica of Eastern Kentucky, Mr. Duane Jorgenson, Mrs. Sherrie Martin and Mrs. Judee Hale each represent this organization. CareAmerica of Eastern Kentucky is a new medical facility soon to open its doors in the area. They will provide personal attention to patients needing such services as infusion therapies, oral prescription services, and mail order pharmacy and respiratory care. CareAmerica is geared to assist in the increasing need for home health services. A specially trained staff of certified nurses will train patients and families on these and other special needs services. For more information contact Mrs. Judee Hale at 285-9140.

Members enjoyed breakfast at the park, while getting to know other members. The Chamber will be holding quarterly breakfast "Eggs & Issues" Meetings, noon Membership Meetings and evening "Business After Hours" meetings in the weeks to come.

The next scheduled "Eggs & Issues" Breakfast Meeting is October 9th, 7 to 9 a.m. at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Lodge. August 13th,

ThunderRidge Entertainment Facility will host a "Business After Hours" to tour members and give them upcoming event information such as "Chamber Day at the Races" set for September 7th. Our next scheduled 12-noon Membership Meeting is September 9th at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Lodge. The Economic Development Committee will be organizing this presentation; Mr. Dennis Dorton, Citizens National Bank, will chair.

The Chamber is currently in the process of composing our Floyd County Resource Guide Magazine. This magazine is distributed throughout the county (educational venues, local business locations, etc.), to new relocating citizens and businesses and is used as source material on Floyd County at all local (conferences, etc.) and state events. We are very pleased to have our publication showcase our county at the Kentucky State Fair.

For more information on the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, our events or the Floyd County Resource Guide Magazine, contact the Chamber office (886-0364) or check out our website for information on the Chamber benefits (HYPERLINK "http://www.floydchamber.com" www.floydchamber.com).

The Chamber serves as a great networking tool for any business.



Kentucky Department for Employment Services Commissioner Jim Thompson, right, presented the DES Employer Achievement Award to Otter Creek Correctional Center Warden Randy Stovall, center, at the department's recent annual awards dinner in Lexington. Debbie Allen, left, manager of the Prestonsburg DES office, nominated the company for the award.



Kentucky Department for Employment Services Commissioner Jim Thompson, right, presented the DES Customer Satisfaction Award to Paula Branham of the Prestonsburg DES office at the department's recent awards dinner in Lexington. Debbie Allen, left, manager of the Prestonsburg DES office, nominated Branham for the award.

Johnson resident, Floyd employer win state awards

FRANKFORT — Paula Branham of Williamsport recently received the Kentucky Department for Employment Service's Customer Satisfaction Award.

Branham, an employment services specialist in the Prestonsburg DES office, was recognized for her excellence in meeting customer needs. In addition to the Prestonsburg office, Branham is the sole employee in the Paintsville DES satellite office, which is open two days a week.

Prestonsburg DES Office Manager Deborah Allen nominated Branham for the award, saying, "She is a team player, always willing to go the extra mile to help customers and co-workers. She consistently handles more job orders than any other employee in the Prestonsburg office."

"When management offered

to assign some of her job orders to other staff, she declined the help, saying that her knowledge of the Paintsville employer community would make her better able to match job seekers to those openings," Allen said.

Branham, a 12-year state employee, has also taken on additional duties with great success.

"When the Prestonsburg office failed to meet federal veteran's performance standards, she was assigned the duties of working with veterans seeking services from the Prestonsburg office. She quickly brought the program from the bottom to meeting all standards, and the veterans really enjoyed working with her."

Branham accepted her award during the department's recent annual awards dinner in Lexington.

Also receiving an award was

Otter Creek Correctional Center of Wheelwright.

Otter Creek received the Kentucky Department for Employment Service's Employer Achievement Award.

Otter Creek Correctional Center was recognized for its partnership with the Prestonsburg DES field office and for its promotion of DES services. Otter Creek is a privately owned and operated 656-bed medium security facility for male adult offenders.

Prestonsburg DES Assistant Office Manager Patty Carroll nominated the company for the award, saying, "Since Otter Creek Correctional Center's opening in 1993, the Department for Employment Services has had a positive and professional working relationship with the center's management staff. As a result of job orders placed with our agency, Otter Creek has hired

217 applicants referred to them since 1999.

