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Employee shortage hindering trash pickup

Some homes wait days beyond schedule

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

STANVILLE - A Floyd County woman has recently developed a waste management dilemma.

McIntosh, Sharon Stanville, is accustomed to putting her garbage out for pickup on Tuesday, but lately that hasn't been the case

According to McIntosh, the garbage pickup hasn't occurred at a dependable time since the beginning of the year.

They're scheduled to run on Tuesdays, and for a while they would come back in the evening and get my garbage," McIntosh

McIntosh alleges that the garbage truck picks up her neighbor's trash, but stops before reaching her home and some of the homes beside her.

"For the last weeks, they haven't got the garbage until Friday," McIntosh said.

The biggest problem with not knowing when the garbage is going to run is dogs tearing into the bags, according to McIntosh. "We have to clean up the

(See TRASH, page eight)



photos by Ralph B. Davis Gov. Paul Patton toured TLC Child Development Center in Paintsville Friday morning, shortly before attending a meeting of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission in that city. Patton went to the day care center to observe Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, which he has designated during a day in May the past seven years. While there, Patton appeared to enjoy interacting with the children, reading stories to most of the five classes there that morning. At left, he helped one student find his name on the wall.





Four people were transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center as a result of a two-vehicle accident at North Lake Drive and Patton Street on Friday.

Johnson drug charges referred to grand jury

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE - The case of an Elkhorn man, Thomas L. Harmon, 37, which consists of 12 charges including possession of cocaine, was referred to a grand jury in a show cause hearing in Johnson District Court on Thursday.

According to an arrest warrant, Harmon was arrested on April 27 in Lowmansville and charged with firstdegree possession of a controlled sub-

stance, possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication, when it was discovered that he allegedly had a plastic bag and syringe containing cocaine as well as rolling papers, and a spoon, which was used to heat the cocaine while preparing the drug for use.

Harmon was later charged with fleeing and evading when he allegedly led arresting officers on a five- to 10minute chase after he was informed

(See DRUGS, page six)

State to seek death for Gunnels

Trial set for Sept. 3

STAFF WRITER PRESTONSBURG - Prosecutors filed a

by LORETTA BLACKBURN

notice of intent to seek the death penalty Friday for

a confessed killer. James Austin Gunnels, 23, faces charges stemming from a July 11, 2001. robbery that resulted in the

Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall. Gunnels allegedly stole a 1991 Buick Regal on July 10, 2001, and a .32 revolver on July 11, and used them in an armed robbery at Cardinal Mart in Watergap that resulted in the murder and rape of

death of 36-year-old



James Gunnels

Hall, an employee who was working that morning. He then allegedly left the scene, taking with him a 22 Magnum and 1995 Ford Contour, both belong-

Gunnels was arrested at 7:42 a.m. at Wilson Creek in Floyd County soon after police arrived on the scene.

(See DEATH, page six)

Rape case to go to trial

by LORETTA BLACKBURN STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE - A jury trial is scheduled to begin in Johnson County on Monday for a Flat Gap man charged with rape.

John Ramey, 49, will face the charges stemming from an incident which allegedly occurred in August 1993, when Ramey allegedly raped a child

under 12. According to court documents, Ramey was previously indicted on the charges of first-degree sexual abuse and two counts of first-degree rape, but the charges were dismissed without prejudice on

May 5, 1995, because the child was too young to Documents from the case show that Ramey was indicted again on May 31, 2000, and placed on a

\$50,000 eash bond. Ramey made bond but was

returned to the Big Sandy Detention Center on July (See RAPE, page six)

Help turns to hindrance

by RENEE M. SNOWDEN BREATHITT COUNTY BUREAU

JACKSON - What started out as a good thing in Breathitt County has turned into a bad

Representatives of the local transportation department thought they were doing a good thing in Breathitt County to help out the community during spring cleaning. They started picking up odds and ends to help people, but now it's gone

Now the good intentions are becoming a series of major junk piles. People are began to set out car parts, household appliances, furniture, tires, stoves, refrigerators and other large items.

Now the county is going back to a policy of making everyone responsible for getting rid of their own trash.

Anyone living in Breathitt County who has items that need to be removed can contact their local solid waste coordi-



photo by Renee M. Snowden Breathitt County thought it was helping combat its garbage problem by providing locations for residents to drop unwanted refuse. But the program itself is being scrapped after participation - and mountains of trash - grew beyond expecta-

Rockin' robber Antique chair turns up missing

by JARRID DEATON STAFF WRITER

COW CREEK - A suspected burglary of a Floyd County home involved the theft of what could be considered to be a strange item.

According to Virginia Goble of Cow Creek, an antique rocking chair that has been part of her home for 57 years and part of her husband James' family for just as long was stolen from the downstairs storage area of her home.

"I rocked my first three children in that chair, but we lost them in the 1958 school bus accident that went into the Big Sandy River near Knolley

(See CHAIR, page six)

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Odds and Ends

■ EUGENE, Ore. — A naked burglar was arrested after his driver's license was discovered in the pants he left at the scene of the crime, police said.

The man sneaked into an apartment last Saturday, stripped off his clothes and crept into a sleeping woman's bedroom, said Eugene police Sgt. Scott McKee.

The woman awoke, saw the man and screamed, prompting her boyfriend to jump out of bed and give chase.

The man got away, but police had the evidence they

"Thankfully it had his current address," McKee said.

David Spencer Clark Jr., 20, was arrested Tuesday and charged with first-degree burglary.

■ NEILLSVILLE, Wis. — For his 99th birthday, Herbert

Smith got what he had waited almost six decades for - a

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - Four mem-

bers of the Kentucky Board of

Education were replaced Friday

by Gov. Paul Patton, who also

reappointed two members, includ-

ing Chairwoman Helen Mountjoy.

Jeffrey Mando of Villa Hills, who

Among the new members is

promotion to colonel.

