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1. Sarah Noble



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10. Megan Conley

ACHS, PHS nnounce top 10 graduates

Times Staff Report

Two area high schools have named their top 10 graduating seniors.

Allen Central High School and Prestonsburg High School each made their lists public in conjunction with graduation exercises last week,

The top 10 seniors at Allen Central are: ■ 1. Sarah Noble, daughter of Ron and Tena Goble.

■ 2. Kendra Bailey, daughter of Deborah Bailey.

■ 3. Christopher Kyle O'Quinn, son of Danny and Billie O'Quinn. 4. Shauna Case, daughter of Wesley and Lynn

■ 5. Elizabeth Thornsberry, daughter of Greg and Tammy Thornsberry. 6. Daniel Ratliff, son of Bruce and Renee

Ratliff. ■ 7. Leslie Martin, daughter of Randy Martin

and Gloria Shannon. ■ 8. Jeremiah Parsons, son of Eugene and Veda

Jacobs. 9. Johnna Ison, daughter of Johnny and

Regina Ison.

■ 10. Megan Conley, daughter of Roger and Linda Conley.

At Prestonsburg High School, the top 10 seniors

■ 1. Courtney Reitz of Allen, daughter of Thomas and Donna Reitz.

■ 2. Bethany Joseph of Allen, daughter of Tamara and Gary Clark and Kermit and Karen

Joseph. 3. Kara Hall of Martin, daughter of Gloria and John C. Hall Jr.

4. Alicia Slone of Blue River, daughter of

Charles and Estalene Slone. 5. Megan Barber of Prestonsburg, daughter

of Margo and David Barber. ■ 6. Breanne Harmon of Prestonsburg, daugh-

ter of Bob Harmon and Gwen Hale-Frazier. 7 Amy Rurchett of Prestonsburg dangl

Kitty Burchett and the late Gary Burchett.

8. Jeremy Clark of Stanville, son of Jeffery Darrell and Kathy Clark.

9. Brandon Gibson of Prestonsburg, son of

David and Paula Gibson.

10. Jessica Hicks of Prestonsburg, daughter of Derek and Deborah Hicks.

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10. Jessica Hicks

Police probe death of candidate

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE - A candidate for magistrate in District 4 in Floyd County died on Thursday.

Derek Kane Hale, 28, of Betsy Layne was pronounced dead in the emergency room of Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

According Pikeville City Police Det. Bruce Anderson,



Derek Kane Hale

Hale was removed from a residence in Pikeville and transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. Anderson also stated that the body was taken

to Frankfort for autopsy.

The office of Pike County Coroner Charles Morris refused to comment on the death, saying Morris would not be back in the office until

The death of Derek Kane Hale is under investigation.

Dolly's sister to film video in Johnson

by CARLA DAVIS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

OIL SPRINGS - Christian Appalachian Project and Johnson County will welcome national recording artist Stella Parton on Monday to begin production of a music video.

Parton will be friming "Up in the Holler," a selection from her "Appalachian Blues" CD. The video shoot will feature area residents and CAP staff at a location along Dry Branch in Oil

The video is one of several collaborations

(See VIDEO, page three)

Female veteran remembered, to be laid to rest in Arlington

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

HAZARD - After nearly a century of life, the heroic spirit of highly decorated veteran Col. Ruby Bradley, 94, departed on May 28, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital

Born December 19, 1907, in Spencer, W.Va., Ruby Grace Bradley, the fourth of six children, went on to lead a life full of person-

al sacrifice and service that earned her 34 medals and citations for bravery that marked the spirit of a soul dedicated to the continuance of

Bradley served in the U.S. Army as a nurse in World War II and the Korean War, where she accomplished feats that went beyond the call of duty.

Bradley was captured three weeks after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941,

and remained a POW for 37 months and five days at the Santo Tomas internment camp in Manila, The Phillipines. While there, she cared for those around her by going hungry so that children could eat, delivering 13 American babies and assisting in 230 operations.

Despite the circumstances of cramped quarters, lack of food and water and "inconceivable" sanita-

(See VETERAN, page three)



Britney Thompson sang the national anthem at the official opening Friday of Appalachian Wireless in the Prestonsburg Village Shopping Center. See full story in Business, page

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Authorities investigate vote-buying claims in East Ky.

The Associated Press

HINDMAN - Authorities in Knott County are investigating reports that yotes were not only bought with cash but also traded for drugs in Tuesday's primary election. "What it takes to get the attention of

some voters now is no longer a case of

beer or \$10 or \$15," said Lori Daniel, an cotics trade. assistant commonwealth's attorney in Knott and Magoffin counties. "Now it's a handful of Oxycontin."

OxyContin is a potent painkiller that addicts often abuse by crushing it to eliminate its time-release effect. The drug has been a particularly popular item in Eastern Kentucky's illegal nar-

Daniel declined to release specifics related to the allegations - but if they're true, they represent a twist on eastern Kentucky's long tradition of vote-buying.

"For 150 years, we worried about cash and liquor, which is why we close liquor stores on Election Day," Daniel

Some reports were made directly to Daniel's office, she said, while others were referred by the attorney general's

Statewide, the state attorney general's office received 110 complaints of vote fraud via a toll-free number on Tuesday, said Barbara Hadley Smith, a

spokeswoman for the agency. During the weeks before the election, Smith said, the attorney general got 175 complaints. "Right now we're gathering all of the

information," she said.

Smith confirmed Wednesday that her

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Odds and Ends

■ HILLSBORO, Mo. - He may have buns of steel, but Jefferson County jail officials weren't impressed.

Authorities charged Garrette Bellew with second-degree property damage after trying to break a bulletproof window with his bare behind.

Authorities said Bellew, 21. allegedly dropped his pants, ran toward a door and struck it with could become as synonymous his naked posterior while a guard was on the other side.

Prestonsburg High School recently honored students with high

attendance. From left to right are Principal Ron Hampton; Lowell Brock, who had perfect attendance for three years;

Chanel Music, who had perfect attendance for one year;

Ramanda Music, who had been in attendance every day for four

years; and Randall Seal, who had perfect attendance for one

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Bellew was awaiting trial on two counts of first-degree burglary in the May 19 incident. The property damage charge filed Thursday carries a fine of up to \$1,000 and one year in

STEVENS POINT, Wis. - Brandi Chastain, beware.

A Wisconsin track team with the sports bra as the soccer player who stripped off her

The Wisconsin Interscholastic tion later reinstated the team.

WIAA rules stipulate a visible sports bra must be one solid color, either black, gray or

WIAA executive director Doug Chickering said the association was served with an injunction Tuesday filed on behalf of the girls' parents, who wanted to stop the state meet

The association's legal counsel determined the rule will need to be rewritten because it is more restrictive for girls than boys, Chickering

Deadline near for comet camp

MOREHEAD - Visit a mysterious, ancient traveler from the depths of the universe when Morehead State University offers a select group of students the unique chance "Rendezvous with a Comet."

Designed for children entering the 7th or 8th grades this fall, the MSU Space Science and Exploration Camp will prepare 60 students for an exciting roleplaying mission to The Challenger Space Center in

MSU's Office of Continuing Education and Kentucky GEAR UP are sponsoring the weeklong program, which runs June 17-

During the first four days, students will train from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on campus to work as scientists, engineers and astronauts for Friday's daylong field trip and simulated mission to explore outer space. Participating students will successfully plot the course and simulate a mission to a comet, gain experience working in a team environment and learn about recent sightings and research into the study of

A future NASA mission, called Project Stardust, is scheduled to rendezvous with Comet Wild-2 in December 2003 then return to Earth with dust and material collected from it.

Comets, thought in ancient times to signify the coming of evil and disaster, are small, irregularly shaped lumps of rock, dust and ice that orbit the sun in periods of up to tens of thousands of years. They become heated as they approach the sun and burn off debris in long, luminous tails arching across the night sky for days or even months. The most famous

(See COMETS, page five)

PAINTSVILLE

shirt at the World Cup.

Athletic Association disqualified the Stevens Point Area Senior High School's 800-meter relay team after one of the runners wore an illegal sports bra. The associa-

The team of Jackie Kropp. Molly Sprouse and Emma and Kara Tauchman won the race at Thursday's sectional meet in Ashwaubenon by 9 seconds. But a meet official disqualified them because a runner had a sports bra that was white with one-quarter-inch black trim on

unless the team was reinstated.

E CHARLES CITY, Iowa

- A duck in need of a nesting spot improvised a little and made a home in the bedding plants at a Kmart garden center.

The mallard duck was first noticed by a customer a couple of weeks ago, said assistant store manager Linda Adams. Named Mama by store employees, the duck likely strolled up from the nearby Cedar River.

"It's been kind of fun," Adams said. "It's just been a little novelty thing. The kids seem to enjoy her.'

Kmart employees put up a "duck with egg" caution sign to give the duck privacy. She's ensconced in a six-pack of gold, long-stemmed flowers.

Adams said the flowers probably won't be sold once Mama and her ducklings move

"She's made her bed in them and that's about all we're going to be able to do with them, I think," she said.

ROGERS, Ohio—A 13year-old boy spent about \$2 million in a science class buying a helicopter, a jet and other items over the Internet using a password belonging to a friend's mother, authorities

The Columbiana County Sheriff's Department said the boy made the purchases May 24 on the eBay auction website using a computer at Beaver Middle School in this eastern Ohio town about 40 miles south of Youngstown.

The purchases included a \$1.1 million helicopter and a \$199,000 jet, authorities said. The boy also bought motorcycles and a pickup truck, they

The woman discovered the purchases the day the helicopter's owner called and asked how she intended to pay for the

She is having the purchases canceled, a sheriff's spokesman said.

The boy's actions are under review within the county's juvenile justice system.

Prestonsburg Elementary fourth quarter honor roll

First Grade

Bethany Bingham: A Honor Roll - Allyson Branham, Rachael Hall, Alex Hunt, Trey Stapleton. B Honor Roll - Kyle Collins, Rachel Dingus, Kendra Nikole Ellis, Mitch Fields, Nathan Marsillett, Osborne, Cody Holbrook, Mikka Lowe, Aaron Sanders, Coty Shrotridge, Austin Sloan, Marissa Thompson, Gretchen Treadway.

Christina Blair: A Honor Roll - Elizabeth Collins. B Honor Roll -Blackburn, Clarissa Bryant, Savannah Bryant, Derick Burchett, Paige Caudill, Salena Cobern, Royce Compton, Ryan Flannery, Austin Hall, Jessica Harris, Amber Jarrell, Tommy Osborne, Kinsey VanDine.

Vicky Stumbo: A Honor Roll - Jimmy Brown, Curtis Griffith. Elizabeth Vaughn, B Honor Roll - Darren Burchett, Blake Donnelly, Mikka Fraley, Tamara Hamilton, Amber Hayden, Samantha Lafferty, Chase Shepherd, Johnny Shepherd, Whitney Slone, Phillip Whitten, Christopher Worthington.

Scott Tackett: A Honor Roll Colton Boleyn, Grant Gearheart, Tate Goble, Hannah Hitchcock, Nicholas Hites, Johnson, Clay Rebecca Lemaster, McKinley Minix, Derek Newsome, Brittany

Osborne, Bethany Scarberry, Hannah Spurlock. B Honor Roll - Nathaniel Armstrong, Dustin Bartrum, Jacob Bellamy, Blair, Bobbie Cheyenne Clifton, Nicholas Gibson, Samantha Hall, Seaton Hall, Shane Hall, Ariel Hoffine, Cody Parsons, Steven Reffitt.

Second Grade

Bobby Hackworth: B Honor Roll - Josh Clifton, Anthony Andy Cuahran, Collins, Blake Goble, Leanna Goble, Hannah Hackworth, Anna Hall, Dakota Hampton, Jessica Lafferty, Myles Minix, Johnathon Murrell, Megan Newsome, Shawn Ratliff, Matthew Roberts, Zachary Romans, Lakyn Strobel, Jamie Wallen, Kierstin Woods.

Lisa Hunt: A Honor Roll -Sarah Burchett, Amber Childers, Amy Rice, Ashton Sizemore. B Honor Roll - Evan Bays, Dylan Dunn, Austin Holbrook, Zachary Meade, Matthew Mullins, Robert Ousley, Osborne. Chad Kristany Mitchell Patton. Setser, Thomas Skeens, Brittany Slone, Stella Spears, Chelsea Yeilding.

Julie Slone: A Honor Roll -Andrew Diddle, Cheyanna Jude, Rheagan Wills. B Honor Roll - Dakoda Chaffins, Casey Hall, Emily Hammonds, Kim Jarrell, Adrian Neeley, Austin

Newsome, Clara Potter.

Melissa Turner: A Honor Roll - Charlie Joseph, B Honor Roll - Victoria Hampton, Corey Lewis, Brittany Slone, Hayley Slone, Tyler Shelton, Kelly Miller, Ashley Jervis, Makayla Hitchcock, Storme Collins.

Third Grade

Jo Ann Conn: B Honor Roll - Kayla Hall, Jamie Marsillett, Ashley Poston, Keesha Scott, Bethany Stephens, Zachary Taulbee, Terry Thacker.

Tonja Little: A Honor Roll Brian Branham, Brandi Frasure, Lanora Johnson. B Honor Roll - Frankie Conn, Michelle Crider, Latosha Lafferty, Michael Marsillett, Spencer Newsome, Brandon Quillen, Tyler Salyer, Tyler Sparkman, Joshua Whitaker.

Diana Turner: A Honor Roll - Kaitlyn Minix, Hannah Walker, Cassie Whitt. B Honor Roll - Jacob Branham, Elaina Calhoun, Briana Collins, Julie Compton, Brittany Davis, Madyson Nunnery, James Sturgill, Tyler Whitt.

Deborah Walker: A Honor Roll - Wil Allen, Tori Hunt, Kasey Moore. B Honor Roll-Alexis DeRossett, Robby Grisby, William Hampton, Logan Hunt, Shaina Hunt, Janet Meade, Taylor Tackett, Kalan Wells, Courtney Williams.

Kathy Smith: A Honor Roll Breanna Gayheart, Steven Owsley. B Honor Roll -Zackery Johnson.

Fourth Grade

Joan Cornett: B Honor Roll Austin McKinney. Beth Collins, Jonna Craft, Kelli Maynard, Brittany Peppi.

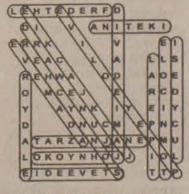
Debra Holland: A Honor Roll - Cody McCoy. B Honor Roll- Micaya Canterbury, Nick Conn, Brittany Coyer, Josh Craynon, Heather Courtney Marsillett, Jessica Pennington, Britney Owsley, Victoria Petry, Brittany Rose, Nikka Shell, Brad Stanley.

Fifth Grade

Linda Combs: A Honor Roll - Jacob Burchett. B Honor -Roll - Allison Adams, Bethany Adams, Craig Cooley, Sarah Crider, Linsey Fields, Rachael

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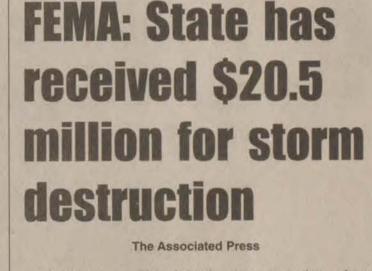
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LONDON - The federal government has given Kentuckians affected by two separate storms this year about \$20.5 million in relief money.

Two disaster declarations - March 17-21 and April 27-May 10 - were announced after tornadoes, hail and flooding throughout the state.

During the first batch of storms, heavy rains in Eastern Kentucky caused severe flooding that resulted in the declaration for 30 counties. About \$15.7 million has been approved for housing, individual family grants or low-interest loans.

The second wave of storms hit hardest in Western Kentucky. Tornadoes devastated areas of Webster and Breckinridge counties, while heavy rains and hail fell in eastern Kentucky. About \$4.6 million has been approved for people in that area.

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Consumer groups attack Bush administration position on Internet digital divide

by D. IAN HOPPER AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration should protect federal programs that promote Internet access and do more to close the gap between technology haves and have-nots, consumer groups said Thursday.

The groups contend the administration is misinterpreting a govemment study on the topic by looking at Internet access at work and in schools, rather than concentrating on homes where most families use the Internet and the gap is

"The administration's claim that we no longer need policies to close the gap is simply wrong," said Chris Murray of the Consumers Union, which released an analysis with the Consumer Federation of America and Civil Rights Forum.

"Rather than misdefine the problem of the digital divide, the

to Daniel's office. She declined

been asked to investigate some

incidents, Daniel said. A decision

on whether to impanel a special

grand jury will depend on the

In Clay County, a state legis-

lator said she was approached

several times by people asking

for money to buy votes and haul

voters for her campaign. Rep.

Barbara Colter, who lost her 90th

District seat in Tuesday's elec-

tion, said she declined the deals,

one of which was allegedly pre-

sented to her in a phone call dur-

ing the legislature's special ses-

amount of money that she

wouldn't specify, politicians

could be included on a "ticket"

of candidates who received

bought votes. Colter, R-

Manchester, wouldn't identify

even the sex of the people who

"Everybody was afraid. They

"It's very dangerous what

she

said.

made the proposals.

got children."

're talking about .

Colter said that, for an

sion last month.

police investigation, she said.

Kentucky State Police have

Election

to elaborate.

misinterpret it out of existence," Murray said.

Gallagher said. "We believe in expanded opportunities, which

"This administration focuses much more on digital opportunities as opposed to divides," Gallagher said. "We believe in expanded opportunities, which happen in schools, in libraries, in workplaces and at home."

Michael D. Gallagher, deputy director of the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications Information Administration, said the administration agrees the digital divide is a serious issue.

But he said the government now is taking a different approach from the Clinton administration's, which included a program begun in 1994 that brought computers with Internet access to inner cities.

"This administration focuses much more on digital opportuni-Bush administration would like to ties as opposed to divides,"

Clay County's sheriff closed

the polls twice this month when

absentee voters lined up in large

numbers. And on May 19, four

people involved with the county

clerk's race were involved in

is currently investigating "voting

irregularities" in Clay, which

makes up much of Colter's dis-

trict, but she said she doesn't

plan to report what happened to

her. "There's not a thing any-

Kentucky law, punishable by one

to five years in prison, However,

Smith declined to comment on

the legality of an offer to buy

votes like the one Colter said she

primary election, Jerry Wagers,

said vote buying is hardly a

"It kind of goes without being

said, you know it happens," said

Wagers, who also lost his bid for

secret in Clay County.

One of Colter's rivals in the

The attorney general's office

shooting incidents.

handling the money."

agency had referred complaints had thugs running their cam-

paigns.'

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happen in schools, in libraries, in workplaces and at home."

Gallagher pointed to the adoption of cable television and wireless phones, which are now popular across the economic spectrum.

"That occurred without a government subsidy, a government program or a government handout," Gallagher said.

In an annual digital divide report released by the Commerce Department in February, the administration pointed to a trend that showed Internet use growing at a faster rate among the poor and minorities and in rural areas.

Emboldened by the survey, officials then declared that the digital divide was closing and expensive government programs such as Commerce's Technology Opportunities Program are no longer needed. That program, which costs \$15 million per year, creates self-sustaining technology projects, such as the inner city computers.

Bush cut funds for the program last year and marked it for elimination in the 2003 budget.

Gallagher said the administration is encouraged by \$20-permonth Internet access and \$500 computers, common prices for low-end access, "which are much more robust than what was available in 1994 when this program was initiated."

Bush's 2003 education budget terminates several other technology projects, including community technology centers and programs to help teachers learn how to use computers in the classroom.

Administration officials said those projects duplicated others and they cited the need to put more money into anti-terrorism projects.

The consumer groups' report says 45 percent of Americans still do not have Internet access. It also laments the second-tier digital divide brought by broadband, in which richer Americans are getting high-speed Internet access, while many poor families have none at

Critics also cite the Federal ting richer," Cooper said.

Communications Commission for policies that loosen requirements on the local telephone giants. Consumer Federation of America research director Mark Cooper said the policies will result in higher prices for Internet access.

The administration's policies "will only worsen the problem ensuring that the Internet will not be a mechanism for increasing equality and spreading opportunity, but will be a case of the rich get-

State taking part in **National HIV Testing Day**

FRANKFORT Kentucky Department for Public Health is promoting a campaign during June to encourage all persons at risk for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection to take an HIV anti-

This campaign is associated with National HIV Testing Day. Thursday, June 27. The theme for HIV Testing Day is "Take

Physicians and other health care professionals, as well as local health departments, may participate in the effort by encouraging HIV testing to those patients at high risk and

infection is extremely important. Very effective treatments are available. These treatments are more effective when administered before HIV infection Acquired progresses to Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Early detection is also a key to preventing infection of other people.

One of the most effective measures in preventing the spread of HIV is to detect infected individuals, make them aware of their status and help them to prevent infecting others. Ultimately that is the goal of this project.

Who should be tested?

A person who had sex with someone who has HIV, any sexually transmitted disease, or injects drugs. One should also be tested if he or she had multiple sex partners or had sex with someone who had multiple sex partners.

As of December 31, 57 percent of cumulative AIDS cases contracted HIV as a result of the risk factor, men having sex with men. Eleven percent of AIDS cases were a result of heterosexual contact.

M A person who has shared needles or syringes. Of cumulative AIDS cases, 13 percent contracted HIV from injecting drug use, and 6 percent have both of the risk factors men having sex with men and injecting drug use.

A person who had a blood

A woman who is pregnant or desires to be pregnant. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention currently recommends that all pregnant women receive an HIV test. Early detection among pregnant women is important because administering treatment to the mother during pregnancy and to the child through six weeks after birth, reduces the chance of transmitting HIV to the child by twothirds.

Testing Sites

There are many places throughout the state that offer HIV testing, such as a physician's office or a hospital. Also, there are currently 177 state sponsored HIV Counseling and Testing Sites in Kentucky. These sites may offer free testing. Most are operated by local health departments, but there are some at university student health centers.

In addition to the state sponsored counseling and testing sites, there are 10 communitybased organizations providing these services.

All sites recommend confidential testing, but will perform anonymous tests if desired.

Community organizations and local health departments around the state have planned large-scale testing activities in conjunction with this event.

For details about campaigns in a particular area contact Tom Collins with the Department for Public Health at 502-564-6539.

transfusion between 1978 and during the testing process. Early detection of HIV

the Test, Take Control."

providing proper counseling

Video

body can do," Colter said. "You between CAP and Parton to procouldn't get anyone to admit to mote awareness of conditions within Appalachia and to devel-Vote buying is a felony under op solutions to improve the area.

Video production will be from sunrise until sunset beginning Monday and continuing through Tuesday.

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1999 drug charge heads to court

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - A man from Tram was arraigned in Floyd Circuit Court on Friday for trafficking charges resulting from an incident from October

According to court records, Jimmy R. Coleman, 41, was pulled over for weaving by Officer Ralph Frazier, of the Prestonsburg Police Department, and admitted to smoking marijuana after the policeman commented on the strong odor of the substance. The warrant also alleged that Coleman admitted to Frazier that he had more in his

After searching the van, Frazier found 2.25 pounds of marijuana between the seats of Coleman's van. Coleman was arrested for driving on a DUIsuspended license and trafficking in a controlled substance.

Coleman pleaded not guilty to one count of trafficking, a class D felony, when he was arraigned on Friday and remained out on a partially-secured \$12,000 district court bond.

Floyd

■ Continued from p7 to PCC in 1999.

environmental scientist for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, served as Grand Awards Judge and was selected to specifically judge one of 14 scientific disciplines at the fair.