"Not only has Otter Creek impacted the area's economy with its significant number of hires but they have always been a willing participant when called upon by our office."

Otter Creek Correctional Center Warden Randy Stovall accepted the award at the annual dinner.

"Otter Creek is proud and honored to win this award. The partnership between Otter Creek and the Department for Employment Services has been a great benefit to the facility," said Stovall.

Services offered by the department include recruitment, screening and referral for employer job openings and job search assistance for people looking for jobs. DES is an agency of the Cabinet for Workforce Development.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Make toys from throwaways

Here's a riddle: What is round, hovers on a thin cushion of air, spins like a top and even plays music at the touch of a button? Give up? You'll find out the answer when you make these two simple, clever toys with your kids.

BALLOON-POWERED HOVERCRAFT

Remove the twist-nozzle top from an empty plastic mustard or white household glue bottle. Wash and dry the entire top.

Using a low-temp glue gun, attach the base of the nozzle top over the hole of a discarded



DAVID LAROCHELLE

CD. Let dry.

Pull the lip of a medium-size balloon over the nozzle portion only and tape it in place with electrical tape. Make sure you create an airtight seal.

To play with your new toy, twist the nozzle into the open position. Put the opposite side of the CD up to your mouth and blow through the hole to inflate the balloon. When the balloon is inflated, quickly twist the nozzle into the "closed" position to trap the air inside the balloon. Place the CD, hole side down, on a flat surface, such as a large table or smooth floor. Twist the top open, give it a little push and, as the air in the balloon rushes out, watch it hover across the surface!

SHINY SPINNING TOP

Find a twist-nozzle top from an 8-ounce bottle of household white glue. Twist it into the "open" position and poke it through the hole of another discarded CD. Twist it into the "closed" position to secure the top to the CD.

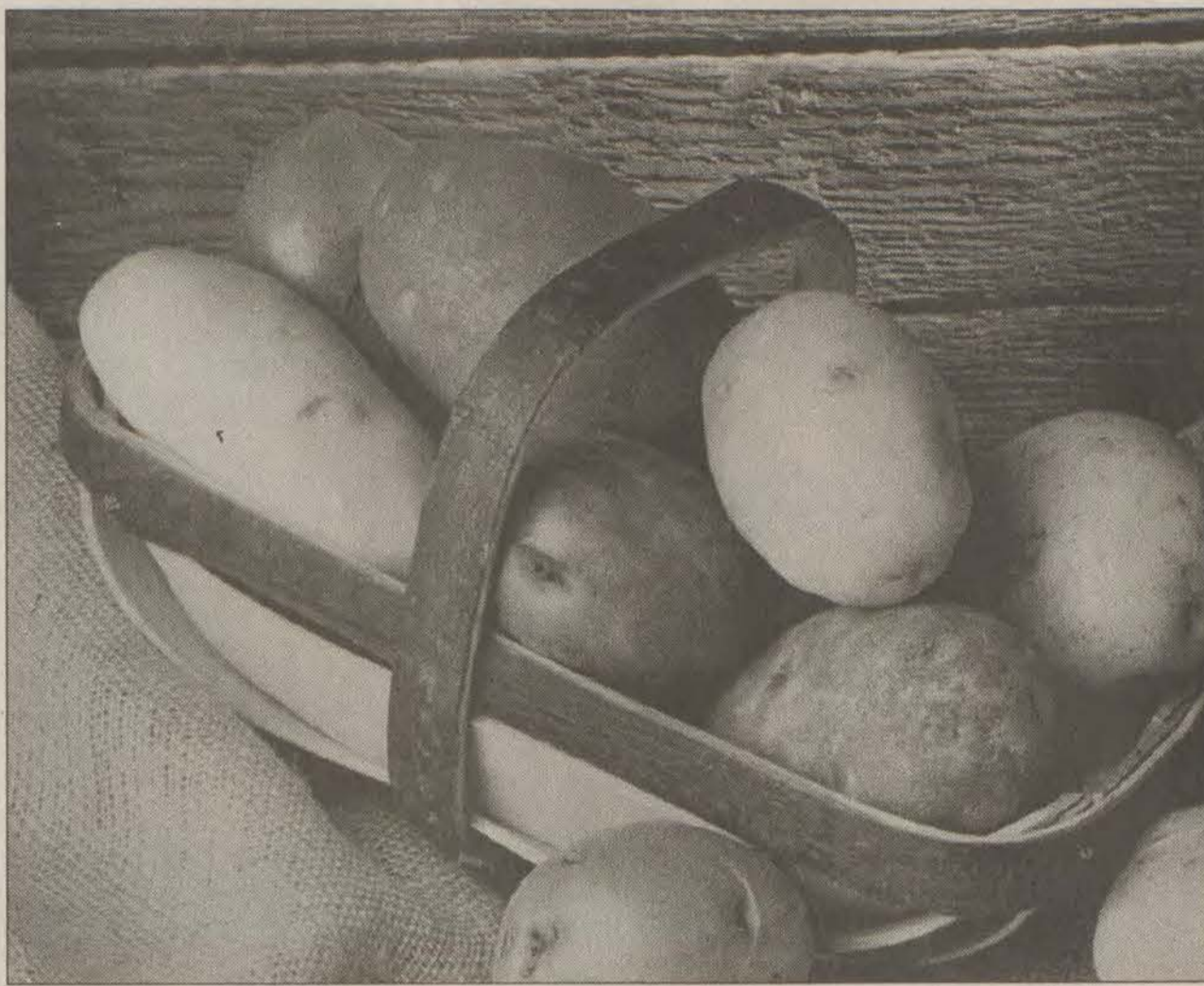
Give your top a spin on the tip of the nozzle.