The Wisconsin Army National Guard promoted the lieutenant colonel Thursday in a ceremony at the Neillsville National Guard Armory. Smith said he didn't know what to do with his new standing.

'It doesn't have any military duties associated with it," he

Maj. Gen. James G. Blaney, adjutant general of Wisconsin and commander of the Wisconsin National Guard, elevated Smith to his new ranking. Smith hadn't been promoted in 59 years and four months.

"It was entirely too long to be a lieutenant colonel," Blaney said.

Smith was 16 years old when he enlisted in the Wisconsin State Guard on June 12, 1919, while the Wisconsin Guard's 32nd Division was part of the occupation force in post-World War I Germany. During World War II, he fought in the Pacific.

Patton replaces four on state

school board, reappoints two

served a previous term on the state

board that oversees elementary

and secondary education. Mando

will replace Craig True of Fort

Thomas, who is taking a job out of

■ David Tachau of Louisville

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Smith's service both in the peacetime National Guard and in the 32nd Division during wartime was exemplary. Blaney said.

Smith said his secret to a long life is drinking two glasses of burgundy wine a day.

"The doctor gives me at least two or three more years,"

PROVIDENCE, R.I. -Rhode Islanders may soon have a chance to honor their hometown spud with license plates featuring Mr. Potato

The state Senate unanimously passed a bill Thursday to issue the plates in honor of the toy's 50th birthday. Mr. Potato Head was created in 1952 by Pawtucket, R.I., toy maker Hasbro Inc.

The plates would be available for two years only for an extra fee of \$40. Half of the fee would go to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank.

■ Hilma Prather of Somerset

Dorothy Combs of

Also reappointed to the state

All the appointments are for

replaces Jane Venters of Somerset.

Richmond replaces Lydia Carol

board was Bill Weinberg of

terms that expire April 14, 2006.

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Other states have issued special license plates to raise funds for groups such as scouts and cancer awareness, or to honor college alumni or football teams, according to a Senate note on the bill.

This is a nice combination of recognizing an icon unique to this state while raising money for a worthy local cause," said Senate Majority Leader William Irons.

■ VENTURA, Calif. — Spencer Moss is as slippery as his name, according to deputies

at the Ventura County Jail.

The inmate has made handcuff keys out of chicken bones, tin foil and pieces of cloth, and concealed the contraband in his ears and his shoes before getting the opportunity to tackle the locks, they say. In two years, Moss has had 58 jail security violations.

The jailhouse Houdini faces up to 12 years in prison for allegedly escaping his cell in the jail's most secure section and locking two deputies inside it. The Jan. 24 episode was caught on videotape. He's

also charged with using a tightly wound piece of toilet paper to unlock his handcuffs and leg shackles while in court.

Moss, 36, was captured before making it out of the jail-

His Superior Court trial on two counts of attempted escape and one count of battery on jail personnel started Wednesday, with Moss acting as his own attorney.

Moss, handcuffed and shackled, decided against delivering an opening state-

Community blood drives to be held

Central Kentucky Blood Center will be holding a series of community blood drives over the course of the next week throughout Eastern Kentucky.

Community blood drives for the week of May 13 include:

Monday, May 13

Phelps High School will hold a blood drive sponsored by the Phelps H.S. JROTC.

Donations may be made from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Phelps High School. The community is invited and each donor will receive a free CKBC T-shirt.

For more information contact ISG David Akers at 456-4024.

Tuesday, May 14

Millard High School will sponsor its annual Spring Blood

Donations may be made from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Millard High School. The community is invited to attend and each donor

will receive a free CKBC T-shirt. For more information contact the school at 432-3380.

Thursday, May 16

Jackson Rowe Elementary will sponsor its annual Spring Blood

Donations may be made from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Family Resource Center. The community is invited and each donor will receive a free CKBC T-shirt.

For more information contact Cheryl Hatfield at 835-9816.

Thursday, May 16

Feds Creek High School blood drive sponsored by the Feds Creek JROTC and

Donations may be made from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school. The community is invited and each donor will receive a free CKBC T-

For more information contact 1SG Ralph Tankersley at 835-

Friday, May 17

Allen Central High School will sponsor its annual Spring Blood

Donations may be made from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school. The community is invited and each donor will receive a free CKBC T-

For more information contact the school at 358-9543.

CKBC is a non-profit commu-

nity blood center serving 58 Eastern and Central Kentucky counties. CKBC is the primary supplier of blood and blood components to hospitals in Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties. CKBC can only supply the needs of patients in the area when volunteers make a generous life-giving donation of

Four and a half million people would die this year without lifesaving blood transfusions.

For more information call CKBC at 1-800-775-2522 or visit our website at www.ckbc.org.

Court says EKU professor can sue over 'stacked' class

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — An Eastern Kentucky University professor, who complained that the school combined three classes into one and disrupted his teaching load, can sue to recover back wages, the Court of Appeals ruled

Before 1995, Wayne Swezig said he taught three classes on principalship at the elementary, middle and secondary school levels. He said each class required separate preparation, materials and tests. He was given teaching credit of three hours for each class.

From 1995 to 1998, EKU "stacked" the three courses into one. Swezig said he was forced to teach the three different areas

separately and had to prepare materials and tests differently. But he received only three hours of teaching credit.

Swezig's contract required him to teach nine credit hours one semester and 12 hours the next. By combining the previous three courses into one, Swezig said the university violated his employment contract.

EKU argued that professors are paid on the basis of clock hours in class rather than credit

A unanimous three-judge panel of the appeals court said Swezig's case should not have been thrown out in Madison County Circuit Court because there is a genuine issue about the disagreement.

New columnist debuts . on opinion page today

The Floyd County Times today begins offering a new syndicated columnist, Jim Davidson. With almost 200 newspapers in 35 states running this column, it is believed to be the fastest growing self-syndicated column in America.



