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briefs

Up to 7,000 with gun permits didn't get training

A prosecutor said some 7,000 Kentuckians who hold concealed weapons permits never received the required training to get those permits.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Wohlander said prosecuting the instructors who improperly handed out the permits should put an end to the problem. He said it also should stop other instructors from participating in similar scams.

Wohlander's estimate of people given concealed weapons permits without training is more than double the figure previously reported by state officials.

Pamela Trautner, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Justice Cabinet, said her agency is "highly encouraging" people who received permits without training to rectify that.

A joint state-federal (See **GUNS**, page six)

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Today

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Monday's violent crash on U.S. 23 caused extensive damage to the vehicles involved. The two occupants of the Toyota Highlander above received relatively minor injuries.

Head-on collision kills Louisa tourism official

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

EAST POINT — A two-vehicle accident on US 23 near the Floyd and Johnson county line claimed the life of an Eastern Kentucky tourism official.

Girish Patel, 59, of Louisa was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Greg Nelson.

Patel, who was owner of hotels in Louisa, Ashland and South Point, Ohio, was serving his second term as chairman of the Lawrence County Tourism and Convention Commission. He had been returning from a dedication of U.S. 23 as a National Scenic Byway in Prestonsburg when the accident occurred.

(See **WRECK**, page six)



A passerby checked with Zettie Hunt and her sister, Nora Hunt, to see if they were alright immediately following the accident.

Firms rebut Froot Loops suit

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Attorneys for Velocity Market and Kellogg's have filed an answer to a complaint filed by Eugene and Julia Hamilton, of Teaberry, in which both companies deny fault for glass allegedly found in a box of Froot Loops.

The Hamiltons allege the companies are responsible for the

glass that Eugene Hamilton allegedly found after consuming a portion of the product.

The complaint, filed on July 9, claims that on or about July 12, 2001, the couple bought a 19.7 ounce box of Froot Loops from Velocity Market at Betsy Layne, and sometime later Eugene Hamilton opened the box, fully sealed at that time, and began to eat the cereal. Hamilton alleges that he found tiny pieces of bro-

ken glass in the cereal after he had consumed some of the particles.

The couple sued both Kellogg, for negligence in the packaging of the product by allowing it to be contaminated, and Velocity, for failing to ensure that the Froot Loops were safe and fit for human consumption, and are asking for an amount up to \$75,000

(See **CEREAL**, page six)

Baycol recall prompts three federal lawsuits

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Last year's recall of a cholesterol-lowering drug is having a toll which is being felt locally.

Three lawsuits were filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville against Bayer AG, Bayer Corporation, and the SmithKline Beecham Corporation. The complaints allege that the defendants were negligent in "designing, manufacturing, marketing, promoting, distributing and placing into commerce" a product "which they knew or should have known was not safe."

The product in question is the prescription drug known as Baycol, a cholesterol lowering drug that was used by more that

700,000 Americans and was withdrawn by the Bayer Corporation in August 2001.

The drug has been linked to a muscle disorder known as rhabdomyolysis and kidney failure, as well as 52 deaths nationwide.

The four plaintiffs in the suits — Delmer and Dearly Faye Holbrook of Prestonsburg, Allie Gamble of Oil Springs and Fred Ramsey of Shelbyana — are suing the defendants for compensation for severe and permanent physical and mental injuries in the past and the future; past, present and future medical bills; recovery for medical expenses in the past and future; mental anguish and physical pain in the past and

(See **BAYCOL**, page six)

Wasps' revenge

Burnt nest ignites home

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

CORN FORK — A plot to kill a family of wasps resulted in a house fire for a Corn Fork family Tuesday afternoon, but the quick thinking of Larry Goble and his neighbor, John Collins, saved the day.

The Prestonsburg Fire Department was dispatched to

1624 Corn Fork Tuesday, but when the fire department arrived, the flames had already been extinguished. Collins, a neighbor of the Gobles, said that when he got to the home, occupied by Larry Goble, Janie Goble and Shane Stephens, he could see a flame coming out of the roof of the porch.

(See **FIRE**, page six)



Prestonsburg Fire Department responded to the Corn Fork home of Larry Goble Tuesday to find that Goble and his neighbor, John Collins, had already taken care of the situation.

A now-vacant lot, shown at right, will become a new two-story office and clinic for Mountain Comprehensive Care, while the former Prestonsburg General Hospital, far left, where Mountain Comp currently has offices, will be demolished to make way for additional parking.

photo by Jarrid Deaton



Mountain Comp details plans for new downtown offices

Times Staff Report

PRESTONSBURG — Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, which city officials said last week would build new offices downtown, has released plans for its new offices.

During last week's city council meeting, officials expressed delight that Mountain Comp would not be relocating, keeping about 100 jobs in the downtown area.

In a statement released Tuesday, Mona May, executive director of Mountain Comp, said the agency would build its new offices on Front Street at the site where another downtown building had been razed after a windstorm severely damaged it.

Mountain Comp had given thought to relocating because of concerns about parking. However, an agreement with the city will transfer Mountain Comp's existing

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Odds and Ends

■ **SEA GIRL, N.J.** - It's no fish story - one angler really caught a pit bull.

Twenty-one-year-old Keith Blauvelt and his family had been fishing off the coast on Sunday and were about to head home when he saw something in the water.

"I thought it was a piece of wood and then I realized it was moving," Blauvelt told the Asbury Park Press of Neptune. "I said, 'I think I see a dog,' and my dad looked at me like I was crazy. But my brother said, 'It is a dog.'"

The animal, an 11-year-old American pit bull terrier named Rok-C, apparently fell off another boat while its owner was scuba diving with friends.

Authorities estimate that the 40-pound dog was in the water for at least 25 minutes before Blauvelt saw it.

Rok-C was heading east at the time, but she then began paddling toward Blauvelt's boat. He reached into the water, scooped up the panting pet, towed her off and brought her back to shore.

The family alerted the Coast Guard about their discovery about the same time Lorraine Rooker noticed her dog was missing.

"It was like terror," Rooker said. "I was looking in places where she couldn't even be, because I was just hoping that I'd find her somewhere."

Rooker said the Coast Guard

informed her after a few minutes that the dog had been found, and she was reunited with Rok-C.

"I'm glad that the people who found her had enough guts to pick up and not just leave her in the water," Rooker said. "I feel like the luckiest lady in the world."

■ **MONROVIA, Calif.** - So much for Dalmatians. Firefighters near the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains have a goat as a mascot.

Two days after the City Council voted to consider using goats to keep flammable dry brush in check, an abandoned baby goat appeared Thursday on the steps of the public library. The fire chief took it home.

"I don't know if it's a prank, but this thing is so cute," said Chief Mike DiGiovanna. "Everyone has fallen in love with it."

Not that taking care of a goat is easy. After spending a day with the animal, DiGiovanna said he has newfound respect for single mothers.

"This little girl is work. She cries, and I have to hold her. I have laundry going and the phone keeps ringing. I don't know how to do all this," he said.

Several California cities bordering dry hills have used goats to nibble away dry brush, including Laguna Beach, Malibu, Claremont and San Luis Obispo. It's not certain if Monrovia, 20 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles, will eventually use goats to keep brush in check.

"Some people have brought to the chief's attention that the goats might eat flora and fauna that are endangered," said City Clerk Linda Proctor.

On Tuesday, the City Council voted to spend \$45,000 to study the feasibility of putting goats in Ruby Canyon, where vegetation has not burned in 50 years.

■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** - A book expected back to the library during Lyndon Johnson's presiden-

cy has finally been returned.

Someone slipped a copy of "Miss Abby Fitch-Martin" in a library book drop Sunday, more than 13,500 days past its due date.

"The theory is someone was cleaning out a relative's house that passed away and found the book," said Barbara Hansen of Lincoln City Libraries.

The 178-page hardback book was withdrawn from circulation years ago.

"Miss Abby Fitch-Martin," the true tale of a New England clan that adhered to a family code of "Pedigree, Prudence, Pride and Purse," was checked out by a patient at Bryan Memorial Hospital in 1965 through the now-defunct Hospital Book Service.

The due-date card stamped Feb. 17, 1965, was still in the back pocket but the index card listing the borrower has long disappeared.

A blue-and-white bookmark provided one of the first clues the book had long been out of circulation. It listed four branch libraries that no longer exist.

Hansen said the library

would not try to collect the late fee of about \$3,400.

■ **IRVINE, Calif.** - An alleged bank robber tossed stolen cash from his car as he fled police, and passing motorists promptly scooped up the bills, authorities said.

Reza Sabouri, 27, of Trabuco Canyon, allegedly robbed a Bank of America on Friday, police said. They said he threw the money during a pursuit that ended when he stopped at a golf course and was arrested.

Motorists who gathered the money were asked to contact Irvine police.

■ **LOS ANGELES** - Rule No. 1 at the Mule Motel? Keep an eye on the guests of honor.

Despite their easygoing nature, bad things can happen quickly when dealing with mules. Steve Edwards reminds his students in a new community college program for mule trainers.

"You are working with an equine that can make split-second decisions, decisions which could cost you a limb," he said

last week.

Edwards should know. He once was thrown from a mule and suffered nine broken ribs and a punctured lung.

Students in the three-week mule education program at Pierce College in Woodland Hills learn basic medical care and key communication skills they can use with their mules.

His students come from as far away as Portland, Ore., to the corral dubbed the "mule motel" at the college.

Mules are the offspring of female horses and male donkeys. They have a reputation for cantankerousness that student Jerry Arvin said is overrated.

"Mules and donkeys are the most affectionate of any of the critters I've seen," said Arvin, who with his wife, Karen, breeds and trains donkeys in Portland.

■ **LAS VEGAS** - Ten-thousand bras lined the Strip over the weekend, but it wasn't a promotion for a new topless review.

These bras had a serious mes-

(See **ODDS**, page eight)

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ATV deaths up in Kentucky

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE - Deaths related to all-terrain vehicle accidents have skyrocketed in Kentucky during the past two years, according to statistics from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Since July 2000, 74 people have died on ATVs in Kentucky - 60 off-road and 14 on public roads. A total of 140 ATV-related deaths were reported in Kentucky between 1982 and 2000, statistics show.

Heinrich Werner, director of the pediatric intensive-care unit at the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital, said he has seen head trauma, damaged spinal cords and even disembowelment from recent ATV accidents.

In one case, an 8-year-old Hazard boy had his abdominal wall sliced open by a foot pedal, leaving his intestines protruding and his liver lacerated.

Werner said Kentucky legislators should follow the lead of the American Academy of Pediatrics, which advocates banning four-wheelers on roads and calls for ATV drivers be at least 16.

Two years ago, Kentucky lawmakers implemented a law setting specific limits regarding on-road use of ATVs. Before the law, it was illegal to ride an ATV on two-lane roads.

Under the new law, operators who have a driver's license can travel as much as two-tenths of a mile on roads "in order to cross the highways." The new law does not restrict ATV use on public roads by operators engaged in farm work, construction, road maintenance or snow removal.

Police say the law is difficult to enforce because it's hard to determine how long an ATV rider has been on the highway.

Rep. Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville, fought against allowing ATVs on roads as head of the House Transportation Committee.

"I wanted to keep ATVs off public roads, but the law ended up so vague that they're on the highway all the time now," he said.

Rep. Johnnie L. Turner, R-Harlan, sponsored the ATV bill. He said he is concerned by the number of ATV accidents but believes banning them on public roads would be unfair.

"Don't try to take the rights away from the good majority that follow the law," Turner said. "The knee-jerk reaction is to keep four-wheelers off the road, but that ain't gonna work."

Based on figures from 1996 to 2000, the state has almost four times the national rate of deaths related to on- and off-road ATV accidents, according to research from West Virginia University's

Center for Rural Emergency Medicine. The national average per 100,000 population is 0.09. Kentucky has a rate of 0.34 per 100,000 residents, according to the study.

Pediatricians at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville report treating 135 children for injuries suffered in ATV accidents since January 2001. And doctors at the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital say they see at least one severely injured or maimed child a week.

But industry officials say ATVs have become more popular in Kentucky because of dropping prices and the opportunity to take advantage of riding on some of the state's rugged and mountainous terrain.

Tim Buche, director of the Specialty Vehicle Institute of

America, a trade group in Irvine, Calif., that represents ATV manufacturers, said ATV sales across the nation have picked up in the past five years.

Buche said he is concerned about injuries and fatalities and urges riders to take training courses and use common sense when operating the vehicles.

Jimmy Chapman of Phelps was riding on the back of an ATV driven by his wife, Carol, last August along an old strip mine road when the ATV left the road, went down an embankment and hit a tree.

Carol Chapman, 56, was thrown from the ATV and died of severe head trauma.

"All I can say is to be careful," Jimmy Chapman said. "It's rough land out there, and you can't drive reckless."

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Researchers combining wastes from mining, milling to create fuel

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Researchers at the University of Kentucky are trying to create a fuel for generating plants using waste products from the mining and lumber industries.

Rick Honaker, a professor in the UK department of mining

engineering, said the project could provide a solution to the unsightly buildup of sawdust at Eastern Kentucky lumber mills while at the same time creating a use for the kind of gooey coal wastes that swamped communities outside Inez after the breach of a mountaintop pond nearly two years ago.

"We need to recover some of

this energy we've got just sitting around," Honaker said.

The U.S. Department of Energy put up \$500,000 to fund the study in which coal particles, retrieved from the bottom of mine refuse ponds, will be combined with sawdust to form briquettes that could be burned in electric-generating plants.