Dr. Vierheller served as Special Awards Judge representing the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). She was charged with the responsibility of judging the projects of finalists, thus qualifying them for further awards of special distinction.

Judges for the event were required to be holders of either a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree/a minimum of six years of professional experience in a related field of study. Rev. Ross received his BA degree from Berea College in 1980 and continued his graduate studies at Morehead State University before attending the Episcopal Theological Seminary Kentucky. He is a 22 year employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, having served with both the state Transportation Cabinet as well as the state Resource Natural and Environmental Protection Cabinet. He has been with the state Transportation Cabinet since 1999.

Dr. Vierheller, a native of China, received her undergraduate degree from Jinnan University in China, then traveling to the United States in 1984 where she began her master's program studies at Ohio University. She received both her master's and Ph.D. from Ohio University. Following, she worked at the New York University Medical Center and the University of Pittsburgh as a research associate. She came

and Engineering Fair (ISEF) began in 1950 as a means to encouraging pre-college students to conduct scientific research. It has grown in size and prestige each year since, ultimately becoming the crowning achievement of high school science competition events. Now in its 53rd year, the ISEF is the only international school science project competition for

students, grades 9-12

The International Science

The 52nd ISEF was held in San Jose, California, when 1,238 participants from 39 countries competed for over \$3 million in scholarships and Last year's fair marked the fourth ISEF sponsored by Intel, who has committed to sponsoring the event through 2004. The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair is administered by Science Services, a non-profit corporation devoted to advancing the understanding and appreciation of science through publication and educational programs.

The International Science and Engineering Fair provides young scientists the opportunity to discuss their scientific findings with established members of the scientific community. Each year, nearly 1,200 professionals from the academic, business, government and industry worlds are chosen to volunteer their time in interviewing and recognizing the world's most promising young scientists. Both Rev. Ross and Dr. Vierheller expressed appreciation and pride at being chosen to participate in this prestigious event.

Lack of report angers fire victim

AUXIER - An Auxier woman is angry a volunteer fire department will not give the house in late April. But a depart-Bradley died on May 28, and ment representative claims he

> Jarrell, who had been visiting her sister-in-law in nearby Buffalo, returned to her Lum DeRossett Branch address Monday, April 29, and found that her house had completely burned

> down and I just assumed that the fire department had known about

Medal, the National Defense fire department had not received a Service Medal, and the Florence call and therefore knew nothing

closest neighbor was a much

"Auxier Fire Department said that since they weren't called out, they didn't have to make a

But according to Auxier Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Charles Music, the fire department cannot legally write a report if no one from the department witnessed the fire.

days after the fact and asked for a report on the fire," Music said. "We couldn't come over to give a run report because we didn't make a run. My suggestion to her was to call Kentucky State Police to receive an arson investigation."

she contacted the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, the state Fire Marshall's Office and several other fire departments in the area to see if anyone else could make a

"The sheriff paged me and said that she had contacted him about

STAFF WRITER

services were held at Hall cannot legally do so.

Forty-five-year-old Debra

it," she said.

older man who lived a quartermile down the road. She called the Auxier Fire

be compensated.

report," she said,

"She called about two or three

After Jarrell spoke to Music,

"My entire house had burned Later she discovered that the

Jarrell lived alone and her

Department because she needed a fire report to present to her insurance company so that she would

the arson investigation," Music said. "He said that he called the Kentucky State Police and the KSP would do an arson investigation if the volunteer fire department requested it. I placed a call to KSP and asked them to do it. They said they would do it if Jarrell would call and request it. We called and told her that and that's the last I've heard of the situation."

Colonel Ruby Grace Bradley passed away at the age of 94, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital in Hazard on May 28. All sources indicate that she was truly a credit to the world and she lived a life that was full of dedication and selfless service to her fellow human beings. by LENA BASHA

Veteran

tion, Bradley's spirit remained intact as she held on to faith. In the Friday, August 24,

1945, issue of the McGuire (W.Va.) Banner, Bradley wrote, "Our faith and hope never faltered. We made an American flag from small pieces of cloth and I had the honor to sew on the blue, the star for our state of West Virginia. We would gaze at it on each Fourth of July, and when coming away from the hidden spot, we always had the feeling that those colors were symbolic of our hopes for the future." In June 1950, less than six

years after her return to America, Bradley was bound for Korea as a combat nurse despite her experiences in Santo Tomas. In a magazine article, she was quoted as saying, "I wanted to go where I was needed the most." Bradley retired from the

Army in 1963, but continued to care for others by working as a nurse for the rest of her working life. Bradley was moved to the Prestonsburg Health Care Center in January and was moved to Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center in Hazard, on May 3, ■ Continued from p1

where she remained until she was moved to Appalachian Regional Hospital in Hazard cause of a fire that destroyed her after a heart attack.

Funeral Home in Martin at 1

Funeral services will be held on July 2 at the Arlington National Cemetery, where Bradley will be buried with many others who have served their country.

Bradley's service and bravery to her country was widely publicized and she won two Legion of Merit medals, two Bronze Stars, the United Nations Service Nightingale Medal, just to name of it. a few. She was the first woman to ever receive an international honor guard salute for her service as the Eighth Army's Chief

However, in an interview with Bradley in January, it was clear she was a humble soul who needed no recognition.

"You just got to work and do what you can," said Bradley.

pression

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

- Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Cabinet needs more than bureaucrats

The recent report by the Transportation Cabinet's Program Review and Reform Committee, headed by former federal prosecutor Joseph Famularo, offered no juicy new revelations about wrongdoing in one of state government's largest agencies.

The report, however, does confirm the allegations that led to Famularo and the committee's investigation of the cabinet: A bridge-painting contract in Jefferson County involved at least one state inspector soliciting and accepting a bribe; a program to direct contracts to minority and female-operated businesses was such a mess that contracts often were awarded to companies not eligible under the federal program; and the Division of Driver Licensing is being investigated by federal and state law enforcement agencies for allegedly selling drivers' licenses that have been cleaned up.

Famularo said the conclusion is that the Transportation Cabinet "is an unwieldy organization."

True enough. But it also spends billions of federal and

state tax dollars on road building and maintenance projects every year. Historically, it also is the most vulnerable state agency for political manipulation and misuse.

The Transportation Cabinet also is such that it cannot be easily cut up into more manageable units as the state's health and social services agencies have been.

The key recommendation of Famularo's committee is that an Office of Inspector General be created with a staffing of 16 people and a budget of \$835,000.

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- letters to the editor

Dignity, not degradation

Election day has come and gone, leaving Floyd Countians somewhat scratching their heads.

ever in this county's "illustrious" political history has so much backbiting, name calling and filth peddling been portrayed by those individuals who sought offices. My God, Chihuahuas, ear biting and xrated videos have bombarded Floyd County's voting populace. Why can't elections depict dignity, not degradation?

It seems that election time gravel and blacktop almost guarantee a political office. Also, many voters choose those politicians that resort to the lowest common denominator.

I challenge Floyd County's elected officials to live up to the solemn creed they swore to the people and quit the childish name calling. It should be their desire to do all the people's business 24/7/365. I also challenge this county's voters to watch their officials throughout the duration of their respective administrations.

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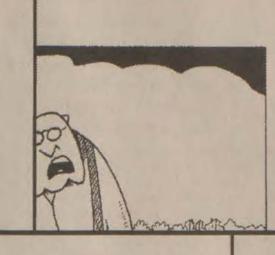
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I'M BROKE, SO I CUT MY PILLS IN HALF SO THEY'LL LAST LONGER.



SOMETIMES I BUY FOOD, SOMETIMES I BUY MY MEDS.



I'M MOVIN' TO CANADA. FLAB NABBIT!

beyond the beltway

Can our national security really be this fouled up?

by DONALD KAUL

Have you ever heard a more pathetic collection of lame excuses than the Bush gang has delivered in trying to weasel its way out of responsibility for being caught with its pants down by the 9/11 bombings?

The FBI and the CIA didn't talk to each other. The warnings were too vague. We had a report but the dog ate

My favorite was delivered by our president, George W. ("The Buck Starts Here") Bush, himself.

"Had I known that the enemy was going to use airplanes to kill on that fateful morning, I would have done everything in my power to protect the American people.

Oh great. That clears up a lot I've been worrying about. If the terrorists send in their plans and itinerary to the White House, along with a selfaddressed, stamped envelope, the president will do something.

Personally, I have no problem accept-

ing the fact that he didn't know anything about terrorist threats. That's not all he doesn't know about. But there was an intelligence report as far back as 1999 laying out the scenario for an al Qaida attack on the Pentagon with a plane. There were also FBI reports within the government alluding to the large number of Middle Eastern men in flight training schools. And as recently as last August

the CIA informed the president that al Qaida terrorists were talking about hijacking airplanes. Shouldn't this maybe suggest some-

They say that the FBI reports never reached Mr. Bush or his National Security Adviser, Condoleezza Rice. The question that cries out to be answered is: Why?

That's why we need an inquiry in the matter, to find out why there was no discernible response to the growing hints at a terrorist threat. And, ideally, an outside commission should conduct the inquiry. The politics of the situation are too explosive to admit to even the most bipartisan of investiga-

I don't really fault Mr. Bush for trying to escape blame. It's what presidents do. The last president who would willingly take a hit when he had it coming was Ronald Reagan, and before him Dwight Eisenhower. Accepting responsibility is not something that comes naturally to presidents.

What I object to is the tone of moral outrage that anyone would even so much as question the president about anything at all in these perilous times.

"There is nothing more despicable --

and 'despicable' is a tame word — in American politics than to insinuate the president of the United States knew that an attack on the United States v nent and did nothing to stop it," said Senate Trent Lott, the Mississippi Republican who used to (you're not going to believe this)

lead the Senate. There's a word for that statement, but you

can't use it in a polite newspaper. Democrats aren't suggesting that President Bush knew everything and did nothing. They're saying that there's a possibility that he should have known and didn't. And they're asking "why?

Is that politics? Of course it is. But it's also democracy.

Mr. Bush has decried the "second-

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-Jim Davidson

When you get involved with drugs, you never know who your 'friends' are

The late Thomas Hughes, English author and reformer, once said, "Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another." This is certainly a true statement and one that those of us who cherish our friends can really appreciate.

However, there is a moral and social crisis in the world today which can make it difficult to know who our true friends really are. I'm referring to the terrible scourge of illegal drugs. For those who choose to get involved, the idea or thought of true friendship can quite often be a rude and painful awak-

There are millions of tragic stories that will bear this out and I have one of those stories to share with you. This true story involves a young person who got involved with drugs and it took place only a few miles from where I live, so it

really hit close to home. A young man in his 20s was a college student, and like so many others, he fell into bad company and before long he was using drugs on a regular basis. During this time he met another young man and they became friends. He had been left an old house in a will, and he was fixing it up to live in and his friend even spent several days helping him get it ready.

A few miles from the college town where these young men were both living, they had started a marijuana field to grow plants, harvest them and sell the drugs to other students and anyone else who came along.

One afternoon, just a short time ago, they both left school early to go to the marijuana field to harvest some plants. It had become their custom for one of them to carry a gun, since they had become wary of the local authorities.

As they made their way through a thicket of small pine trees, the young man who owned the house was a few feet in front of his friend, and he heard the hammer of the gun click. The next thing he knew, he was lying on the ground dazed, because his friend had

shot him and presumed him to be dead.

As he continued to lie there, he heard the bite of a shovel as it tore hunks out of the pine floor. His friend was digging his grave. Realizing his only chance to survive was a knife he carried in his pocket, he slowly pulled it out and opened the blade. His real problem however, was that the blast of the gun had left him blind.

When his so-called "friend," who had now become his assailant, finished digging and came

over to put him in the grave, as he heard footsteps close by, the young man lunged at him with the open knife blade and ripped into the calf of his assailant's leg. He expected to be finished off, but his assailant left without doing him further harm. Later it was revealed he had

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Faith Extra



Four area children made their First Communion at St. Michael Catholic Church in Paintsville on May 12. From left to right are Michael Hutchinson of Prestonsburg, Jimmy Greene of David, Haley Matijasic of Paintsville and Juliana Cybriwsky of Paintsville. All four attend Our Lady of the

Jewish, Catholic passions sparked by proposal to canonize queen of Inquisition

by JEROME SOCOLOVSKY ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO, Spain - After the expulsion of Spain's Jews in 1492, the granite tombstones in the courtyard of the old Samuel ha-Levi synagogue were stolen to pave roads.

Today, despite the countless carriage wheels that trundled over them, the graves survive: a clear testament to the destruction of what was once the world's largest Jewish commu-

Spain's Roman Catholic bishops want Pope John Paul II to canonize Queen Isabella I who, along with husband King Ferdinand II, issued the edict giving Spain's estimated 100,000 Jews the stark choice of becoming Christians or fleeing the country.

Supporters regard Isabella as dissenters - both Jewish and non-Jewish - see the drive for canonization as a weak attempt by clerical leaders to divert attention from scandal and division within the church.

Isabella and Ferdinand are among Spain's best-known rulers.

Aside from funding the Atlantic crossing of Christopher Columbus and spreading Christianity to the New World, the "Catholic Monarchs" - a papal title conferred on Isabella

and Ferdinand two years after the expulsion - also established the dreaded Spanish

Led by the fanatical inquisitor Tomas de Torquemada, the tribunal employed diabolical torture methods and condemned hundreds, perhaps thousands, of supposed "Judaizers" and heretics to be burnt at the stake. The inquisition was abolished only in 1834.

"Throughout history, great efforts have been made in Spain to equate Jews with wickedness. with perfidy, with ritual crimes," Santiago Palomero. Catholic-born curator of the Museo Sefardi, housed in the ornate Samuel ha-Levi synagogue which was converted to a

church after the expulsion. Recalling his elementary schoolteachers' anti-Semitic lessons in the 1950s, Palomero pious and powerful leader, but accused the bishops of taking a page from their predecessors to divert attention from recent scandals by seeking to canonize

"Who do they think they are?" said Palomero, whose No one would argue that cramped office in the 14th century synagogue overlooks the display of desecrated graves in the courtyard.

The queen's modern-day fans see her not as a religious bigot, but rather as a maligned monarch. They say she unified Spain after decades of warfare, brought Jesus Christ's message

Davidson

left to get medical attention.

For the next two days and nights, in a mosquito- and snake-infested forest, the young man wandered totally blind until he finally staggered upon a farm house where he was able to find help. Today he is living with his parents in a nearby town and he will be blind for the rest of his

While the subject of drugs and the havoc they wreak in ■ Continued from p4

people's lives in endless, I believe this true story will shed light on the problem from a little different angle. It's true, when you get involved with drugs, you never know who your

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Beltway

when you never inform anyone of anything beforehand, secondguessing is all the critics are left

The president's men and their lapdogs in the press are also playing the Clinton card, blaming President Clinton for not doing enough to fight terrorism when he was in office. Well, perhaps he didn't, but Republicans are the last people to make that case, considering they did everything in their power to distract Clinton from conducting the business of the presidency when he was in office.

The vice president came out of his cave last week to announce that another terrorist strike "is almost certain" and we have been subjected to almost

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guessing" of his actions but daily warnings to that effect from high government officials ever since.

> What a surprise. I thought that after their success with the World Trade Towers, al Qaida would go back to throwing

I suppose this means that when the next attack hits, the administration will say: "Well, we warned you.'

Not good enough. What we need is less protection of public officials, more protection of the public.

Donald Kaul recently retired as Washington columnist for the Des Moines Register. He has covered the foolishness in our nation's capital for 29 years, winning a number of modestly coveted awards along the way.

of salvation to millions and argue that - despite her official pronouncements - some of her closest advisers were Jews.

"She was a great defender of the Jewish people," said Covadonga Santos of the church's Isabella the Catholic Commission, the panel promoting her canonization.

At a February conclave, the Spanish bishops' conference voted to revive Isabella's cause for beatification, which had effectively been shelved since it was proposed in 1957 by the Archbishop of Valladolid.

The vote has sparked protests, both in Spain and abroad, reminiscent of the September 2000 beatification of Pope Pius IX, who condoned the seizure of a Jewish boy to be raised as a Catholic, and the proposed beatification of Pius XII, whom Jewish groups fault for failing to speak out publicly against the Holocaust.

Abraham Foxman, director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said he hoped the Isabella proposal "will fall on deaf ears in the Vatican."

"Queen Isabella has a dark mark in history of being anti-Semitically cruel and setting a standard that other countries followed," he said.

Like its U.S. counterpart, the Spanish church has seen its share of unfavorable headlines recently - a priest arrested for child pornography, another openly homosexual, a third marrying a Peruvian nun he met on the Internet, and millions of dollars in charitable contributions deposited in shady investment schemes.

It is also battling a rebellion by liberal clergy who want to do away with celibacy and accept women as priests.

"A gigantic abyss is growing between the hierarchy and many of the faithful," said Emilia Robles, who belongs to a Catholic group trying to promote church dialogue with dis-

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Gov. Paul Patton and Transportation Cabinet Secretary James Codell have endorsed the idea.

An inspector general and his or her staff, however, are only as effective as their independence from the agency they oversee. Cabinet officials allegedly ignored warnings from at least one engineer on the bridge project that there were serious problems. If we end up with an \$835,000 head-in-the-sand inspector general, it's only a matter of time before the unpleasant media attention returns to the Transportation Cabinet and the taxpayers demand more than a new set of bureaucrats to straighten things

The State Journal

Floyd native answering a calling

by LENA BASHA STAFF WRITER

BURGIN - What began with a simple letter to Mother Teresa eight years ago blossomed into a missionary lifestyle for Floyd County native Rose Hall Leibundguth.

Leibundguth wrote to Mother Teresa in 1994, asking her if she could go to India to work with her. Mother Teresa wrote back and told her to go to Jenkins and work with the sisters at the Ministries of Charity.

"I really felt like the Lord had given me such a heart for people," Leibundguth said.

After her stay in Jenkins, Leibundguth returned to her home in Burgin, just outside of

With the help of her husband David and many friends, Leibundguth founded Mercy House, a non-profit, nondenominational safe house for everyone from the unemployed and the battered to the elderly.

Mercy House is located in Burgin and can currently house 22 people.

'Right now we have a variety of residents," Leibundguth said. "We have abused women, families, unemployed individuals and people going through divorces. Since we are a ministry, we do not have time constraints."

Mercy House used to work with individuals in need of drug and alcohol rehabilitation but, according to Leibundguth, the program needed more workers and a more involved support

Another group of people to whom Mercy House caters is the

"We have eight elderly people here right now who are not nursing-home eligible and are below poverty level." Leibundguth said.

After Mercy House opened, Leibundguth worked on opening similar establishments in Garrard and Madison counties.

The Madison County establishment, which is scheduled to open at the end of the year, will be a home for single mothers and their newborn children.

Her next mission will bring her back to Eastern Kentucky when she comes to the Town

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Comets

of these objects, Halley's Comet, is visible from Earth for a few days every 76 years.

Registration for the camp is \$75 per student and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. All students must have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian

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Additional information and applications are available by calling at (606) 783-2875.

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Don't allow your county to fall into the same-old, same-old. Let your officials know that equal representation should be their primary concern. Remind them that they have a job to do for all Floyd Countians.

over now. One can only hope that the next election doesn't produce a candidate in a x-rated video with a Chihuahua.

Anyhow, the elections are

Donny Riley Martin

Honors

Goble, Chelsea Lafferty, Megan

Ochala, Chris Schoolcraft, Seth Setser, Jamie Westbrook. Susan Greene: B Honor

Roll - Alyssa Allen, Kayla Dingus, Cari Gayheart, Pam Gibson, Whitney Gibson, Mason Holbrook, Tomacina Jervis, Reannah Johnson, Mica Joseph, Adam Kimbler, Ashley

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Slone, Jessica Sparkman. Jalenda Shepherd: A Honor

Roll - Luke Sturgill. B Honor Roll - Chazz Burgess, Shane Poynter, Allen Craynon, John Guess, Megan Hall, Racheal Hall, Chris Martin, Samantha Osborne, Matt Parsons, Tosha Wallen, Savannah Reno, Kayla Worthington.



"Don't be left out in the cold. Read the newspaper!"

I don't want my brain to become extinct... So I read the newspaper every day.

- Manny the Mammoth

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Jimmy Lee Akers, 56, of Banner, died Monday, May 27. at his residence. Funeral serconducted vices were Wednesday, May 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Fred W. Akers, 80, of O'Brien, Florida, formerly of Dana, died Monday, May 27, at Good Samaritan Center, Dowling Park, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Willa Faye Phillips Akers. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 31, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Adith Boleyn, 82, of Garrett, died Monday, May 20, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 23, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ruby Grace Bradley, 94, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, May 28, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted, Saturday, June 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Claudia Odell Davenport, 80. of Van Lear, died Sunday, May 26, at the Highland Regional Medical Center at Prestonsburg. after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband, Alvin Eugene Davenport Sr. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 30, under the direction of Burke Funeral

James Andrew (Preacher) Goble, 87, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, May 25, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Mable Hall Goble. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 28, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Charles "Togo" Thomas Harris, 62, of Allen, died Friday, May 24, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Memorial services will be announced at a later date, Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

McNaughton Ilasenko, 77, of Sterling Heights, Michigan, native of Harold, died Saturday, May 18, in the Mt. Clemens General Hospital, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

Arthur James, 35, of Wheelwright, died Friday, May

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24. at the Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Adams James. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Rose Vicars, 67, of Melvin, died Thursday, May 30, at the McDowell ARH in McDowell. She is survived by her husband, Robert Vicars. Funeral services will be Sunday, June 2, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church in Bypro, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Gregory Wicker, 37, of Hueysville, died Wednesday, May 29, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Betty Sue Hicks Wicker. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 2, 11 a.m., at the Mousie First Baptist Church, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Martin County

Danny Blankenship, 49, of Inez, died Saturday, May 25, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 28, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Christopher Kyle Evans, 12, of Lovely, died Wednesday, May 22, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 25, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral

Mat Carter, 78, of Grove City, Ohio, died Tuesday, May 21, at Doctor's Hospital, West. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 24, under the direction of Miller Funeral Home. Burial was in the Stepp Cemetery, at Coldwater.

Melissa Yvonne Mullins, 36, died Thursday, May 23, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday. May 25, under the direction of Inez Funeral Chapel.

Mirtie Robinson Preece, 77. of Inez, died Saturday, May 18,

Obituaries

Ruby Grace Bradley

Ruby Grace Bradley, age 94, of Prestonsburg, Ky., passed away Tuesday, May 28, 2002, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, Hazard, Ky.

She was born December 19, 1907, in Spencer, WV., the daughter of the late Fred O. Bradley and Bertha Welch Bradley. She was a retired U.S. Army Colonel, having served in World War II and Korea. She received an honorary doctorate degree from WVU, and was a member of the Dulin Methodist Church, Falls Church, Virginia.

Survivors include two nephews, Charles Bradley of Prestonsburg, Ky., and William Pritchard of St. Louis, Mo.; two nieces, Carol Hawks of Chapala, Mexico, and Francis Ruth of Hanover, Maryland.

Funeral services for Ruby Grace Bradley were conducted, Saturday, June 1, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with Clergyman Steve Pescosolido officiating.

Burial will be July 2, 2002, at 9 a.m., at the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

Visitation was after 6:00 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home.

Virgie, Kv.