Jim Davidson

Davidson is a Christian businessman and a native of Arkansas. He is down-to-earth and a strong believer in traditional family values, the merits of hard work and high moral standards. His career as a public speaker and motivational consultant has spanned more than 30 years and much of this time has been spent working with administrators, teachers and students in our nation's public schools. He is a Newspapers in Education sponsor in his local community and many of his columns deal with issues facing parents and students in today's

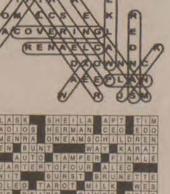
In addition to his involvement in education, Jim brings a broad base of practical, business and community service experience to his column. He is the author of two books, "You Can Be the Best" and "How to Plan Your Life" along with a cassette series titled, "America: A Brief Glimpse of All 50 States." But more importantly he lives what he believes and espouses. Some of his many awards and achieveinclude Arkansas Salesman of the Year, chairman of the membership sales organization of the Little Rock Chamber Of Commerce, justice of the peace in Pulaski County, chairman of the Speakers Bureau of the Pulaski County United Way, Leadership Gavel as voted by members of his Dale Carnegie class and honorary life member of DECA & GCE Clubs Of Arkansas.

Today he and his wife Viola live in a unique landscape timber home near Conway, Ark., where he is an active member of the Conway Noon Lions Club. He was named Lion Of The Year in 1996-97 and at the end of his

recent term as president, the 50plus-year-old club honored him as a Melvin Jones Fellow, the highest award in Lionism. Jim also teaches the Couples IV Bible Class at Harlan Park Baptist Church.

Davidson definitely has a way with words and his positive upbeat approach to life is said to make his readers feel better

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Having sons may shorten the life span of their mothers, researchers say

by PAUL RECER AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON - Having sons may have shortened the lives of mothers centuries ago,

while daughters added years to

The study analyzed life,

Biblical names again dominated baby boys' names in 2001; Emily stayed No. 1 for girls

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - It seems most parents turned to the Bible in naming their sons last year. Jacob, Matthew, Michael and Joshua were 2001's most popular names

Or perhaps last year's new moms and dads just looked to the kid next door. These names, along with the top names chosen for girls, have been in the top 10 for several years.

Emily has been No. 1 for girls each year since 1995. Madison and Hannah, numbers two and three, have been in the top 10 since

In the past 38 years, Michael had been bumped from the top spot only twice before- in 1999

the maternal life span, according to a study based on church and family records.

death and births among a group

and last year - both times by

for boys in 2001 were, in order:

Christopher, Nicholas, Andrew,

Ashley, Alexis, Samantha, Sarah,

from applications for Social

Security cards for children born in

2,072,242 boys and 1,985,062

are spelled differently, such as

Sarah and Sara or Haley and

Hailey, are listed separately.

The list includes names of

Names that sound the same but

the given year.

The list is compiled by the Social Security Administration

Joseph, Daniel and William.

Abigail, Elizabeth and Jessica.

Rounding out the top 10 names

by a daughter who grew to adulthood. Baby sons, researchers suggest in the study appearing Friday in the journal Science, make a much greater physical demand on the mother's body than do the typically smaller daughters and this may actually lead to a shorter life for the

of Finnish nomads in the days

before modern medicine. It

found that the life span of moth-

ers was reduced by about 34

weeks per son, but was extended

"Boys are usually born much heavier than girls," said Samuli Helle, a researcher at the University of Turku in Finland and the study's co-author. "It seems that boys are much more The list for girls continued with demanding to produce than

> Helle said the conclusion is based on church family records kept in Finland for a nomadic people called the Sami during the period 1640 to 1870. He said the toll on mothers' lives of having sons may not apply in the era of modern medicine.

"Nowadays we have better medical care," Helle said. "Resources are not as likely to limit females' life span. There might be some effect, but it will not be as huge as in the Sami

Helle and his co-authors used the records because of their accuracy and because they gave a measure of the effects of natural mortality before advance medical care.

The study concentrated on women who produced children and then went on to live past age 50. The researchers found that women who gave birth to sons had a shorter life span than those who had only daughters. Typically, a mother's life was

shortened by about 34 weeks per

Having daughters who were raised to adulthood diminished the effect, actually helping the mothers to live longer, Helle

"You can actually cancel the negative effect (on life span) of one boy by producing about three girls," said Helle. "The girls stayed in their natal group for quite a long time. All the children had a great influence on their parents' lives, but the girls had a more positive effect than

During the study period, Sami families typically had four children per generation. The children tended to stay with the family, creating an extended family group that spanned several generations.

The Sami were a nomadic people who followed the migration of reindeer. They led a hard life, but they were very successful, said Helle. Infant mortality in the group was very low, so

(See MOTHERS, page eight)

Two veterans centers open in Hazard, Hanson

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

A decorated combat nurse held captive during World War II is one of the first residents of the newly-opened Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, a nursing home for elderly soldiers in Hazard.

Col. Ruby Bradley, one of the nation's most decorated female veterans, was admitted about a week ago to the \$15.9 million

Bradley had most recently been a resident of the Prestonsburg Healthcare Center.

So far, 30 veterans have moved in, but that number will increase to 120 in coming months, said Les Beavers, a retired Army general serving as commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Hazard nursing home is one of two that opened this spring for elderly veterans in Kentucky. The other one, built at Hanson in Western Kentucky. also will house 120 veterans. Already, the state had a 300-bed facility at Wilmore in central Kentucky.

"The whole objective is to

give veterans dignity and treat them with compassion in the last days of their lives as a payback for their service to our country," Beavers said. "These are real patriots, and it's our duty to take care of them."

Most of the people admitted so far have been WWII veterans, and all, like Bradley, have served in combat situations, said Michael Gayheart, the center's administrator.