Huge mounds of sawdust are common across Appalachia, where coal wastes from the mining process also are abundant. Researchers said mixing and marketing the combined fuel has the potential to generate \$84.5 million a year in revenues.

Honaker is involved in the two-year study to determine the feasibility of collecting particles that are washed from coal at preparation plants and disposed of in ponds. It was one such pond that failed and dumped some 300 million gallons of coal

sludge on communities outside Inez on Oct. 11, 2000. No one was killed, but the material fouled water and killed fish along the Big Sandy River and its tributaries.

Geoffrey Young, assistant director of the Kentucky Division of Energy, said the project could result in a fuel that would reduce the need for such ponds in the future.

"It has the potential to help both the mining and timber industries in the state by reducing their waste-related costs," Young said. "It can reduce the environmental risks from the two types of waste."

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said combining coal particles with sawdust as a fuel could benefit both industries.

(See FUEL, page nine)

Patton emphasizes union dues to be voluntary

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Any dues that might be collected for union representation of state employees will be voluntary, Gov. Paul Patton told state workers.

Under an executive order signed by Patton, state workers in certain categories may elect to have union representation on his employees advisory council. Of the nine classes of employees eligible for union representation, six have voted for it; two have not voted; and one defeated the proposal.

During preliminary meetings of the advisory council, some of the union representatives have suggested that union dues should be made mandatory for all state workers, even those who do not choose to join the union.

Dues or service fees to a union "are not mandatory," Patton said in written comments

included in the July issue of "Communique," the state government employee newsletter.

Patton's advisory council

(See PATTON, page eight)

Fancy Farm picnic remains intact despite the political invasion

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

For most of the year, Fancy Farm is just a bit of a wide spot in the road as Kentucky 80 meanders west out of Mayfield toward the Mississippi River.

Typical of small towns in the Jackson Purchase, it is sprinkled with well-kept homes, a few businesses and the focus of the community — its elementary

school and Roman Catholic parish. It is the kind of home place where people might move away, but they never really leave.

For 122 years, those former residents have returned for a weekend of family picnics and reunions. St. Jerome Catholic Church was the natural gathering place and the parish picnic is the focus.

Politicians noticed all the people and came courting. More politicians followed. The picnic has evolved into the unofficial start of the fall campaign season on the first Saturday in August. Every politician who is anybody — or wants to become somebody — can be found on the picnic grounds, often identifiable because they're the only people wearing a tie in the sweltering heat of an August day.

The picnic organizers welcomed the politicians — for the most part — because of the extra people who accompanied them and the money they would spend on the food, fun and games. But to people in Fancy

Farm, the politicians are only a distraction from the bingo, ring toss and waiting for the drawing to see who wins the vehicle — this year a brand new pickup truck.

The politicians used to speak under an old oak tree in front of the old parish. The tree died. Some say it was all the hot air. Others say it was the lightning bolt and leave the divine implications unsaid.

The speaking was moved behind the parish, and now uses a permanent stand, but the politicking is also a throwback. The hopefuls and the high and mighty grab hands, slap backs and talk to real people. The rhetoric is spirited, sometimes biting.

But like politics generally, the conduct at Fancy Farm began to erode.

A few years ago, tired of efforts by campaigns and political parties to turn the event over to rowdies, the local picnic committee set down some rules to let

(See INVASION, page nine)

Old maps to be a focus of investigation, problem in Appalachia

by NANCY ZUCKERBROD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A focus of the investigation into the mine accident in Somerset, Pa., will be the inadequacies associated with old mine maps — a problem that has plagued much of coal country for years, federal investigators said Monday.

The nine miners who were trapped in the Pennsylvania mine relied on maps showing an abandoned mine to be 300 feet away from where they were mining.

Instead, the miners accidentally broke through a wall into the abandoned mine, 50 million to 60 million gallons of water rushed out and flooded the mine in which the men were working. They were trapped until rescuers got them out early Sunday.

Inaccurate mapping of an old mine also is believed to have contributed to the collapse of a coal impoundment near Inez two years ago. That accident allowed 300 million gallons of thick black sludge to flow into waterways, and lawns were buried up to 7 feet deep in the molasses-like mixture.

"There are a lot of old mines in this region, particularly in the Appalachian region," said David Lauriski, assistant secretary of labor for the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

He said maps of those mines often are inaccurate, because mapping was done in a haphazard way prior to the passage of the 1969 Mine Act, when he said the federal government started requiring mapping.

"This was a problem that certainly was recognized many years

ago by the founders and creators of this Mine Act," Lauriski said.

He said the Pennsylvania miners had a certified map of the new mine, meaning a registered engineer approved it. However, he said they didn't have a certified map of the old mine.

Going into abandoned mines to certify old maps are accurate is usually impossible, because the mines often are sealed or filled with water, Lauriski said.

But something must be done, said Joe Main, health and safety administrator for the United Mine Workers of America.

"These recent cases have shown that we need to do something to fix the problem," Main said. "This is not just a threat to the miners and the mine. This has become a threat to the general public, as we found out in Kentucky."

One thing Main said federal officials should consider doing is increasing the allowable space between old and new mines.

If miners don't have a certified map of an abandoned mine, they must stop mining and drill when they believe they are within 200 feet of that mine to determine their proximity to the adjacent site.

That current rule didn't protect the Pennsylvania miners because of faulty mapping, Lauriski said. "By their maps they were still 100 feet away from where they needed to start the drilling," he said.

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Our View

Crossing the line

In light of the tragedy which took place along U.S. 23 a Monday afternoon, what we have to say is perhaps relatively insignificant. Still, we are obligated.

While on the scene covering the wreck, our reporter was approached by a man he did not recognize and was ordered not to take pictures of one of the vehicles, which still contained the body of a victim. The man, who we assume was working in some official capacity with emergency crews, then threatened to seize our reporter's camera or film if he did not comply.

We understand that the man was probably concerned with protecting the victim and victim's family, and we understand that he, like anyone else who was there, was probably under the influence of some pretty raw emotion.

We just wish he, and a few others like him, would try to show the same understanding to us.

Most police, firefighters and emergency medical workers do understand. They know that, like them, we respond to such scenes not out of choice, but necessity, and they do not interfere with our jobs as long as we do not interfere with theirs.

But every now and then we encounter some well-intentioned but wrong-thinking individual who believes it is part of his job description to try to bully us around. Such efforts are a waste of time, and they distract everyone from their jobs.

We do not pretend that in such situations, when lives are at stake, our job to gather the news is more important, or even as important, as the jobs of the rescue workers who are caring for the injured and protecting to public safety.

That does not mean, however, that our mission is to be regarded lightly. Our mission to report the news is backed fully by the United States Constitution, and we are not subject to the whims of any accident-scene dictator. People have died to protect the First Amendment freedoms we enjoy, and we do not intend to surrender those rights to the first person who yells at us.

Our reporter was on public property, had not crossed any police lines (there were none) and had not violated any instructions from police or other personnel regarding public safety. He was well within his rights to take pictures of anything he chose. Correctly, he chose to ignore the man's orders and continued to take the pictures he wanted.

Thankfully, there was no further confrontation. And the man is lucky he did not attempt to make good on his threat to seize our reporter's camera. If he had, he very likely would be in court facing assault charges.

We might add that none of the pictures we took - printed or otherwise - showed a dead body. We are not ghouls, and frankly it gets quite tiring to be treated as such. Regardless of what people like this one individual might think, we respond to such incidents in service of the public and we do our level-best to conduct ourselves in a professional manner.

In the interest of continuing to do that job professionally, we welcome any opportunity to meet with the head of any police, fire or rescue agency to share their concerns and ours. There is no reason why our respective jobs should place us at odds with one another, and a little communication would very likely settle any differences that may exist.

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Guest Column

A few ups about the downs in the business cycle

by VICTOR ZARNOWITZ
THE WASHINGTON POST

Will the long and sharp decline in stock prices derail the ongoing recovery in the U.S. economy? Or will the economy falter, confirming the troubled market? So far, we're in a recovery, but it's still young and vulnerable. According to monthly measures of real income, sales, production and employment, the economy increased this year almost as much as it decreased during the recession of 2001. Both the recession and the recovery look relatively mild.

In contrast, the latest up-and-down wave in stock prices has far exceeded, in both size and length, any of the previous market waves of the past half-century. As the chart shows,

the broad Standard and Poor's index of 500 common stocks, having nearly quadrupled during the long business expansion of the 1990s, has lost about 40 percent of its value since its peak in August, 2000.

That dramatic swing has dominated newspaper headlines; but historically, what happens to the stock market isn't a significant cause of what happens to total production, employment and so on. The economy is the stronger partner here—it's the dog that wags the tail, not the other way around.

However, the stock market's often a useful predictor of economic trends. Usually, but not always, stock prices turn down several months before a recession starts and turn up several months before a recovery starts. In the post-war period shown in the chart, the market led nine out of 10 business cycle peaks and eight out of 10 troughs.

That sounds ominous. But there's a more optimistic perspective when the situation is considered in reverse: Not every major market fluctuation leads to a corresponding change in the economy. Some sharp declines in the S&P 500

have occurred during business expansions—note the turning points marked as boxes in the chart, in 1977, 1982, 1983, 1986 and 1987. The crash of '87 deserves special mention, given our current situation: Despite widespread fears at the time, and thanks partly to government stimulus, there was no recession.

It's very important to note that while bear markets have occurred during expansions, they haven't occurred during any other recovery since World War II, so in this respect the current situation is unique. (A recovery becomes an expansion once the index of economic activity exceeds its pre-recession peak.) Typically, economic growth rates are very high during recoveries, and rapid growth favors rising profits and stock prices. So, arguably, should the economy continue to expand, chances are high that the stock market decline will come to an end soon. This, of course, would be the best resolution of the current contradictory trends.

(Stock prices don't always lead: Notably, the U.S. economy turned down in August 1929, according to the widely

accepted National Bureau of Economic Research chronology, yet the famous market crash that preceded the Great Depression didn't occur until October.)

But the current situation is unique, and so we have no historical precedent. Not only is the concurrence of the bear market and a recovery a novel element; so is the length and intensity of both the rise of stocks in the 1990s and their fall in the new century. So, too, is the crisis of investor confidence resulting from financial and accounting scandals and bankruptcies in the U.S. corporate sector.

In my view, a relapse into another recession is much less likely than improvements in the markets. But neither alternative can be ruled out. What's clear is that all that can be reasonably done in the way of legislation and regulation to restore investor confidence should be done as promptly and efficiently as possible.

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Closet publican

Thank goodness for Americans like Mr. Charles E. Scoville! As a frequent reader of your paper, I enjoy Mr. Scoville's bi-monthly contribution — the latest of which appeared in your Wednesday, July 24, edition. In his letter, Mr. Scoville outlined all the reasons why Eastern Kentucky is failing. Of course, he ends by telling us that he is very righteous and has always done the right thing.

At once, I realized that I had read this before somewhere. I searched and searched and finally found it

in print. It is in the Bible. In Luke 18:9-14, Jesus relates the parable of the Pharisee and the publican. The Pharisee went to pray, and he thanked God that he was righteous and not like others that fail in so many ways. However, the publican prayed to God to be more merciful on him a sinner. Jesus then said that the publican was more justified. I love this parable! What a lesson!

I believe in my heart that Mr. Scoville is using reverse psychology on us. He appears to be playing the part of the Pharisee for instructional purposes, of course. However, I believe he is really a closet publican. And in answer to his question, "What's your

excuse?" I must say, "I have none—God be merciful on me a sinner."

Carol Johns
Pikeville

Wonderful people

In case you aren't already aware, I'll tell you there are some wonderful people living in your area.

My car quit on me about 7 a.m. on Route 114 one Sunday morning. Several people stopped to help and one man, John, was first and he stayed most of the time. He made several phone calls. I was on my way to Pikeville

to pick up my grandson at the skate park.

The Prestonsburg police were there contacting the Pikeville police so word could reach the skate park. After two hours, the car did start but needed oil. John went and got some and soon I was on my way. Needless to say, I only made it 25 miles to Ivel and once again had a lot of help. My grandson was delivered to me and we practically were towed back to Campton and were glad to finally be home at 4 p.m.

Many thanks to all the people that went that extra mile and to three different law enforcement agencies.
Betty Reese
Campton

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Health Extra

West Nile virus spreading faster than expected

by LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON — West Nile virus is sickening people far earlier this summer than usual,

and is spreading so quickly — it's hit 34 states, as far west as South Dakota — that health officials believe it will reach California this year or next. Nobody knows how bad the

mosquito-borne illness will get — although a rapidly growing outbreak among 32 people in Louisiana began a month earlier than West Nile has ever struck in this country, a big worry. But it's clear the virus first detected in New York City a mere three years ago has become a permanent summertime threat in most states.

Yet it's fairly easy to prevent: Spray on DEET-containing mosquito repellent when you go outdoors, and don't let puddles collect in flower pots, wading pools or other spots where mosquitoes can breed. One specialist equates the safety steps to the routine of buckling a seat belt before driving.

"That's the level of worry people should have," says Dr. Lyle Petersen of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "You should be concerned enough about it to do something but not have it change your whole lifestyle."

West Nile virus has struck other countries for decades, from the tip of Africa up to Europe and throughout Asia, so its move here probably was inevitable. The CDC has confirmed 161 U.S. cases, including 18 deaths, since the first Americans were diagnosed in 1999.

Officials are investigating if West Nile just killed two people in Louisiana. In addition to 32 West Nile-caused encephalitis cases there, a Mississippian is sick and health officials are investigating 10 similarly ill Texans.