(Paid obinuary)

McDowell at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 21, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral

> Alice M. Smith, 96, of Tomahawk, died Sunday, May 26, at her residence. Funeral serconducted vices were Wednesday, May 29, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Johnson County

Barbara (Curly) Blair, 68, of Springfield, died Saturday, May 25, in Community Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 29, under the direction of Littleton & Rue Funeral Home.

Charlie R. Castle, 72, of Paintsville, died Monday, May 20, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 22, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

James Harold "Bud" Castle, 56, of Paintsville, died Thursday, May 16. Funeral services were conducted Saturday. May 18, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Edna Carol Cole, 60, died Thursday, May 23. She is survived by her husband, Richard E. Cole. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 26, under the direction of Carman Funeral Home.

Graveside services were conducted Friday, May 31, at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Staffordsville, for Irene Horne, 78, a native of Sitka, who died Tuesday, May 28 in Springfield, Conroy Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Martin Otto Baldridge Jr., 71, died Thursday, May 23, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Betty Adams Baldridge. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 27, under the

Charles Tackett Jr., 74, died Friday, May 24, at the V.A. Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Melvina Saylor Tackett. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 28, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

Sally LeMaster Litteral, 59, of Knoxville, Arkansas, died Thursday, May 16, at Sparks Regional Memorial Hospital. Clarksville, Arizona. Graveside funeral services were conducted Monday, May 20, at Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville. Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville, was in charge of arrangements.

Roger Lyons, 78, died Friday, May 24, at the Mt. Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 28, at St. Michael Catholic

Faye McGhee, 68, native of Win, died Tuesday, May 21. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 25, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral

Mitchell Preston, 73, of Palm Bay, Florida, formerly of Thealka, died Sunday, May 26. He is survived by his wife, Garnett Sue Lee Preston. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 31, under the direction of Heston Funeral

Glenna Doris Turpin, 65, of Paintsville, died Thursday, May 16, at King's Daughters' Medical Center, Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Lawrence County

Virginia Kirk R. Pennington. 79, of Louisa, died Wednesday, May 15, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 19, under the direction of Jones-Preston direction of Heston Funeral

Home.

Homer P. Williams, 94, of Louisa, died Saturday, May 18, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 22, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Knott County

Grace Seals Amburgey, 81. of Mallie, died Monday, May 20, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 23, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Bryan Combs, 44, of Garner, died Wednesday, May 22, at the Kindred Hospital, Louisvile. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 26, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Clovis Hoover, 78, of Indiana, died Tuesday, May 21, at the LaGrange Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Flora Terry Hoover of LaGrange, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 24, under the direction of the Hite Funeral

Margaret Johnson, 66, of Albion, Indiana, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday, May 21, at the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral

Bobby Ray Thompson, 67, of Pinetop, died Friday, May 24, at the Hazard ARMC. He is survived by his wife, Jenelle Thompson. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Frankie Jane Sergent, 91, of Redford Township, Michigan, formerly of Isom, died Sunday, May 19, at the St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, Michigan. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 24, under the direction of Letcher Funeral Home.

Pike County

Chester Dotson, 73, of Freeburn, died Thursday, May 30, in Winchester. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, June 2, 11 a.m., at the R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, Phelps Chapel.

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speak about her work.

"It's in my heart to get as much as help around Kentucky and now I'm getting an opportunity to do this," Leibundguth said. "I want to get information into the community about our ministry and what is available from the community. I'm looking mostly to make us available but we never know whether we are going to see an interest right

While Leibundguth had originally been scheduled to be in Prestonsburg today, the event has been postponed until September.

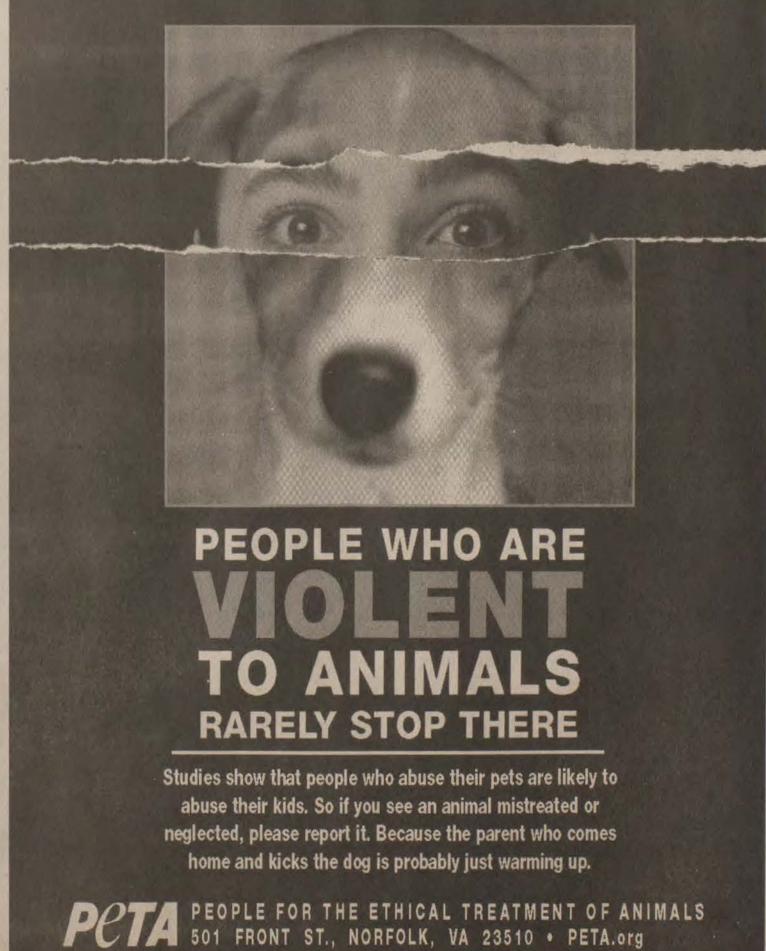
Mercy House and all of Leibundguth's ministries are Done."

Branch Victory Fellowship to funded through donations from churches, individuals, business and through the sales of Leibundguth products.

"I am a concert pianist and I always give a concert whenever we visit different churches," she said.

Leibundguth received a nomination for a Grammy Award in 1987 for Best Female Gospel Performance for her album, "The Rose." Her latest album, "Mercy's Voice," was just released.

Along with performing, Leibundguth also writes and has published several inspirational books, such as "God's Cookin' and the Devil's Well







Representatives of the Pikeville Wal-Mart Super Center recently announced their teacher of the year, and this year's honor went to a Floyd County teacher. Betsy Layne High School's Janet Akers was the honoree and her school received a check for

Commuting time shortest in · McCracken, **longest in Elliott**

by CHARLES WOLFE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT

Kentuckians are driving longer to get to work and using more vehicles in which to do it about 229,000 more than a decade ago, according to new census figures.

Carpooling declined, as did the number of people who used public transportation, bicycles or their own two feet to get to the job site.

An average commute in Kentucky was 23.5 minutes, up from 20.7 minutes in 1990. The longest commutes generally were in eastern and northeastern counties with modest populations and comparatively few

The numbers, based on workers 16 and older, were derived questionnaires the U.S. Census Bureau distributed to about one household in six.

Category Drove alone

Carpooled

Pct. carpool

Total vehicles

Walk to work

Public transportation

Pct. public transp

Pct. walk

Pct. other

Work at home

Pct. work at home

Other

Pct. drove alone

College. But it was 72.2 minutes at California, a Campbell County town that is on the Ohio River and miles from a bridge.

In McCracken County, two of the three largest employers Western Baptist Hospital and Lourdes Hospital — are near at hand in Paducah. The third, the U.S. Enrichment Corp. uranium plant, is on a five-lane highway, Doolittle said.

"Commuting to major employers - it's easy, it's efficient. We really don't have the congestion issues a lot of counties have." Doolittle said in a telephone interview. "That's something we probably take for

Likewise, a long commute is taken for granted by many who live in sparsely populated Elliott County.

'It's a great place to live, but from responses to long-form there are not many jobs,' Binion, the school superintendent, said. "This is one of the last rural places left. ... People

1990

76.3

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Kentucky Backroads

WWII bomber recounts battles in journal

by BERRY CRAIG ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH - Tech. Sgt. Bill Uvanni heard the awful "whoomph" of the exploding German anti-aircraft shell.

Shrapnel slashed into his protective flak vest, ripping out cotton stuffing that fluttered around him like snow.

Uvanni was unhurt. But that flak burst high over Hamburg, Germany, on Aug. 6, 1944, was apparently his nearest brush with death in World War II.

A radio operator on a big four-engine B-24 "Liberator" bomber, Uvanni braved flak and enemy fighters on 35 combat missions. He kept a diary of

A native of Rome, N.Y., Uvanni and his wife, Nell, settled in Paducah, her hometown, after the war.

Bill Uvanni, a Distinguished Flying Cross winner, died in 1999 at age 79. His combat journal survives as grim testimony to some of the bloodiest air battles of World War II.

During the war, German fighter pilots and anti-aircraft gunners shot down 152 B-24s in Uvanni's outfit, the 44th Bomb Group, dubbed the "Flying 8 Balls." More than 850 air crewmen were killed.

"Bill and his crew were lucky," Nell Uvanni said. "They all got home except their navigator who was shot down and killed when he had to fly with another crew."

On Uvanni's first mission, a raid against Bernberg, Germany, about 60 cannon-firing German Messerschmitt 410 fighters pounced on the 44th Bomb

"None of the planes from our squadron were hit but an entire squadron (12 aircraft) were knocked out on the first pass," he wrote. "Some blew up and others went into dives and never



Dr. Chenzhao Vierheller



Rev. Johnnie E. Ross

Two Floyd Countians chosen to judge ISEF in Louisville

The chairman of the Floyd County Board of Education, the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, along with Dr. Chenzhao Vierheller, an professor Community College, were recently chosen to participate in the International Science and Engineering Fair, held May 12-18, in Louisville. Most people in the town Both Ross and Vierheller served

Rev. Ross, who is also an

After several men from stricken B-24s managed to bail out, the radio on Uvanni's plane "Consolidated Mess" crackled with frightening news. German pilots were shooting the Americans dangling helplessly in their in their parachutes.

U.S. P-38 fighters, which were escorting the bombers, shot down many of the Messerschmitts - "really paid them off," according to Uvanni.

"At interrogation the intelligence officer told us that missions didn't come any rougher than today's," Uvanni wrote.

On Aug. 6, Uvanni's plane was bound for Germany with another bomb load. The target was a Nazi oil refinery at

A storm of anti-aircraft fire at first that I had been hit."

greeted the Flying 8 Balls. "We could see planes going down ahead of us as they entered the barrage," Uvanni wrote. "...It looked impossible for an airplane to get through."

As "Consolidated Mess" neared the target, Uvanni opened the bomb bay doors and sat on the floor behind the pilot and copilot. "When the bombs dropped jumped to close the bomb bay doors (not that it would protect us but it sure helps morale!)

"I had no sooner closed the doors and turned around then WHOOMPH' a burst of flak hit us and right where I was sitting a hole the size of a 50 cent piece appeared! My flak vest was covered with cotton batting and the air was filled with it - I thought

Uvanni and the rest of the crew were unscathed although shrapnel lacerated "Consolidated Mess" from nose to tail. Like Uvanni, the tail gunner had a close call when shrapnel "ripped through the fuselage right in front of...him 3/8, missed his head by inches and tore through some K-rations he stored. They were torn to pieces!"

"Consolidated Mess" got its crew home safely yet again. The B-24 "...had holes in the left wing a foot long; holes in the flight deck; in the bomb bays; in the tail section; holes beneath the pilot and co-pilot seats and holes in the nose compartment and not one of our crew had received a scratch!," Uvanni wrote. "The Good Lord surely smiled on us

Federal agency opening .gov Internet address to local, state governments

by D. IAN HOPPER AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

WASHINGTON - Tom Manheim is sick of his web address.

It's long, confusing and embarrassing - particularly because Manheim is a city government official in San Jose, Calif., home to Silicon Valley and the premier tech haven.

"It is very frustrating," Manheim said of the effort to change his city's address, now the awkward ci.san-jose.ca.us. "That doesn't exactly roll off the tongue."

Now the federal government is finishing a plan to make it easier for state and local governments to get addresses ending in .gov — once the sole domain of the feds.

The General Services Administration, which handles the .gov addresses, expects the standards to be in place by mid-October. The process lays out rules for application and format so the thousands of local and state jurisdictions - as well as Indian nations - can claim their

Marty Wagner, an associate administrator at GSA, said the new rules were sparked by letters and phone calls from local

'You'd go to meetings with state or local folks, and you'd get buttonholed by them saying, We're part of the government, too," Wagner said.

Some states and cities such as Connecticut, Michigan and New York City - already have .gov addresses, but not all use them. They got the addresses by asking GSA directly, sometimes waiting months as federal officials dickered over whether the applicant was wor-

"Depending on where their thinking was on issuing .gov spaces (determined) whether you got it or not," said Gregg "Rock" Regan, Connecticut's chief information officer. "It was a very undocumented process."

Wagner said local officials are justified in their frustration.

"Their characterizations are about right," Wagner said. "Things were really done on a somewhat ad-hoc process. What you're seeing is the government cleaning up its act.'

At one time, local governments - along with schools and libraries - were relegated to US addresses, similar to other two-letter country codes. The Commerce Department, which handles most of the government's responsibility over Internet domain names, gave a company called NeuStar the right to administer that domain

Now .US isn't so special -NeuStar offers it to almost any person, company or organization in the United States. Local governments have

been unsatisfied with the ungainly addresses for some time. Some have chosen addresses ending in .com or .net, even though those areas are already saturated. Florida uses MyFlorida.com,

while Kansas goes for AccessKansas.org. The addresses are not only easier to remember, but they provide a lot more personality than the vanilla .US.

Wagner said there is some room to play with .gov, too. Tennesseeanytime.gov would be fine, as would eMaryland.gov.

The only proposed restriction would stop states from embedding their names or postal codes into another word that would be confusing for visitors. So Indiana, with its postal code IN, wouldn't be allowed to claim win.gov or independence.gov.

Cities and towns are encouraged to include the postal code of their state, or, with the state government's permission, put the town site under the state umbrella. For example, San Jose could pick sanjose-ca.gov, or sanjose.ca.gov if California officials approve.

"You have to deal with issues like there is a Paris, Texas, and a Paris, Virginia," Wagner said.

With so many local governments, federal officials realize everyone won't be happy with any single choice. Conrad Cross, chief information officer of Orlando, Fla., said he preferred the old .US convention.

"Then we had a nice dragdown fight with our communications people because they insisted that it was too hard for people to figure out," Cross said.

The city uses cityoforlando.net. Cross said Orlando would probably get a .gov address, but was doubtful that his colleagues across the country would be content with the new GSA guidelines.

"I don't think you can force city governments and county governments to comply. It's a marketing thing," Cross said. "I can just see us having this fight again."

Jewish

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senters. So the bishops, she said, are seeking "defense mechanisms" such as Isabella, a symbol of Spanish national unity.

While the Vatican has yet to respond to the canonization request, the church commission is hoping the bishops' decision will enable Isabella's canonization in 2004, the 500th anniversary of her death.

'We thought the delay was because of the Jewish issue," Santos said. "But Rome was telling us they thought there was a lack of interest among Spanish bishops.

Despite pervasive secularization in Spain since the end of the church-backed dictatorship of Gen. Francisco Franco, Isabella remains a key historical figure. comparable, in a way, to George Washington.

Elementary schoolchildren learn that Isabella and Ferdinand united Spain's kingdoms for the first time after driving out the Muslims of Andalusia.

Proponents of canonization say Isabella lived a life of saintly devotion, doing her best to protect Jews and indigenous populations and trying to restrain the excesses of conquistadors and

missionaries she sent to Latin "Queen Isabel was a living servant of Christ, forever concerned about the Christian renewal of her people and the missionary evangelization," the current Archbishop of Valladolid, Jose Delicado Baeza, wrote in a

prologue to a book on the queen

sponsored by the commission. According to the church commission, Isabella's persona has been sullied by the "Black Legend," a smear campaign historians have traced to Spain's 16th century archenemies, Holland and Britain. The legend

exaggerated the Inquisition's tor-

ture chambers to portray

Catholicism as a tyrannical faith. "It seems the Inquisition created less terror than was originally thought," said Santos, who blames the expulsion on commoners and nobles who envied the power and wealth of the Jews and forced the monarchs to turn on their Jewish friends,

A chronology of Isabella's life published by the commission says that in 1492 Isabella and her husband "revoked the permission of the Jews to stay in their

realm." Such arguments have done little to convince tourists of many faiths who flock to Toledo to see what was once a cultural and intellectual melting pot of Jews,

Christians and Muslims. "It's outrageous," Manuel de Santaren, a Roman Catholic from Boston whose ancestors were Spanish.

"She was responsible for the destruction of a potentially amazing renaissance in this country,' the interior designer said while walking down Toledo's cobblestone streets toward the Museo Sefardi with a Jewish friend.

"A saint?" said Marta Cerezo, another Roman Catholic from Mexico. "No way."

At a Glance

Figures on commuters in 2000, compared to 1990. Source: U.S.

Census Bureau

2000

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224,643

1,653,696

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Commuting time varied widely among localities. In Paducah, Steve Doolittle

spends 17 minutes driving from his house to his office in the McCracken County Courthouse. That puts him squarely in the local main-

Workers in McCracken County reported an average commute of 17.8 minutes, the shortest in the state at the county level. "I'm normal, I guess," Doolittle, the county administrator, said Friday.

The longest average commute was 48.7 minutes for workers living on the other side of the state in Elliott County. Not surprising, some said, since Elliott County has traditionally been home for many construction workers.

It's not uncommon for our folks to drive to Pikeville and back every day on a pipe fitting job." said Gene Binion, the longtime school superintendent.

At the community level, an average commute was just 7.5 minutes in Pippa Passes, a town largely made up of Alice Lloyd don't think much about driving a couple of hours."

Elsewhere in the region, hundreds of rural workers drive long distances to major factories, including Toyota's assembly plant in Georgetown and the LexMark printer plant in Lexington. Some drive to institutions, such as Morehead State University or to the state prison near West Liberty.

If you don't mind driving, you can "get out of the cities, a slower pace of life." said Herschel Sexton, judge-executive of Menifee County, where 2.261 workers had an average commute of 36.1 minutes, fifthlongest in the state.

In the town of California, population 86, Debbie Young is the odd person out among 34 adult workers who averaged an hour and 12 minutes behind the wheel each morning. She walks to work - actually she just crosses the street - to get to her job as city treasurer.

commute to Florence or Cincinnati, Young said, adding: "That's a pretty good drive."

associate Prestonsburg as judges in the event.

(See FLOYD, page three)

Celebraite THIS SUMMERS n the spring we prepared our gardens and flowerbeds. Now it's time to sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labor. These fresh fruit desserts are easy to prepare and perfect for every summer celebration-graduation, picnics, wedding

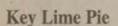
showers, birthday parties and the 4th of July. The Fresh Fruit Dessert Pizza is just the dessert to share with family and friends. This colorful dessert is so easy and fast. The crust and pie filling can be made ahead of time, making assembly easy and fun.

On a hot summer's night nothing is as refreshing as cool Key Lime Pie, Peach & Raspberry Ice Cream or Strawberry Splash Punch. Chill out and escape the heat with these refreshing cool fruit treats.

Fresh Fruit Dessert Pizza

Prep Time: 30 minutes Makes one 12-inch pie

- (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup lemon juice from concentrate
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1/2 cup margarine or butter, softened
- 1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- cup unsifted flour
- 1/4 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts Assorted fresh or canned fruit (strawberries, grapes, kiwi, pineapple, oranges, banana, etc.) Mint leaves, optional
- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F. In medium bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, sour cream, lemon juice and vanilla; mix well. Chill.
- 2. In large mixing bowl, beat margarine and sugar until fluffy; mix in flour, oats and walnuts until thoroughly
- 3. On lightly oiled pizza pan or baking sheet, press dough into 12-inch circle forming rim around edge. Prick with fork.
- 4. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool. Spoon filling evenly onto crust. Arrange fruit on top of filling. Chill before serving. Refrigerate leftovers.

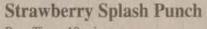


Prep Time: 25 minutes Bake Time: 45 minutes Cool Time: 1 hour Chill Time: 3 hours Makes 8 servings

- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1/2 cup lime juice from concentrate
- 2 to 3 drops green food coloring (optional)
- (9-inch) unbaked piecrust
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar 1/3 cup sugar
- 1. Preheat oven to 325°F. In medium bowl, beat egg yolks; gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk and lime juice. Stir in food coloring. Pour into
- 2. Bake 30 minutes. Remove from oven. Increase oven temperature to 350°F.
- 3. Meanwhile, for meringue, with clean mixer, beat egg whites and cream of tartar to soft peaks. Gradually beat in sugar, I tablespoon at a time. Beat 4 minutes or until stiff, glossy peaks form and sugar is dissolved.
- 4. Immediately spread meringue over hot pie, carefully sealing to edge of crust to prevent meringue from shrinking. Bake 15 minutes. Cool 1 hour. Chill at least 3 hours. Store covered in refrigerator.







Prep Time: 10 minutes Makes 10 servings

- 1 1/2 cups fresh whole strawberries 1/2 cup lemon juice from concentrate, chilled
 - 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk), chilled
 - 1 (1-liter) bottle of strawberryflavored carbonated beverage, chilled Ice cubes, optional
 - Fresh whole strawberries. mint leaves, citrus slices, optional
- 1. In blender container, combine 1 1/2 cups strawberries and lemon juice: cover and blend until smooth.
- 2. Add sweetened condensed milk, cover and blend. Pour into large pitcher. Gradually stir in carbonated beverage. Add ice if desired. Garnish each serving with a whole strawberry if desired.

More Easy Desserts, Free Recipe Club

Peach & Raspberry Ice Cream

Prep Time: 10 minutes Makes about 1 1/2 quarts

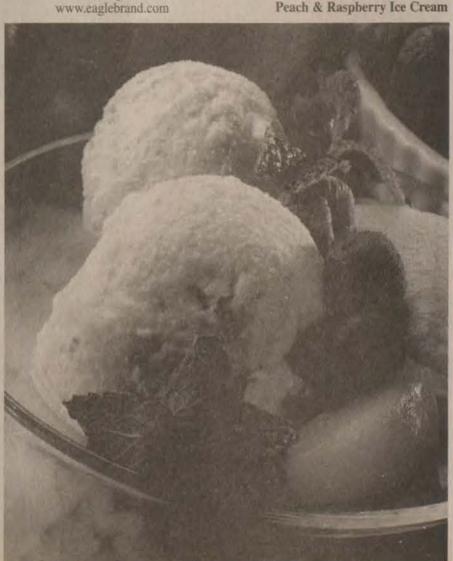
- 3 medium peaches, pared, seeded and mashed (about 1 1/2 cups)
- cup fresh or thawed frozen red raspberries, pureed (about 1/2 cup)

Fresh Fruit Dessert Pizza

- 2 cups (1 pint) coffee cream (NOT nondairy creamer)
- or whipping cream 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
- (NOT evaporated milk) 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- teaspoon almond extract Few drops red and yellow food coloring, optional 1. In 1 1/2 quart or larger ice cream
- freezer container, combine all ingredients; mix well. Freeze according to manufacturer's instructions. Return leftovers to freezer.

TIP: For larger ice cream makers, recipe can be doubled.







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Blackcat Golf Scramble moved to July

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

The Blackcat Football Touchdown Club will hold the Blackcat Golf Scramble on Monday, July 8, instead of the previously scheduled date of Tuesday, June 4 The scramble is still slated to be held at StoneCrest Golf Course in Prestonsburg.