The 93-year-old Bradley said she will never forget the night a U.S. Army tank crashed the gates of the Japanese prisoner of war camp in the Philippines. freeing her after three years of captivity. Bradley said nothing has ever matched the excitement she felt in the moment that the tank cleared the wooden rubble and she saw troops following on

Roxy Combs, a registered nurse at the veterans home, said she feels privileged to get to care for Bradley and the other

"You're getting to take care of people who have been on the line for our nation," she said. "It's very rewarding."

Beavers said state leaders wanted to spread the centers across the state so veterans could be close to their families. "It's an honor to do this for them, because they've earned this through their deeds," he

Gayheart said employees and visitors acknowledge that.

"It's a different feeling when you walk into our facility," he said. "There's a sense of honor and commitment. Every time you see one of our veterans, you know they have been committed to serving our country. We have a pure sense of dedication and overall commitment to give these veterans the quality of care they so much deserve.'

Kentucky companies, individuals make soft money donations while they can

by NANCY ZUCKERBROD ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A new campaign finance law requires this to be the last election cycle in which corporations, unions and wealthy individuals can make unlimited donations to political parties, and some in Kentucky are writing the big checks while they still can.

It is "the last dying gasp of the fund-raisers in charge of the parties," said Scott Harshbarger, president of the pro-reform advocacy group Common Cause.

He says people who give unregulated "soft money" donations, unfairly gain "access and the opportunity to be heard by people in power in Congress."

But critics of the new law, Sen. including McConnell, R-Ky., contend the restrictions violate First Amendment free speech rights and weaken the political parties by limiting their spending abilities. They are challenging the law in court.

In Kentucky, Louisvillebased Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. has been the leading contributor this election cycle of "soft money" donations.

The company has donated \$137,464 to the Republican Party in soft money, according to Political Money Line, a Web site that tracks campaign contribu-

Parties can use the funds to pay for issue ads, get-out-thevote drives and other partybuilding activities. They cannot use soft money to expressly advocate a candidate's election or defeat.

At the federal level, Brown & Williamson has opposed a proposal backed by rival Philip Morris to allow the Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco. But Brown & Williamson spokesman Mark Smith said there is no correlation between the company's lobbying efforts and its soft money contri-

He said the company gave to the Republican Party because of a shared view on many issues. "Why not support the people that share your philosophy?" Smith said.

The now-bankrupt AEI Resources, of Ashland, followed Brown & Williamson with \$125,000 in soft money donations, all of which went to the Republican Party. The donations were made late last year, a few months before the coal producer

filed for bankruptcy. The company did not return calls from The Associated Press seeking comment on its contributions.

Lexington-based National Thoroughbred Racing Association has donated \$110,400 this cycle, according to Political Money Line. Most went to Republicans. Louisville-based Brown-Forman Corp. gave \$90,551 in soft money, again with most going to Republicans.

Ashland Inc., of Covington, gave \$60,700 to the Republican Party. The company has operations in specialty chemicals, motor oil and car care products and highway construction.

"Our business are just inherently by definition really impacted by public policy decisions," Ashland spokesman Stan Lampe said. "We have to engage in the public policy making process. We don't apologize for our involvement.

Among individual soft money donors, Covington attorney Ron Parry contributed more than any other Kentuckian, according to Political Money Line. He has given \$60,000 to the Democratic Party so far this cycle.

Parry said he gives to Democrats, because Republicans generally favor tort reform policies that make it harder to challenge big corporations in court. Parry says he feels he has no choice but to financially back those who support his views.

"Personally I'd rather not

give them. I'd rather keep my money and spend it with my family," he said.

Despite his history of giving, Parry said he supports the new reform law. "I think that large contributors probably have too much influence, or at least the perception is that way," Parry

Republican Party received \$28,250 in soft money from Dr. Laxmaiah Manchikanti. The pain management physician from Paducah was the second largest soft-money contributor in

Kentucky. Manchikanti has lobbied the government to ensure pain management practices at ambulatory care facilities are covered by Medicare. He said U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-1st District, and McConnell have helped him, but he denied that has been in return for Manchikanti's support of the

"That really doesn't give me

any extra access," he said. Like Parry, Manchikanti favors reform. "Reform is a good idea, because these big corporations have all the power," he said. "A small guy like me doesn't have any power."

Congress approved the overhaul of campaign finance rules after a lengthy fight. President Bush, who like Democratic predecessor Bill Clinton has been a prolific raiser of soft money for his party, reluctantly signed the bill in March.

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Revenue receipts still lagging in April

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT - Receipts to Kentucky's General Fund fell in April, further heightening the likelihood of another round of budget cuts before the end of the fiscal year June 30.

Receipts in April were \$716.7 million, which was 0.2 percent less than the same month a year ago. Through the first 10 months of the fiscal year, revenue receipts are off 0.7 percent.

Revenue must grow by 0.9 percent to meet current estimates, which have themselves been revised downward from the original budget. And with only two months to make up the difference, the likelihood of a

dramatic turnaround seems

Budget director James Ramsey said the primary reason for the shortfall is Kentucky's corporate tax system. Both corporate income and license taxes are down from last year, a total of more than \$100 million.

"We would be close to the budgeted growth for this fiscal year if not for the declines from these business taxes," Ramsey said in a statement from his office. Ramsey did not return calls for comment.

Receipts to the Road Fund were up in April, as they are for the year. Strength in vehicle sales and motor fuel sales were cited as the reasons for increased revenue.

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— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Responsible mining could save scholars

The University of Kentucky could turn a dilemma into an opportunity.

By approving mining in just a small portion of the 14,500-acre UK-owned Robinson Forest, UK can help save the Robinson Scholars program. At the same time, it can use the opportunity to demonstrate how

sound manner.

The Robinson Scholars program has been rightly praised for helping gifted young people in 29 Eastern Kentucky counties become the first members of their families to graduate from college.

mining can be done in the most environmentally

While most scholarships are awarded to high school seniors, the Robinson Scholars are selected in the eighth grade. The program then provides encouragement and assistance to the selected students throughout high school to better prepare them to be successful when they enroll in the university.