For extra fun, decorate the toy with a wooden bead glued over the hole on the opposite side and paint designs on the surface of the CD for a kaleidoscope of color as it spins.

Note: Guess the answer to the riddle? It's a CD.

Write Donna with your questions and ideas at www.donnasday.com. Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide.

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In praise of potatoes

We all know someone who goes along quietly doing a good job without praise or recognition. So it is in the vegetable kingdom. Take the potato. It's taken for granted while for centuries it has served the world with no praise.

Today I give you a simple baked dish with an Italian cheese accent, and an Ecuadorian patty that is usually served with a peanut sauce, Salsa De Mani. If using leftover potatoes, it's a good idea to reheat them to soften, and you may need to add a little hot milk.

TRIPLE CHEESE POTATOES

3 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
4 medium potatoes (about 1 1/3 pounds)

1/2 cup hot milk
1 egg yolk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1 cup grated mozzarella cheese (about 1/4 pound)

1 cup grated provolone cheese (about 1/4 pound)
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan (Parmigiano) cheese (about 2 ounces)

Preheat oven to 375 F. Spread 1 tablespoon butter on bottom and sides of 5-cup ovenproof baking dish or cake pan. Sprinkle with bread crumbs.

Peel potatoes and cut into quarters. Boil or steam potatoes until tender; drain. Mash potatoes with hot milk, remaining butter, egg yolk, salt and pepper to taste. Spread half of mixture in bottom of prepared dish. Combine mozzarella and provolone and sprinkle half

over potatoes. Top with remaining potatoes and layer of remaining cheese. Top with Parmesan and bake 35 to 40 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

LLAPINGACHOS

(Ecuadorian Potato Patties)
2 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
3 cups unseasoned mashed potatoes
1/4 cup flour

1/4 cup minced fresh Italian parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup grated Muenster or Monterey Jack cheese

Heat 1 tablespoon butter and 1 tablespoon oil in skillet. Add onion and sauté over medium heat until golden. Cool. Add onion to mashed potatoes along with flour, parsley, salt and pepper; mix until well-blended. Form into 8 equal portions and shape into balls. Form depression in each ball and fill with 2 tablespoons cheese. Mold potato mixture to completely encase cheese. Flatten each ball into 1-inch-thick patty. Heat remaining butter and oil in skillet; fry potato patties about 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Serve with Salsa de Mani (recipe follows).

SALSA DE MANI

(Peanut Sauce)
1/4 cup minced onion
1 clove garlic, minced

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by Philomena Corradeno

Summer pasta salad

Nothing could be as refreshing on a smoldering summer evening as a cold pasta salad just waiting for you in the fridge. When you're dog tired after a hard day's work, the thought of facing a hot stove is enough to push you into the drive-thru lane of a fast-food restaurant. It's a "cool thing" to have this salad on hand for just such a night!