The virus doesn't discriminate: A dead crow was even found on the White House lawn. West Nile can cause a potentially fatal brain inflammation. Anyone suffering such symptoms as a high fever, severe headache, confusion or difficulty thinking, stiff neck or severe muscle weakness should see a doctor right away. It has struck Americans as young as 16, but those most at risk are over 50.

For every case of West Nile encephalitis, 150 more people are thought to be mildly infected — not sick enough to see a doctor. They get a flu-like illness, with fever, headache and muscle pains, that lasts two or three days.

How does West Nile spread? It infects numerous types of wild birds, from house sparrows to crows. Mosquitoes spread it among birds, and then to people. A spate of dead birds can be an early warning signal that the virus is circulating in a certain

spot. Aside from people, the mammals most vulnerable are horses. There is a horse vaccine but not a human one, nor is there any anti-viral treatment — victims get supportive care.

So preventing mosquito bites is important. Some health departments track bird deaths in deciding when to spray insecticides, but the CDC says con-

sumers can do a lot on their own:

■ Wear a mosquito repellent containing DEET; those without DEET aren't nearly as effective. Follow the label's instructions carefully, especially when applying to children.

■ Stay indoors at dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active.

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Seven in 10 U.S. smokers say they want to quit

by ERIN McCLAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Seven in 10 adult smokers in the United States say they want to quit — but their success in kicking the habit varies widely by race and education, the government said last week.

A study of more than 32,000 adults in 2000 found that about 23.3 percent were current smokers, the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention said. That was down slightly from 25 percent in 1993.

Among those defined as current smokers 70 percent said they would like to quit.

The study revealed broad demographic gaps.

Fifty-one percent of whites who have smoked at some point in their lives were able to kick

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Some couples face longer odds of staying married than others

by LAURA MECKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — One in three marriages will end in divorce during their first 10 years, with certain couples more

likely to split up than others, a government survey finds.

People who marry young, have less money, are not religious and whose parents are divorced are more likely to divorce themselves.

Overall, by age 30, three in four women have been married and about half have lived with a partner outside marriage.

Those are among the findings of an extensive survey of nearly 11,000 women ages 15 to 44 exploring factors influencing cohabitation, marriage and divorce. The survey, conducted in 1995 by the National Center for Health Statistics, focuses on a wide range of family and fertility issues and included only women. A new round of interviews being done now includes both men and women.

Among the findings released Wednesday:

■ Women whose parents were divorced are significantly more likely to divorce. Among women whose parents stayed together, 29 percent were divorced after 10 years. Among those who came from broken marriages, 43 percent were divorced.

■ Couples who live together before getting married are more likely to divorce. After 10 years, 40 percent of cohabiting couples had broken up, versus 31 percent of those who did not live together first.

"If you have a couple thinking about getting together, they don't believe it's right to cohabit. These are also the kind of people not likely to divorce," said Matthew Bramlett, the report's lead author.

■ Black women are significantly less likely to marry than white women. By age 30, 81 percent of white women have been married, whereas only 52 percent of black women. The report notes one explanation, that there are fewer black men considered marriage material, given their high rates of unemployment.

Black women are also less likely to remarry after a divorce than white women.

■ Broken marriages don't always lead to divorce, with many couples broken up but still legally married.

This was particularly true for black women. Just 67 percent of women who were separated from their husbands were divorced three years after the separation. Among Hispanic women, it was 77 percent; among whites, 91 percent.

■ Just over half of divorced women — 54 percent — get married again within five years. For white women, it's 58 percent, but just 44 percent for Hispanic women and 32 percent for black women. These rates have been falling since the 1950s, when divorced women had a 65 percent chance of remarrying.

Salary of KCTCS head irks faculty

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — The head of the newly formed Kentucky Community and Technical College System is one of the highest paid community college system heads in the Southeast, a fact that irks some of the system's faculty and staff.

Michael McCall receives a base salary of \$225,000, plus \$76,500 a year for a housing allowance, for a total of \$301,500. The KCTCS Board of Regents also gave him a \$20,000 bonus this year, making a total of \$321,500.

His fringe benefits, including health and retirement benefits, are worth an additional \$59,031

a year.

By comparison, North Carolina's community college system — which has 800,000 students, compared with Kentucky's 63,000 — pays Martin Lancaster \$185,000.

The closest president to McCall in the South is Virginia's Glenn DuBois, who oversees a joint system with nearly 90,000 students for a package of \$208,300.

"I know what the market is, but when we're being told this is hard times and we all have to tighten our belts, it's a credibility problem," said Mark Wilburn, a professor at Jefferson

(See KCTCS, page eight)

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Government: Identity theft is fastest-growing U.S. crime, but laws aren't widely enforced

by LAURIE KELLMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Identity theft may be the nation's fastest-growing crime, but police department funding shortages and turf battles have blocked it from becoming a top crime-fighting priority, a federal study says.

"Because identity theft is still a 'nontraditional' crime, some police departments may be unaware of the importance of taking reports of identity theft, much less initiating investigations," according to the General Accounting Office report to Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas.

Departments specializing in such cases are frequently underfunded, the report added. And since identity theft cases tend to cross state and other jurisdictional lines, "law enforcement agencies sometimes tend to view identity theft as being 'someone else's problem,'" the report found.

Identity theft victims often have trouble taking the first step of filing a police report, the study found. About 35 percent of victims who contacted the Federal Trade Commission from November 1999 through October 2000 had tried and failed to file a report with local police.

In response, congressional and police groups adopted a resolution in November 2000 calling for "all law enforcement agencies ... to take more positive actions in recording all incidents of identity thefts."

The numbers improved in 2001; the FTC reported that 18 percent of the identity theft victims who contacted the agency last year had tried and failed to file police reports.

Still, anecdotes indicate underfunding and a lack of awareness still stand in the way of making identity theft the top crime-fighting priority lawmakers intended.

Identity theft occurs when someone steals another person's identifying information - such as a Social Security number or birth date - and uses it to create a false identity. The thief may use the false identity to get credit cards or take out loans, then leave the victim stuck with the debt.

Stolen credit card numbers and identity theft affect up to 700,000 Americans each year, the Justice Department says. In 2000, credit card companies Visa and MasterCard reported fraud losses topping \$1 billion.

Allegations of Social Security number fraud have increased from 11,000 in 1998 to 65,000 last year.

The federal Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act of 1998 made identity theft a separate crime against the victim and prescribed punishment from a fine to up to 15 years in prison. Since then, most states enacted laws which criminalized identity theft.

The GAO report focused on the 10 states with the highest incidences of reported identity theft or the longest-standing statutes against it. They are Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin.

Though there is no centralized data on enforcement, anecdotes tell the story, the report said.

In January, for example, a grand jury in Florida reported that some of the state's law enforcement agencies "are reluctant to take identity theft complaints and do not generate reports in some cases."

Funding, too, is a roadblock to enforcement in several states. A deputy district attorney in Los Angeles County, Calif., told investigators that there are not enough prosecutors to han-

dle the county's identity theft cases.

Investigators heard similar complaints from a supervisor in the Consumer Fraud Division of the Cook County (Ill.) State's Attorney's Office, reportedly the second largest prosecutor's office in the nation. The supervisor said more money was needed to train local police agencies on how to handle complex cases involving multiple victims and voluminous documents.

A chief deputy attorney in

Philadelphia said that "given competing priorities and other factors, there is little incentive" for police departments in Pennsylvania to spend money on identity theft probes.

Identity theft cases often cross jurisdictional lines; a thief may steal information in one city and use it in another. Some jurisdictions tend to refer victims to other jurisdictions — which, in turn, refer the victims back to the first jurisdiction, the report found.

Fire

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Collins and Goble worked together and used a fire extinguisher to control the flames. Collins then used a water hose to smother any remaining flames.

Collins said Goble had told him that he had burned a wisp nest earlier in the day and that was where the fire originated.

When the Prestonsburg Fire Department arrived, all that was left was smoke.

"We put it out before they got here," said Goble.

However, the fire department did assist in ridding the Goble's home of the irritating smoke by using a powerful fan to blow the polluting substance out.

The fire department, Prestonsburg Police Department and Fire Marshall Larry Adams responded to the scene.

Guns

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investigation resulted in 12 people being indicted on mail fraud charges for certifying that people had received the training when they had not. All have pleaded guilty.

In the first cases resolved, U.S. District Judge Jennifer Coffman sentenced a Letcher County weapons instructor and three others charged in connection with the scheme to a year on unsupervised probation. Nine others who entered guilty pleas haven't yet been sentenced.

Meanwhile, the Justice Cabinet has sent letters to all of the permit holders who received training from indicted instructors asking them to submit written statements verifying that they received the required training.

Trautner said the cabinet has no plans to reject the permits of those who don't receive the training.



photo by Loretta Blackburn
Lema Bradley said she was "speechless" Monday when Mayor Jerry Fannin handed her a proclamation and declared "Lema Bradley Day" in recognition of her retirement from the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children, after 35 years of service.

Bradley retires from CFC

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — While she celebrated the end of 35 years of service at a retirement party held for her at the Cabinet for Families and Children, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin handed her a proclamation and declared Monday, July 29, "Lema Bradley Day."

The office of the Cabinet for Families and Children was bustling with numerous friends and families who came to celebrate with Bradley, who is retiring after 35 years of service.

Bradley said she was "speechless" when Mayor Fannin declared July 29 Lema Bradley Day in recognition of her service to Eastern Kentucky Families and Children, as well as her service to her church, Maytown Methodist Church, and her contributions to United Way.

"It was a total surprise," said Bradley in reference to the proclamation.

Fannin said that Bradley would be retiring so that she could spend more time with "her husband and her four-legged children." He was referring to the fact that Bradley does not have any children, but has seven dogs. She has also been caring for her mother, who has been recovering from a kidney transplant.

Bradley said she had been attending her mother's church in

the last year and although she had been temporarily removed from participating in her church activities, she was getting familiar with Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church. However, she said that her retirement will allow her to spend more time getting involved in her own church activities.

The state conducts charitable campaigns to contribute to United Way, which supports numerous organizations, and Bradley has made sure that her office has "worked and contributed to that." Bradley said that as a team the office raises money for an organization, which changes each year, and this year it was Shriners' Hospital.

Bradley graciously accepted the city's proclamation and at the insistence of the crowd she gave a short speech in which she expressed her gratitude at having the opportunity to work with families and children, and although it was a hard job, it was also rewarding. Bradley said she was going to miss the people and the good feelings that go along with helping children.

"When you collect child support, you are helping a child," said Bradley.

She complimented her coworkers and their service to the cabinet. She said she is grateful to have had "such a wonderful staff" and that her position in supervision had been the hardest job, but the most rewarding.

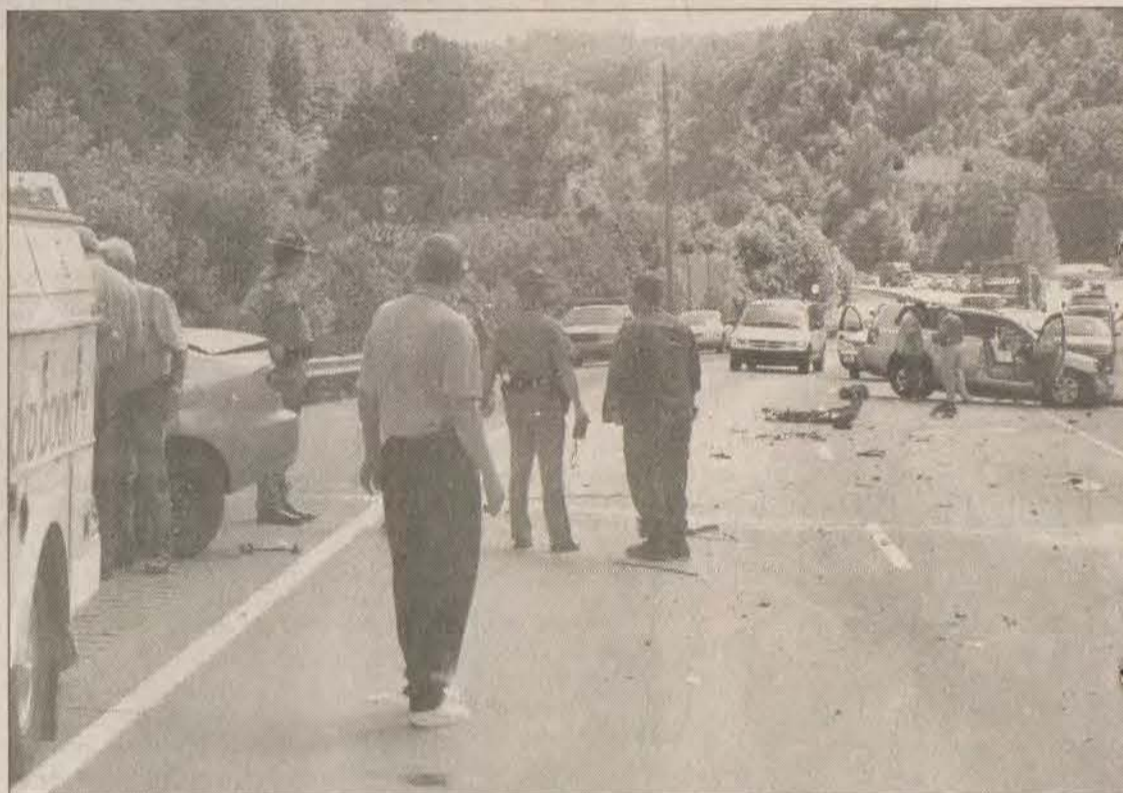


photo by Steve LeMaster
Girish A. Patel, 59, of Louisa was killed on Monday when an SUV driven by Zettie C. Hunt, 71, crossed the median and collided with Patel's car on U.S. 23 near the Floyd and Johnson county line. The accident brought out a host of emergency crews and blocked traffic for hours.