(See GOLF, page three)

OVC BASEBALL

Ward earns induction into OVC Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Jim Ward, who coached the Eastern Kentucky University baseball team for 22 seasons, will be inducted into the OVC Hall of Fame during the conference's Honors Luncheon in Nashville on Thursday. The induction will bring the membership in the OVC Hall of Fame to 49.

"I am grateful that Jim Ward is being inducted during my tenure,"

(See WARD, page four)

MID-SOUTH CONFERENCE

commish to retire

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CORBIN - The only commissioner in Mid-South Conference history has announced his retire-

To m Dowling, who has helped mold the league into one of the leading conferences in the NAIA in its 6 1/2 years, has announced he will step down after more than 40 years involved in coaching and administration various levels of athletics. Dowling's retirement will become effective in August.

"During my 6 1/2 years as commissioner, we have developed the finest conference in all the NAIA. not only from a competitive standpoint but also innovatively through service to the members," said Dowling. "We have taken the MSC to a level that is only a dream of other NAIA conferences, while serving as an NAIA model and leader in all that is good and wholesome in intercollegiate athletics."

During his tenure with the Mid-South Conference, the league has

(See MSC, page three)

Ortega named honorable-mention

Two-sport star returns for second Centre grid season

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

DANVILLE -Prestonsburg High School alumnus John Ortega took little time away from the athletic realm after having an All-American type football season in his first year with the Centre College Colonels. After last fall's football season, Ortega, a former Blackcat standout in several sports, thought about playing some college baseball. And play he did. Ortega came out for the Centre baseball team

and helped lead the Colonels to a 20-win season. He will get back to work on the gridiron for the Colonels in the fall, playing in the defensive secondary.

Ortega came to Centre

(See ORTEGA, page three)



SWIMMING

Pikeville

swim team

schedules

registration

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Swimming, anyone? The Pikeville Sharks

tennis team will hold registration for all age groups 5:30-7 p.m. Monday at the Pikeville City Pool. All young area

swimmers are encouraged to

Swimmers must have a

physician's exam within one

SOCCER

(See SWIM, page four)

Ortega

RACING



Chris Prater Racing 0 Modified completed

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - UMP Modified driver Chris Prater has a new paint scheme on his car this race season. Bryon Marsillett, the newest C&S Signs employee, designed the graphics for the car. C&S manager Tim Vandine was pleased with the way the car turned out and Marsillett's work with the Modified. The newest C&S staff member was previously employed by Hi-Tech Signs &

"This is a real nice car,"

by JAMIE HOWELL

SPORTS WRITER

PIPPA PASSES - Registration is

now being accepted for the Alice

Lloyd College Baseball Camp to be

held June 10-14. The camp will run

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Reeve

said Vandine. "Bryon did a great job with the car.

C&S Signs is one of the chief sponsors of the Chris Prater Racing machine. Other sponsors include car Creations Audio & Detail Center, El Azul Grande of Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg Auto Mart and F.E.E. Incorporated. This week, the car will be on display on site at the locations of the various sponsors.

The No. OO Modified car is the latest dirt track machine to be signed and lettered at C&S

(See PRATER, page four)

ALC slates baseball camp for next month

Athletic Field at Alice Lloyd College.

The camp will be ran by former Alice

Cornett coached in his twelfth sea-

Age groups from 6-18 may register.

Lloyd College and Leslie County

standout/current ALC head coach

son as the head baseball coach at



Alice Lloyd, Cornett received his

over Centre College. He played at

200th win last spring with a victory

ALC from 1985-1989, where he set

several school records. After Cornett

graduated he signed with the Chicago

(See ALC, page four)

photos by Steve LeMaster

The No. 00 Modified of Chris Prater has a new look this race season, thanks to Bryon Marsillett and C&S Signs.

YMCA hosting soccer

Area YMCA.

tournament

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

Area soccer players are invit-

ed to take part in the upcom-

ing soccer tournament spon-

sored by the Pikeville Family

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville Area Family YMCA will host a soccer tournament June 28-30. The tournament will be double-elimination with age groups of 8 and under, 10 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under. There will be a girls, boys and co-ed division.

Interested parties should contact Greg Boggs at the YMCA at 606/433-YMCA(9622).

The Pikeville Area Family YMCA provides activities for those living in Pike and surrounding counties.

courtesy photo

Baseball scouts convened on Alice Lloyd College for a tryout camp May 24-26.

PRO SCOUTS

Pro baseball scouts visit ALC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - May 24-25, the Independent Scouting Bureau hosted a two-day professional and college baseball showcase at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes. Ten players, some from the Eastern Kentucky area, participated in the rigorous skills testing while scouts evaluated their performance. The ISB has assisted over 750 pro

(See SCOUTS, page four)



courtesy photo

Gaye Hatfield was honored this past week with a banner, commemorating her service to Adams Middle School and Floyd County schools.

(Story on page B4)

Attorneys for the Minropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, the Twins and major learne baseball are close to a settlement that would resolve a lawsuit and preserve the

SAN DIEGO - The struggling San Diego Padres learned that third basemen Phil Nevin and Soan Burroughs will each miss significant time because of arm and

Nevin has a broken left arm and is expected to be out six weeks, and Burroughs, a rookie who was benched in favor of Nevin on Monday, has a slight tear in his right rotator out and will be out 3-to-4.

ATLANTA - Hall of Famer Don Sutton. a broadcaster for the Atlanta Braves, will be out of the booth for 3-10-6 weeks after under going surgery next week to remove a growth on his left kidney.

HOCKEY

iffestyle changes to ensure he can handle the workload of coach and general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Quina's three-year contract extension worth \$2 million looks in next season.

Quinn missed two games of the Eastern Conference finals against the Carolina Hurricanes because of an irregular heartbest.

SEOUL, South Korea - FIFA president Sepp Blaffer succeeded in removing his most gangerous critic and forced the withdrawal of legal action against him by members of his

Michel Zen-Ruffinen, who accused Biatter of comuption, financial mismanagement and steering FIFA toward bankrupicy. agreed to gull as FIFA gimeral sacretary on

PANMUNJOM, Kores - For Landon Donovan, one trip to the demilitarized zone was not enough.

So Donovan accompanied 10 learnmates, coach Bruce Arena and his stall as they visited the DMZ between South Korea and North Korea, hours before the beginning

BLACKBURN, England - Brad Friedel. competing to becrime the starting goalkeeper for the United States during the World Cup, agreed to a four-year contract extension with Blackburn Hovers of England's Premier

TENNIS

PARIS - Jenniler Capnati's serve was far from championship caliber. Still, she moved on to the third round of the French

Andre Agassi advanced, too, winning when his work day was shortened by a blister on David Sanchaz's tool.

And Serena Williams, decked out again in a bright yellow and green outfit, rolled to another win at Roland Garros, beating Dally

Randriantety of Madagascar Capnati lost har serve six times but still beat Arny Frazier 6-4, 6-3,

Second-seeded Marat Safin railled for a live-set win over Olivier Rochus, No. 11 Juan Carlos Ferrero - a loser to Gustavo Kuerren in the semifinals the last two years - didn't let a sore ankle slop him from defeating

Also advancing Thursday were No. 3 Tommy Haas, who bear Feliciano Lopez: No. 10 Sabastian Grosipan, who got by American James Blake; Xavier Malisse eliminated

College

Centre Spring Sports – 2002

baseball, softball, track and field, tennis, and

golf completed successful seasons with many

Individuals performing well

After 6.4 - 28 record in 2001, the women's soft

15 - 19 mark in 2002. The Lady Colonels placed

At the SCAC track meet in Memoris, Tr., the

men made an impressive allowing lineshing hard.

their highest trust in years. The women placed

fourth. Star spiniter Sean Smith (Louisville) broke

the conterence record in the 200 meters with a time

of 21.69 Antirew Smith (Frankfort) broke the

school record to the discus throw with a mark of

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Markson, Miss. The women work led by junior Emily

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made first-team all-conference and senior Craig

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lings. The Colonida classic out the year with five

Auto racing

The 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup schedule (win-

ners in parentheses) and driver point standings:

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Schroeder (Someniet) led the feam in hitting (37)

Senior Scott Schlegel (Russellville)

Number one women's player Tiffany Durall

Softball

Briefs

POTOMAC, Md. - Franklin Langham, trying to become the Kemper Open's fourth straight first-time PGA Tour winner, matched the course record with an 8-under-par 63

sixth-seeded Tim Henman; and unseeded

No. 7 Jelena Dokic beat Conchita

upset No. 16 Barbara Schett; and 2000

champion Mary Pierce eliminated No. 32

Cristina Torrens Valero.

American Vince Spadea beat Adrien Voinea

Martinez: unseeded American Charida Rubin

Langham, who just missed a birdle putt on the final hole, had a two-stroke lead over Bob Estes and was three in ahead of Chris DiMarco, Brian Watts, Jay Williamson, Willie Wood and Brian Gay.

WOBURN, England — Colin Montgomerie, playing despite a back injury, shot a 2-under-par 70 in windy conditions to fall five stroke behind in the British Masters.

Santiago Luna of Spain and Robert-Jan Derksen of the Netherlands shared the firstround lead at 5-under 67. Defending champion Thomas Levet of France was in a group

BASKETBALL

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Jason Kidd's lamily might not attend Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals in Boston because of security concerns.

Despite assurances by the Celtics that they would provide as much security as needed, Kidd said that he was not sure whether his family would attend the game that could send New Jersey to its first NBA

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

DETROIT — Former Michigan guard Jalen Rose, now with the Chicago Bulls, said he took some money from a former booster of the school who pleaded guilty earlier this weak to a federal conspiracy charge.

Rose, who was drafted out of Michigan in 1994, told Fox Sports Net that Ed Martin gave him pocket money

CYCLING

FOLGARIA, Italy - Russia's Pavel Tankov won the 17th stage of the Giro d'Italia, and Italy's Paolo Savoldelli claimed the overall lead with a second-place finish.

TRACK AND FIELD BATON ROUGE, La. - Serene Ross of

Purdue set an American record in the women's Jayelin with her first throw of the NCAA Outooor Track and Field

Ross' throw of 195 feet, 8 inches broke the mark of 192-3 set by Lynda Blutreich on July 1, 2000.

HORSE RACING

LEXINGTON - The price paid for Our Emblem, sire of Triple Crown hopeful War Emblem, was \$10.1 million, the new owners

WinStar Farms and Taylor Made Farm bought Our Emblem from Allen and Audrey Murray's Murmur Farm near Darlington, Md.

OLYMPICS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Bill Hubi two-time U.S. Olympic Committee president, has withdrawn his name from consideration for the seat vacated last week by the resignation of USOC president Sandy

Hybi said he will support Boston attorney Paul George, now serving as a USOC vice

April 14 -- Virginia 500, Martinsville, (Bobby April 21 - Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Dale

Arvil 28 - NAPA Auto Parts 500, Fontana, Calif.

May 4 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond, (Tony

May 26 - Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C. (Mark

June 2 - MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del. June 9 - Pocons 500, Long Pond, Pa June 16 - Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.

June 23 - Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.

July 6 - Pepsi 406, Daytona Beach, Fla. July 14 - Tropicana 400, Cicero, III.

July 21 - New England 300, Loudon, N.H. July 28 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond. AUGUST

Aug. 4 - Brickyard 400, Indianapolis. Aug. 11 — Sinus Satellite Radio at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y. Aug 18 - Papili 400, Brooklyn, Mich.

Aug. 24 — Sharple 500, Bristol, Tenn.

SEPTEMBER - Southern 500, Darlington, S.C. Sept. 7 - Chevy Monte Carlo 400, Richmond, Va Sept. 15 — New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H. Sept. 22 — MBNA America 400, Bover, Del.

Sept. 29 — Protection One 400, Kansas City, Kan. OCTOBER

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

Oct. 27 - NAPA 500, Hampton, Ga.

NOVEMBER

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

DRIVER STANDINGS

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Rusty Wellace, 1,576 Tony Stewart, 1,544 Kurt Busch, 1,529 . Ricky Rudd, 1,495

Jelf Burton, 1,386

2 Dale Eamhardt Jr., 1,351 Ricky Crayen, 1,334

4. Michael Waltrip, 1,289. Terry Latonie, 1,280

7. Ryan Newman, 1,248

attective July 4.

19. Deve Blaney, 1,230 20. Jimmy Spencer, 1,217

FIFA's No. 2 executive

resigns, U.S. team visits DMZ

by BARRY WILNER

business before its showcase kicked off Friday,

FIFA accepted the resignation of its No. 2 executive

YOKOHAMA, Japan - As its final piece of

Feb. 24 — Subway (III) Rockinghim, N.C. (Matt. Soccer

UAW Daimler Chrysler 400: Las Vegas March 10 - MENA America 600, Hampton, Ga

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March 24 — Food City 500, Bristol, Term. (Kurt

FEBRUARY

MARCH

April 8 - Samaing/RadioShack 500, Fair Worth

SPORTSBOARD

THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

played newcomer Senegal in Securito begin the first World Cup staged in Asia, general secretary Miche Zen-Ruffinen was forced out. Zon-Ruffinen will be allowed to run the tournament, which ends June 30 before leaving the soccer governing body.

While the politics continued in Seoul, 24 miles north at the demilitarized zone, 11 American play ers, coach Bruca Arena and his staff mot U.S. sol diers and toured the area

I was so clueless until today," said 20-year-old DaMarcus Beasley, the youngest U.S. player "People take for granted what goes on in the world You forget how much people do for our country

A traveling party of 23 landed by helicopter on a baseball field at U.S. Army Crenp Liberty Bell a short distance from the DMZ: The Americans then took a quick bus ride to the Tae Song Don village or the South Korean side of the DMZ at the 38th par-

Joining Arena and other stell members were Kasey Keller, Joe Max Moore, Claudio Reyns DeMarcus Beasley, Tony Meola, Tony Sameti, John O'Brien, Landon Donovan, Grego Berhalter, Jeff Agoos and Eddie Pope.

The Americans get started on Wednesday vs. Portugal in Suwon, South Korea. The action in Japan begins Saturday with Ireland against Cameroon and Germany playing Saudi Arabia Uruguay faces Denmark on Saturday in South Zen-Ruffinen, a lawyer and former inter

al referee, circulated a 30-page document to FIFA's executive committee earlier this month detailing allegations of corruption involving president Sepp Blatter. He accused his boss of making unauthorized payments and other financial misconduct

Biatter easily was re-elected on Wednesday then vowed to have Zen-Rullinen lired. Instead Zen-Ruffinen agreed to step down on July 4 A group of FIFA members who brought a crim-

Inal complaint against Blatter in Switzerland also agreed to drop the action. At Seoul 64,000-seat stadium, South Koreans put on a spiritual show mixing ancient tradition and

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Kolzumi and Blatter gave speeches at Seoul's 64,000-seat World Cup stadiom. The latter was jeered by some South Korean President Kim Dae Jung declared the fournament officially open and fire

works flew from opposite sides of the roof to mark the ceremony's start. The game was a sellout, but ticket woes con tinued to plague the event, FIFA admitted Friday that up to 100,000 fans (about 2,000 per game) will have to pick up their World Cup tickets on match

"It's all under control, there are just bits and pieces still to son out." FIFA spokssman Andreas Herren said, adding the delivery problems stammed from delays in receiving information from socce

Japanese organizers expressed concern that disgruntled speciators who can't get into games

With enhanced security throughout South Korea and Japan for the first World Cup held in two countries, authorities also were being careful in other countries. Security officials at Singapore's nternational airport seized a submachine gun and ammunition from a bodyguard traveling with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's son. Saadi M. Gadhafi and his bodygoards were among a group traveling to Seoul for the tournament

Slateon Britons have been relused entry to Japan as authorities clamp down on suspected hooligans. British embassy spokeswoman Sue Kingshita said eight were turned back based on information provided by British police, indicating a history of riotous behavio

Another three were being evaluated Friday for possible deportation Ireland will not be able to replace the banished

Roy Keane, sent home after criticizing his coach to the rest of the learn

"It was reiterated by FIFA that a player can only be replaced when a medical certificate displa serious injury or liness," Herren said. "(Ireland) did

Transactions

BASEBALL

ANAHEIM ANGELS-Activated INF Benji Gil from the 15-day disabled list.

MINNESCYTA TWINS-Activated RHP Brad Radke from the 15-day disabled list and placed him back on the 15-day disabled list. Designated RHP Mike Trombley for release or assignment. Recalled LHP Johan Santana from Edmonton of the PCL OAKLAND ATHLETICS-Activated PHP Cor

Lidle from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Erik Hiljus to Sacramento of the PCL TEXAS RANGERS-Announced LHP Chris

Michalak and RHP Steve Woodard cleared waivers and were assigned to Oklahoma of the PCL

National League

MONTREAL EXPOS-Named Dave Barnett manager of Vermont in the New York-Perin League. ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Shane Reedy and OF Terry Evans

SAN DIEGO PADRES-Activitied RHP Bobby Jones from the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of INF Julius Matos from Portland of the PCL Sent C Javier Cardona outright to Portland. Placed 3B Sean Burroughs and RHP Brian Tollberg on the 15-day disabled list.

FOOTBALL National Football League

HOUSTON TEXANS-Signed DE Uhuru Hamilet

WASHINGTON REDSKINS-Sloned WR Lastie Shepherd to a one-year contract. HOCKEY

Fleming assistant coach

National Hockey League PHILADELPHIA FLYERS-Named Wayne

Golf

For Lopez, it's time for golf to yield to family

by CHUCK SCHOFFNER

AURORA, III - A stray puppy made if clear to Nancy Lopez that it was time for golf to give way to A tearful Lopez, in her tinist year playing full

time on the LPGA Tour, had to pause to regain her composure Thursday while telling the story on the eve of the Kellogg-Keebler Classic The dog named Bear had been given to Lopez and her family after friends found it by the

side of a road, and the little guy quickly endeared himself to the household. On Wednesday, he died after falling off a golf cart driven by Lopez's 10-year It was a heart-wrenching moment for one so

young - and for a mother who wasn't there to comon her grieving daughter. "If was just tough," Lopez said, wiping away a tear. "I think when you're a mom you always want to

be there when your kids are nurting. If was really hard for me to stay here. I wanted to go home. But she said she was line. The day before, Tom had played in a softball tournament, Lopez, an assistant coach for the team when she's nome, missed that, too. That's why, in

her 25th year on the lour, Lopez has decided she has been away from home errough. Lopez amounced in March that after this year she would play in only a reindful of events. She's not retiring, she insists, just scaling back in a big

"I think after 25 years on the four, you realize

WBY.

said. "Even though I love the tour and I enloy play ing out here. I'm always tom. My heart's always I always thank God ne gave me the ability and the chance to play professional golf. I'm just grate ful I've been able to play golf and play as well as

how much you miss of your life at home." Lopez

have over the 25 years. But with that, you finally say, how long can you do this and how long do you

want to stay out here? I just realized it was time to

Sha'll be missed. With her smile and bubbly personality, Lopez helped make the LPGA Tou appealing to nongolfers. Remembering when she way 15 and saw a PGA star refuse an sufograph request, Lopez signs until the last fan is gone she won - 48 titles, induction into the Hall of Fame

Growing up as a kid, she was definitely one of my idols," said Laura Diaz, second on the earnings list this year. "I dressed up like her when I was in fifth grade. She's a great person, a great athlete She's achieved everything that I would like to

Karrie Webb, who grew up in Australia, was a rockle on the four in 1996 before she saw Lopez in person. If didn't take Webb long to understand what Lopez meant to the game.

"She's definitely one of a kind," Webb said. "I really don't think we'll see too many more people in the history of the LPGA have as much of an impact on the lour as she did and do as much for the lour

She's just left behind that legacy. Hopefully a few of us can manage to do the job that she as one person did for all those years.

Legacy? Lopez said she never saw it that way. She just tried to enjoy the game and play well. She still seems amused that fans would react to her the way she would react to seeing Tom Selleck - by

"I don't think I'm better then anybody else." Lopez said. "Of course, I might ask for a little special treatment, a plane sometimes or a limousine to pick me up. But I always say please and thank you The lour should do the same for her.

Boxing

Lewis fight could be Tyson's last big payday

by TIM DAHLBERG ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the New York affice of Mike Tyson's manag or, a clock slowly ticks away, counting down the seconds until 11 p.m. CDT on June 8. At that moment. Tyson should step into a ring in Memphis. Tenn to fight Lennex Lewis

There's an identical clock in the office of Showlime executive Jay Larkin, ticking toward the The countdown is relentless, but it never

seems to go test enough. When you're counting on Tyson, it never does. 'We're nervous. We're very, very hervous Larkin said. 'And the closer you get the more neryous you get. It's a long walk down the aisle."

it's especially long when you're walking with Tyson, who in the fast few months alone had to dodge two rape allegations and a strip-club light to keep from blowing what could be his last big pay-That doesn't even count the New York news conference in January when Tyson bit Lewis, then

stood on stage, grabbed his crotch, and delivered a

comographic tirade at an audience member who dared question his stability. Just when all seemed sale and the former reavyweight champion was sequestered in Maul, he shattered the beapeful quiet by felling a female TV reporter he usually has sex with women who interview him. He told other reporters he would like to "stomp" on their children's testicles "so you could lest my pain because that's the pain I have waking

up svery day." If a no wonder that, less than two weeks before one of the biggest fights in history, promoters are notding their breath.

They know better than anyone that until Tyson actually appears in the ring, nothing is a safe bet. Even then, it's a crapshoot This guy is an idial. He has no sense," Lewis

That, of course, is precisely why Lewis stands to make some \$25 million or so for defending his heavyweight titles against Tyson in a city so perate for recognition that it took a fight most others

Tyson is shocking and vulgar. He's also the biggest attraction in the sport, which might say more about the state of boxing than his ability.

When Tyson is involved, it's more World Wrestling than boxing. The only things missing are the tolding chairs to hit opponents over the head. "It's everything that's wrong about the sport

and society," longtime promoter Bob Arum said. "He's had a catastrophic effect on boxing." Arum's view might be clouded by the fact he has no stake in this light, which could surpass Tyson's second light with Evander Holyfield as the richest ever. People who do have an interest get

richer every time Tyson opens his mouth. All 19 000 tickets were scooped up in just days, though the public got its chance at just a few. With ringside seats selling for \$2,400, the fight at ne Pyramid Arena will generate a gross of some

\$25 million, the biggest gate for any arena event. That doesn't include revenues from 1 million 1/2 million homes that are expected to pay \$54.95 or the pay-per-view in the United States. In Britain, promoters believe another 1 million households will buy the light, despite its 5 a.m. Sunday start time in

Sterved for a winner, the Brits love Lewis, a reserved champion who is sometimes so cautious in the ring he seems to be in the wrong sport Everyone else is paying to see Tyson in all his glory, waiting to see whether he self-destructs. Say what you want about Tyson he sells tickets

like no other lighter. He did that so well in 2000 he made \$48 million lighting three burns who were happy just to get a payday.

**Mike is probably one of the most comp

sports figures in history," Larkin said. "He's also one of the most recognized people on the planet."

Recognized, yes, But for all the wrong rea-

At 35, Tyson hasn't lought a real contender since biting Holyfield's ears five years ago. Since then he's lought only live times, going a total of 13. ounds against the likes of Julius Francis, Lou-Savarese and Orlin Nome If his name wasn't Mike Tyson, he might be on

the undercard of club lights instead of holding the No. 1 ranking of the World Boxing Council. Tyson can still punch and he's even better at making headlines. He's unapologetic for his life and

his actions, and dares people to take him for what "I'm just a dark guy from a den of iniquity. I've been there all my life," Tyson said. "I'm a dark, shadowy figure."