The problem is the endowment that funds the Robinson Scholars program is running out of money. Without additional revenue, the program is going to have serious financial problems by 2005, UK President Lee Todd told the East Kentucky Leadership Conference meeting in Ashland.

But expanded mining in a UK-owned Robinson Forest could generate \$56 million to help put the scholarship program on firm financial ground. But any plans for additional mining in the forest in Breathitt, Knott and Perry counties is sure to gain UK the wrath of some environmentalists who think the forest should be preserved as is.

Todd said expanded mining would be limited to about 200 acres of the forest. In addition to plant and animal life, the forest is rich in coal. Studies have estimated the forest contains 97 million tons of coal, the largest single block of coal east of the Mississippi

If the mining is restricted to just a small portion of the forest and all the revenue is earmarked for the Robinson Scholars program, it should be approved by the UK Board of Trustees. The Robinson Scholars is too valuable to be allowed to disappear because of a lack of funding.

— The Ashland Daily Independent

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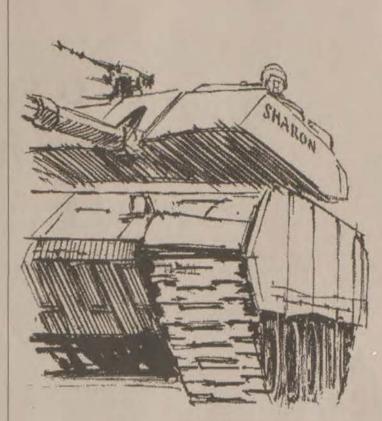
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by DONALD KAUL

If you need an example of why it's important to keep church and state separate, I have one for you: George Bush.

Mr. Bush's attempts at moving us toward theocracy tend toward disaster, when they're not simply silly. The latest was his statement calling for a ban on the cloning of human embryos for research purposes. (The Senate, that fount of courage and wisdom, will be taking up legislation on the matter

Bush's position, basically, is that such cloning constitutes an assumption of God-like prerogatives and should be avoided, lest we burn in Hell for our sins. He is supported in this view by the entire membership of the Flat Earth Society.

On the other side we have a letter released by the American Society for Cell Biology, signed by 40 Nobel laureates. It states that a ban on such cloning "would impede progress on some of the most debilitating diseases known to

man" — Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, diabetes, spinal cord injuries, many forms of cancers, as well as cardiovascular and neurological diseases.

The scientists argue that such cloning

— strictly for research, not for the creation of human beings — promises to lead to effective stem cell treatments of these diseases. What we're talking about here, by the way, is not chopping up fetuses for a biology experiment; we're talking about making use of a cluster of embryonic human cells the size of a pinhead.

Against this we have — what? It's against God's will? Gimme a break.

If God gave us these diseases, surely He or She would not deny us the opportunity to cure them. But it's best to leave God out of the argument altogether, as Mr. Bush seldom does.

A couple of weeks ago he gave a speech laying out his plan to give government money to religious charities.

Laying aside his speech notes, according to the New York Times, he ad-libbed:

"Government can write checks, but it can't put hope in people's hearts, or a sense of purpose in people lives. This is done by people who have heard a call and who act on faith and are willing to share in that faith. And I'm not talking about a particular religion — I'm talking about all religions under the Almighty God."

What claptrap! It is particularly ridiculous to say something like that now, at a time when the world is seething with unspeakable acts committed by people acting on their faiths. The Palestinian suicide bombers are acting on their faith. The Israelis are knocking down miserable refugee camps and spraying the landscape with bullets, acting on

their faith. And when we bomb people at their prayers in a far-off land, we too are acting on our faith. In Africa, India, the Philippines, throughout Southeast Asia they are fighting terrible wars — faithbased wars.

Which Almighty are we talking about here? The One who guided the hands of guys who collapsed the World Trade Towers and killed 3,000 people? Or the One who wants us to invade Iraq?

It was an absurd statement. The problems of this world will not be solved by sophomoric, tin-whistle, holier-than-thou

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−Jim Davidson

Our attitudes control our lives

William James of Harvard University, the father of American psychology, once said, "The greatest discovery of my generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind."

This profound statement made many years ago, contains tremendous potential to help us become happier and more successful human beings. After all, isn't this what most of us want our lives to be?

My wife has a sweat shirt with the words, "I have an attitude" printed across the front. To symbolize the word "attitude", there is also a picture of a duck with the most awful facial configuration you can imagine. The dictionary defines "attitude" as: a state of mind or feeling.

Unlike computers, which can only store facts, statistics and other data, the human mind also has the capability of storing feelings and emotions. The marvelous human mind, with its many and diverse powers, is what produces thoughts, and these thoughts become the basis for our actions. Our actions, therefore, are the

result of not only what we think, but also how we feel. As it relates to our personal success, it's important to realize that actions trigger feelings, and feelings trigger actions. Your thoughts and feelings produce "attitudes." As Dr. James points out, "Human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind."

There have been a number of people and organizations who have conducted studies to determine the basis for personal success and they all pretty much conclude the same thing. Mental attitude accounts for about 85 percent of our overall success in life, while skills and knowledge make up the balance.

I would like to share a true-life experience that can help us see how important our mental attitude really is and why it controls our lives. In the 1958 World Series between the New York Yankees and the Milwaukee Braves, during the late innings of a very crucial game, Elston Howard, power hitting Yankee catcher, was up to bat. With the count three balls and two strikes, the Braves' manager went out to the mound to talk with Warren Spahn, his great left-handed pitcher. The manager said, "Don't

give him a high outside pitch, because he will hit it out of the park!" and returned to the dugout.