Wreck

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According to a police report, the accident occurred when Zettie C. Hunt, 71, of Kimper, and her sister and passenger Nora Hunt, 73, were traveling south on US 23 in a 2002 Toyota Highlander when the Zettie Hunt

fell asleep. Her vehicle then crossed the median, striking a 2003 Toyota Corolla driven by Patel.

Zettie and Nora Hunt were transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center to be

treated for their injuries.

No criminal charges are pending and all of the victims were wearing seat belts at the time.

The accident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police.

Cereal

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to cover damages incurred from the product.

Counsel for Velocity, Neeley & Reynolds of Prestonsburg, filed an answer to the complaint on July 25 in which the defendant's first defense states that the Hamiltons did not state facts sufficient to constitute the complaint and that the case should be dismissed. The second defense states that the defendant does not admit or deny that the couple purchased the Froot Loops from Velocity Market or that he consumed glass found in the Froot Loops. However, the third defense claims that if the incident did occur, the Hamiltons were negligent.

Velocity's answer says that the action was not filed within the statute of limitations set by state law and that they will rely upon the statute of limitations as a defense to the claims. The defense attorney, C.V. Reynolds, stated that this was a

reserved defense because they don't know when the product was purchased.

Reynolds said that Velocity's most important defense is that the retailer is not liable because they don't manufacture the product, "they just sell it."

According to court documents, the counsel representing Kellogg, Boehl Stopher & Graves of Louisville, denies negligence on Kellogg's part and says that Hamilton's alleged injuries "were caused

by the negligence of some third party" over which they had no control. Kellogg's answer claims that the complaint may be barred by the doctrines of estoppel laches and waiver, as well as by the terms and provisions of Kentucky's Products Liability Act.

Kellogg's is asking for "judgment against Hamiltons and dismissal of the complaint". They are requesting reimbursement for their costs, including attorney fees, and a jury trial.

BayCol

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future; and physical impairment in the past and future.

Over 2,000 lawsuits have been filed so far against the corporations in relation to the dangers associated with BayCol, with many of them being transferred to U.S. District Court in

Minnesota to be heard simultaneously by a panel of judges.

Anita P. Johnson, an attorney with the Gary C. Johnson Attorneys at Law firm in Pikeville, is representing all three families. She was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

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WATERED-DOWN ADVICE
When watering your lawn, bear in mind that deep watering helps develop deeper roots that tap into subsurface water supplies. Light sprinklings wet only the grass and surface soil, encouraging shallow root growth and increasing the need for more frequent watering. As a general rule, lawns require 1 to 2 inches of water per week, applied at three- to four-day intervals. This does vary in accordance with the temperature, type of grass, and soil conditions. Lawns in sandy soils may need twice as much water, while lawns in slow-draining clay may require only half as much. When a lawn loses its bounce or resiliency, or when it wilts (exposing the dull green bottoms of the blades), it needs water.
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THE FAMILY OF GERTRUDE CARROLL

Card of Thanks
We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who comforted us during the loss of our beloved mother, Artie T. Amburgey. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, and spoke words of comfort. A special thanks is extended to Dr. Mary A. Hall, her staff, the staff of McDowell ARH, and Left Beaver Rescue Squad, for their excellent and compassionate care. Special thanks also to the Joppa Church and the Regular Baptist ministers. In addition, we would like to thank the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.
CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN OF ARTIE T. AMBURGEY

Card of Thanks
We, the family of Kathryn T. Youmans, would like to thank all those who sent flowers, food, offered words of comfort, and came to be with us during our time of sorrow. A special thank-you to Dr. Riveria for your care and kindness, the nurses and staff of McDowell ARH, Left Beaver Rescue Squad, the singers, the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church, and to Hall Funeral Home for their kindness and efficient service. It means more than mere words can tell you.
Thank you, THE FAMILY OF KATHRYN T. YOUNMANS

Card of Thanks
The family of Eugene Lawson would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow; all those who sent food, flowers, or just spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Clergyman Tommy Bush for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.
THE FAMILY OF EUGENE LAWSON

Card of Thanks
The family of Aileen Howard wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Randy Osborne for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.
THE FAMILY OF AILEEN HOWARD

Obituaries

Artie T. Amburgey
Artie T. Amburgey, age 89, of Bypro, widow of Lawrence Amburgey, died Thursday, July 18, 2002, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born June 27, 1913, at Kite, in Knott County, the daughter of the late Will and Alice Slone Thornsberry. She was a homemaker and a long-time member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by five sons, Ezra Amburgey of Prestonsburg, James C. Amburgey of Hazel Green, Alabama, Marvin Amburgey of Pineville, Kenneth Amburgey of Searcy, Arkansas, and David Amburgey of Prestonsburg; five daughters, Loretta Keibler of Warren, Michigan, Emma Jean Amburgey of Elizabethtown, Marcella Amburgey and Shirlene Skaggs, both of Brandenburg, and Judith Ann Amburgey of Bypro; one sister, Ruth Huff of Bevinville; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by four sons, Willis Lee, Curtis Ray, Danny, and Franklin D. Amburgey.

Funeral services for Mrs. Amburgey were conducted Monday, July 22, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, Melvin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery at Bevinville, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Serving as pallbearers: Richard Amburgey, Terry Amburgey, Kenneth Amburgey Jr., Larry Elder, Michael Elder, and Billy Keibler.

Honorary pallbearers: Jamie Amburgey, Christopher Skaggs, and Brandon and Ian Amburgey.

(Paid obituary)

Raymond Hamilton

Raymond Hamilton, 82, of Grethel, died Saturday, July 27, 2002, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

Born May 25, 1920, in Teaberry, he was the son of the late John and Betty Hall Hamilton. He was a disabled coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rhoda Tackett Hamilton and by his second wife, Flora Tackett Hamilton.

Survivors include three sons, Butler Hamilton, and Andy Hamilton, both of Grethel, and Tivis Hamilton of Stanville; two daughters, Betty Hamilton of Bellevue, Ohio, and Bonnie Akers of Galveston; one sister, Lilly Slush of Pikeville; 23 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Charlie Hamilton, Wilburn Hamilton, Garfield Hamilton, Butler Hamilton, and Emmitt Hamilton; three sisters, Margaret Smith, Polly Frasure, and Della Hamilton; four grandchildren, Corina Tackett, Tivis Jr. Hamilton, Glenda Hamilton, and James Hamilton.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, July 30, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Frank Hamilton Cemetery, Teaberry, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Jonathan Hamilton, Jesse Hamilton, Woody Hamilton, (B.J.) Butler Jr. Hamilton, and Stacy Akers.

(Paid obituary)

Elizabeth Howell Hale

Elizabeth Howell Hale, 84, of Harold, died Sunday, July 28, 2002, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital.

She was born August 16, 1917, the daughter of the late Levi and Dollie Martin Howell of Big Mud Creek.

She had three brothers, Edgar Howell of Marion, Ohio, Archie Howell of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Cecil Howell, (deceased) of Michigan.

She was the wife of the late Glen Hale. Together they owned and operated the Harold Hardware Store in Harold, and were members of the Harold Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by sons, Mattison (Buck) Hale, Jack and Kane Hale.

She is survived by four children, Clara Friar of Allen, Bessie Maynard of Harold, Larry Hale of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Glenda Layne of Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

In addition, she is survived by her daughters-in-law, Joyceleen Crider Hale, Jean Reynolds Hale, Janalyn George Hale and Lisa Layne Hale; and sons-in-law, Jack Friar, Eugene Maynard, and Porter Layne.

Lizzie and Glen had 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 31, at 1 p.m., at the Harold Church of Christ.

Burial will follow at the Hale Cemetery, at Harold, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Visitation, at the funeral home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Tim Alderman, Barry Boyd, Byron Coburn, Archie Howell Jr., Buddy Howell, Greg Roberts, Teddy Ray Tackett, and Larry Woods.

(Paid obituary)

Burnis Moore

Burnis Moore, age 78, of Monticello, formerly of Melvin, was born on September 6, 1923, in Coburn, Virginia, the son of the late Arbin B. and Ruby McCoy Moore. He departed this life on Sunday, July 28, 2002, at the Wayne County Hospital in Monticello, following an extended illness. He was married to Alberta Thomas Moore, who survives.

He was a retired coal miner. He was a member of the local union 5899 at Wheelwright. He was a World War II veteran and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 128 at Garrett. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Wheelwright Masonic Lodge No. 889, and a member of the Olieka Shrine, and a member of the Eastern Star No. 477 at Wheelwright.

He is survived by two daughters, Berniece Stumbo and Faye Ditto Miller, both of Monticello; two sisters, Virgie Puckett of Urban, Ohio, and Barbara Sue Crawford of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister, George William Moore and Dorothy Hamilton. There are two grandsons, Kevin Wayne Roberts and Anthony Bernard Roberts; one granddaughter, Fabrina Renee Ditto; three great-grandchildren, Courtney Lynn Roberts, Travis Kyle Roberts and Chad Andrew Roberts, all of Monticello. There is a host of many other relatives and friends who will mourn his passing.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, July 31, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Louie Ferrari and John and Orville Burke officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Lona Elliott Martin

Lona Elliott Martin, age 83, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of McDowell, wife of the late Vernon Martin, passed away Friday, July 26, 2002, in the Cambridge House Nursing Home, Warsaw, Indiana.

She was born August 31, 1918, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Francis Elliott and Darkie Alley Elliott. She was a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, at McDowell, since 1968.

She is survived by one daughter, Katherine Case of Warsaw, Indiana; two brothers, Andrew Elliott of Eustis, Florida, and Francis Elliott Jr., of McDowell; four sisters, Leona Mitchell and Lucy Schmittou, both of Lincoln Park, Michigan, Oma Moore of Taylor, Michigan, and Hazel Nickols of Punta Gorda, Florida; and one grandson, Jeremy Case.

Funeral services for Lona Elliott Martin were conducted Tuesday, July 30, at 11 a.m., in the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, at McDowell, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Family Cemetery at Eastern, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Jeffrey F. Case, Onus Mitchell, Kenny Libra, Danny Case, Jeffrey L. Case, Ralph Manuel, Kenny Elliott, and Tommy Martin.

Honorary: Francis Elliott Jr., John W. Mitchell, and Clovis Lawson.

(Paid obituary)

Esther May Yates Hall Lawson

Esther May Yates Hall Lawson, age 79, of Harold, passed away Sunday, July 28, 2002, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

She was born June 2, 1923, the daughter of the late Andrew Yates and Maggie Moore Yates. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ, at Harold.

Survivors include four sons, Jerry Hall of Pocatello, Idaho, Carl Hall Jr., Philip Hall and Kenny Hall, all of Monroe, Michigan; six daughters, Carolyn Christian of Jackson, Michigan, Patricia Underwood of Linwood, North Carolina, Kathy Emery of Twin Falls, Idaho, Pamela Detone of Dearborn, Michigan, Joy Dunlap of Chubbuck, Idaho, Linda Greer of Harold; one sister, Kathrine Meade of Printer, 33 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Carl Hall, and her second husband, J.R. Lawson.

Funeral services for Esther Lawson were conducted Tuesday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Clergyman Elbert "Red" Lawson officiating.

Burial will be in the Mountain View Cemetery, Pocatello, Idaho, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Sophie A. Samons

Sophie A. Samons, age 82, of Martin, died Sunday, July 28, in the Prestonsburg Health Care Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born August 7, 1919, in Martin, a daughter of the late Alex and Mary Hernton Samons. She was a member of the Holiness Church.

Survivors include her nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Willie Samons.

Funeral services for Sophie A. Samons were conducted Tuesday, July 30, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Woodrow Crum officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Cemetery, Martin, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

Robert Carl Evans

Robert Carl Evans, 86, of McKnight Terrace, Middletown, Ohio, died Thursday, July 25, 2002, at the Middletown Hospital.



Born December 8, 1915, in Swissville, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Carl Evans and Ona Glenn Evans. He was a sales representative for Brenneman's, a member of the Methodist Church, the American Legion, and a W.W. II U.S. Army veteran, serving in Newfoundland.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Spradlin Evans on May 28, 1996.

Survivors include one daughter, Donna E. Short of West Chester, Ohio; one son, Robert Clark Evans of Hanover, Indiana; one sister, Laurie Hodson of Clear Brook, Virginia; two brothers, Richard Evans of Onley, Virginia, and David Donald Evans of Hampton, Virginia; three grandchildren, Scott Evans, Michael Evans, and Eric Christopher Evans.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, July 31, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. George Love officiating.

Interment will be in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions suggested to Butler County, Ohio, Humane Association, or to P.A.W.S.

(Paid obituary)

Eugene Akers

Eugene Akers, age 58, of Harold, passed away Sunday, July 28, 2002, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington.

He was born September 24, 1943, in Grethel, the son of the late Carl Akers and Laura Akers. He was a retired construction worker and coal miner, and a member of Hiram Masonic Lodge No. 110 at Flat Rock, Michigan.

Survivors include three brothers, Hugh W. Akers of Grethel, Carlos D. Akers of Dana, and Lowell Keigh Akers of Harold; one sister, Janet Sue Spears of South Point, Ohio, and his fiancée, Kathy Addington.