It's hard to disagree with that. Tyson spent

three years in prison for rape, has been accused of

the crime by several other women and most recent-

served jail time for beating two elderly men following a Maryland fender-bender. He tested positive for manjuana after a light with Andrew Golota in Detroit Iwo years ago, went through two tumultuous marriages and squandered nearly \$300 million in ring earnings through levish

spending and bad advice. Tyson will always be revited for biting a chunk out of Holyfield's ear but he also fried to break rancois Botha's arm, went after a referee in his light with Lou Savarese and hit Norris after the bell.

bad nigger," Tyson said Badness salis Judging from Showtime research that showed awareness of the fight jumped from about 70 percent to 95 percent after the New York news conference.

I'm the goy everyone wants to say, 'He's the

The melee might not have been scripted, but with Tyson in the role of thug it didn't need to be. It's a role he plays easily. "He's a cartoon character," Lewis said. "He's ignorant, arrogant and an imbedite.

smear his brains around the ring " "My main objective is to be professional but to kell nom." Tyson said. That's what it comes to He should want to kill me, too, because I want to kill him. But I still love him. It's the kind of talk that bothers even those who

"He's the niggest disgrace in the history of box-ing." Arum said. "There's never been an insane

make their living in the sweet science

Tyson has some choice words for Lewis saying he should have killed him and that he plans to

lighter at the top of hoxing. He should be locked up in an asylum instead of people paying money to see

Even some of Tyson's fellow lighters have

turned against him. Decar De La Hoya, who ranks close to Tyson

as a pay-per-view attraction, said Tyson may be setting tickets but is seifing out the sport. "He's a circus act and he's killing boxing." De La Hoya said. "He's disgusting. It's said and depressing. There are so many good boxers and he

ruins it for everyone." Oddsmakers believe Tyson's best days are over, making Lewis a 2-1 favorite to retain his World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation titles in the scheduled 12-round fight. British odd makers went a step further, offering 4-1 odds that

Tyson would be disqualified in the ring. Tyson's own trainers warned earlier this month that the light needs a strong referee to make sure

he doesn't get out of contro "Mike Tyson's not going to defraud any lan of his money," assistant Tyson trainer Stacy McKinley said. But he may not hear the bell and you may

need someone to pull him off Lewis." That annoyed Lewis' camp, which tried unsuccessfully to get a clause inserted in the contract after the New York news conference that would have made Tyson forfeit part of his purse to Lewis it

ne committed a foul. At 36, Lewis understands he needs to beat Tyson to cement his legacy as a great heavyweight. That's why Lewis waited patiently as the fight was shopped across the country before landing in Memphis. The money is nice, but the opportunity to

beat Tyson and stake his claim to the high ground in boxing is even better. "I have to take him out to help clean up boxing." Lawis said. "The way I look at it, the good guy has

Tyson comes into the fight with more baggage

to win on June 8."

than usual. He's broke, engaged in a bitter div with his wife, and is taking on Lewis after first say ing he needed two more tuneup bouts to get in Nevada boxing authorities deemed him unfit to tight in Las Vegas, and other states rejected him as

morally bankrupt. His only good news came when prosecutors declined earlier this year to file charges two cases where women said he sexually assaulted them. That made me look bad. I went to prison for rape so I've got this stigma." Tyson said. "I didn't do

anything, but they wanted to make a point and blame Mike Tyson. Tyson's life is always in shambles. He's training in Maul so his handlers could keep him out of nightclubs and strip clubs where he might get into even more trouble.

Though Tyson converted to Islam while in an indiana prison and says he prays every day, he admits he doesn't let religion get in the way of his desire to drink, amoke and have sex with as many women as he can That image disgusts many people, and Tyson

probably will be the target of protests by women's

proups in Memphis. His own public relations firm

dumped him earlier this month after the interviews

in Hawaii, where Tyson is surrounded by a group of es-men whose livelihood is tied to the money he will make against Lewis. Sitting on a couch in his \$1,500 a night ocean villa earlier this month, Tyson said he's only being

honest to his lans.

I would lave to be Tiger Woods, I would lave to be Will Smith and I would love to be Michael Jordan," he said. "I'd make a lot in endorsements. People want to be lied to. People don't want to pelleve their idol is a freak. While Lewis seems destined to be defined by

this fight. Tyson's image was defined long ago as he

bared his troubled life to the public

A third stint as heavyweight champion would be nice, but what Tyson really needs is money. So does Showtime, which reportedly advanced him \$13 million to pay off tax and other debts so they could keep him as their star boxing attraction

"Suffice to say we've been very supportive of

Even if Tyson makes \$30 million for lighting

Mike Tyson through several events of his life. Larkin said. Tyson made some \$110 million in five lights with promoter Don King after his release from prison in 1995. He spends it faster than he makes t, and he's suing King, accusing him of taking \$100

ion more that he should have

Lewis he might be doing no better than breaking even on his debts. And that's before he settles with Monica Tyson, who Tyson claims is holding their children hostage to get more money. That doesn't stop him from engaging in one of the most expensive training camps ever in Maul

ing for racing pigeons to buy. There's still plenty of cars in the garage at his nome in Las Vegas, where he recently bought the place next door to keep house quests who don't fit in the 11,000-square-foot main coffage

where he spends his spare time in the Internet look-

any responsibility, I'm the most irresponsible man in He could become one of the richest again if he happens to catch Lewis with some punches to a chin that has already proved vulnerable to lesser fighters such as Oliver McCall and Hasim Rahman.

"I'm a foolish man," Tyson said. "I don't take

Tyson remains a feared puncher who could become heavyweight champion again Tyson is very quick and when he hits a guy the impact and the quickness gets you off your feet." Holyfield said "What scares people is they don't

Because he has been so inactive for the last decade - three years in prison and another 18 months under suspension - Tyson could conceivably fight several more years.

If he loses, those years could be lean by Tyson standards, with a million-dollar payday here and there. Former trainer Tommy Brooks worries Tyson could snap when faced with the end of his career. If he wins Tyson rules the division again, 16

years after he became the youngest heavyweight champion ever by knocking out Trevor Berbick. "Mike Tyson wants to go down as the greatest heavyweight of all time and this fight will help him do it," said McKinley, the assistant trainer. "Once he gets those belts around him, it's going to be hard to

take them from him." That's why people like manager Shelly Finkel and Showtime's Larkin stick with Tyson. The payoff could be huge.

"Mike as the heavyweight champion of the

Lewis, transcends anything boxing has seen in terms of awareness and popularity." Larkin said. "Everybody is paying money to see a mentally defective fighter," Arum said. "My hope is that Tyson gets blown away by Lennox and he just fedes out of

world, coming off a definitive victory over Lennox

Basketball

Lady Topper basketball set to host summer camps SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOWLING GREEN - Western Kentucky women's basketball coach Mary Taylor Cowles and her staff will host two different summer camps during the third and form weeks of June.

The Lady Topper Team Camp, designed for high school teams, will run June 20-23. Each team is guaranteed at least 10 games during the threeday, overnight camp. Housing and food will be provided, and a trained medical staff will be on hand to ansure the safety of the campers. Cost for the team camp is \$195 for overnight participants and \$110 for commuter teams: WKU will also provide a Lady Topper Individual Camp from June 24-28. This day camp, which is \$125 per camper, will run from 1-5 p.m. (CDT) each

day, and is open to girls age seven through high school seriors. Campers will be instructed in all areas of the game including ball handling, shooting footwork, rebounding, detense and working as a team. Current and former Lady Toppers, high school and college coaches and the Lady Toppar coaching staff will be on hand to instruct the indi-Due to the renovations of Diddle Arena, Lady Topper Individual Camp will be conducted at WKU's

Preston Center, Team Camp will also be conducted at the Preston Center, as well as some local high school and junior high facilities. For further information and camp applications, contact the Lady Topper Basketball Office at

Women's National Basketball Association

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Wednesday's Games

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Thursday's Games Los Angeles 69, Miami 65 Orlando 80, Detroit 66 Utah 69. Portland 64

Saturday's Games Houston at Cleveland, 3 p.m. Orlando at Washington, 5 p.m. Detroit at Indiana, 8 p.m os Angeles at Chariotte. 8 p.m. Utah at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games Miami at New York, Noon Seattle at Portland, 3 p.m. Indiana at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

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Baseball

No joke: Rangers still

by STEPHEN HAWKINS

ASSOCIATED PRESS ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas general manager John Hart has called his team's performance "a

payroll has been a waste of money, and that he doesn't plan to spend like that again All Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez is frustrated. having been ejected from games twice in two

West, where they finished the past two seasons Since getting within a game of 500, Texas has lost 11 of 14 to fall a season-high 12 games behind divi sion-leading Seattle "It's been a joke watching us play. That's my

myself. These are guys we had confidence in We're not playing near our potential. After he was hired. Hart started dealing and spending Hicks' money. The owner scrapped his

ilan to reduce the payroll in hopes of having a con-

Hart signed Chan Ho Park (\$65 million, five years), the best free-agent pitcher available, and brought back two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez (\$24

missed five weeks with torn muscle fiber in his right hand, has just two ABIs - on two solo homers -Then there are pitching retreads Dan Miceli

failing as the closer. Hideki Irabu (2-3 with 11 saves in 13 chances) was bidding in the spring to be the No. 5 starter. He look over as the closer because Jeff Zimmerman

three appearances before having shoulder surgery to repair a circulatory problem "I'm tired of talking about injuries," Hart said.

"Injured, we are still better than the teams that have been kicking our butt." As the Rangers (21-30) continue to lose, they are expenencing the worst aftendance decline in tranchise history, with an average of 28,800 at the

first 25 home games. Hicks, who lost \$31 million

"I'm not doing it any more. This is my last year

our means from now on, at least break even." The Rangers ended their third five-game losing streak of the season with a 9-8 win over Minnesota on Wednesday night. But they blew the lead three times before backup catcher Todd Greene's RBI

stantly shuffle lineups because of injuries, though e had expected to fill out a card with four potential Hall of Famers batting in a row. Ivan Rodriguez, a 10-time All-Star catcher hasn't played since April 15 because of a hemiated disc in his back. He reported Thursday to extended

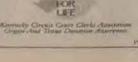
seem in danger of losing his job, He's had to con-

After the season he is eligible to become a free agent, Hicks has indicated he won't pay the \$15 million to \$20 million a season Rodriguez is expected to seek After missing a week with a strained calf.

has taken over at third. Frank Catalanotto, who could also fill in at first, is on the DL with a strained right groin and back spasms. Outlielder Carl Everett, another Hart addition, has been slowed by recovery from offseason knee

surgery and a DL stay for a strained calf. He is hit-ting 199 in 35 games "We've taken a beating the last few weeks," Namon said. 'But if you are around these guys every day, you know what kind of heart they have. We could have easily laid down. We haven't and we will not





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Friday's Games No games scheduled

Minnesota at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

last after all that money

Rangers owner Tom Hicks basically said his \$105 million investment for baseball's third-highest

"We have Issues," said Rodriguez, the team's highest-paid — \$22 million this season — and most productive player. "I'm not sure why, I'm puzzled. The Hangers are still in last place in the AL

responsibility," said Hart, who in the previous decadu took the Cleveland Indians from last place to the World Series. "I'm not blaming anybody but

nillion, two years). Not even those moves worked Park is 1-2 with a 7,38 ERA in four starts. He missed six weeks after his opening day start because of a pulled right hamstring. Gonzalez, who

and Steve Woodard, whom Hart brought from Cleveland but has already dumped. Another former Indian, reliever John Rocker, is in the minors after

hasn't pitched because of elbow tendinitis Setup man Jay Powell, another Hart signee, is on a rehabilitation assignment after injuring a tendon in his night middle finger. Rich Rodriguez made

last year, could lose more this year.

of doing it," Hicks said. "We're going to play within single in the bottom of the ninth. Manager Jerry Narron, who replaced Johnny Oates after an 11-17 start last season, doesn't

spring training in Florida and could be back with the Rangers next week.

Rafael Palmeiro is limited to designated hitter. He has been replaced at first by Mike Lamb, who lost his starting job at third to rookie Hank Blalock. Blalock has already been sant to the minors, where Lamb began the season: Herbert Perry, Palmeiro's expected backup,



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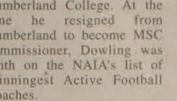
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grown from eight schools in Cumberland College. At the 1995 to the 10 that will compete in the league in the 2002-03 season. MSC teams have won five national championships during its tenure.

A highly-respected football coach, Dowling spent 34 years in coaching and served as head coach at Georgetown College, Liberty University

time he resigned from Cumberland to become MSC commissioner, Dowling was ninth on the NAIA's list of Winningest Active Football Coaches.

Dowling's time as commissioner has been fruitful. according to Georgetown College President William H.



When the Mid-South Conference was created, we needed someone with a vision, a strong work ethic and acquainted with success to lead the conference," said Crouch. "Tom Dowling filled all those roles wonderfully. And, he's done an outstanding job in making us one of the strongest conferences in the country."The successes the league has enjoyed can be directly attributed to the leadership of Dowling, according.

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Ortega

from the University of Kentucky where he was a member of the JV football team under thenhead coach Hal Mumme. Ortega played his high school baseball under Russell Shepherd and his high school football under John DeRossett. Georgetown native Matt Durham joined Ortega as an honorable-mention selection. The Colonels closed out the season with five straight wins.

Centre College outfielder Scott Schlegel (Russellville) has been named first-team All Conference in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. The 5'11" 170 pound senior batted .355 for the Colonels with 7 doubles, 1 triple, and 1 home run. Schlegel's on base percentage of .455 was second best on the team and he led the team in stolen bases with 13. "Scott is the best centerfielder and best

lead-off man I've ever coached," said head coach Ed Rall. "He understands the strategy in a game, and he'd be a great coach some day. He gets an unbelievable jump on the ball in the outfield and makes tough plays look routine. He's a team oriented guy and a tremendous student and leader. He will be sorely missed next year." The four-year letterman had a .330 career batting average with 36 career stolen bases leading the team in steals three out of four years. The speedy outfielder also carries a 3.33 grade point average majoring in economics.

Senior Craig Schoroeder led the Colonels in hitting with an average of .377.

Centre is a Division III member of the NCAA with an enrollment of 1023.

Golf

Proceeds from the scramble will benefit the Prestonsburg High School football team, 2001 Kentucky High School Class 2A State Football Runner-up.

Entry fee for the scramble is \$200 per team. Hole sponsor-

first place; \$500 for second place; and \$300 for third place. Other prizes will be handed out for longest drive, closest to the pin and hole-in-one.

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A shotgun start is slated for 8:30 a.m. For more information, contact Greg Dixon by calling 874-9094.

to Cumberland College President Dr. James Taylor.

"Tom has been with the Mid-South Conference since its inception and has been instrumental in its success," Taylor said. "He has done a stellar and exceptional job and we wish him well."Lindsey Wilson College President Dr. Williams Luckey said Dowling takes the best wishes of the conference members with him into his retirement.

"We are very happy for Tom that he's at a point in his life that he can retire and spend more time with his family," said Luckey. "We are grateful for the leadership he

The commissioner added that he would remain a fan of the league in his retirement. "It is my hope and certainly my expectation that the MSC schools under the direction of the Board of Directors will continue to provide the same service to the schools as well as the national leadership that has become an expectation from our peers," he said.

Luckey will chair the committee to find a replacement for Dowling. Those interested in the position mat contact him at the office of the president at Lindsey Wilson College.

■ AUTO RACING

Individual skybox suite seats for 2003 season now available

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Bristol Motor Speedway is becoming even more fan friendly. Fans now may purchase individual luxury skybox suite seats for the 2003 NASCAR Winston Cup and Busch Series events at

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closed circuit television and complimentary souvenir pro-

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For more information please call Kim Branson at 423/764-6555, extension 238.



MSU coaches began their cycling trip in Ashland. Coach Faber

and Coach Macy are cycling for the cause.

AUTO RACING

False rumors again swirl around Labonte

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

For the second time in slightly more than a year, Bobby Labonte was forced to publicly deny fast-spreading rumors of his death in an accident.

Earlier Thursday, reports of Laborte being involved in some sort of accident were being spread nationwide. Contrary to these reports, Labonte had spent the entire week close to his family's side following the untimely death of his father-in-law last

Thursday with his son for an end situation.

Donna's father and to think someone could start a rumor like this is just tasteless. I am not really sure how to respond to be honest except to say this makes me very angry.

"I would think someone would want to have all the correct information before either reporting it or saying anything to anyone else and contributing to the 'rumor mill,' but I guess we don't live in that type of society anymore. Everyone just wants to be the first to report something no matter if there is truth to it or not."

When asked if he knew how it might have gotten started, Labonte responded, "No, I have no idea. We went through this same thing last year during the California race weekend and unfortunately, we never really figured out how that got started

"It's just a shame people are not more considerate. When there's a rumor like that out there, I would think that you would want to call the proper people who would have reliable information and get some type of verification, but that never seems to happen anymore. Now

(See NASCAR, page five)

Sunday. In addition, Labonte spent

of the school year party when the rumors started to circulate. Needless to say, it has already been an emotional week for he and his family and this has just compounded an already fragile

"To hear these rumors floating out there today is very unnerving," said Labonte. "I am very upset and disappointed to see this happen again. = "It has been a very emotional week for my family with the passing of

BASEBALL

MU baseball adds third lefty

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - In a continued effort to bolster his pitching staff, Marshall baseball coach Dave Piepenbrink announced last week the signing of left-handed pitcher Chris Koutsavlis.

A product of Mt. Lebanon High School, the No. 1 ranked AAA team in Pennsylvania, Koutsavlis has posted a 6-0 record this year and is yet to allow an earned run. He has allowed just 14 hits and eight walks in 38 innings of work while striking out 66.

"We expect Chris to make an immediate impact for us as a freshman," Herd pitching coach Tom Carty said, "We are excited about him coming here. He has tremendous command for a high school pitcher and throws 84-86 miles per hour."

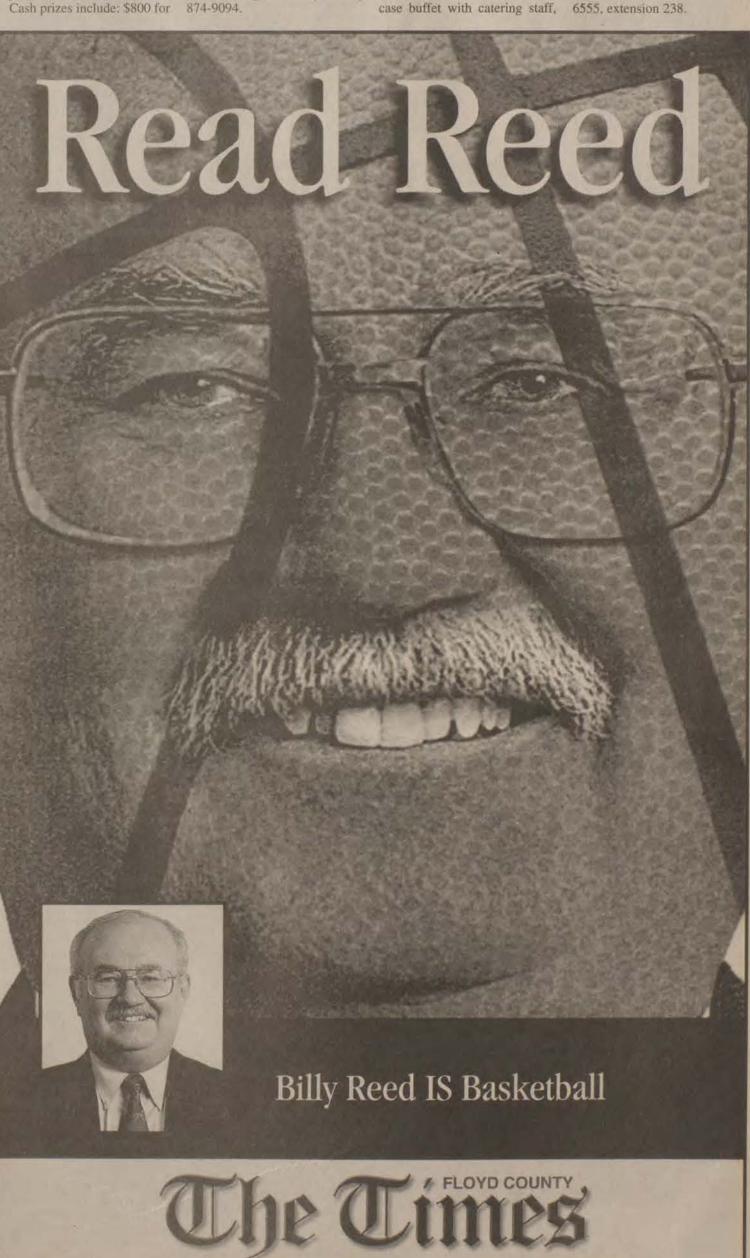
Koutsavlis was a Pittsburgh Post-Gazette All-Star selection as a junior when he posted a 6-4 record with a 1.96 ERA in 68 imnings of work. He allowed 38

hits, walked 20 and struck out 84 while throwing nine complete games.

He has twice been named All-Section as a pitcher and infielder, was named the Almanac Advertiser League MVP and he has been nominated for the Louisville Slugger TPX High School All-America

Koutsaylis joins left-handed pitchers Fritz Conrad (Daytona Beach, Fla.) and David Goodson (Tallmadge, Ohio) as high school signees for the Herd. In addition, Marshall signed a pair of junior college players - third baseman Corie O'Bryan (Frederick, Md., Community College) and pitcher/outfielder Scott Henning (Cecil County, Md., Community College) - this

Johnson Central High School alumnus Heath Castle was mentioned as a possible Marshall signee. Castle was drafted in last year's Major League Baseball amateur draft and is expected to be drafted again this season.



TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - Morehead State University's men's basketball and women's soccer coaches have combined bike riding and fundraising into an event aimed at assisting student-athletes with summer school expenses.

Sponsored by Coach Kyle Macy and Coach Leslie Faber, the Student Athlete Fund for Education (SAFE) ride began May 27 and continues across Kentucky, ending June 1. Participants started in Ashland and was scheduled to stop at the state line just outside Paducah yesterday.

The SAFE fund was set up as a response to student-athletes' financial needs. Because of missed classes and scheduling conflicts due to athletic competition, college athletes sometimes fall behind in the typical four-year degree curriculum, requiring summer coursework.

TRACKING THE TRIP...

■ Day 1 Monday, May 27, Ashland to Morehead 61 miles completed

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Day 3 Wednesday, May 29, Lexington to Elizabethtown 91 miles - completed

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Day 6 Saturday, June 1, Princeton to Paducah 60 miles

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



■ NAIA BASKETBALL

Whitesburg player highlights Transy recruit list

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - A pair of prep regional players of the year head Transylvania's men's basketball recruiting list for 2002-

Bryan Howard, a 6-3 wing player from Whitesburg, and Robert Pendleton, a 6-1 guard from Webster County, have announced plans to play for Transy next fall, head coach Brian Lane said Tuesday.