It was too late! Warren's computer-like mind registered the thought "high outside pitch," which is exactly where the ball went! The manager was right: Elston

Howard hit it out of the park. As Elston circled the bases, Warren Spahn threw his glove down in the dirt and made what has become a classic statement. He said, "WHY would anyone motivate themselves or others with the reverse of an idea?"

You see, because of the way the human mind is constituted, we always move in the direction of our currently dominant thought. The chances that

Warren Spahn would have been successful in pitching to Elston Howard would have been greatly increased if the manager had simply said, "Keep the ball low and inside."

The reason attitudes control our lives is simple. We always move in the direction of our currently dominant thought. When we are thinking good and true things and

(See DAVIDSON, page eight)

Religion

Jehovah's Witness faces excommunication

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - As a pillar of his church, William Bowen sat in judgment of fellow Jehovah's Witnesses who went astray. On a few occasions, Bowen supported the ultimate punishment - expulsion from the tight-knit religious group.

But now the lifelong Jehovah's Witness awaits judgment himself from fellow members of the faith.

The 44-year-old former church elder is among four Jehovah's Witnesses threatened with excommunication - or disfellowship, as the denomination calls it - for sowing discord in the faith by speaking out against the church's handling of allegations of child molestation.

Bowen complains that childsex allegations are generally not reported to secular authorities by the Jehovah's Witnesses because of the church's closed nature and its insistence on handling problems internally.

The Jehovah's Witnesses shun the outside world in many respects. They refuse to bear arms, salute the flag or participate in secular government. They also refuse blood transfu-

Bowen is to appear before a judicial committee Friday at his church in Draffenville, a small town in far western Kentucky.

Two others, Carl and Barbara Pandelo of Belmar, N.J., had their hearing this week and are awaiting a decision.

Anderson of Normandy, Tenn., has also been summoned to appear before a committee. Anderson has said she learned about the church's handling of abuse cases while she worked at its headquarters in New York City.

Like Bowen, the Pandelos say the real motivation is to silence them within the denomination, which claims about 6 million members worldwide, including about 1 million in the United States.

headquarters, Jehovah's Witnesses said that church leaders are "required by the Holy Scriptures to see to it that the congregation remains clean and unified."

J.R. Brown, a spokesman for the denomination, said that parents are not punished by the church for going to the police first in cases of child molesta-

And he said that anyone found guilty of molestation by a church judicial committee is removed from all positions of responsibility and cannot evangelize door-to-door without being accompanied by a fellow Jehovah's Witness.

Bowen disputed that, saying he has heard of cases in which parents were punished for contacting the police first, and instances in which abusers were allowed to go door-to-door on

Bowen, who spent two years working at the Brooklyn headquarters, said that he took up the cause a couple of years ago, when he read a confidential file alleging a member had molested a child in the early 1980s. He said he was frustrated in his efforts to try to bring the problem to the attention of the church hierarchy.

"They did not want to face child molestation issues," Bowen said. "They did not want typically to turn perpetrators in. And they used the control of the organization as more or less an undisclosed way to prevent that

from happening."

Bowen resigned as a church elder in 2000 in protest, and has formed a support group for alleged abuse victims. He said he has heard from thousands of alleged victims in the past year. The allegations involve both rank-and-file members of the church and, like the scandal engulfing the Roman Catholic Church, leaders of the faith.

"I don't think we're trying to hurt the Jehovah's Witness organization," he said. "They claim they have higher moral standards than other religions and other groups. Well, this works to their advantage in every way to elevate their standards.'

Bowen warned that the

denomination could face a flurry of lawsuits unless it changes its ways. Two lawsuits already filed against the denomination in the past year in New Hampshire and Washington state accuse church elders of failing to follow state laws on reporting suspected abuse to police.

Steve Lyons, an elder at Bowen's Draffenville church of about 60 members, said Jehovah's Witnesses are responsive to allegations of child

"I think we do as well as we can do," he said. "We comply

with all local laws when it comes to reporting. We do our best to protect children in cases where even there's just been an alleged abuse." The Pandelos' dispute with

the denomination dates to 1988, when their 12-year-old daughter said she was molested by her paternal grandfather, also a member of the faith. Carl Pandelo's father has returned to the denomination, while the Pandelos face possible excommunication.

"It's almost like a public stoning," Barbara Pandelo said.

For example, Jehovah's Witnesses caught having contact with the excommunicated can themselves be expelled, she

"Nobody talks to a disfellowshipped person," she said. "They'll look right through you as if you're invisible.'

Similarly, Bowen said he has been shunned by family members and has seen his candleselling business hurt.

"While I may have certain personal regrets, if I had it to do over again, I'd do it a thousand times," Bowen said.

States sue Vatican, allege insurance fraud scheme involving Martin Frankel

by JASON STRAZIUSO ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSON, Miss. - The insurance commissioners of five states are suing the Vatican, alleging the church was involved in \$200 million-plus insurance fraud scheme run by now-jailed financier Martin Frankel.

The federal lawsuit, filed Thursday by the commissioners of Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri, Oklahoma Arkansas, accuses the Vatican Monsignor Colagiovanni of racketeering

"We're not trying to embarrass the Vatican, we're just trying to do what we have to do under the statutes," said Lee Harrell, Mississippi's deputy insurance commissioner. "We wouldn't be suing them if we didn't think they did some things wrong and that they owed

The Vatican said it had no immediate comment on the law-

The lawsuit says that in 1998 Frankel tried to use the church as a front to purchase insurance companies. It says Frankel was to give \$55 million to the Vatican as a charitable foundation. The Vatican would keep \$5 million and Frankel would retain control over the remaining \$50 million.

While Frankel is not a defendant in Thursday's filing, the suit says that from 1990-1999 Frankel devised numerous schemes to commit fraud, including setting up false insurance companies.

Colagiovanni, a senior member of the Vatican government at the time, helped propose the scheme to senior Vatican officials, the lawsuit says.