SUMMER CHICKEN-SPAGHETTI SALAD

1 cup fat-free mayonnaise
2 tablespoons fat-free milk

1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 cup grated reduced-fat Parmesan cheese
2 cups cold cooked spaghetti, rinsed and drained
1 cup diced fresh tomatoes
3/4 cup chopped unpeeled cucumbers
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken breast

In a large bowl, combine mayon

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by JoAnna M. Lund

Chicken Soup for the Soul: When did she really grow up?

Beverly Beckham
(FROM "A SECOND CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WOMAN'S SOUL")

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Every night after I tucked her into bed, I sang to her, a silly song, a made-up song, our song. "Stay little, stay little, little little stay; little stay little stay little."

She would giggle, and I would smile. The next morning I would say: "Look at you. You grew. The song didn't work."

I sang that song for years, and every time I finished, she crossed her heart and promised she wouldn't grow anymore.

Then one night I stopped singing it.

Who knows why. Maybe her door was closed. Maybe she was studying. Maybe she was on the phone talking to someone. Or maybe I realized it was time to give her permission to grow.

It seems to me now that our song must have had some magic, because all the nights I sang it, she remained a baby ... 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. They felt the same. They even looked the same. She got taller and her feet got bigger and some teeth fell out and new ones grew in, but she still had to be reminded to brush them and her hair, and to take a shower every now and then.



She played with dolls and Play-Doh. Although Candy Land was abandoned for Monopoly and Clue, across a table, there she still was. For years she was like those wooden dolls that nest one inside the other — identical in everything but size.

Or at least that's how I saw her. She roller-skated and ice-skated and did cartwheels in shopping malls and blew bubbles and drew pictures, which we hung on the refrigerator. She devoured Yodels and slushies and woke early on Sunday mornings to watch "Davey and Goliath."

She never slept through the night, not at 10 months, not at 10 years.

When she was small, she'd wake and cry, and I'd take her into bed with me. When she got bigger, she'd wake and make her way down the hall, and in the morning I would find her lying beside me.

She used to put notes under my pillow before she went to bed. I used to put notes in her bologna sandwiches before she went to school. She used to wait by the phone when I was away. I used to wait at the bus stop for her to come home.

The song, the notes, the waking up to find her next to me, the waiting at the bus stop — all these things ended a long time ago. Upstairs now is a young woman, a grown-up. She has been grown-up for a while. Everyone else has seen this — everyone but me.