Howard was an honorable mention all-state pick by the Louisville Courier-Journal. He led Whitesburg to the state Sweet 16 for the first time in 40 years. Pendleton was a third team Courier-Journal All-State selection. Both were invited to try out for the Kentucky All-Star

"Bryan is an explosive scorer

who could have an immediate impact because of his outstanding work ethic and toughness," Lane said. "Robert is an outstanding scorer and a tremendous passer who will fit in well with the up-tempo style of play we want.'

Lane said 15 other high school seniors have announced plans to play for the Pioneers next year along with three college transfers.

The transfers are Nathan Valentine, a 6-3 guard who payed for South Laurel High School before attending Tusculum, 6-2 Matt Robbins, who attended Kentucky last year after graduating from Batesville (Ind.) High School, and Bryan Adams, a former Franklin County standout who played at the College of Charleston.

The rest of the incoming

something, but I've never had

anybody tell me for sure that,

'This person is doing this.' It's

always, 'I heard this guy is doing

Martinez believes his clubhouse

ter of my 25 players," he said.

"There are so many wonderful

people that play baseball. You

have to be careful not to paint

admitted he didn't always know

what others were doing around

him when baseball went through

eration of cocaine abuse."

Martinez said. "I was naive to

that when my teammates were

Thomas said he'd have no

"I know what I put into the

game day in and day out," he

said. "I feel cheated if everyone's

on steroids, because I know how

I've worked to get to this level

doesn't necessarily believe

steroid use can be called an unfair

be illegal?" he said. "There's

plenty of legal stuff to take to

serve that purpose. If they did

n't mean you can hit a 95 mph

players said to be using steroids.

Mets outfielder Jay Payton

"Who's to say steroids should

"I came from the baseball gen-

a drug scandal in the 1980s.

problem being tested.

and try to maintain it."

involved."

advantage.

But as a player, Martinez

everybody with the same brush."

Toronto manager Buck

"I would fight for the charac-

Several East

Soccer

Kentucky Youth

Association teams

have played their

final games of the

spring season.

freshmen include Nick Feagan (Ryle), Matt Finke and Marc Bain (Covington Catholic), John Darnell (Russell), Ryan Atwell (Campbellsville), Adam Cole (Somerset), John Berry (Louisville Trinity), Tim Kuzma (Muncie (Ind.) Burris), Jimmy Corum (Bell County), Chapman Hopkins (Ravenscroft (N.C.) School), Jonathon Russell (Christ Presbyterian (Tenn.) Academy), Tyler Smithhart (Henderson County), Adam Cooke (Lexington Catholic), Daniel Knauz (Fleming-Neon), and Matt Veigl (Louisville St. Xavier).

The 6-6 Feagan and the 6-5 Finke were named to the Cincinnati Enquirer All-State team along with Bain, a 5-10 defensive specialist. Darnell, a 6-4 forward, and Atwell, a 6-3 combo guard, were Courier-Journal honorable mention

Cole was an honorable mention all-state choice of the Associated Press as a junior while Berry was a two-time allregion pick.

Feagan and Finke are strong inside players, Lane said, while Darnell can play both inside and outside. Atwell played both guard positions while Cole, also a point guard, averaged six assists a game and led Somerset into the All Class A Tournament final round.

We're very excited about this recruiting class," said Lane, who is in his second season as Transy's head coach. "I am thrilled that we have been able to recruit some of the top players in this state.

"Bringing in the type of student-athlete that succeeds at Transvlvania is our main focus. We have a collection of outstanding players but we also have tremendous students."

Lane said the additional players will allow Transy to get its junior varsity program back up to full strength.

"We were short-handed this past season," he said. "By bringing in the number of players we have shows the level of interest in our program and will mean a lot of competition for playing time next season which should translate in to more suc-

cess on the court." Transylvania is in the process of making the transition from the NAIA to the NCAA's Division III. The Pioneers are a member of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, an eight-team league with schools from Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio.

Prater

Signs.

Prater did not plan to race the car on Friday night. It was uncertain at press time whether he would race on Saturday night. He has raced a couple of times already this race season, including a good run at Fleming County Speedway.

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Ward

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OVC Commissioner Dan Beebe said. "I feel the league made a worthy choice, not only based upon his success, but the outstanding sportsmanship he displayed. He was a fine contributor to the sport of baseball and to the development of young people."

Ward led the Colonels to five regular season OVC titles, four OVC tournament championships and four NCAA Regional appearances during his 22 seasons as EKU head baseball coach. He coached five OVC Players of the Year, four All-Americans and 64 first-team All-OVC performers. Ward's legacy continued into the professional ranks where 29 of his former Colonel players went on to sign professional baseball contracts, including six who have played in the major leagues. Countless former players have also gone on to become coaches, scouts and held other baseball positions at every level of the game.

When he closed his career in 2001, Ward was one of only a handful of coaches to have achieved 300 or more coaching victories at two different Division 1 schools. Prior to becoming the head coach at Eastern Kentucky, he spent 11 seasons at Stetson, where the Hatters had 11 consecutive winning seasons and compiled a 311-185-3 record. He was inducted into the Stetson University Baseball Hall of Fame in March 2000.

In 1980, Ward brought his winning ways to BKU where he had previously served as a graduate assistant. After going 11-20 in his first season, Ward's 1981 Eastern Kentucky squad led the nation in greatest improvement in the number of wins (+26) with 37 victories. In his 22 seasons at EKU, the Colonels qualified for the OVC post-season tournament all but two times during this span. His teams at Eastern Kentucky set school records for wins (42 in 1985 and-1990) and highest winning percentage (.714, 30-12 in 1982).

Ward, a five-time OVC Coach of the Year recipient, coached numerous players at EKU who were named to the Dean's List, Commissioner's Honor Roll,

Colonel Scholars Presidential Scholars. He also had five players earn Academic All-American honors.

Lady Topper basketball set to host summer camps

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BOWLING GREEN Western Kentucky women's basketball coach Mary Taylor Cowles and her staff will host two different summer camps during the third and forth weeks of June.

The Lady Topper Team Camp, designed for high school teams, will run June 20-23. Each team is guaranteed at least 10 games during the three-day, overnight camp. Housing and food will be provided, and a trained medical staff will be on hand to ensure the safety of the campers. Cost for the team camp is \$195 for overnight participants and \$110 for commuter teams.

WKU will also provide a Lady Topper Individual Camp from June 24-28. This day camp, which is \$125 per camper, will run from 1-5 p.m. (CDT) each day, and is open to girls age seven through high school seniors. Campers will be instructed in all areas of the game including ball handling, shooting, footwork, rebounding, defense and working as a team. Current and former Lady Toppers, high school and college coaches and the Lady Topper coaching staff will be on hand to instruct the individual

Due to the renovations of Diddle Arena, Lady Topper Individual Camp will be conducted at WKU's Preston Center. Team Camp will also be conducted at the Preston Center, as well as some local high school and junior high facilities.

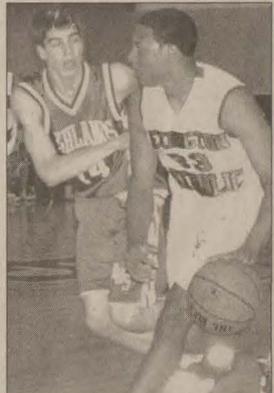


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Lexington Catholic got a new head coach this past week as Glasgow head coach Bart Fleenor accepted the head position.

Glavine, Thomas open to steroid testing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tom Glavine doesn't think steroid use is as prevalent as Ken Caminiti says it is. Frank Thomas wants baseball to find

Caminiti estimated that at least half the major leaguers use steroids, and he told Sports Illustrated he was on them when he was the NL MVP in 1996.

Glavine, the Atlanta Braves left-hander who has served as the team's representative to the players' union since 1990. doubts the problem is that wide-

"Fifty percent is a lot, and if I'm going to sit here and look at 25 guys on my ballclub and think 12 or 13 are on steroids, then no, I don't believe it," he said Wednesday. "But if I look at 700 players overall, there might be some teams who have more than 13. I don't know."

Thomas wants baseball to start testing for steroids, saying he feels "cheated" if other players

are using drugs. "I don't know who's on and who's not on," the two-time MVP with the Chicago White Sox said. "There is definitely more activity in the weight room nowadays. I was hoping that it was just old guys working hard in the weight room. I really think it's time for

Glavine said the union may have to address the issue, but he's

not sure how. "It's easy for me to sit here and say I don't care about drug testing because I don't take steroids and don't take drugs," he said. "It's not a big deal to me, but obviously there is much greater cause for concern that goes into why you would or would not agree with doing that.'

Baseball officials said following an owners meeting in Chicago they would like a program to deal with steroids and

The NFL and NBA prohibit steroids and test for them. The NHL and major league baseball have no policy regarding their

"We've made a comprehensive proposal to the players' association to deal with the issue of steroids and testing for steroids at the major league level, and we're hopeful that it's an issue that will be resolved in the bargaining process," said Rob Manfred, baseball's top labor lawyer.

A ban in baseball, or even testing players on 40-man rosters, would have to be bargained with the players. The union has resisted such a plan.

"The association regards the issue as a serious and complicated one and will treat those discussions accordingly,"

spokesman Greg Bouris said. Recently retired slugger Jose Canseco went even further than Caminiti, saying 85 percent of players use steroids.

New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine thought those estimates were overblown.

"Only if it's in the water or there's some way players are ingesting them without knowing it," Valentine said before his team's home game against Philadelphia. "I think it's a total exaggeration unless you're saying some of the stuff like MetRx mix and the blender stuff is a steroid, then I stand corrected.

"As far as something injected or prescribed, I think it's preposterous to say 85 percent."

There may be rumors about certain players, but Yankees manager Joe Torre said that's all he's ever heard - rumors.

"I'm not sure how widespread this problem is," Torre said. "I've seen players go from tall, skinny guys to tall, strong guys. Sure, you can say he's got to be doing test, it might even the playing field. If you take steroids, it does-

Indians designated hitter Ellis Burks questions the number of

"When you go out and use some kind of steroid to enhance your performance, that's pretty much cheating," Burks said. "It's going on. A lot of people do it and have been for a while. I don't think half the league. But there is a certain number.'

infielder John Indians McDonald can understand why some players might choose to risk taking steroids.

'It's a great debate," he said. 'Do you do it? Do you not do it? If you had the opportunity to play in the big leagues, and you only had a small window of opportunity to do it in, what would you

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White Sox organization and played in Sarasota, Fla., for their

Deaton is an ALC assistant.

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Adams Middle School . honors Hatfield

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Gaye Hatfield has given much of her time to Adams Middle School and its girls' basketball program. Most recently, just this past spring, Hatfield guided the AMS volleyball team, the first-ever such squad. And for all of her hard and dedication, she was recently honored.

On May 28, Hatfield was honored with a banner for her loyalty and contributions to the Adams Middle School girls' basketball team. The banner was given to her by the AMS girls' basketball booster club.

Hatfield first began work in the Floyd County School System in 1967, some three decades ago. In her time, she has touched the lives of many young students and student-athletes.

Scouts

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players signing since 1998. this event at the Alice Lloyd Domestic and International pro leagues were the target for this event. The new Southeastern Baseball League was also in attendance looking to sign players as well. The newly formed outheastern Baseball League includes teams in Florida, Alabama and Louisiana.

College Reeve Athletic Field. I am always excited when players get a chance to seize opportunities that can advance their career. We have many talented players in our region," commented ALC baseball coach Scott Cornett.

Alice Lloyd College hopes to 'We were honored to host make this an annual event.

Swim

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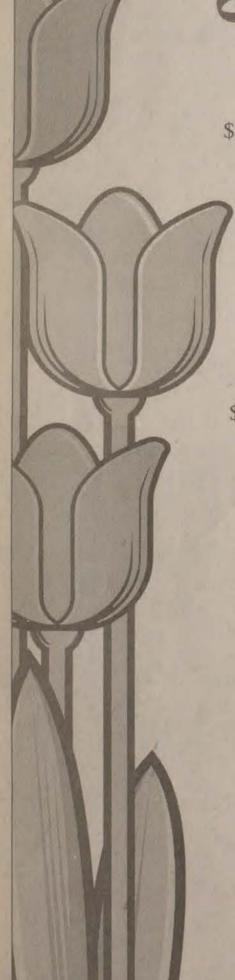
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· Fields wins Avon's Circle of Excellence award

PIKEVILLE - Rosalie Fields of Pike County has been awarded Avon Products Inc.'s Circle of Excellence award as one of the company's top district sales managers for 2001. The award recognizes the top 10 percent of district sales managers who have increased their district's sales over the last year.

Fields increased her district's business by more than \$337,000, or 33.2 percent. She attributes the hard work of the district's representatives to her district's success.

In the southeast region, there were 99 district managers who won the award out of 500 districts. Avon's southeast region encompasses 170,000 representatives from West Virginia to Florida.

Fields' district, which covers Floyd, Johnson, Lawrence, Carter, Boyd, Menifee, Morgan and Elliott counties, includes 402 representatives.

Circle of Excellence managers will receive an all expense-paid to Sydney, Australia, at the end of May.

"Fields' accomplishment places her among the best managers in the southeast region and throughout the country," said Judy Hartranft, division manager for the

Wildcat division. "She is making a difference in the lives of hundreds of local women, who have taken advantage of the Avon earnings opportunity to build their own businesses and achieve their goals."

"With Avon, anything is possible," Fields said. "The potential to be extremely successful is attainable. I am a living example.'

With changes in today's

shopping habits, the accomplishments of Fields' team are even more impressive. As many people today shop over the internet, through catalogs or at the mall, many might think that traditional direct selling has become a relic.

Yet hundreds of representatives in Fields' district are successfully thousands of dollars

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Rosalie Fields

Medicare

AND YOU



Donna R. Morton Medicare Benediciary **Outreach Coordinator** AdminaStar Federal

Many of you have been enrolled with Medicare Part B for quite some time. But for those of you that are 65 or older and signed up for Medicare Part B during the general enrollment period this year, your Medicare Part B coverage will start on July 1. It is important for you to know that your effective date for Medicare Part B automatically begins your Medigap "open enrollment period." So this column is devoted to questions and answers about Medigap.

What is a

A Medigap plan is a health insurance plan sold by private insurance companies to fill the "gaps" in Original Medicare.

How long is my Medigap open enrollment period?

Your Medigap open enrollment period lasts for six months, It starts on the first day of the month in which you are both:

Age 65 or older, and Enrolled in Medicare Part

Your red, white, and blue Medicare card shows the dates that your Part A and B coverage starts.

Do I have any special rights during my open enrollment period?

Yes. Insurance companies cannot deny you coverage or charge you more for a policy if you are in your Medigap open enrollment period.

Are all Medigap plans the same?

(See MEDICARE, page two)



Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin cut the ribbon on the official opening of the Appalachian Wireless corporate store at the Prestonsburg Village Shopping Center.

APPALACHIAN WIRELESS HOLDS RIBBON-CUTTING

by JARRID DEATON

STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG Prestonsburg Village Shopping Center became home to a new business on

Appalachian Wireless held a grand opening ceremony at its newly opened

corporate store.

The ceremony was held to introduce the community to the new facility and explain the annual impact that the organization has had on the region

According to Tom Preston, president of East Kentucky Network, the annual impact is impressive.

"The state has determined that as a

result of this company being located in eastern Kentucky, the financial impact on the region is roughly \$13.1 million per year and climbing,' Preston said.

According to Laura Phipps, general manager of East Kentucky Network,

(See WIRELESS, page two)

Consumer News: A medical device safety crisis?

by LEO BOYLE AND PENNY GOLD

"Current [laws] regulating medical devices are inadequate for ensuring patient safety, especially for implanted devices."

That's what the non-profit consumer group Public Citizen wrote in a letter to U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy

on April 9, 2002. If accurate, it's a chilling statement for the millions of Americans who depend on medical devices to keep them alive and well, especially since the U.S. Congress is considering legislation that would protect the manufacturers of dangerous devices at the expense of the people they are supposed to help.

There are thousands of medical

devices on the market, and their uses range from those put to work in hospitals and doctors' offices (such as bronchoscopes and X-ray machines), to devices implanted during surgery (like pacemakers), to everyday consumer products (such as contact lenses).

The federal government - through

(See CONSUMER, page two)

Greg Wilson, president and **CEO** of First Commonwealth Bank, and Burl W. Spurlock, chairman of the board, took part in the bank's 98th anniversary celebration.



First Commonwealth celebrates 98th anniversary

PRESTONSBURG — On May 2, First Commonwealth Bank celebrated the anniversary of the day the Articles of Association were drawn

Burl Wells Spurlock, chairman of the board, and Greg Wilson, president and CEO, were joined by several bank customers at the Main Office in Prestonsburg to share in the celebration. Branch locations in Prestonsburg, Martin and Betsy

Layne also participated in the 98th anniversary with a cake and punch at all locations.

"First Commonwealth Bank has enjoyed a long history of service to our customers over the past 98 years and we are very proud that they have chosen and continue to choose to do business with us," said Wilson. "We are equally pleased with our present

(See CELEBRATE, page two)

CHAMBER NOTES

by REGINA BECKNELL, DIRECTOR FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber inducts new president at annual awards banquet

On May 24, 2002, the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Awards Banquet at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Mr. Mark McLemore, park director and Chamber of Commerce president for the past year, handed over the



Mr. David Tackett

el to the 2002-2003 Chamber President, Mr. David Tackett. Tackett. Market President of the

President's gav-

Community Trust Bank, Floyd County Branch, has been with

Community Trust Bank for over ten years. He has served in his position at the Floyd County Branch Bank for three years.

Tackett is a 1987 graduate of Alice Lloyd College and is also a graduate of the Stonier School of Banking. He resides in Banner with his wife, Ronda, and their two daughters.

Tackett began his year as President of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce with the following statement: "I am honored to accept the position of President of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber of Commerce is an organization created by businesses, managed by members and govemed by a Board of Directors of our peers working together to provide a healthy climate in which to do business. Each year the

(See CALENDAR, page two)

Firstar Bank in Kentucky to take U.S. Bank name and unveil new red, white, and blue logo

New red, white and blue U.S. Bank signs will soon replace old green Firstar Bank signs at nine Firstar branches in Pike and Floyd counties. By Friday, June 14, all of Firstar's 126 Kentucky branch locations, and 208 Kentucky automated teller machines will become U.S. Bank.

The new U.S. Bank signage is the result of the merger of Firstar Corporation and U.S. Bancorp (NYSE: USB), which was completed on February 22, 2001. At the time of the merger it was announced that Firstar locations would adopt the U.S. Bank name. The transformation of all Firstar Bank locations to the new U.S. Bank name will be com-

pleted by the end of summer. Perry Allen, market president of U.S. Bank (formerly

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Fields

worth of products every year. To reach today's women, 50 percent of Avon representatives sell in offices, factories, hospitals and schools - wherever women

"The reason I am successful is because I always put the Avon representative and their customers first." Fields said. "Because of

Consumer

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the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) - is charged with making sure these devices are safe and effective. In order to do this, the FDA is responsible for such things as reviewing products before they enter the market, inspecting the factories that produce them, and monitoring the devices' performance once they enter the market and are used on patients.

But the number of medical device manufacturers is growing quickly. The FDA estimates that the "number of device firms domestically and internationally has increased from 9,061 in [fiscal year] 1997 to 13,701 in [fiscal year] 2001 and [are] projected to increase to over 15,000 in [fisca! year] 2003."

And the FDA admits that it is not doing what it should to assure device safety, especially when it comes to inspecting and monitoring devices' performance once they start to be used on patients.

In its own 2002 Performance Plan, the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) admits it has fallen short in three key program areas, including "Device Inspection" and "Device Post-Market Surveillance." In both of these areas, the FDA says its programs are "Not Working Well."

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bronchoscopes. In April 2002 it was widely reported that the bronchoscopes - devices used to examine the lungs - were apparently manufactured in a faulty way so that at least 400 patients examined by the scopes suffered

serious infections. Now, new legislation introduced in Congress may make it even more difficult to hold manufacturers of defective devices accountable for their actions. HR 4600, a bill about medical malpractice issues, would give unprecedented legal protections to manufacturers of faulty medical devices, as well as producers of dangerously defective

One of those legal protections would prevent juries from punishing manufactures that act particularly badly - for example, by continuing to manufacture products known to be defective and dangerous - from awarding punitive damages (which juries award in about 3 percent of cases to deter others from committing the same bad behavior).

Without proper regulation through the FDA, or strong protections in courts, what is keeping our families safe from manufacturers of defective medical devices and defective drugs?

"Consumer News for Families" is a weekly column offered by the Kentucky Association of Trial Attorneys.

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that, I have a loyal following." For more information about selling Avon, contact Fields at (606) 639-6633 or by email at rosalie.fields@avon.com.

Medicare

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No. There are 10 standard Medigap plans called "A" Athrough "J." Each plan A through J has a different set of standardized benefits. Plan A offers the least amount of benefits and Plan J offers the most

Do all Medigap plans cost the same?

No. There can be big differences in the premi-Lums that insurance companies charge for exactly the same coverage. The plans are standardized. This means the benefits of any one plan will be the same regardless of the company you buy from. In other words, if you decide Plan C is best for you, you can get prices on Plan C from any insurance company that sells Plan C in your state. The benefits of Plan C from any insurance company will be the same, but the premium may vary from company to company. It is wise to shop for a Medigap policy.

Do I need a Medigap plan if I choose to enroll in a Medicare Managed Care Plan, Medicare Private Fee-for-Service plan, or if I can get Medicaid?

No. Medigap plans only help pay health care costs if you have Original Medicare and Medicaid pays as a secondary payer, after Medicare makes payment.

What if I am under 65 and eligible for Medicare because of a disability or plan to continue working after

These are special situations and you need detailed information about the guidelines and your rights. Please see the next question/answer for resources.

Where can I find our more about Medigap

There are several ways Leall 1-800-633-4227 and ask for your free copy of "Choosing A Medigap Policy," Publication number HCFA-02110. You can also print this book from the internet web site at www.medicare.gov. The Kentucky Department of Insurance at 1-800-595-6053 is another great place to get information about Medigap plans.



B.J. Ousley, left, and Susie McCoy, right, co-owners of Heart to Heart Floral & Gifts were recently presented with the Prestonsburg Woman's Club first **Business Holiday** Decoration Award. The shop was recognized for its outstanding window decor as well as its well-maintained exterior. Heart to Heart Floral & Gifts is located on South Lake Drive. Prestonsburg.

Celebrate

and past employees who have doorstep, offering a location for served the bank during the past 98 years providing our customers and community with quality financial services. We look forward to a bright future and remain committed to our mission to serve our community as a locally owned community bank.

First Commonwealth Bank first opened its doors on June 8, 1904, in nothing more than a spare room of a local law firm. Over time, confidence grew in the small bank and so did the need for more space in which to do business.

Just five short years after opening, a contract was signed to begin construction of a banking house located next to the river and the bridge linking downtown Prestonsburg to the railroad. The location of the bank was then known as "Front and Bridge Street," where the bank was housed through the Great Depression and war years.

In the decades that followed the opening of the bank, primary modes of transportation changed from railway and river to automobiles. In the fall of 1953, the bank's board of directors relocated the main office to the corner of North Lake Drive (Broadway) and Court Street. The heavily traveled U.S. 23 was then right at the bank's

Chamber continues to expand

and to encompass the changing

times. Businesses must change

to cultivate new arenas, recog-

nize the next generation and

vices. Management directs a

business, but leadership drives a

Chamber. I look forward to the

coming year and the chance to

work closely with our Board of

Directors, who generously vol-

unteer their time to enhancing

business, economic develop-

ment, educational and county

opportunities for all of Floyd

County. It is my goal to engen-

der a Chamber organization that

can assist each business of this

Tackett welcomes all mem-

The Chamber is working to

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build more opportunities for members to express their inter-

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growth, access to the highway and positioning for the prosperity of the 1950s.