Because the Vatican assisted Frankel in the attempted purchase of U.S. insurance companies, the suit says, the Holy See carried on commercial activities in the United States, activities that were not sovereign and not

The suit was filed in Mississippi because some 70 percent of the more than \$200 million allegedly stolen was looted from Mississippi companies, Harrell said. He said most of the sham offices were based in Franklin, Tenn.

The five insurance commissioners are already seeking more than \$600 million in damages from Frankel in a lawsuit filed in 2000. Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore has also filed criminal charges against Frankel.

The states accused Frankel of using pseudonyms and partners to buy small insurance companies in their states, which have reputations for lax insurance regulations. Then, regulators say, Frankel siphoned money from the companies through his unlicensed brokerage run out of his Greenwich, Conn., home.

Frankel was arrested in Germany in 1999 and is jailed in Rhode Island awaiting trial in U.S. District Court in New Haven, Conn., on charges of racketeering, fraud and conspir-

Colagiovanni was arrested in August 2001 on charges of wire fraud and conspiracy to launder money in connection with a multimillion-dollar insurance scam. He is accused of assisting Frankel using the St. Francis of Assisi Foundation to acquire insurance companies while concealing Frankel's involvement.

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Mammas, don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys

by DIEGO IBARGUEN ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Cowboy dreams aside, a new ranking of jobs might encourage some students to work a little harder on their biology homework.

While the job of biologist takes top overall honors in the latest edition of the "Jobs Rated Almanac," employment as a cowboy ranked a lowly 248th out of the 250 jobs reviewed.

Cowboys are paid about \$31,000 a year on average, have limited prospects for advancement and face some of the greatest physical demands, according to the listing, which ranks jobs in a variety of categories. Only the physically demanding and low-paying work of the fisherman and the lumberjack ranked lower

Biologists, in comparison, make an average of more than \$92,000 a year and have the best future prospects, sparked in around workaday week," said large part by the completion of the human gene map and last

"This book is about the

real, honest-to-God, no-fooling-around workaday week," said Krantz, whose own job, publication editor, was ranked 31st overall. It also gives people an opportunity to learn "everything you wanted to ask about your

year's anthrax scare, according to the book's editor. Les Krantz. "This book is about the real,

friends' and neighbors'

jobs," he said.

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Begun in 1988, the sixth edition of the list was to be released Friday. In previous editions, the top spots have gone to actuary and financial planner, Nos. 2 and 3 this time.

Krantz uses statistics from the U.S. Department of Labor, the census, professional organizations and telephone surveys in ranking 250 jobs - some of them uncommon, such as roustabout (No. 239) and stevedore (No. 241), two jobs involving working on and loading ships. The jobs are ranked according to six variables: stress, income, physical

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Chair

Hollow," Goble said.

The sentimental value of the chair makes the theft that much more painful for the Goble fam-

The Gobles own another chair that is almost identical to the one that was stolen and had moved it upstairs before the theft occurred.

"I could always go out and buy another chair, but not one like that," Goble lamented.

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Although she has not contacted the authorities, Goble admits that she would like to find out what happened to her

"I have no idea where it went, but I sure would be happy to have it returned," Goble said.

The Goble family hopes that anyone reading about the missing chair who has information about it will come foreword and help them locate the heirloom.

State Senate honors late McDowell woman

Johnson man charged

The complaint, signed by "judge" with an obscenity.

with raping minor

Times Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Although the state General Assembly was unable to agree on a budget in two tries during its most recent regular and special sessions, the Senate was able to recognize one of Floyd County's own.

The Senate adopted a resolution to adjourn in memory of Anna Mae Hall Stumbo on March 12. The resolution was sponsored by Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift.

Stumbo died Feb. 27 at the age of 94. She was a native of McDowell.

Stumbo was the daughter of Durran and Mary Spradlin Hall and the widow of Lee Stumbo, She was also preceded in death by three sons, Charles Edward Stumbo, Bill Kit Stumbo and Walter Stumbo, as well as one daughter, Madeline Schmitz. her — Eleanor Pack of Drift and Kathleen Prater and Betty Rae Acres of McDowell,

by LORETTA BLACKBURN

STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE - A rape charge filed against Christopher

M. Whitworth, also known as

Casper, 23, of Staffordsville,

was referred the grand jury on

filed a criminal complaint

against Whitworth on April 29,

in which she alleged that he committed the offense of rape

when he had sexual relations with her minor daughter by

The mother of a minor girl

Stumbo was one of eight siblings and is survived by three sisters, Edna Sizemore of Prestonsburg, Jeanie Frisco of Louisville and Betty Valone of Columbus, Ohio. She was preceded in death by two brothers. Verman Hall and Earl Hall, and two sisters, Maggie Newman and Verdie Stumbo.

In paying tribute to her, the resolution honoring her reads, "[T]he passing of Anna Mae Hall Stumbo has left a void that cannot be filled, and she is mourned across the length and breadth of the Commonwealth ... The Senate does hereby express its profound sense of sorrow upon the passing of Anna Mae Hall Stumbo, and extends to her family and friends its most heartfelt sympathy."

Stumbo's daughter, Betty cres said the honor meant a lot to her and said there was one Three more daughters survived thing she would like to say to her mother: "Happy Mother's Day, Mommy. I miss you. Love,

Paintsville, said that Whitworth

\$500,000 to be secured by cash.

April 29, at the Big Sandy

He was charged with first-

police the charges were "bulls-

degree rape.

News in Brief

Mental health aide admits striking patient

SOMERSET - A former patient aide at the state's largest facility for people with mental disabilities has admitted punching one of the residents in the stomach.

Jon-Brent Bernard, 21, of Somerset, pleaded guilty Thursday to one misdemeanor count of recklessly abusing a handicapped man in March 2001 at The Communities at Oakwood. The charge was reduced from a felony as part of the plea agreement.