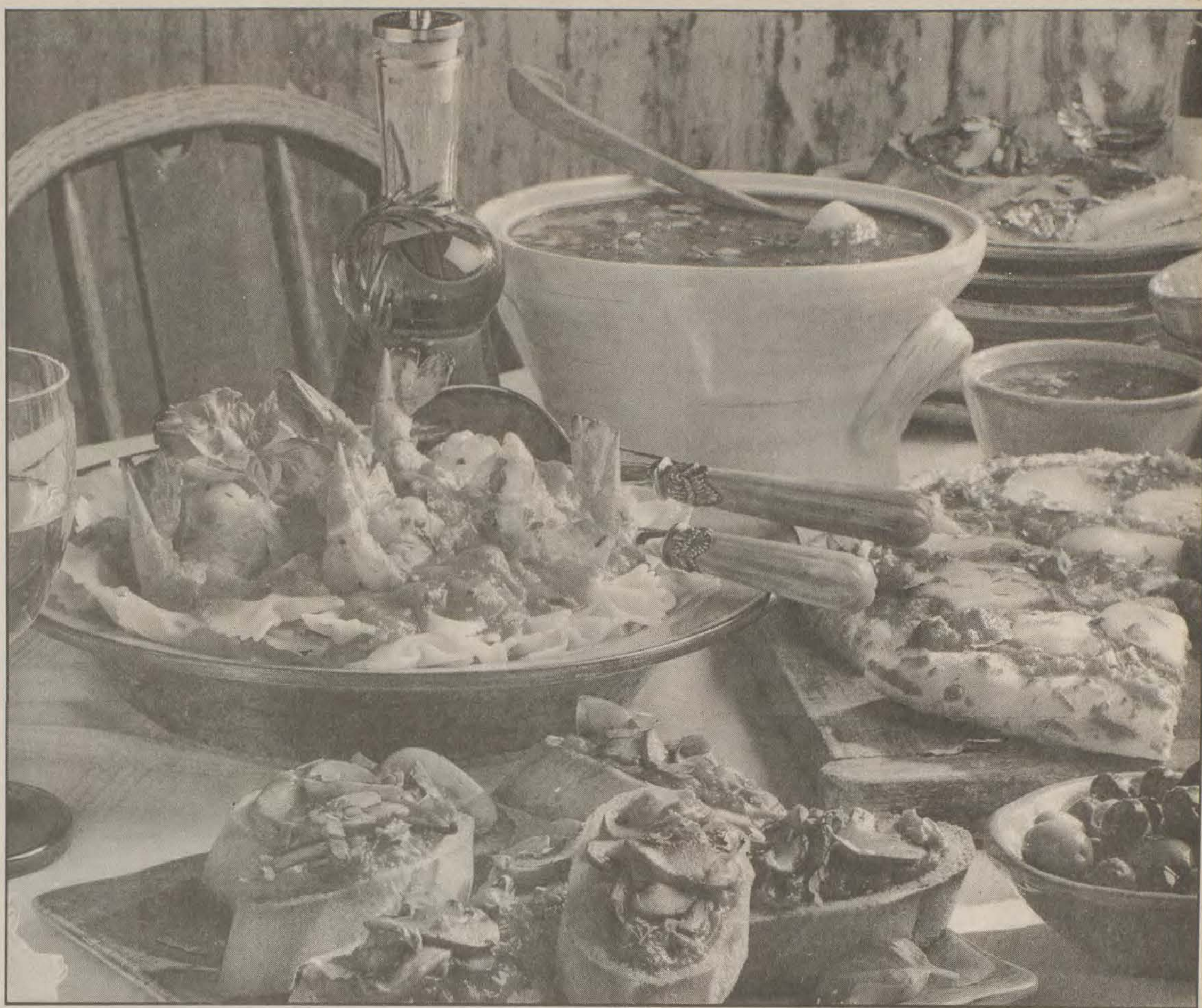
I look at her today, one week before

she graduates from high school, and I am proud of her, proud of the person she has become. But I'm sad, too — not for her, but for me. There has been a child in this house for 25 years. First one grew up, then the other, but there was always this one ... the baby.

Now the baby is grown. And despite what people tell me — you don't lose them, they go away, but they come home again, you'll like the quiet when she's gone, the next part of life is the best — I know that what lies ahead won't be like what was.

I loved what was. I loved it when she toddled into my office and set up her toy typewriter next to mine. I loved watching her run down the hall at nursery school straight into my arms after a separation of just two and a

(See SOUP, page six)



Clockwise from top: Italian-Style Gazpacho, Grilled Pizza Margherita, Bruschetta With Portobellos and Farfalle With Herb-Marinated Grilled Shrimp

Celebrate Midsummer — Italian Style!

What more perfect day to celebrate nature than on summer solstice, the longest day of the year. For centuries, Italians in the heart of the Mediterranean region have dedicated many festive occasions to this time of year. Often centered around fire rituals that symbolized the sun's power, these midsummer night festivals celebrated the strength of the sun to encourage the growth of fresh foods in the upcoming season. To this day, Italian summer solstice rituals center around the philosophy of the sun's ability to promote growth and renewal.

To enjoy this unique and special day with family and friends, celebrate as the Italians do by creating a sophisticated ambiance and serving fresh, delicious foods that commemorate the fruits of the earth. With 135 years of experience in capturing nature's fruits at their freshest, Bertolli can help you create an authentic Italian-style eating experience. These simple, delicious meal ideas are made the Italian way, for the ultimate Italian summer solstice celebration.

The summer solstice marks the beginning of the tomato harvest, and who knows better than

Bertolli how important it is to collect nature's best. Bertolli Pasta Sauces are prepared with fresh tomatoes that go from vine to jar the same day and other flavorful ingredients like savory garlic and hand-selected basil. This means that every jar of pasta sauce is reminiscent of the fresh-from-the-garden flavor that is central to traditional Italian cooking.