During the 1960s, under the direction of Burl Spurlock, the bank grew and prospered with total assets growing to almost \$15 million by the end of 1966. This time period saw much growth, not only for First Commonwealth Bank, but also for Floyd County, including the birth of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and Theatre, Prestonsburg Community College, the Mountain Parkway, and the Emma Wells May Cultural Center.

During the 1970s, the bank continued to assert its leadership in the community as evidenced by its continued asset growth. Russell Hagewood, a long time senior officer of the bank, became president in 1972 after the death of Burl Spurlock, and served in that capacity until his passing in 1976. During this period, the bank grew from around \$36 million (1972) to over \$63 million (1976).

Burl Wells Spurlock, eldest son of Burl Spurlock, was chosen by the board of directors to succeed his father in 1976. In 1980, under the direction of Burl

■ Continued from p1 Wells Spurlock, the bank's

assets had grown to \$98 million. Soon, land was acquired with

the stated purpose of constructing a new banking headquarters. The main office on North Lake Drive and Court Street was no longer adequate because of the substantial asset growth and number of employees. The planning and construction time took several years, but in October 1986, the main office was opened for business. The new five-story building returned to a location next to the river, the railroad and the bridge, just two blocks down-river from the original First Commonwealth Bank building.

The present bank serves its customers with a wide variety of financial products and services as well as three full-service branches in Prestonsburg. Martin and Betsy Layne. In 1999, First Commonwealth Bank opened Loan Production offices in Pikeville and Morehead.

On April 24, 2000, Greg A. Wilson became president and chief executive officer of First Commonwealth Bank. Burl Wells Spurlock continues to serve as chairman of the board of directors.

Firstar

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Firstar Bank) commented, However, almost all account While the U.S. Bank name, and our red, white and blue colors may be new to many of our Kentucky markets, people will quickly recognize our continued commitment to our customers and support of the communities we serve. Also, one of our most valuable assets will not be changing-our people. The same team of outstanding financial services professionals who helped customers as Firstar Bankers will now help customers as U.S. Bankers. Our customers are important to us, and they know they can still bank with us when they want, where they want, and on their own terms as U.S. Bank customers."

Allen said that the bank's 'Five Star Service Guarantee,' which assures customers of certain key banking benefits, or they will be compensated for their inconvenience, will continue at U.S. Bank. "Our customers will get the same great service they've come to expect from us." He added that the bank would also continue its commitment to being a sponsor of many local organizations and events, such as Pikeville College, Jenny Wiley Theater, Mountain Arts Development Center, Authorities and Chambers of Commerce in Pike and Floyd counties, and many more.

What does the name change mean for customers of Firstar Bank? Basically, it means the name of the bank is changing.

numbers, customer relationships and products and services of the former Firstar Bank will remain the same. The only thng customers will see different will be a new U.S. Bank checks. New credit, debit, ATM and check cards will be sent to customers. All account numbers and Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) will stay the same. Customers will have more branch locations and ATMs to do their banking when they travel to states in the West and Midwest. Customers have been notified and provided with additional information explaining the merger and the benefits of the new organization.

Over the upcoming months, the name change will continue to occur in Firstar's other markets. The organization has been communicating the name change to customers via targeted mailings, advertisements and a marketing campaign.

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WHERE Where the sale will be held, with directions or phone number for directions.

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Reason for sale, especially if it is a "moving" sale, since these tend to attract more customers.

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phone the new president at 886-

CHAMBER

CALENDAR:

■ June 3 - Membership Meeting, 12 noon at Jenny Wiley Lodge. Guest Speaker: Jennifer Bobbit, Kentucky Center for Public Issues.

■ June 4 - Board Orientation, 8:15 a.m. at Community Trust Bank.

June 5 - Executive Committee Meeting, 8:15 a.m. at Community Trust Bank. June 6 - Appalachian

Wireless "Business After Hours" 5 to 7 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Village Plaza Shopping Center.

June 6 - Introduction to QuickBooks, Morehead SBDC. Prestonsburg, \$15 (606-432-

■ July 10 - Eggs & Issues, 7 to 9 a.m., Jenny Wiley Lodge.

Wireless

Prestonsburg was selected primarily due to the location.

"We really like the community, and this is the center of the hub for traffic and our employees," Phipps said.

Prestonsburg mayor Jerry Fannin expressed his approval of the new business locating in Prestonsburg.

"This is what it takes for a community to grow," Fannin

Tom Preston added that the

■ Continued from p1 growth of the organization along with the annual impact could be attributed to the combination of technology with the

This is what happens when you combine technology with the guts and creativity of Eastern Kentucky," Preston said.

community.

Special activities planned to celebrate the opening from Friday, May through Saturday, June 8.

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Following the Purpose Road

by STACI PRATER PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY

It is a time when many seniors are making their final decision of where to go to college. This is exciting for both parents and students - a look toward the future and new beginnings. It was not that long ago that I was making this decision - unsure of the



future. I am happy to say that after my first year at ALC, I am sure that I am receiving a quality education at an unbeatable price! Blessed

by the many attributes of this liberal arts college. I have made many new friends at Alice Lloyd who are always willing to help. The classes are small, which allows professors to work closely with their students. 80% of our faculty and staff live on campus they are accessible at anytime. ALC provides the tools I need to get well prepared for a career in this rapidly changing world.

The Alice Lloyd College campus, in Pippa Passes, is getting ready to welcome new and returning students for the upcoming academic year. I am assisting the summer crew - working on specific projects around campus. Landscaping, office duties, and cleaning dorms are all part of our commitment to seeing that things are in top shape for the fall semester.

If you are undecided about your future, please take time to look at Alice Lloyd College. You're not just a number - ALC is a special place for special people!



Monica Majmundar

Miss Translylvania 2002 named

Monica Majmundar, of Martin, was named "Miss Translyvania 2002" at the university's recent T-Day Ball. She was escorted by Jeremy Gerwe, "Mr. Pioneer." This year marked the 79th

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By LINDA LYON, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING FOR THE BIG SANDY DISTRICT

Greetings from the campuses of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District. The sun is shining today as I write the column and what a welcome site it is.

A new feature from the PR department of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College District is the district newsletter. I invite you to point your internet browser to www.mayotech.org/bsnews.htm for all the latest district news. There is much happening in the district as we move forward with consolidation. The webpage www.mayotech.org/bsdist.htm is the district main page. This website

JEGE. ➤ Comic Page • C8 TIMES Email: web@floydcountytimes.com ERALD Email: hazardherald@setel.com EKU freshmen should plan to attend orientation

RICHMOND - You've graduated from high school in Floyd County. You're serious about your future, so you've decided to attend Eastern Kentucky University this fall, joining approximately 114 Floyd Countians enrolled at EKU.

If you want to make a suc-

cessful transition to college life - and what freshman doesn't? - you won't want to miss out on EKU's expanded summer orientation for students and their families.

Regional

"This is a wonderful chance for new students and family members to get first-hand knowledge about the place

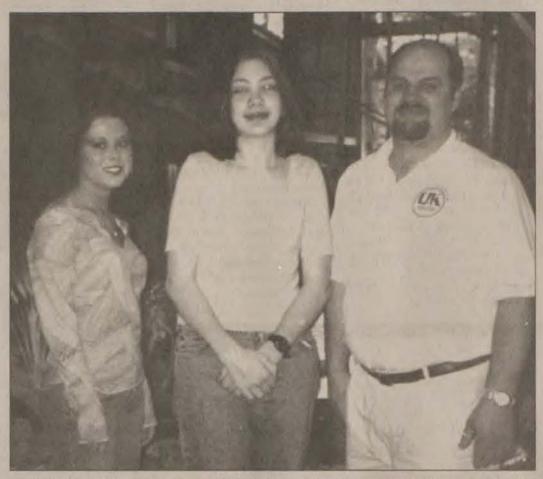
where the student will spend much of the next four years preparing for a great career," said Cari Sue Wallace, Director of First Year Programs & Academic Testing at EKU.

More than 2,000 new students, and about that many parents, will get a hearty welcome to University life during this summer's orientation sessions, which began May 18 and continue through July 31. Attendance is required of all new freshmen.

For the third year, students attending Summer Orientation will take part in a summer reading assignment that will

culminate in New Student Days Aug. 11-17, which will feature increased campus-wide involvement. During Summer Orientation, students will receive a free copy of "An American Story," a memoir by Debra Dickerson that "traces

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Mindy Tackett, left, of Betsy Layne High School, joined Samantha Farthing, middle, and James M. Davis, right, regional coordinator of the Robinson Scholars Program, at an academic retreat held in April at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The retreat was sponsored by the University of Kentucky.

ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM RECENTLY HONORED BY KCTCS



Alisha Gilliam

Alisha Gilliam of Pikeville, left, a medical office technology student at Mayo Technical College, and Amanda Lauffer of Paintsville, a psychology major at Prestonsburg Community College, were among 28 members of the first Kentucky Community and Technical College System All-Academic Team recently honored by KCTCS. Team members were chosen based on a rigorous selection process that focused on academic performance. They were honored at a banquet held in Elizabethtown.



Amanda Lauffer

Crisis counseling funds now available in four counties

LONDON - The Federal **Emergency Management** Agency (FEMA) has funded a \$132,240 grant to the Commonwealth of Kentucky Community Crisis Response Board to provide immediate crisis counseling services for residents of Breckinridge, Laurel, Pike and Webster counties who were affected by the April 27-May 10 severe storms, tornadoes and flooding.

"Losing a home, business, or personal property to disaster takes a financial toll on victims," said Mike Bolch, federal coordinating officer. "But the emotional toll a disaster exacts can be devastating too. A victim's emotional recovery also needs to be addressed."

Common reactions to a disaster may include nightmares, difficulty sleeping, feelings of being overwhelmed, fear of the weather, anxiety about the future, difficulty making decisions, hopelessness, disappointment with outside help, headaches, increased anger or aggression, domestic violence, frustration, and feelings of powerlessness. These feelings can be exhibited by people of all ages, including children.

People affected by a dis

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Morehead now offering master's in teaching

MOREHEAD — The College of Education at Morehead State University has a secondary teacher certification option with its new Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) degree.

Full time students may complete the program in as little as one year and a summer. Others may take as long as two years to complete the program. Candidates will be required to spend a minimum of 60 hours a semester in public school classrooms for two semesters, or be employed as a teacher on a temporary provisional certificate. Once all requirements are met, the Master of Arts in Teaching degree will be awarded and the student will be recommended for high school teaching certifi-

The program was designed to prepare those with a baccalaureate degree who have completed the content requirements for a certification area as defined by the Kentucky **Educational Professional** Standards Board.

Currently there are openings for the fall semester for those who have completed majors in biology, social studies, English or math. To enroll, candidates must apply to MSU's Graduate School. Applications are available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/uni ts graduate/sfs.html or from the office in 701 Ginger

To gain admission into

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PCC graduate fulfills dream

PAINTSVILLE - Rachelle Burchett realized a dream this week when she graduated from Prestonsburg Community College. As she stood on the stage of the Mountain Arts Center, addressing her fellow graduates and a multitude of family and friends, she recalled the dream that had been brought



Rachelle Burchett

out of hibernation two years ago when she began her educational journey by enrolling at PRECC. She remembered the words her father had written in a Bible that he gave her years ago, "We conquer by continuing." That phrase has become her watchwords. Rachelle always

had a dream of a college education and rewarding career. She just had to put it on the shelf for ten

years as she played the role of wife and mother to three sons. Two years ago she traded in her mop, broom and diaper bag for a backpack and computer as she bravely marched off to school. At PRECC Rachelle became an individual again. Accustomed to identifying herself as someone's wife, daughter or mother, she now began to think of herself as

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MAYOMOMENTS

will allow you to browse all of the colleges in the district. Visit us often, new information is added to the sites

On Wednesday, May 22, 2002, Mayo Technical College hosted a WIN workshop. WIN is an on-line curriculum product that has been developed to enhance one's academic skill level or to bring one's score up on the WorkKeys assessment. These skills

are also transferable to the GED assessment. Win was not developed by WorkKeys, but they have closely aligned themselves with the assessment product and has been endorsed by WorkKeys to be the curriculum product that is provided by Department of Adult Education through the Kentucky Virtual Adult Education website (KYVAE). Attending this training were Mayo

Technical College personnel, Jennifer Leedy, Adult Basic Education/Developmental Coordinator, Pearlene Richie, Adult Education Instructor and Janet Caudill, Adult Education Secretary/Instruction Aide. Also at this training were Jane Martel, Professional Development Consultant for DAEL, Bill Seeley, Director of

nization, and Adult Education

Training/Consultant for the WIN orga-

Personnel from throughout Region 6. Remember-It's never too late to learn. You are never too old to grasp a concept. You choose each day what you will or won't do. The path you take is your choice. I was reminded of the joy of learning this week as I sat in a kindergarten classroom watching a performance of my granddaughter and her classmates. Afterward she said to me, "Gwanny, things are vewy different now than they were the first day I came to school. I know all of those words on that wall and a whole lot more!" What a wonderful summary of the first year of school! Indeed, things will be very different at the end of your first year of college. You will

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Student loan rate about to drop to historic low of 4.06 percent on July 1

by ARLENE LEVINSON AP NATIONAL WRITER

The cost of federal student loans is about to fall for most borrowers from already historic lows, the U.S. Education Department said Wednesday.

On July 1, interest on government-backed student loans will automatically fall to 4.06 percent, from 5.99 percent. Parents borrowing to finance their youngsters' schooling will see their rate drop to 4.86 percent, from 6.79 percent.

The government estimates that if the new rate remained unchanged, student borrowers with a \$10,000 balance would save \$1,133 over the standard 10-year repayment plan.

Last year's rates were already

the lowest since the 7 percent when Stafford loans for students and to the student loan program began in

Loans are made on a variable rate reset each July 1, based on short-term interest rates the govemment sets after U.S. Treasury bills are auctioned at the end of May. The last auction this month was Tuesday.

The rate drops apply only to

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PLUS loans for parents that were disbursed on or after July 1, 1998.

Loans obtained before then could also benefit from the lower rates if consolidated. Those thinking of consolidating should examine their options, said Sally Stroup. assistant secretary for postsecondary education. "These rates are for the whole year. They don't need to race out and do it the first

Repayment of Stafford loans begins six months after graduation. PLUS loans are repaid immediately, like credit card debt.

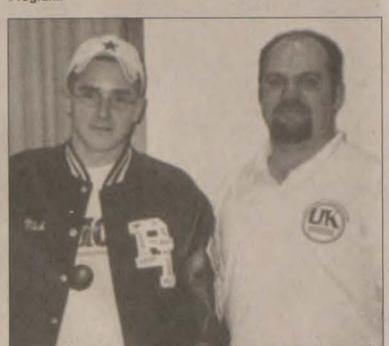
Nearly 8,000 colleges, universities and vocational training schools may take part in the federal loan program. This year, 5.4 million students and parents borrowed an average of \$3,945 in federal education loans, a total of \$35.6 billion. education officials said.

The rates are this low only due to the combined effect of the tragedy of the Sept. 11 attacks and the recession, said John E. Dean, lobbyist for the Consumer Bankers Association, whose members are the largest commercial banks in student lending.

The rates are unlikely to last or to compensate much for the steadily climbing cost of a college degree. "People should not fool themselves that somehow college becoming less affordable has been solved," Dean said.



From left to right are: Jeni Spurlock, Eric Keathley, and James M. Davis, regional coordinator for the Robinson Scholars Program.



Nick Hall, left, a Betsy Layne High School student, toured the University of Kentucky campus with James M. Davis, regional coordinator of the Robinson Scholars Program.

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her spirited rise from the poor, black, working class of St. Louis in the 1960s to the ranks of the educated, middle-class, professional elite." When they return to campus, the students will have an opportunity to meet the author and discuss the book.

Summer Orientation also will offer information about the parents' association, FASST (Families Students Succeeding Together). All parents will be given a parent's handbook and calendar of the year's major academic, social and athletic events. They also will receive regular mailings and invitations to selected events throughout the school year.

In an effort to place students in appropriate classes, placement tests will be administered during Summer Orientation for the first time. Students with ACT scores below an 18 in English, Reading or Mathematics are required to take placement tests. These tests are scored and used by the advisers during the afternoon session.

For all students, Summer Orientation will include smallgroup tours, informational sessions and displays, lunch and an afternoon advising/registration session, after which students will leave with their fall schedules in

Parents are encouraged to participate in an agenda planned specifically for them. They'll attend special programs and have opportunities to visit with various administrators. Services available to students will be explained and a guided tour will be offered.

New freshmen and their parents also have the option to spend a night in a residence hall.

Sessions are scheduled for incoming freshmen June 24, 25 and 26, and July 19, 20, 30 and 31. 29. Students who already have

Monday, Aug. 19.

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the program, each applicant will meet with a three-person Program Entrance and Design Interview Committee where a check sheet will be developed. This will serve as a contract for the program of study.

Qualified applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution; have earned at least a 2.75 grade point average for undergraduate work or at least 3.0 GPA for graduate courses; receive an acceptable score on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or achieve a composite score of 21 on the ACT.

The certification applies to those teaching in grades 8-12. Some applicants may receive a

temporary provisional certification, which would allow them to teach two years while being enrolled in the program.

Details on the secondary certification option will be provided at a special session on Tuesday, June 4, at 6 p.m. in Room 206 at the Morehead State University at Ashland center; and at Morehead State University at Prestonsburg on Wednesday, June 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Additional information is available from Dr. Paul McGhee, coordinator of Secondary Education Programs, by e-mail to p.mcghee@moreheadstate.ed u or by calling (606) 783-2830.

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anniversary of the coronation of Miss Transylvania and Mr. Pioneer at the university. The coronation ball serves as the culmination of Transy's alumni weekend events.

Majmundar has served as Student Government Association President, and Phi Mu Fraternity alumni chair. She is a

member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of Omega Greek honorary, Tri Beta, Phi Delta Epsilon pre-med society and a Resident Assistant. Following graduation, she plans to attend medical school.

Majmundar, a biology major, is the daughter of Drs. Gopal and Mina Majmundar, of Martin.

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aster can be seriously stressed and confused by the sudden adversity in their world," said State Coordinating Officer Cash Centers. "We want to keep them from being overwhelmed and empower them to regain control of their lives. No one who experiences a disaster goes

untouched by it." Crisis counseling helps storm victims recognize normal stress reactions and emotions caused or aggravated by a disaster and regain control over themselves

and their environment. Any individual who was affected by the disaster and is in need of crisis counseling can call the Community Crisis Response Board at 1-888-522-

7228, ext. 25. Individuals who have suffered losses or damages can register for other disaster assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), Monday through Saturday. The number for the speech- and hearing-impaired is TTY 1-800-462-7585.

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"Rachelle."

During the past year Rachelle became an employee at the college. Working in the PR department she put her writing and creative skills to good use as she helped to promote the college and keep communication flowing between staff, faculty, administration and the community. While working in her part-time job she fell in love with journalism and a new

dream was born. Rachelle plans to continue her education with a new goal oriented toward journalism. She has proven to herself that indeed "We conquer by continuing."

Rachelle Burchett is a resident of Johnson County and a graduate of Johnson Central Highschool and Prestonsburg Community College. Her parents are Robert and Donna Patrick.

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Anyone who plans to attend

Fall semester classes begin

Sessions for transfer students will be held June 27 and July 18 and been admitted already should have received information about orientation. Each of EKU's five academic colleges will be represented to welcome and advise new freshmen interested in their programs. Any admitted student who has not received information about orientation should call (859) 622-1682. Students must schedule in advance the day they plan to attend.

Eastern this fall, but who has not yet been admitted, should call the admissions office at (859) 622-2106 or, toll-free in Kentucky, 1-800-465-9191. Aug. 1 is the deadline for admission as a full-time degree-seeking student.

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WAS THE FIRST MAN TO WALK ON THE MOON.

It's a long way from the Apollo Theatre to the Apollo program. And while his playing may have been "as lofty as a moon flight," as Time magazine once suggested, that would be as close as Louis Daniel Armstrong would ever get to taking "one small step for man."

But as the jazz musician of the



Instead of a giant leap, Louis Armstrong delivered one giant free-form crazy jazz groove for mankind.

20th century, giant leaps were simply a matter of course for Satchmo. For no one has ever embodied

the art form the way he did. It was he

who helped make virtuoso solos a part

of the vocabulary. It was he who was honored with the title "American goodwill ambassador" by the State Department. It was he who was the last jazz musician to hit #1 on the Billboard pop chart

Not bad for a kid whose first experience with

the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

Alas, the arts are dismissed as extravagant in today's schools. This, despite all the studies that show parents believe music and dance and art and drama make

their children much better students and better people.

If you feel like your kids aren't getting their fair share, make some noise. To find out how, or for more information about the benefits of arts education, please visit us on the web at

Armstrong, all you need is a little brass.

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family fun

by Donna Erickson

Kids' artwork carryall tote

It's that classic time of year when teachers and day-care providers are cleaning house. Projects that once breathed creative life into classroom bulletin boards, nature tables and school hallways are arriving in piles at doorsteps everywhere. If this is your child's first year of school, be warned! Kids want to carry home every item that has been stuffed in the back of their desks and lockers. Their determination translates into armloads of papers, pine cones and disintegrating relief maps.



Speaking from experience, nothing is more discouraging to a doting parent than to discover a great art treasure crumpled up amongst last winter's spelling tests or stuck in a backpack zipper. It will happen. To ensure that the keepsakes arrive home in good condition, help your children make this nifty waterproof carryall just for their master-

Wash and remove the labels from two 2-liter plastic soda bottles. Leave lids screwed on at both ends. Cut off the base of each bottle with scissors. frim any rough edges. On one bottle cut a 2-inch slit at the cut end, perpendicular to the bottom edge. Ease the open end of the bottle with the slit into the open end of the other bottle so that the two bottles fit snugly together to form a torpedo-like container for loosely rolled-up artwork.

Keep lids screwed on permanently at opposite ends. Tie one end of a colorful shoelace or cording around the neck of one bottle, then tie the opposite end around the neck of the other bottle to make a strap. Sling over your child's shoulder and adjust to fit comfortably. Decorate the carryall with stickers, if you wish. To use, separate the two bottles, loosely roll up drawings, set inside and put bottles back together again.

PARENTING TIP: Empty gift-wrap, paper-towel or mailing tubes are also good totes for rolled-up art. Use them for sending art to grandparents, or label each tube with your child's name, year and grade for art you store.

In next week's column: Ways to display kids' art.



Stretch your budget with these recipes

by Philomena

Corradeno

Is your family tired of the same old, same old week the egg mixture into spinach. Evenly spread about 1 cup after week? Or is your budget a little pinched? Solve both problems with the recipes we offer today.

delicious, it's a change for your protein source. The vegetable, pasta and healthful canned salmon make a balanced meal. The elements are bound together and kept light and fluffy with eggs,

those little bundles of nutrients. Canned salmon is often on sale, so keep a few cans on hand because it's a good source of Omega-3, which helps keep bad cholesterol in check. Elbow macaroni is inexpensive, and eggs are always a bargain considering the powerful nutrients they offer.

A strata is another way to stretch the food budget. All the ingredients in the tuna version featured here are fairly low in price.