Funeral services for Eugene Akers will be conducted Wednesday, July 31, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, Grethel, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Lee Alley Cemetery, Grethel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Nightly services were held at 7 p.m.

Pallbearers: Brian Akers, Devon Akers, Craig Akers, Jody Akers, Duane Spears, Adam Tackett, Brenton Akers, and Tracy Neece.

Honorary: Roy Kinney.

(Paid obituary)

Ruth Vivian Stanley Whitmer

Ruth Vivian Stanley Whitmer, 77, of Prestonsburg, died at her home on Tuesday, July 30, 2002.

She was a retired registered nurse. She was a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, and served during the Korean War. She worked for Prestonsburg General Hospital and Appalachian Regional Hospital before moving to Tennessee, to work in public health.

She is survived by one son, Michael L. Whitmer; one grandson, Michael Whitmer, and one sister, June Capelli of Lebanon, Virginia. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

No services or visitation will be held. Arrangements are being handled by Hall Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

(Paid obituary)

Virus

■ Get rid of mosquito breeding grounds on your property. Don't allow water to stand for more than two days. Mosquito

eggs need only a little water to hatch, and many species don't fly long distances, so West Nile-bearing mosquitoes were proba-

bly born nearby. Typical culprits are empty paint cans collecting water under decks, unused pools, blocked rain gutters, flower pots and forgotten buckets.

■ Those highly touted gadgets that catch bugs by mimicking the carbon dioxide people exhale aren't proven to reduce the number of mosquito bites. They might attract a neighbor's mosquitoes to your yard, or kill only one species instead of another type more likely to carry West Nile.

"It's a lot less expensive to rely on the old-fashioned methods," Petersen says.

The Mosquito Control Association also recommends

frequently changing birdbath water, stocking ponds with mosquito-eating minnows and using larvicides in unavoidable standing water.

People can't get West Nile from each other or by touching an infected animal. Zoos with exotic birds are not considered particularly risky — wild birds spread West Nile, and exotic birds that get it usually die quickly.

But even as West Nile races across the country, there's no real predicting how big a threat it will pose each year. Abroad, West Nile hides for years between periodic epidemics — a pattern likely here, too, says Petersen.

Smokers

the habit, compared with just 37 percent of blacks, 43 percent of Hispanics and 45 percent of Asian-Americans.

The success rate for quitting generally rose by education level. Fewer than half of high-school dropouts said they had smoked and quit, compared with 64 percent of college graduates and 74 percent of people with graduate degrees.

There was a similar trend when researchers broke down the results by income. Roughly half of people at or above the poverty line had quit smoking, compared with just

one-third below the line.

The CDC said the high cost of anti-smoking medication and unequal access to high-quality health care that includes anti-tobacco counseling probably accounts for the gap.

The drop in overall smoking since 1993 is significant, the CDC said. Health officials have a long way to go: They want to see the rate drop to 12 percent by 2010.

The CDC says higher taxes on cigarettes, anti-tobacco advertising and better access to products that help smokers quit would all help cut the national rate.

Patton

does not extend collective bargaining rights to any employee group, which most observers believe would require statutory approval from the General Assembly.

"The executive order clearly states that no employee of the merit system shall be required, coerced or unduly influenced in any manner to join an employee organization," Patton said in the newsletter.

The dues proposal could be extremely lucrative for unions.

About 28,000 state employees are eligible for the union representation, and organized labor officials have pondered dues of about \$24 a month per person, though perhaps somewhat less for people who did not actually join the union.

Louisville Teamsters official Jerry Vincent, whose union represents 4,470 state workers in labor and trade jobs, such as road crews, has been a prime mover in the debate over union dues.

Vincent said he expects dues should be paid by any employee in the group represented by his union. He compared it to moving into a neighborhood and having to pay homeowner's association dues.

Vincent said the debate that erupted over having all state employees pay union dues was a scare tactic by union opponents.

"What they're really trying to

do is put a wet blanket over helping these people," Vincent said. "They've put more spins on this than the law allows."

While some members have already joined and are paying dues, Vincent said the Teamsters would not impose dues on state employees unless there is an employment contract in place, and that appears to require legislative approval.

Odds

A 3.2-mile chain of new and used bras was held up by about 250 volunteers on Sunday.

The goal was to raise awareness about breast cancer.

"What a perfect place to break the moral stigma," said Ken Carson, program director for the Beasley Broadcast Group's Las Vegas radio stations that co-sponsored the event along with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

"It's not just stringing underwear and having a laugh. This makes the statement that it's fun, but it's also very serious."

The event brought in more than \$16,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. A number of celebrities also donated autographed bras for a silent auction.

■ SALEM, N.H. - Step aside, Spot. Six years after "101 Dalmatians" spurred a furry frenzy, there's a new dog stealing the hearts of movie-goers.

Request for pugs are pouring into area pet stores thanks to Frank, the fast-talking pug featured in "Men in Black II."

"It's almost instant. We get phone calls by the dozen," said Joanne Leone, manager of Seaworld Pet Center in Salem.

In 1996, the release of "101 Dalmatians" prompted thousands of people to buy the spotted dogs, but many ended up returned, given to shelters or euthanized when they didn't live up to expectations. Pug lovers worry members of their favorite breed will suffer a similar fate.

"Everybody is going to get a pug now, and next year we are going to be loaded," said Doris Aldrich of Pelham, Mass., the president of Pug Rescue of New England, which currently has 700 applicants to adopt pugs. "There have been quite a few who have seen 'Men in Black' and say, 'We want one like that.'"

KCTCS

Community College and former president of the Kentucky Community College Faculty Staff Alliance, which represents one-third of the system's 3,500 faculty and staff.

KCTCS board members defend McCall by pointing to the system's 40 percent enrollment growth, a smooth merger of community and technical schools, and an explosion of new programs.

The housing allowance was included in the contract because unlike universities, which generally provide presidents with on-campus residences, KCTCS doesn't own a presidential property, said Cindy Read, chairwoman of the KCTCS Board of Regents.

McCall said he does a lot of official entertaining at the house he owns in an upscale subdivision in Jessamine County. The house was assessed at \$650,000, according to property records.

Paul Callan, an electrical instructor at Central Kentucky Technical School, said he thinks McCall is doing a good job. But he said he thinks it would be cheaper for the system to buy a house for the president's use, rather than giving McCall an allowance to support a house he already owns.

"That house is in his name," Callan said. "When he leaves, all the assets go with him."

Cindy Read, chairwoman of the KCTCS Board of Regents, said McCall's compensation was based on his work expanding enrollment and overseeing the state's 50 campuses of merged community and technical colleges.

"He had an outstanding year. We were responsible for 78 percent of the growth in higher education, and we are moving much more quickly than we thought we would," she said. "This is a very special job, and we're looking at how we're going to attract and keep the kind of talent to do this job."

Since Kentucky created the merged system in 1998, the pay for KCTCS faculty and staff also has improved, in some cases by as much as 30 percent.

Full-time KCTCS faculty pay ranks slightly above average for Southern states, about \$42,000 a year in 2001. Before the merger, the system ranked near the bottom of the Southeast.

But because of recent budget struggles, most KCTCS faculty and staff members got raises of

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Ohno, Ohno, Ohno

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON – When talk of the Bluegrass State Summer Games began earlier this year, I had no idea a speedskater would be at the opening ceremonies. An Olympic medal-winning speedskater. Hey, come to think of it, if it wasn't for my tuning in to watch this year's Olympic Winter Games, I wouldn't carry half the respect for the sport of speedskating that I

(See SIDELINE, page four)



■ Apolo Anton Ohno

Basketball

Lady Rebel camp begins Tuesday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Allen Central High School Lady Rebel Basketball Camp will begin on Tuesday, August 6 and continue through Thursday, August 8. Registration will be held 8-9 a.m. on Tuesday. The camp will run each day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Female players in grades 1-9 are eligible for the camp. There is a \$15 fee for all campers. However, financial assistance is available to those who may need it. All sessions will be held at the Allen Central High gym. Head coach Cindy Halbert, her staff, current college players and current and former Lady Rebels, will be on hand to offer instruction for the camp. Parents need to bring a copy of their child or chil-

(See REBEL, page four)

Football

West Virginia squad holds on for bowl win

Slone conversion run, tie-try comes up short

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MATEWAN – Former South Floyd head coach Nate Jones is now 0-1 in All-Star grid games. But, in his first and only setback, he went down fighting. The Kentucky team, quarterbacked by former Paintsville star Chas Harmon, and led by the strong ground gains of Prestonsburg's Matt Slone and Pikeville's Barrett Rogers, fell 14-12. The West Virginia All-Stars came away with the 14-12 victory in Saturday's seventh annual Massey Energy Hatfield-McCoy Senior Bowl at Matewan High School's Tiger Stadium. With his team trailing 14-6, Harmon connected on a 48-yard pass to Belfry's Daniel Wright for a touch-down score. Jones went for

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BLACKCAT MEDIA DAY



Prestonsburg High School football players, coaches, cheerleaders, Dance Cats and fans turned out Sunday evening during media day festivities.

photo by Steve LeMaster

P'BURG HOLDS FOOTBALL MEDIA DAY

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Members of the media and Prestonsburg High School football supporters turned out Sunday evening to meet and greet the defending Class 2A runners-up. The Blackcats, coming off a season in which they finished with a 13-2 record and a loss to Bardonia in the State Finals took on the cameras, microphones and tape recorders,

"Media day is a good tradition for us here at Prestonsburg," said Blackcat head coach John DeRossett. "It's a chance for us to give something back to our fans."

And Prestonsburg football fans are some of the best in the state. That was evident last year when the Blackcats charged into Louisville for the State Finals.

Football coaches, players, cheerleaders and Dance Cats were present for interviews and

photos Sunday evening. However, most all P'burg grid players had the day after, Monday, in the backs of their minds. On Monday morning, Prestonsburg left for football camp at Camp Shawnee. The Blackcats were scheduled to wrap-up their Camp Shawnee visit today, and may scrimmage tomorrow morning at Josh Francis Field at 9 a.m. Practice is also slated for Friday morning at 9 a.m. at the high school.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Morale is high among P'burg football players' parents, fans and student body as the 2002 season nears.

BGSF SOCCER

Floyd soccer teams come home with silver medals

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Both soccer teams from Floyd County did very well in this past weekend's Bluegrass State Games, as each came home with silver medals. The U12 mixed team, the Warriors, coached by Danny Greene, lost the gold medal game

in a heartbreaker. The Warriors led 1-0 virtually the entire game, but the Winchester team scored a tying goal in the last two minutes of play, then scored the winning goal in sudden-death overtime. The U10 girls' team, the Highlanders, coached by

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First row, left to right: Kaitlyn Minix, Jerralyn Kelsey, Alexis DeRossett, Clara Osborne, Victoria Parker, Paula Jo Roberts. Second row: Madyson Nunnerly, Elizabeth Davis, Trista Damron, Katy Petry, Megan Banks, Kathleen Smith, Alyson Salyer, Tory Hunt. Third row: Coach Tom Smith, Coach Calhoun Salyer.

GOLF

Wallace, Martin triumph in StoneCrest Pepsi Invitational

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Ryan Martin is very familiar with Prestonsburg's StoneCrest Golf Course and it showed over the weekend as he won the course's first-ever championship tournament. The StoneCrest Pepsi Invitational was played under hot, humid conditions as one of the newest and best courses in the state hosted some incredible golf.

Martin, a former high school region champ, shot a 147 to finish ahead of Pike County golfer Bruce Walters (149). David Vanhoose finished

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ELK HUNTING

Elk Festival held in Hazard

McDowell's Mitchell chosen for hunt

by TONY McGUIRE
SPORTS WRITER

HAZARD – On Saturday, thousands of sports fans from across the state and beyond gathered in Hazard. No, there wasn't a basketball, football, or even a baseball game in town, but the second annual Elk hunt drawing. This year's event was held at the National Guard Armory, and featured the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation "World Record Elk Tour".



photo by Tony McGuire

Kenny Mitchell of McDowell received the No. 8 elk tag at this year's hunt drawing. Mitchell will be allowed to hunt a cow at this year's hunt.

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photo by Cindy Collins

Hazard flagman Steve Baker readied the cars for racing action Saturday night at Thunder Ridge Raceway in Prestonsburg.

Brickyard Indy's biggest race?

by BRETT BOWMAN
KOKOMO (IND.) TRIBUNE
RACING COLUMNIST

On the brink of another run-

ning of the Brickyard 400, a thought occurs as to which is the keystone event now at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway — the Indianapolis 500 or the

Brickyard 400? During the CART-IRL split in 1996, it was suggested by more than a few race fans that the traditional Indy 500 be

replaced by Winston Cup drivers. The fans were discouraged with open wheel racing's marquee event not having all the big name drivers they had come to cheer for — and against over the years.

Rodney Johnson, who resides in the Indianapolis area, thinks if Winston Cup cars and drivers haven't caught up to the Indy cars yet, then they are very close.

"Right now, I would say the only thing that is keeping NASCAR from being the biggest race at the track, if it isn't already, would be that the Indy 500 is drawn out over three weeks," said Johnson. "With NASCAR only coming in for a weekend, then maybe the Brickyard doesn't quite get as much hype as the Indy 500 does."

"To me, fans that come to these races are completely different types," Johnson continued. "With the Indy 500, you have a lot of people from all over the world coming and tuning in just because of tradition. With the Brickyard 400, it is more of a state-wide type of thing although all NASCAR fans are very interested."