This year, celebrate summer solstice or any other outdoor celebrations with freshness and flair by serving the following recipes. Present the chilled *Italian-Style Gazpacho* soup along with the *Bruschetta With Portobellos* for a colorful array of starters. Then serve the *Farfalle With Herb-Marinated Shrimp* and *Grilled Pizza Margherita* to provide a variety of enticing summer dishes for your guests to enjoy. Once the food is ready, all you need to enjoy a beautiful al fresco Italian celebration is a simple setup on your balcony, patio or backyard. Try some of these tips to add a touch of sophistication to your summer soiree, and know that with Bertolli Pasta Sauce you will have all that is necessary to turn this year's summer solstice into your own authentic Italian celebration at home under the summer sky.

Tips for Creating a Sophisticated Midsummer Celebration

Preparation

- Incorporate some of nature's most brilliant colors into your summer solstice theme. Gather an assortment of fresh-cut flowers and perhaps a few select herb topiaries to decorate your buffet or patio table.
- Use bright tablecloths or napkins and pair them with iridescent wine glasses.
- Pour Bertolli Olive Oil over fresh, sliced vegetables picked straight from your garden or from your local farmer's market.
- Add fresh fruit to your favorite Italian red wine for a delicious fruity cocktail.
- Make homemade lemonade using fresh lemons, sugar and ice-cold water.
- For dessert, set out fresh fruit such as strawberries or raspberries with a warm chocolate sauce for dipping.

Celebration

- Serve the recipes buffet-style to cut out any serving chaos.
- Enhance the ambiance with your favorite Italian opera or guitar music.
- As a keepsake, give each guest a set of sun-embossed gardening gloves and spade, tied together with a pretty ribbon.
- Most importantly, take time to sit back and relax with family and friends and enjoy each and every flavor, texture and scent.

Italian-Style Gazpacho

6 servings

- 3 cups tomato juice
- 2 cups Bertolli Tomato & Basil Pasta Sauce
- 1 cup peeled, seeded and chopped cucumber
- 1/2 cup finely chopped green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 3 tablespoons tarragon vinegar or cider vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons Bertolli Olive Oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped chives (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In large bowl, combine all ingredients. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours. Serve chilled.

Also terrific with Bertolli Vidalia Onion With Roasted Garlic Pasta Sauce.

Bruschetta With Portobellos

24 servings

- 2 tablespoons Bertolli Extra-Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 pound small portobello mushrooms, thinly sliced, stems removed
- 2 loaves French or Italian bread, diagonally cut into 3/4-inch slices
- 2 large cloves garlic, peeled
- 1 jar (26 ounces) Bertolli Tomato & Basil Pasta Sauce
- Fresh ground black pepper to taste

In 12-inch skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat and cook mushrooms, stirring occasionally, 4 minutes or until tender.

Meanwhile, broil bread slices until golden; rub with garlic. Evenly spoon unheated pasta sauce over bread, then top with mushrooms and black pepper. Garnish, if desired, with sliced fresh basil.

Grilled Pizza Margherita

4 servings

- 1 10-inch prebaked pizza crust
- 1 cup Bertolli Olive Oil & Garlic Pasta Sauce
- 4 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced
- Fresh basil leaves, chopped

Preheat grill.

On heavy-duty aluminum foil, arrange pizza crust. Evenly spread with pasta sauce; top with cheese. Cover loosely with additional foil. Grill over medium heat, rotating occasionally, 10 minutes or until sauce is hot and cheese is melted. Sprinkle with basil and serve immediately.

Farfalle With Herb-Marinated Shrimp

6 servings

- 1 pound uncooked, extra-large fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined, tails on
- 1/4 cup Bertolli Extra-Virgin Olive Oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh oregano leaves (optional)
- Pinch crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 jar (26 ounces) Bertolli Tomato & Basil Pasta Sauce, heated
- 1 box (16 ounces) farfalle or penne pasta, cooked and drained

To butterfly shrimp, with small sharp knife, slice down back of shrimp, almost completely through. Spread and flatten to form butterfly shape.