SPINACH SALMON LOAF

6 eggs

1 cup non-fat or low-fat (1 percent) milk

1 tablespoon lemon juice 2 teaspoons dried dill weed

1 teaspoon onion salt

I package (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained

2 cups cooked elbow macaroni (about 3.5 oz. uncooked)

1 can (7.5 oz.) salmon, drained and flaked

1. In medium bowl, beat together eggs, milk, lemon juice, dill and onion salt until well-blended. Stir 1 cup of

of the spinach mixture over bottom of greased 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf pan. Layer 1 cup of the macaroni, 1/2 cup of The Spinach Salmon Loaf is not only wholesome and the egg mixture, remaining spinach mixture, remaining macaroni, remaining egg mixture and

salmon over spinach.

2. Bake in preheated 350 F oven until knife inserted near center comes out clean, about 50 to 55 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes. With spatula, gently loosen at sides. Invert onto serving platter. Cut into 3/4-inch slices. Makes 6 servings.

TUNA STRATA

1/2 cup chopped green pepper 1/4 cup chopped onion

1 tablespoon butter

6 slices day-old bread 1 (6 1/2-ounce) can tuna, drained and flaked

6 eggs, slightly beaten

1 (10 3/4-ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted

1/2 cup milk

1/4 teaspoon dill weed

1/8 teaspoon pepper

Parsley sprigs, optional

1. In small omelet pan or skillet over medium heat, cook green pepper and onion in butter until tender but not brown, about 3 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, cut bread into 1/2-inch cubes. Sprinkle half of the cubes into greased 8-by-8-by-2-inch (or 2quart rectangular) baking dish. Sprinkle tuna and green

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Compliments to the Chef

for the Sou

sition is one of the most difficult tasks responsible for all this. Sergei's psy-

Now, this is the kind of recipe that my husband, Cliff, loves for me to fix for him. It guarantees a kiss for the cook every time!

MEXICALLI **TENDERLOINS**

4 (4-ounce) lean pork tenderloins

1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat

1/2 cup chunky salsa 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes I cup frozen whole-kernel corn,

In a large skillet sprayed with olive oil-flavored cooking spray, lightly brown meat on both sides for about 3 minutes. In a medium bowl, combine tomato soup, salsa, parsley flakes and corn. Spoon soup mixture evenly over browned meat. Lower heat, cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Uncover and

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by JoAnna M. Lund

Dear Diane...

Vacationing Alone

DEAR DIANE:

I'm having a problem with my husband, "Vernon." We have been married for 12 years and I thought we had a happy, successful mar-riage, but I'm beginning to think I was mistaken. Here's the deal:

Last week, Vernon told me that he wanted to spend a couple weeks in Alaska so he can climb Mount McKinley. I told him that I didn't think I was interested in climbing a mountain, and Vernon replied: "Who said you were invited?" Diane, I am shocked and extremely hurt that

my husband would want to take a vacation without me. I'm also very hurt that he is being so inconsiderate of my feelings. When he told me that he was going to Alaska without me, I said, "Well, what would

you think if I decided to take a month-long vacation in the Bahamas?" Vern replied, "If that's what you want to do, then go right ahead knock yourself out."

What is going here? Is my marriage over? - LEFT OUT

IN LOUISVILLE

DEAR LOUISVILLE:

Just because Vernon wants to climb the tallest mountain on the continent, doesn't mean he doesn't love you any more. All it means is that he wants to face a challenge alone, headon, for his own personal, spiritual reasons.

Your marriage isn't over, Sweetie, in fact, this episode may signal the beginning of a new and better phase of your relationship.

Taking separate vacations can be a healthy exercise for married couples. You can enrich your individual lives, while at the same time enrich each other by coming back from your respective adventures with great stories and information to share with your partner.

Instead of making Vernon feel guilty about going to Alaska, give him all the encouragement you can muster.

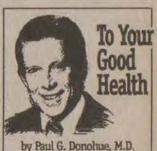
Then start packing for the Bahamas.

Taking blood pressure by the book

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

With respect to taking blood pressure at home, we find that taking pressure several times usually results in lower readings. My pressure varies over a wide range. Many times my systolic pressure might be 170 on the first reading but, after one or two more times with five-minute intervals, it is normal.

One doctor said that the highest number valid. Another said that the lowest pressure counts. Who is right? - B.T.



ANSWER: There is a formal and

strict protocol for taking blood pressure. The validity of a reading requires adhering to the rules. First, a person ought to be seated comfortably for five minutes. The arm around which the blood pressure cuff is wrapped must be supported on an adjacent table or on the chair's armrest.

A minimum of 30 minutes must elapse after any caffeine has been taken or any nicotine smoked.

Two blood pressure readings, separated by at least two minutes, are recommended. An acceptable practice is to average those two readings and use the average as your blood pressure. Some suggest that more readings ought to be recorded until there is no discrepancy between readings. When you arrive at that stage, those numbers are used as the offi-

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Chicken Soup for the Soul: Sergei

Molly Bernard (FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE

TEACHER'S SOUL") Reprinted by permission of Molly Bernard. (c)1995 Molly Bernard.

I had worried myself sick over Sergei's mother coming to see me. I was a new teacher, and I gave honest accounts of the students' work. In Sergei's case, the grades were awfully low. He was an extremely bright sixthgrader whose knowledge "leaked out at the elbow," as we said. He discussed adult subjects with nearly adult comprehension, but he couldn't read his own handwriting. His math grades were abysmal for the same reason. His work in no way reflected his abilities. and I knew it. So when his mother of even the experienced, and I had made arrangements for a conference, I taught for only about six months. felt panicky, as if I were being called to account

for Sergei's poor work. Additionally, knew his parents were communists, and I'd just finished teaching a unit on democracy. So I was trying to martial my resources, in

case I had to have a political-philosophical discussion about the curriculum that I really would rather avoid. In short, I had new-teacher jitters. Defending one's

actions in the face of a parent's oppo-

So when Sergei's mom entered the room, my palms were sweating. I was completely unprepared

for her kisses on both my cheeks. "I came to thank you," she said, baffling me beyond speech. Because of me, she said, Sergei had

become a different person. He talked of how much he loved me, he had made friends for the first time, and for the first time in his 12 years, he had recently spent an afternoon at a friend's house. I was

chologist had spoken at length with Sergei's mom, and she wanted to tell me how grateful she was for the selfrespect I had nurtured in her son. She kissed me again and left.

I sat, stunned, for about a half-hour, wondering what had just happened. How in the name of all that's holy had I made such a life-changing difference to that boy - without even knowing it? It scared me more profoundly than any experience in my teaching career, before or since. And I knew I absolutely had to figure it out, because so much benefit, unthinkingly bestowed, could just as easily have been so much harm. And I never wanted to be the agent of a harm so huge, especially if it could be delivered essentially accidentally.

What I finally came to remember was one day, several months before, when some students were giving reports in the front of the class. Jeanne spoke quietly, and to encourage her to project her voice when it was her turn, I had said, "Speak up. Sergei's the expert on this; he's the one you have to convince, and he can't hear you in the back of the room." That was it. I knew it as soon as I remembered the incident, because from that day, Sergei had sat up straighter, paid more attention, smiled more, had become happy. And it was all because he happened to be the last kid in the last row. Had another child sat there, I'd have proba-

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Books: The Darwin Awards: Evolution in Action

The Darwin Awards: **Evolution in Action** by Wendy Northcutt (Plume, \$10) Reviewed by David Smith

Darwin Awards (www.darwinawards.com) have been an Internet fixture for almost 10 years, and chances are, if you have e-mail, you've been forwarded a copy of their lists at some point in your e-life. Now, thankfully, the Darwin

Awards have been compiled into a series of books.

In this latest installment of the hilarious Darwin Awards collections, author Wendy Northcutt relates the freakish tragedies of people "who are bewilderingly unable to cope with obvious dangers in the modern world." In other words, "dumb people die in weird

How dumb? How weird? Consider this tale, which won the Darwin Award in 1996:

trying to rescue a chicken that had fallen into a well in southern Egypt. An 18-year-old farmer was the first to descend into the 60-foot well. He drowned, apparently after an undercurrent in the water pulled him down. Police said his sister and two brothers, none of whom could swim well, went down the well one by one to help him, but also drowned. Two elderly farmers then came by to help. But they

"Six people drowned while the same undercurrent. The bodies of the six were eventually extricated from the well in the village of Nazlat Imara, 240 miles south of Cairo.

"The chicken was also pulled out. It survived.'

If the above made you laugh, buy this book. I did.

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Sam & Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

I am a 23-year-old woman I've been dating "Carl" for three weeks, and up until last weekend I really thought I had found Mr. Right, Now, I'm not so sure. Here's what happened:

On Friday night, as Carl was saying good night to me, he told me to be up bright and early Saturday morning, because he wanted to take me on an "adventure." He picked me up at 5 a.m., and we drove to the marina, where he and I boarded a deep-sea fishing boat to catch marlin. I was appalled. This is an "adventure"? Torturing fish?

After an hour on the boat, I told Carl I wanted to go home. and that I didn't want to be a part of any senseless cruelty toward animals. He told me I

Dump like a bucket of chum

were apparently pulled under by

was a "nut job."

Should I break up with him? — MIFFED IN MIAMI

DAVE SAYS:

Sounds to me like Carl was willing to shell out beaucoup bucks to show you a good time and introduce you to a hobby that he obviously enjoys. Not everyone likes to go fishing, and that's understandable. However, instead of ruining the day by freaking out and making a complete boob of yourself, you should have told Carl BEFORE you stepped on the boat that fishing isn't something you like doing. If Carl had insisted that you still join him, you could've used the day on the boat to get yourself a

I'm not even going to address your "senseless cruelty toward animals" remark. What I will address is the fact that you waited till you were on the boat and out to sea before you voiced any complaints. If you

had told Carl before you guys boarded the boat, he might have been able to get at least a partial refund on the money he paid to charter the tub. Instead, he lost out on a day of fishing and a good chunk o' cash to boot. I'll bet you're one of those women who breaks up with a guy AFTER you've ordered the lobster.

And as far as your breaking up with Carl goes, I'd say wait a few days, because chances are that boy's gonna be dumping you like a bucket of chum.

SAM SAYS:

I agree with Dave that you behaved badly toward Carl. He did nothing other than make an effort to include you in his life, and you gave him hell for it. Fishing isn't a crime, you know. People do eat fish, as well as many other animals, and I'm willing to bet that you're one of them. After dating for three weeks, Carl would know if you were a vegetarian,

and if you were, he wouldn't take you out to participate in "senseless cruelty toward ani-

So here's the way I see it: Young Woman decides Young Man is Mr. Right after only three weeks. Young Man likes Young Woman and, being the good guy that he is, wants to include her in activities that he enjoys. Out of the blue, Young Woman freaks out, denigrates Young Man and his hobby, and ruins the day by insisting on being taken home.

I've gotta take Carl's side here, Miffed. I hope he has the sense to leave you and find someone a little more understanding and a little less selfrighteous.

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y Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

Pekin Main Street Dog-A-Thon, Pekin, III.

On June 1, Pekin, Ill., celebrates the bond between man and dog at its Pekin Main Street Dog-a-Thon. Get on down to James Field in downtown Pekin for this fur-friendly festival, which includes a parade, doggie costume contest, trick contest and a dog-owner look-alike challenge Phone (309) 353-3100 or log on to www.pekinmainstreet.com for details.

Down Home Psaltery Festival, McCalla, Ala.

Even if you have never heard of a psaltery - and odds are that you haven't - stop by McCalla, Ala., on June 6-7 and see what all the fuss is about. If you are familiar with the psaltery and play one, you

June Festivals

are in luck because this is the ONLY festival celebrating the not-quite-famed instrument. A cross between a guitar and a violin (my apologies to psaltery players everywhere), it looks medieval but is surprisingly versatile. Paulette Lucas leads the festival at the Tannehill Ironworks State Park, and it is free with regular park admission. There are also workshops on playing and a showcase of talent. For more information, contact www.davespsaltery.com or call (205) 424-6920.

Texas Blueberry Festival, Nagadoches, Texas

Nagadoches County, the No. 1 producer of blueberries in Texas, sponsors this yearly fest, which includes all the usual suspects - blueberry-pie-eating contest, antiques, cobbler cooking contests and blueberry pancake breakfast - as well as

unusual activities such as blueberry wine tasting. The festival will be held June 7-9 in downtown Nagadoches. For more, go to www.visitnagadoches.org or call 1-888-564-7351.

Angel Fire Kite Festival, Angel Fire, N.M.

Go fly a kite with thousands of others at the June 15-16 Angel Fire Kite Festival. There will be a children's workshop, and it costs nothing. Bring your kite to the softball fields across from the airport on Hwy 434. And bring your dad. Call 1-800-446-8117 or log on to

www.angelfirechamber.org.

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Constant chatter can cause insanity

- Do you think bad television is a modern problem? Not so. In 1961, Newton N. Minow, chairthe Federal Communications Commission, called TV programming a "vast wasteland.
- most famous silver-screen actresses of her day, was far more than just another pretty face. In addition to starring in many films, she co-invented wireless spectrum technology.
- modern word "naughty" meant simply "Go."
- The city of Kalamazoo Michigan was originally named Bronson. Seven

years after it was founded, however, it was the tent!" (This was many years Hedy Lamarr, one of the renamed for the nearby river. The river was named such by European settlers after a Native American word, "kikalamazoo," which means "place where the pot boils."

The shortest complete sen-■ The Old English root of the tence in the English language is



Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee upon his deathbed were "strike

after the end of the Civil War.)

■ The Mexican jumping bean isn't really a bean -- it's a seed. And it doesn't really "jump," at least not under its own power. The seed appears to hop around because a species of moth spends its larval stage inside it. When the seed is in direct sunlight, the interior gets too hot for the larva, so it

shifts its weight around, causing the seed to move around vigorously until it rests in the shade.

- In India, playing cards are
- Studies show that people talking loudly is 10 times more distracting than the sound of a jackhammer. Listening to incessant chattering, it seems, can set someone on the road to insanity.

Thought for the Day:

"Every man in the world is better than someone else. And not as good as someone else." --William Saroyan

Stop Whining about deep thinking

If you've spent any time on the Internet, you've seen what is known as "deep-linking." It's when a Web site links to a specific page of another Web site, bypassing the home page.

It's been going on for years, and we might not be calling it a "Web" if it weren't for deeplinking. Hobby sites do it, amateur newshounds do it, hundreds of thousands of Weblogs do it, yes, even the professionals do it. We al! do it. I did it yesterday, and I'm going to do it today. So it's amazing that even

now, almost three years after Salon.com ran an article discussing the legal problems with deep-linking titled "Don't Link or I'll Sue!," Web sites are still moaning about it. Take the case of

BarkingDogs.org, a news Web site that uncovers political malfeasance in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Recently, Belo Media Corp., the owners of the Dallas Morning News, delivered BarkingDogs a cease-and-desist order because it was deep-linking to stories on DallasNews.com.

Belo demanded that BD link only to the DMN's home page. The problem, says Belo, is

not with the actual content being stolen, but with viewers believing that the content resides on BarkingDogs when it doesn't. Avi Adelman, the proprietor of BarkingDogs, say the real problem is with advertising

The real problem may be one of a poorly designed news Web site trying to find a legal scapegoat for its financial shortcom-

Couldn't DallasNews incorporate advertising to allow for deep-linking? Couldn't they program their servers to redirect offending Web sites to their homepage, and tell their lawyers to take the day off? If I recall

correctly, didn't a judge rule two years ago that linking to another Web site does not constitute copyright infringement?

Uh, yes, yes and yes.

In the end, the real problem is envy. Big media corporations despise grass-roots movements, the kind that make a difference on a shoestring budget. Belo seeks to muzzle all other voices but its own. As did the Los Angeles Times and the Washington Post with the Net activist Web site FreeRepublic.com in 1998.

The stakes for Belo is money. The stakes for the rest of us is the notion of Fair Use and our First Amendment rights.

Training abs for summer

The ultimate way to tell if someone is in really good shape is to look at their stomach. No one wants their belly to hang over their pants nor do they want to have jiggling love handles. You can tell if someone takes care of their body and eats a balanced diet by the way their stornach looks. Before you put on your bathing suit this summer, spend some extra time getting your abs in shape with the following exercises.

For each exercise, try to do as many as you can without feeling it in your back; if you reach 25 reps, move on to the next exer-

- Reverse Crunches: Lying on your back with your knees bent, place your feet flat on the floor. Keeping your knees bent, bring them into your chest as far as you can, keeping your upper back on the floor. By lifting your glutes up off the floor, you will really feel a burn in the abs. However, if you feel this in your back, you shouldn't do this exer-
- Oblique Crunches: Lying on your back with your knees bent and feet flat on the floor, reach your right hand toward



your right heel, crunching your right side. Then, reach your left hand toward your left heel, crunching your left side. Keep alternating between sides. This works your obliques — the sides of your stomach.

Overhead Crunches: Lying with your back on the floor and your knees bent, place your arms straight over your head. Keep your elbows right by your ears, tighten your abs and lift your shoulders off the floor. Keep your eyes focused just beyond your knees, then lower your shoulders. Do as many as you can without letting your back take over. You'll feel this higher up in your abs.

Keep in mind that what you eat has a lot to do with the way your stomach will look. Stick to a low-fat, well-balanced meal plan and your hard work will start to show.

Comfort

continue simmering for 5 minutes. When serving, place a piece of meat on a plate and spoon about 3/4 cup sauce mixture over top. Serves 4.

■ Each serving equals: 243 Calories, 7 g Fat, 27 g Protein,

■ Continued from p5 18 g Carb., 417 mg Sodium, 2 g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 3 Meat, 1 Starch.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com.

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Block

pepper mixture over cubes. Top with remaining bread cubes.

Blend together eggs, soup, milk, dill and pepper. Pour egg mixture over breadmixture.

Continued from p5 Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Bake in preheated 350 F. oven until golden brown, about 50 minutes. Garnish with parsley, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

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The observation deck When the Himalayan peasant meets the he-bear in his pride, He shouts to scare the monster,

who will often turn aside. But the she-bear thus accosted rends the peasant tooth and nail For the female of the species is more deadly than the male.

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Health

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cial blood pressure numbers. For first-timers, blood pressure measurements ought to be repeated in one or two weeks, and the average of those two readings constitutes a person's blood pressure.

Readers can learn more about the intricacies of blood pressure and its management in the blood pressure report. Write to: Dr. Donohue - No. 4W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 along with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I swear I can tell when a storm is on its way by the way my joints act up. I do have a touch of arthritis that hardly ever bothers me until the weather changes. I live in a warm climate, and I can walk 18 holes of golf without any trouble. Am I a natural-born

weather forecaster? - J.J.

ANSWER:

Too many people have told me the same story, so I am forced to believe all of you.

Medical literature does report that a drop in barometric pressure with a simultaneous increase in humidity causes many arthritic people's joints to act up. Those changes are the ones that precede a

I can't tell you if any experiments have proven this hypothesis, but I tend to be a

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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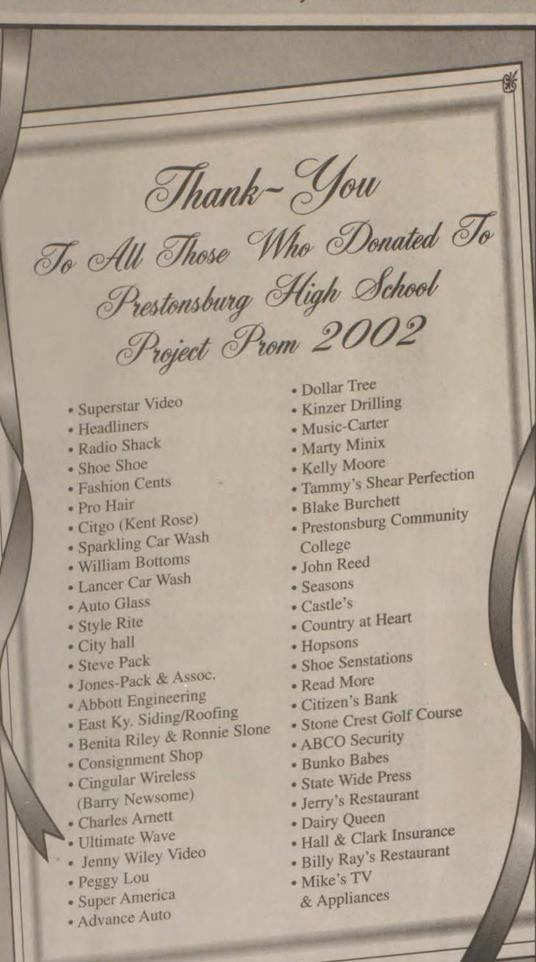
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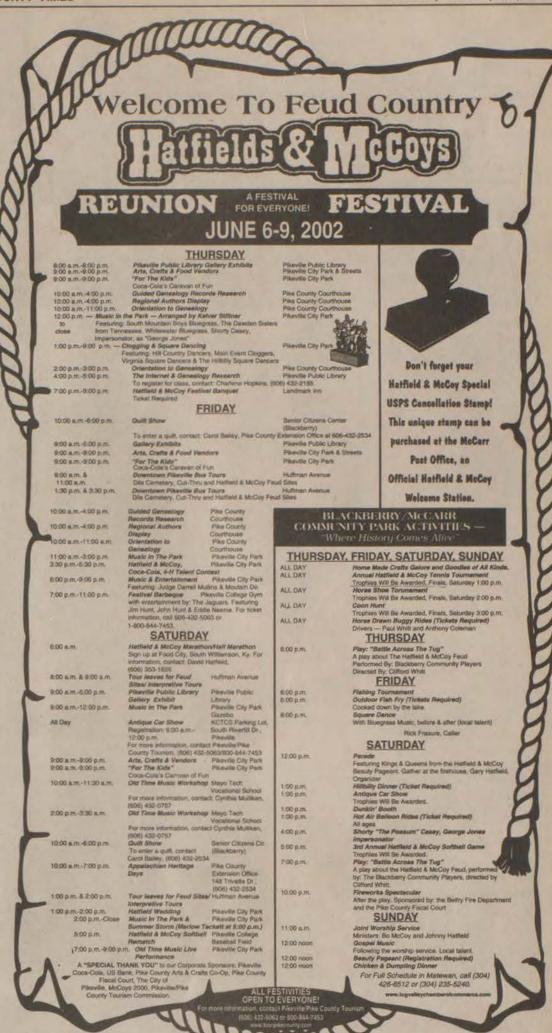
bly said the same thing with I'm thankful that it came early the substitution of another name. God really does work I mysterious ways, and I thank God that the boy who most needed praise was the one who took the last seat that day, and that Jeanne, usually the class clown, spoke softly that day, too.

It taught me one of the most valuable lessons I've gleaned over the years, and

and positively. We are so fragile. Our children are more so, and a small kindness can indeed make a life-determining difference. I became kinder that day. I became much, much more careful of what I say in front of students. And I hope that, though Sergei moved shortly thereafter, he did well in life, because he gave me more than I gave him.

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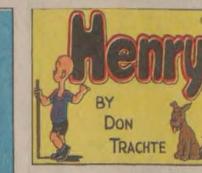
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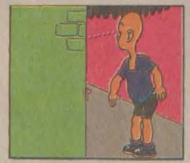


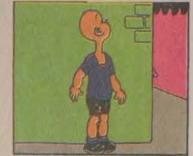
































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5. Bricks added to building. 6. More tufts of grass by tree. Differences: 1 Letter is different 2. Arrow direction has changed 3. Girt's collar is different 4. Window is missing.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2