Whether from a great marketing strategy, flat-out extremely loyal fans, or a combination of both, NASCAR has built an empire that all racing organizations strive to emulate.

"I don't really know if the Brickyard 400 is any more or less bigger to most NASCAR fans," said Bridgett Yeary, formerly of Sharpsville who now calls Concord, N.C. home. "Most NASCAR fans will go to four, five maybe six or more Winston Cup races in a season. Indy fans, for the most part are only interested in the Indy 500 and that is probably the only race they will go to. It seems like a lot of that is just because it's become a tradition for many families."

Yeary spoke of the CART-

IRL split as a big reason the Indianapolis 500 has lost some of its appeal — both in Indiana and world-wide.

"When those two split up, it just hurt them both," Yeary continued. "CART got a lot of the so-called big name drivers, but they didn't have that one big race each year to appeal to sponsors and fans, while the IRL had the race, but not what many people considered the best drivers in the world."

"Because of that, it seems like a lot of those fans jumped over to NASCAR because there isn't any of that and you can have a favorite driver to pull for and watch. I know, at least in my case, I love racing, but I couldn't tell you any CART or IRL drivers or where they even race."

Looking at the sport over the last 10 years it's easy to see that NASCAR is getting a lion's share of the fans. Where venues that offer both Indy cars and Winston Cup, NASCAR has fans lined up elbow to elbow while the open-wheel races generally have far too many empty seats begging to be filled.

Not helping the situation are CART and IRL car owners

allowing the likes of Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Mike Bliss and recently Kasey Kahne, all former USAC open-wheel standouts, slip through their fingers and head south to NASCAR country.

In the early going, it appeared the IRL getting drivers like Billy Boat, Stewart, Steve Kinser, Joe Gosek, Jack Hewitt, Brian Tyler and Mark Dismore would be what the series needed to create a sizable fan base. They were home-grown talents that would attract the average 9-

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Elk Hunt

The event was organized by Doug Hensley, the 7th District Fish and Wildlife commissioner, and the Daniel Boone chapter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Major sponsors included WYMT Television and Marathon Oil. Event participants included, Andy's Honda, United Bow hunters of Kentucky, Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry, Bear Trust International, Mountain Outdoors, Kentucky State Parks, Rolane's, and Kentucky Mountain Gobblers.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Department was on hand to help with running of the event, and operation of educational booths such as the shotgun simulator and the Kentucky Alive exhibit. Kentucky Alive is a mobile classroom used to educate people on animals native to Kentucky. They also were handing out information about upcoming hunter education classes.

The main attraction at this year's event was the "World Record Elk Tour", a display of trophy Elk from around the country. The display was handled by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and was the only Kentucky stop on the tour. The exhibit featured typical and non-typical trophies as well as shed antlers.

According to 7th District Fish and Wildlife commissioner, Doug Hensley, the event was organized to show people what can be expected down the road from the Elk restoration project here in the area. "It is also a Elk education project", said Hensley, "we would like to get the youth of the area more involved. In fact, we would like to get the schools in the area to participate". Proceeds from the event will go toward keeping the project in operation.

At 4:30 that evening, the crowd gathered in the armory for the drawing for the second annu-

al Elk hunt. Ten names were drawn from thousands of applications from around the country, with the first four receiving Bull tags and the final six receiving Cow tags. Only one out-of-state tag would be issued. Some 236 applications were taken on the day of the draw at the armory.

Some rules did apply to the draw. First, each applicant is permitted but one application, checked by an auditing firm. Second, the draw is to be random. All applications are placed in a drum and drawn at random by an audience member. Also checked by an auditing firm. Finally, the winners must attend a mandatory orientation on Elk biology and preparation of the killed animal. Failure to do so will result in the hunter's tag being revoked.

This year's drawing, like last year's, issued no out-of-state permits. But, it did, however, issue a permit to a local hunter. Kenny Mitchell of McDowell was issued the No. 8 permit, entitling him to harvest a cow in this year's hunt. Mitchell is an avid outdoorsman and is known around the area for his wildlife photography.

2002 Elk tags issued

BULL TAG:

Robert Biggers, Louisville
Tom Rogers, Lexington
Jarod Fields, London
Christopher Morris, Lynnville

COW TAG:

David Englert, Owensboro
Bill Haycraft, Louisville
David Casey, Waddy
Kenny Mitchell, McDowell
Joseph Christian, Ashland
Harold Smith, Shepherdsville

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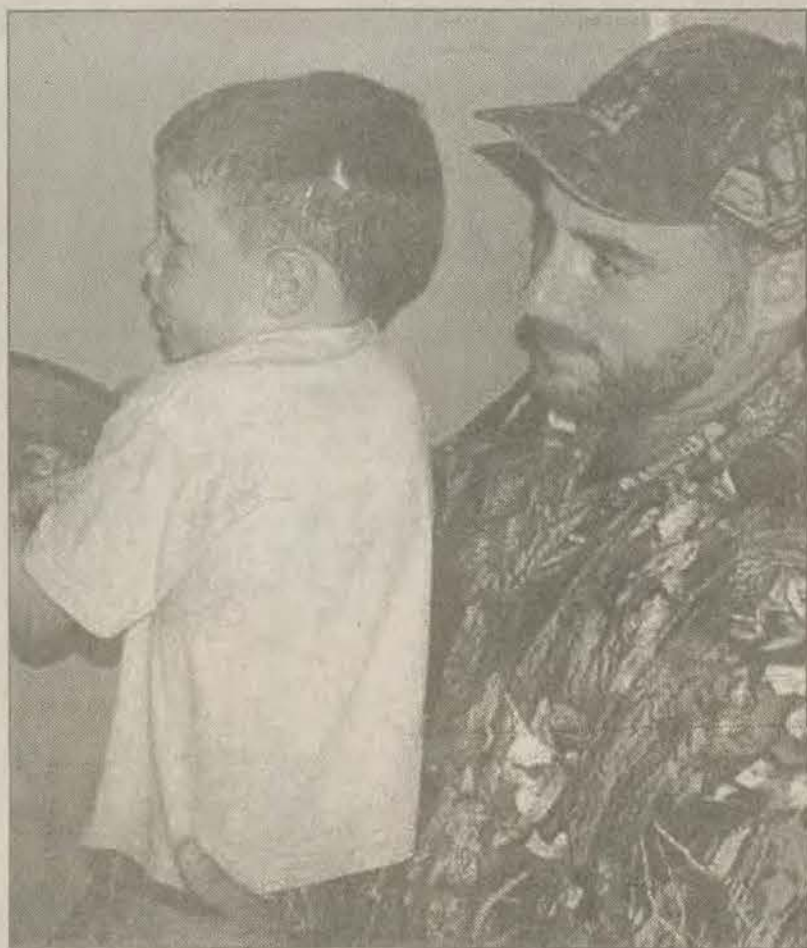


photo by Tony McGuire

David Stumbo, right, offers some guidance to son Donovan as he took aim at the hunting simulator at the Elk Festival this weekend. Donovan bagged a deer during the session. The hunting simulator was part of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife's hunter education program.

BGSG

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Tom Smith, lost its gold medal to an excellent team from Owensboro in a 6-1 decision, thus capturing silver medals. The Highlanders also had Johnson County players on its roster. This is the best showing ever by teams from this area. The soccer competition perennially draws top numbers among the team sports in the statewide Bluegrass Games.

SIGNUPS

Johnson County Youth Soccer will hold its fall 2002 registration at the Paintsville Fire Department Training

Center on Main Street in Paintsville, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The registration fee is \$35. All registering players must complete a registration form, present a copy of a birth certificate and pay the \$35 registration fee. All registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call 606/297-1554.

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The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in west Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at 886-3189.

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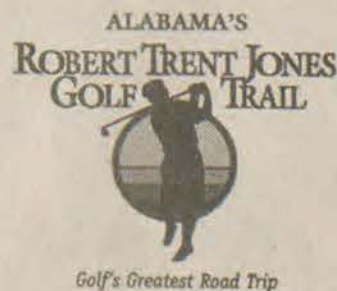
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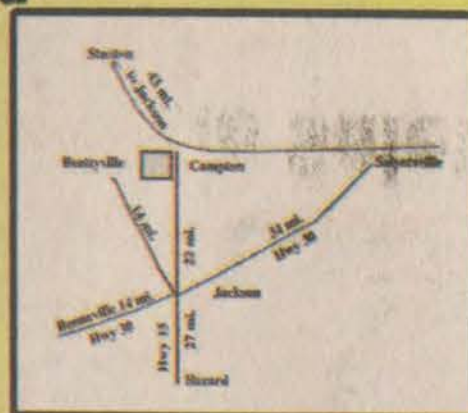
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The occurrence at Van Lear Bridge...again

While looking through some of my old columns the other day, I came across something that I thought my readers might enjoy again.



Clyde Pack

It seems that several years ago, Ronnie Blair, a West Van Lear native

who at the time lived in San Francisco, but now lives in Johnson County again, and is married to Sara Blair, who writes the "Smile Awhile" column for The Paintsville Herald, told me a story. It was about an incident that occurred at the old Van Lear Bridge (which was torn down a few years ago and replaced by a new one.)

For those unfamiliar with the legendary structure (the bridge, not Blair), it was about 100 yards long, formed a huge arch across the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, and connected Van Lear and West Van Lear. Unfortunately, it afforded one-lane traffic only.

Consequently, for as long as anyone around can remember, drivers approaching either end of the rickety structure had the responsibility to visually check to make sure no other car coming from the other direction had started across the other side. Apparently, it was pretty

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Senior Moments

Looking Back

by EUGENIA TACKETT, REGIONAL COORDINATOR, ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION OF EASTERN KENTUCKY REGIONAL OFFICE

I have a dear friend, June Baxter Rice, who helped me through many times as I was growing up. June held the position as my youth group leader at Liberty Baptist



Eugenia Tackett

Church, but her duties extended further. I remember being at her home working on literature assignments

(many excruciating and painful hours). Writing was never one of my strong points and both Mrs. Pennington and Mrs. Chaffins (great teachers at Johnson Central High) always told me to strive to be better. So there I would be at June's house praying for divine intervention, or help from June, whichever was willing to make my assignment one that would be accepted in at least the grade range of a B. I was also over at June's house a lot for Church Youth meetings, practicing for speech tournaments, or having a sleepover involving all of the youth in the church. June's

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SUMMER BEAUTY



photo by Kathy J. Prater

The meticulously manicured front yard with its abundance of colorful blooms create an inviting welcome to the Collins' home.

JULY'S GARDEN OF THE MONTH

"Sweet, neat, and a good place to find a seat and beat the heat," pretty much sums up the gardens and yards of the Gorman Jr. and Shannon Collins home located just near the site of the old Town Branch Bridge overlooking a winding course of the Big Sandy River.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Variegated caladium in shades of red add color and festivity to the well-tended gardens.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

This corner just off from the poolside seating area is pleasantly attractive to both the eye and native feathered friends.

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

"Sweet, neat, and a good place to find a seat and beat the heat," pretty much sums up the gardens and yards of the Gorman Jr. and Shannon Collins home located just near the site of the old Town Branch Bridge overlooking a winding course of the Big Sandy River.

According to Gorman Jr., the yards left a bit to be desired when he first moved into the home so he got busy. Tearing down an old, rather unsightly structure from the

side yard, along with repositioning some existing shrubbery were only a few of the steps the family took toward improving the landscape of their home. Moving existing shrubbery of which "there was a lot," according to Collins, from the immediate backyard and relocating them along the adjoining riverbank was only the first step in the transformation. In the process they added stone hedging, steps and walkways, along with a multitude of happily blooming plants and decora

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School HAPPENINGS

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ August 5 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - "Back to School Health Fair" - Allen Elementary. School physicals, immunizations, and other services will be available free of charge. Contact the Center for more information.

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m.

■ Center is open during the summer each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center will be open during summer months.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.

■ After School child care hours are 3 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

■ FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment.

Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

■ MCCC services are

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Kim's Korner: Bound and gagged

Kim Little Frasure



God rest Erma Bombeck's soul! This is one lady's writings that brought many smiles to soured faces.

One of her best came to mind this past weekend, titled, "Families that Bind and Gag". Boy, how many of us can relate to just the title alone? Oh so many is my assumption.

All of us have those

"black sheep" characters we think are hidden in the family lineage. Unless of course somebody decides to run for political office, and then whoa baby, the lid's blown off that little piece of secret information, especially if you hail from this county.

Now quit gasping. If you're alive and breathing you are well aware Muddy

Gut and Mud Slingin' have put us on the proverbial map.

Lord, keep this family from the reins of politics!

Anyway, when it comes to "families that bind," there ain't nothin' better than that good ol' binding together family reunion time! Why there's more lip smackin', brain slappin' good grub than you could shake a stick at.

There's also cheek pinchin', jaw wringin' and hugs so tight you think you're gonna gag!

In our family we have one of those cheek-pinching aunts, Aunt Versie. And man can she pinch! There isn't a time since the age of 5 I can remember ever being around Aunt Versie and not getting the daylight squeezed out of

me, and my cheeks pinched to the point blush had a new meaning. She has always been full of love, full of laughter and more fun than anything.

Yes, family is most awesome, and so are you Aunt Versie!

'Til next week, may God bless, and may your cheeks get pinched!