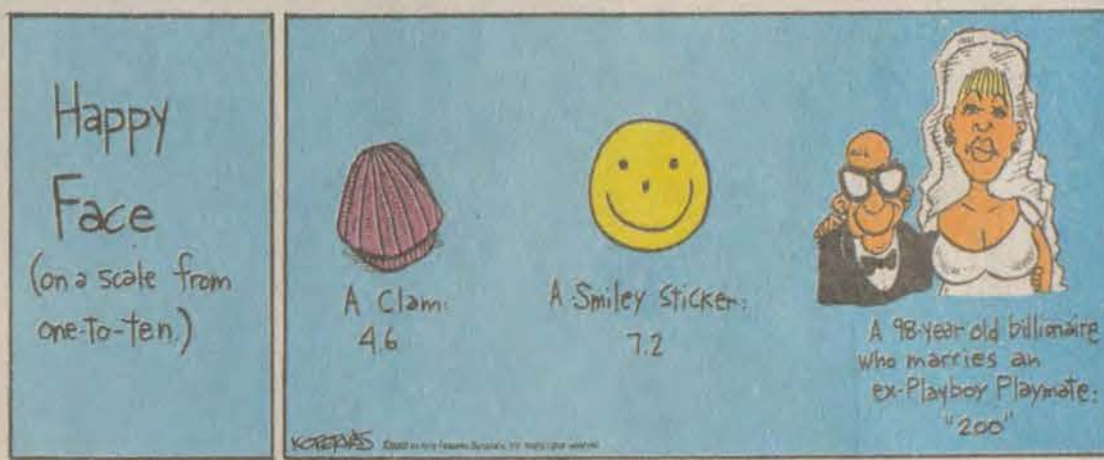
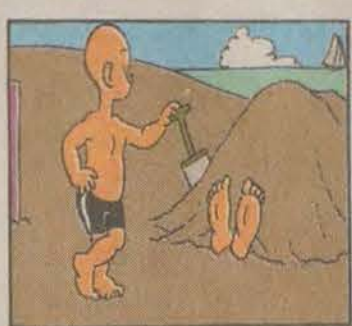
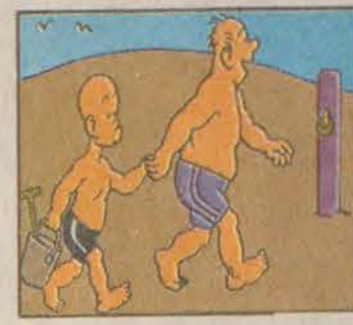
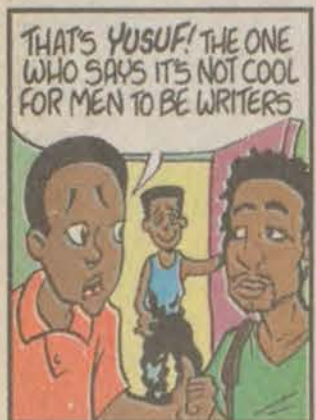
In shallow bowl, combine olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice, basil, parsley, oregano and red pepper flakes. Add shrimp; toss to coat. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes.

Remove shrimp from marinade; discard marinade. Grill or broil shrimp, turning once, until shrimp turn pink.

Spoon pasta sauce over hot farfalle and top with shrimp. Garnish, if desired, with additional parsley.

VARIATION: Substitute 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast for shrimp. Marinate and grill as above until chicken is no longer pink. Serve sliced chicken over hot farfalle.

Sunday Comics



Super Crossword SNAP SHOT

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MDADXURPMJGDAXV
 RSEQNKIMFDAXVTQ
 REALTOROOMJTHFC
 DAPYANYRGWUCRPN
 LJHOFSETDNBAZXV
 TRQOLYIGRRIRMSK
 IHFDUEDAAEETBTZ
 YWVBTLVGRPLNSNR
 QONLOTKELPAOWII
 HFDSCIAEDOPCROL
 ZXWVUTSSLRQAOPN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Appraisal Developer Owner Seller
 Buyer Listing Points Sold
 Contract Loan Property Title
 Deed Mortgage Realtor

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Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Shirt has buttons. 3. More dirt in box on floor. 4. Awning is missing. 5. Display near register is gone. 6. Man's right hand is hidden.

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