Wedding Engagements

Happy Birthday



Cantrell-Lawson to wed

Amanda Darlene Cantrell and Stephen Ray Lawson plan to be joined in marriage on Saturday, August 3, 2002, at the afternoon hour of two o'clock, at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church. A reception will follow immediately afterwards in the church annex building. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed. Miss Cantrell is the daughter of Kitty Burchett, of Prestonsburg, and the late Gary L. Burchett. She is the granddaughter of James and Maxine Burchett and Beacher and Gloria Shepherd. Mr. Lawson is the son of Jeff and Lois Lawson, of Printer. He is the grandson of General and Phyllis Lawson and Caner and Betty Hunter.

Will celebrate 80th birthday with family and friends

Mrs. Vivian "Bib" Tackett, of Martin, will be treated to a special birthday party in recognition of her 80th birthday on Saturday, August 3, 2002. The party will be held at the Church of Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon), in Martin, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Serving as hosts will be Mrs. Tackett's son, Butch Tackett, and his wife, Linda, who will travel from Lexington for the event, and her daughter, Loretta, and her husband, Andrew Reed, of Martin. Mrs. Tackett, the widow of the late Stafford Tackett, is a retired Floyd County school teacher. She has 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. All family members and friends are cordially invited to attend this special event.



■ Mrs. Vivian "Bib" Tackett

Yesterdays

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Martin merchant, July 22, at his home near Martin; Mrs. Russell Howard, 63, Sunday, at Betsy Layne; Mrs. Shirley Burton, 45, of Auxier, at Lexington, Saturday; Isaac Lee Layne, 62, July 22, at his home at Tram.

Seventy Years Ago (July 29, 1932)

Mrs. Minnie Daniels was shot and fatally wounded here, Monday night, and her husband, A. C. Daniels, Prestonsburg policeman, was seriously shot...A statewide congressional primary has been ordered August 6, for Kentucky by Franklin Circuit Judge H. Church Ford...Atty. J. W. Howard, of Prestonsburg, has been named state campaign manager for George B. Martin, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senator...Deputy Constable Kelly Johnson, 23, was shot and killed, Friday morning, at Wheelwright Junction...Tom Reffitt, 63, was shot and seriously wounded, Saturday, at his home on Middle Creek...Norman A. Chrisman, of Pikeville, was appointed state purchasing agent, July 26, by Governor Laffoon...H. H. Ramey, Salyersville Republican, has withdrawn from the race for Congress from this district...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Maggard, of Allen, on July 25, a daughter, Ruth Ann; to Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Branham at their home here, July 25, a daughter, Doris Ann...There died: Emmett Sanders, 35, Tuesday evening, in a slatefall at the Elk Horn Coal Corporation mine, Garrett; Dewey Kelly, of Van Lear, last Thursday, of a skull fracture, sustained when he fell from a train at the Middle Creek railroad bridge here; Mrs. Hall, 18, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Music, of May's Branch, Monday, at a Martin hospital.

Garden

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Impatiens in varying shades of lavender, red, white and coral bloom happily along walking paths, porches, hanging baskets and topiary stands. Interspersed among the delicate impatiens are hardy marigolds and chrysanthemums proudly displaying their festive colors in sunny yellow, burnished gold and snowy white.

Adding to the botanical wonders of the Collins' home are brightly colored vincas in rich shades of purple, golden lilies, blushing "lipstick red" begonias, and variegated caladium in shades of scarlet and pink. Pampas grass, English ivy, large leafed ferns and a variety of evergreen and ornamental shrubbery incorporate the landscaped yards and porches with greens of varying shades and muted background colors.

Add lush mulching, lots of "TLC," and an inviting pool area complete with decking and lots of comfortable seating and you have a complete picture that says, "We enjoy our home."

The Collins' home was selected to receive the Prestonsburg Woman's Club "Garden of the Month" award for the month of July.

For more information on the Prestonsburg Woman's Club, to nominate a garden, or to inquire about the club's other activities, you may contact Pam Weiner Skeen at 889-9639 or any other club member.



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Bright blooms in a variety of colors and variegations along with its glossy leaves and hardy stamina make vinca a favorite pick of many gardeners.



McCarty-Thacker wed in Hawaiian setting

Carla Michelle McCarty and Kevin Lee Thacker exchanged wedding vows in a private marriage ceremony that was held on May 1, 2002, in Maui, Hawaii. Carla is the daughter of Beecher and Kimberly McCarty, of Salyersville, and is employed as a radiologic technologist at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Kevin is the son of Derek Thacker, of McDowell, and Deborah Justice, of Martin. He is employed as an EMT supervisor by Left Beaver Fire and Rescue.

Fraley attends KAGE summer workshop

Glenda Fraley, curriculum coordinator for Betsy Layne High School, recently attended the Summer Workshop of the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education (KAGE). Educators, administrators, and parents from across the state attended the conference, held in Lexington on June 25 and 26. Participants had the opportunity to work closely with nationally recognized experts on gifted education.

One of the oldest and most active gifted education advocacy groups in the nation, KAGE is celebrating its 22nd year. For more information about the KAGE conference, or KAGE in general, contact the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education at: KAGE, P.O. Box 9610, Bowling Green, KY 42102-9610, or telephone to: 270-745-4301, or email at: kage@wku.edu.

Poison

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much a first-come, first-serve deal. If by chance, two cars did end up on the bridge at the same time, the driver who had to back the shortest distance, did so. Most of the time this method worked.

Well, according to Blair, one day two cars, one driven by a lady, met slap dab on top of the bridge, and as might be expected, both drivers claimed the right-of-way and refused to back off.

An argument ensued, with more than a little yelling, but nothing was resolved, and neither agreed to move. (I might

add here that Blair knew both parties involved and named names. However, since I'm reporting this second hand, I won't).

Anyway, it just so happened that the lady lived near the bridge and could see her husband sitting in the shade on their front porch. She walked over to the edge of the bridge and yelled to him, "You planning on going anywhere today?"

He yelled back he wasn't, so she took her keys out of the car, locked the doors, walked off the bridge and went to the house.

Looking

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house and her teachings hold a special memory of many fond hours spent with my high school sweetheart (now husband) getting to know each other as well as learning about God and His plan for our lives. I learned a lot from June and the time I spent in her home. I was inspired in many ways by her character that seems to fill me (or anyone who takes the time to listen) with the desire to be involved and help others by exposing our own personal experiences as learning tools.

I still attend the same church as June and continue to learn a lot from her. June recently gave me a book she has put together that contains inspirational letters and thoughts of her time spent cherishing and caring for her husband Harold Rice. Harold had Alzheimer's Disease.

When I was younger, June and I would visit the Veterans hospital where he was cared for. I never really thought of what was happening and what life meant.

I look back on these times and now wish that I could have been able to provide some form of support or comfort for June or Harold. I guess being a kid that needed her was all the comfort June needed from me. I am now in a position where my experiences with June and the disease

that took her husband from her help me daily.

As I listen to families who are going through similar situations, I remember one thing that rings clear- this disease affects each family differently and all reactions to it will NOT be the same. The book June gave me is entitled The University of Adversity: One woman's Journey through Alzheimer's Support. If you would like to know more about this book or to see a list of other books and materials authored by June Baxter Rice please contact me.

The Alzheimer's Association offers many support services that are available to help anyone affected by Alzheimer's Disease. Please call or write to me about these, and other, services at The Alzheimer's Association of Eastern Kentucky Regional Office, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or (606) 886-9016.

If you would like to comment about this article or have a Senior Moment question you would like answered, please send all letters to the Alzheimer's Association Eastern KY Regional Office, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg KY, 41653- 1 look forward to hearing from you.



Cadette Troop 44 enjoys fun-filled weekend

Girl Scouts from Cadette Troop 44 recently spent a day exploring the Cincinnati Zoo. The girls were each given free admission tickets to the Zoo in exchange for their participation in the 2002 Girl Scout Cookie Sales event. The troop also spent a weekend in Lexington learning photography skills and tips, ice skating and delivering cookies to children at Lexington's Shriner's Hospital. Shown, from left to right, are Cadette Scouts, Caitlin Hale, Megan Goble, Krista Justus, Kathryn Austin, Emily Baldrige, Kimberly Williams, Tracy Risner, and Anita Allison. Phyllis Allison is Troop 44's leader.



Thacker-Tackett to wed

Derek Thacker, of Drift, and Debbie Thacker, of Martin, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Melissa Ann, to Curtie Tackett, the son of Marvin Tackett, of Grethel, and Melissa Johnson, of Teaberry. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 10, 2002, at the afternoon hour of four o'clock, at the Lighthouse Baptist Church, Lancer, with Jack Howard officiating. A reception will be held at the church immediately following the marriage ceremony. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

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Critter Corner: Understanding spay surgery, part II



"Samantha." Samantha is a miniature Schnauzer owned by Beverly and Dale Crisman. The Crisman's say that Samantha is very intelligent and before losing her hearing was able to select toys by name. Even now, Samantha still responds to visual commands. Samantha won "Best of Show" in the Pike County Humane Society Dog Show when she was 4 years old. She loves going for rides and her owners say they "most love coming home and having her waiting" for them at the end of the day.

This week, I am continuing the discussion of spay surgery, or ovari-hysterectomy, with a description of the actual procedure as it is typically performed on a dog or cat.

The surgical procedure itself begins with an incision on the midline of the abdomen just below the umbilicus (belly button). No blood vessels actually cross the midline, so if the surgeon's aim is good, there is minimal bleeding. The incision goes through the skin, the subcutaneous tissues and the lining of the body cavity. The uterus of dogs and cats is shaped like a "Y" with the ovaries located at the two upper arms (or "horns") and the bottom stem opening into the birth canal. During pregnancy, puppies or kittens line up along the two horns like peas in a pod, waiting their turn to be born.

Since a non-pregnant uterus is fairly small, the surgeon's first task is to find the organ. Although many vets use an instrument called a spay hook to locate the uterus and bring it into reach, I could never get the hang of them. If I try to use the instrument, I fish out everything in the abdominal cavity except what I want, so I use my fingers and sense of touch to find the uterus. (It always lies between the bladder and colon, and nothing else in there feels like it.) Once located, one uterine horn is traced to its ovary, which is worked loose of its surrounding tissues. The

blood vessels that supply the ovaries come directly off the aorta, so they must be carefully isolated and tied off, or ligated, to prevent major bleeding when the ovary is removed. Once one side is finished, the exact same thing is done on the other side. This is fairly straightforward in young dogs and cats; older, fatter animals are much more difficult. The blood supply is greatly increased to the ovaries and uterus during the heat cycle. This doesn't make much difference in a cat, but in a large dog it can be a nightmare. This is why most vets will not spay a dog in heat unless it is necessary for some other reason.

Now that the two arms of the "Y" are free, the base (the body of the uterus) must be removed. It has its own blood supply, in the form of the paired uterine arteries, which also branch off from the aorta. One artery lies on each side of the uterine body, so each must be isolated and ligated separately. Finally, a suture is placed around the entire uterus and tightened down. This prevents bleeding from small vessels and also seals off the uterine stump to prevent any bacteria or fluids entering the abdominal cavity through the opening that will be left when the rest of the uterus is removed. At this point the uterine body is clamped and cut loose. The removal of the reproductive tract is now complete, although

the surgery is far from over. (I should mention here that the absence of ovaries will not affect the cat or dog in the same way that it affects women. In humans the ovaries are more or less continuously active, and the cycles are short. In cats and dogs, the ovaries are only really active during the estrous, or "heat" cycles, which only occur a few times a year.)

With the uterus and ovaries removed, the abdomen is inspected for bleeding, such as from a ligature that was not as tight as intended, or from damage to a small vessel in the surrounding tissues. Usually there is only a slight oozing from some very small vessels which will seal off on its own. The abdomen is now ready to be closed. Even this is more complicated than it sounds. We routinely close abdominal incisions in three layers. The first layer of sutures goes through the peritoneum, or body wall. This is the layer that will provide the strength of the closure. Following this, the muscles and subcutaneous tissues are closed. This layer closes the "dead space" that would otherwise exist between the abdominal wall and the skin; this protects the deep sutures and decreases the chance that any bacteria will work its way in from the outside. It also reduces the tension on the stitches that will go in the skin, so that there will be less scarring and

better healing. The first two layers are generally done with suture material that will be broken down and absorbed by the body. The final layer, of course, is the skin. This is closed with any of a variety of materials. Most of these sutures are non-absorbable, and will have to be removed in a week or so. Every vet seems to have a favorite suture material, and a favorite way to close routine abdominal incisions. The animal may or may not be bandaged following surgery.

Recovery time from anaesthesia depends on the particular drug or drugs used, but most animals are pretty much over the effects by the next day. Within a week, almost all cats and dogs seem to be feeling well and acting normally, although their activity should be restricted at least until the stitches are removed. It is remarkable how fast animals heal - I certainly didn't feel like chasing balls and climbing trees a week after having surgery! Maybe a lot of human post-op problems are in our heads!

I hope this has taken some of the mystery out of what happens during one of the most routine surgeries that is performed on our pets. Also, please remember that spaying and neutering are the keys to ending the crisis of pet overpopulation and to preventing the unnecessary deaths of millions of homeless animals!

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Prestonsburg Elementary's PRIDE Club planted this "butterfly garden" that has been in full bloom throughout the summer. The Club also created an "outdoor classroom" complete with aquatic life. Phyllis Allison, who teaches kindergarten at the school, is the PRIDE Club coordinator for the school.



Weddings

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Boyd-Hall to wed

Charles Ray and Pamela Boyd, of Dana, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lacey Ann Boyd, to Timothy Darrell Hall, the son of Marvin and Nadine Tackett, of Beaver. The bride-elect is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and holds an associates degree in administrative and medical records. The groom-to-be is also a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and is currently pursuing an associates degree in industrial maintenance technology. The couple will exchange vows in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, August 3, 2002, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the First Baptist Church, McDowell. A reception will follow immediately afterwards in the church's Community Life Center. Following the wedding, the couple plan to reside in Dana.

Prescriptions costly to businesses, insurers

(NUE) - Scores of employers and health insurers say they're growing increasingly alarmed at what they spend each year to cover the pharmaceutical purchases by plan members. According to the National Institute for Health Care Management, spending for outpatient prescription drugs jumped nearly 19 percent in 2000 - a huge bump up in a time of relatively low inflation.

Spending on prescription medications is expected to go up 16 percent to 17 percent this year. And according to Aon Consulting, total prescription drug spending will double by 2005.

Furthermore, pharmaceutical companies will spend more than \$2.5 billion in direct-to-consumer

advertising - and those billions of ad dollars are geared to persuade Americans to keep buying their prescription drugs at the current high market prices.

Where the elderly are concerned, drug costs increased in 1998 at four times the rate of inflation, according to a report by Families USA. With this current trend, more and more seniors are being priced out of the prescriptions they need to maintain their health - and their lives.

So as people in the United States continue to live longer and the number of seniors continues to increase, various states have tried to pass laws to help seniors with their rising prescription medication costs. Many such laws and subse-

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How to save money on prescription medicines

According to the Massachusetts Medical Society, the U.S. pharmaceutical industry is under mounting scrutiny because of rapidly increasing expenditures for medicines in the United States.

Prescription expenditures are now the fastest-growing component of health care costs, increasing at a rate of about 15 percent per year. They account for about 8 percent of health care spending. At their current rate of increase, they will soon surpass spending for physicians' services. For many health maintenance organizations (HMOs), medicine expenditures will soon surpass the costs of hospitalization.

The increase is due both to a greater use of medicines and to higher prices for individual medicines. Patients are strongly affected by medication costs because they pay for medicines out of pocket.

Americans regularly pay twice as much or more as Europeans and Canadians for the same medicines, according to Minit Drugs, a duly licensed pharmacy in Canada by the Alberta College of Pharmacists. And prices vary widely within the United States, where they are the highest for those in greatest need and least able to pay. Medicare recipients with no supplemental insurance pay on average twice as much for the most commonly prescribed drugs as do favored customers, such as large HMOs and the Veteran Affairs system.

Thus, chronically ill, older Americans may be hit with annual medicine costs to many thousands of dollars - sums they simply cannot pay. Some older Americans play out their prescriptions for as long as possible by taking reduced doses, sharing drugs with their spouses, or simply doing without in order to make ends meet.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project consists of construction of a Multipurpose Building and all utility connections and extensions, and related site grading and drainage, as indicated on the plan documents prepared by REED Engineering Company, Inc., dated May 29, 2002. The project work will consist of one (1) bid package.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following place:

Reed Engineering Co., Inc., 259 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Bidding Documents may be obtained upon a non-refundable deposit of \$70.00 per set, cash or check, made payable to REED Engineering Co., Inc.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. A one hundred (100) percent Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract.

Bids must be submitted, in duplicate originals, on the Bid Form included in the Project Manual.

All prospective Bidders must attend a mandatory Pre-bid meeting scheduled for August 7, 2002, 10:00 a.m. local time, at the construction site. Failure to have a company representative at the Pre-bid meeting will result in rejection of bid. Submission of a bid shall be constructed as confirmation that the bidder has visited the site and satisfied themselves as to the extent of the work required. No changes to the contract will be considered based on misunderstandings of the scope of the work, if such misunderstandings could have been addressed by a site visit.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids, or any bid which is not submitted in the proper form, shall not be considered.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any formalities in the bidding process. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids without consent of the owner.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mrs. Aileen Hall, P.O. Box 188, Betsy Layne, KY 41605, has filed application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct an office building. The property is located at Stansville, Ky, 7.2 miles south of Allen on U.S. 23 near the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: 502-564-3410.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 860-0383, Renewal

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros.

Coal, Inc., HC 75, Box 220, Leburn, Kentucky 41831, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 890.83 surface acres and 209.19 auger acres, for a total of 1040.24 acres, located 3 miles west of Mousie in Knott County.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 1/2 mile southwest of the junction of Kentucky Routes 80 and 2029, and is located on Mine Branch, Long Fork of Bolen Branch, Bolen Branch, and Laurel Fork of Quicksand Creek.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the Handshoe USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Western P o c a h o n t a s Properties, Family Tree Properties LLC, Charles G. & Helen Holbrook, Albert Holbrook and the Kentucky Department of Highways. The operation will use surface area, surface contour, surface auger and surface mountaintop method of surface mining.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PURSUANT TO PERMIT NUMBER 836-0257

(1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Locust Grove Inc., Box 958, Hazard, KY 41702, has applied for Phase II bond release on increments 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, on Permit Number 836-0257, which was last issued on 4/26/99. The application covers an

area of approximately 296.8 acres, located 1.5 mile east of Wayland, in Floyd and Knott counties.

(2) The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles east of the intersection of KY 1086 and KY 7, at the headwaters of Steele Creek and Doty Branch. The latitude is 37° 25' 50". The longitude is 82° 46' 00".

(3) The bond now in effect for the Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$40,900. Approximately 20 percent of the original bond amount of \$40,900 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for the Increment 3 is a surety bond in the amount of \$32,400.

Approximately 20 percent of the original bond amount of \$70,800 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for the Increment 4 is a surety bond in the amount of \$130,100. Approximately 20 percent of the original bond amount of \$355,000 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for the Increment 5 is a surety bond in the amount of \$83,100. Approximately 20 percent of the original bond amount of \$220,000 is included in the application for release.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 880-5156, Major Revision No. 10

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Pontiki Coal, LLC, HC 67, Box 615, Pilgrim, Kentucky 41231, has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 7.2 miles Southwest of Pilgrim, Kentucky in Martin, Pike, and Floyd Counties. The major revision will not add any surface disturbance acreage to the permit area. The major revision will underlie an additional 325.28 acres making a total area of 18,642.28 acres within the revised permit boundary.

(2) The proposed major revision area is approximately 4.0 miles Northwest from State Road 194 junction with State Road 2061 and located 2.5 miles Southwest of Heenon, Kentucky and located at McCoy and Still Branches of Brushy Fork.

(3) The proposed major revision is located on the Thomas USGS 7 - 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The major revision will underlie land owned by Irene Blackburn, Floyd and Deborah Blackburn, Elster and Fay Blackburn, Billy Gene and Justine Maynard, and Diana Lowe.

(4) The major revision proposes to add 325.28 acres to its present permit boundary.

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

(6) This is the final advertisement of the publication. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

Approximately 20 percent of the original bond amount of \$22,400 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, topsoiling, and seeding, completed in February 1998, for Increment 1; April 1997, for Increment 4; September 1997, for Increment 5; September 1997, for Increment 6; November 1997, for Increment 7; and February 1998, for Increment 8.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by September 23, 2002.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m., September 23, 2002, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing shall be canceled, if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by September 20, 2002.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Prestonsburg is accepting lump sum bids to construct a new bridge over Bull Creek, at Haywood Drive. Project specs can be picked up at City Hall, or mailed upon request. The deadline for bids will be 4:00 p.m., on August 16, 2002. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Floyd County Housing Authority is seeking proposals for

concrete repair/replacement for portions of the street area of the Warco Housing Development. Proposals must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., on August 12, 2002. The information for Offerers, contract requirements, and program description, may be obtained by calling the housing office at (606) 285-3833, and requesting the packet.



NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before August 30, 2002, at 9:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	00-P-00167	Eli Schoolcraft	Floyd Schoolcraft	06-24-2002
Final	00-P-00134	Denver Collins	Darrell Preston	06-25-2002
Final	00-P-00187	Ritzie Caudill	Kathleen Caudill	06-25-2002
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

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Spirituality in the Workplace 'Significant,' Survey Finds

Americans are becoming more spiritual on the job. According to a recent survey conducted for ACT-1 Group, a national employment agency, spiritual concerns play an important role in the day-to-day work lives of more than half of all American workers and that role is increasing.

The study reveals that more than 55 percent of working Americans consider spirituality to play a "very significant" or "important" role on the job, with more than one-third saying this role has increased since Sept. 11. An additional 16 percent of those surveyed said spirituality plays at least some role in the workplace. "It's clear that many Americans incorporate spiritual elements into their lives that aren't left at the door when they go to work," said Janice Bryant Howroyd, chief executive officer and founder of ACT-1 Group (www.act-1.com). "However it's defined, spirituality is something that shapes who we are as people and how we make decisions. Increasingly, Americans are taking that sensibility with them to the office or job site."

What does this mean for employers? According to Howroyd, these findings indicate that companies should be mindful of this issue when it comes to retaining employees and keeping them productive and satisfied at work. "Employers need a deeper understanding of the filters their workers use to help shape their perspectives and make the ethical and moral decisions they face on the job every day," Howroyd said.

Other key survey findings include:

- Sixty percent of married respondents surveyed said that spirituality plays a "very significant" or "important" role in their work lives, while 49 percent of non-married respondents agree-ed.

- Respondents with household incomes less than \$25,000 were most likely to value spirituality in their day-to-day work lives.

- Respondents with the highest levels of education were most likely to value spirituality in the workplace.

Additionally, the survey results indicate that spirituality also was significant in the workplace before Sept. 11.

"While it's revealing that one-third of the workers surveyed believe spirituality is more important today than it was on Sept. 10, it's even more telling to consider the two-thirds who say it has stayed the same, Howroyd said. "To me, this means that spirituality has been present in the workplace all along."

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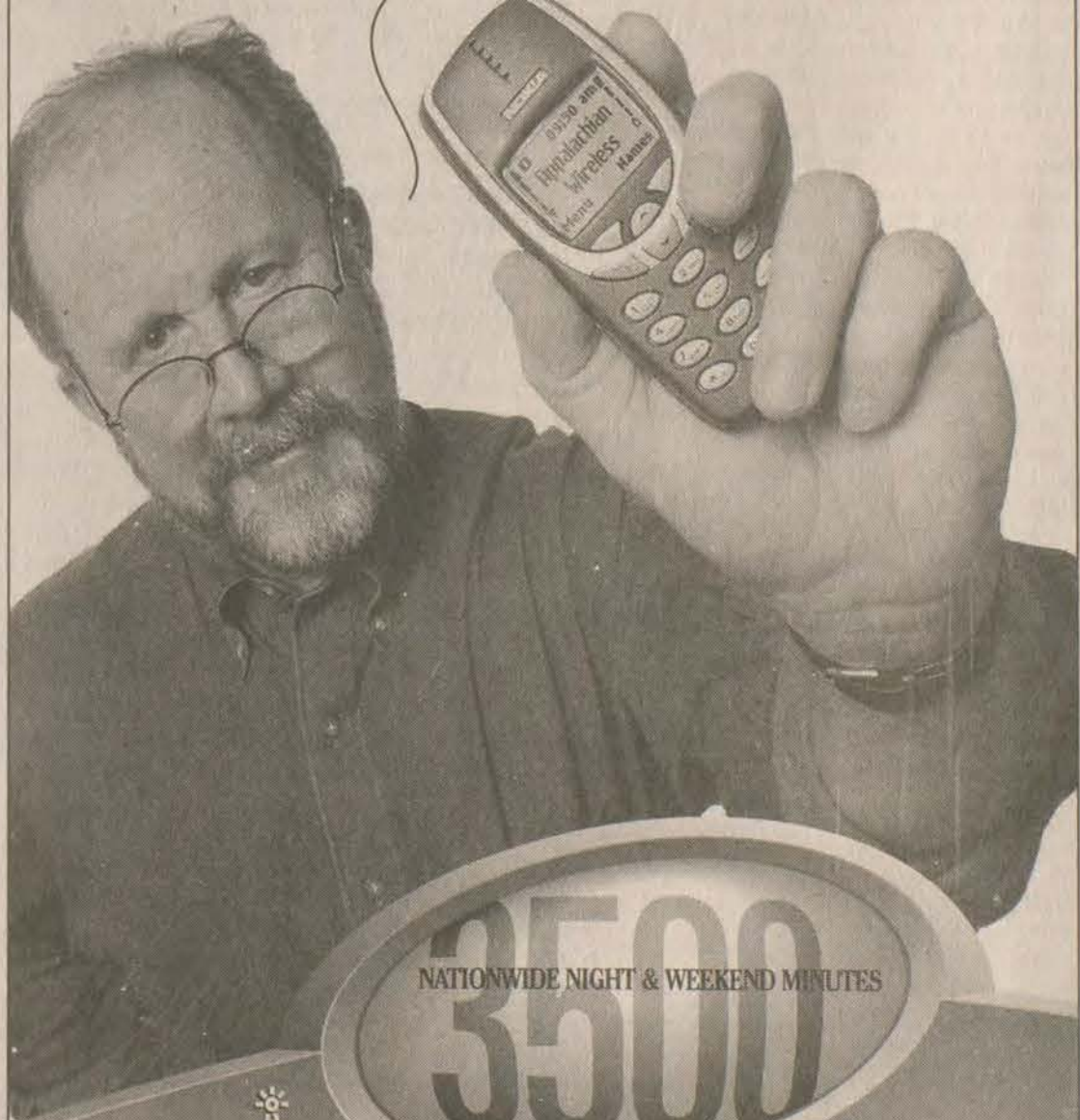
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