Circuit Judge William Cain sentenced Bernard to one year in jail, probated for two years. The

Rape

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22, 2001, on charges of driving under the influence, driving on a DUI-suspended license, and fleeing and evading. He was released on December 3, 2001, only to be returned on December 4, 2001, and charged with two counts of first-degree rape of a child under 12. first-degree sexual abuse, and distribution of obscene material.

Ramey will face a jury for the charges related to the 1993 inci-

According to a Johnson County Circuit Court document, to introduce evidence of the victim's testimony as well as that of other children who he allegedly treated in a similar manner.

Drugs

PSA

■ Continued from p1 that he was under arrest.

Harmon was charged with second-degree assault, terroristic threatening, and three counts of criminal mischief, when he allegedly ripped an officer's uniform shirt off, caused damage to the police cruiser by kicking the doors, and threatened to kill the arresting officers.

Harmon was also charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon and charged with unsworn falsification to authorities when he told the officers that he was Wayne Harmon and gave a false Social Security number.

deal bars Bernard from seeking a job in any facility that cares for physically or mentally disabled people.

Oakwood fired Bernard in March 2001 before he had finished his probationary period.

Bernard is the third former Oakwood aide to plead guilty on abuse charges.

Alford, guilty pleas entered in insurance fraud case

VERSAILLES - A father and son accused of pocketing more than \$31,000 in insurance premiums paid by customers have entered pleas on fraud and theft charges.

Gary Wayne Wooten, 37, of Versailles, entered an Alford plea Thursday in Woodford County Circuit Court to six counts of insurance fraud and 16 counts of second-degree forgery.

In an Alford plea, a defendant admits the evidence may lead to a conviction but denies actual wrongdoing.

Later in the day, Wooten's father, Bill Wooten, 77, of Lexington, pleaded guilty to two counts of theft by failure to make required disposition.

In their plea agreements, Gary Wooten would receive seven years in jail, and Bill Wooten would get four years in jail.

In addition, the two Wootens agree to share in the restitution of \$31,375 to customers who paid premiums but did not receive

insurance, The Wootens had operated a family insurance agency in Versailles for years until the state

revoked their licenses in 1998. Judge Isaacs scheduled sentencing for July 3.

Death

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Gunnels pleaded not guilty to 12 felonies on July 18, 2001. He was indicted in September on 10 felony charges and later admitted guilt to the charges of rape and murder in letters sent to The Floyd County Times and Commonwealth's Attorney Brent

Turner's office filed a notice of intent on Friday to seek the death penalty, which included a list of aggravating circumstances.

The notice states that at the time Gunnels allegedly murdered Hall, he was engaged in the commission of rape, first-degree robbery and first-degree burglary. All three crimes are listed as aggravating circumstances to be considered by a judge and jury concerning the death penalty.

Judge John David Caudill set a trial date of Sept. 3 for Gunnels during a pre-trial conference held in Floyd Circuit Court on Friday.

FTC upgrades monitoring of gasoline prices to detect and County Circuit Court document, the commonwealth notified the defendant's counsel of intention act on unjustified price spikes

by H. JOSEF HEBERT ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - The Federal Trade Commission is broadening its monitoring of gasoline markets around the country to gather information on daily price changes in an attempt to focus quickly on any unusual price spikes, the agency

FTC Chairman Timothy Muris said the agency has begun using a statistical model that is expected to track price spikes as they happen to identify factors contributing to the price fluctua-

Data on retail gasoline prices, using credit card purchases from thousands of service stations in 360 cities, will be plugged into the model as will daily information on wholesale prices from 20 major urban areas, the agency said.

Retail prices have increased substantially since the first of the year, although they have leveled off in recent weeks. The average price of regular gasoline this week was \$1.40 a gallon, 31 cents cheaper than at the same time a year ago, according to the Information Energy Administration.

The American Petroleum Institute, the major oil companies' trade group, told the FTC at a Washington conference Thursday that the price of regular grade gasoline has held steady over the last two weeks.

John Felmy, the API's chief economist, attributed the price increases this year to higher

crude oil prices and the many blends of gasoline required for clean air purposes.

The new statistical model, said Muris, the FTC chairman, "will allow FTC staff to identify and track gasoline price spikes on a real-time basis and to identify as quickly as possible the contributing factors.

He said the commission plans to release two reports this year on the impact of industry consolidation on competition and pricing and the complex combination of factors that go into determining prices of all refined petroleum products.

The FTC in recent years has conducted several formal investigations into gasoline pricing practices in the California and

(See FTC, page eight)



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Babies

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demands, potential growth, job security and work environment.

The new edition's top 10 overall jobs were rounded out by computer systems analyst, accountant, software engineer, meteorologist, paralegal assistant, statistician and astronomer.

Completing the bottom 10 were roofer, farmer, construction worker, taxi driver, seaman and ironworker.

Some of the highest paid jobs are coupled with high stress and a poor work environment. The office of president has the fifth highest pay at \$400,000, but is ranked 175th because it has the worst work environment and the highest level of stress, Krantz said.

Professional athletes also have the potential for high pay and a lot of time off, but their job comes with substantial stress, limited security and

heavy physical demands. Other high-stress, physically demanding jobs, such as police officer and firefighter, come with moderate pay and poor work envi-

Krantz said the side-by-side comparison of jobs can make some people think twice about what they think they'd like to do for a living.

For those who prefer to avoid stress altogether, musical instrument repair ranks easiest on the nerves, edging out florist and medical records technician.

And if money is the object, nothing tops stardom in the National Basketball Association, which can bring an average-earner more than \$4.5 million a year. That's more than double the No. 2 and 3 bigmoney jobs: Major League Baseball player and National Football League athlete.

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Regional Obituaries

Floyd County

Aggie Johnson Caudill, 84, of Wheelwright, died Friday, May 10, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday,

May 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Walter Hall, 76, of Betsy Layne, died Thursday, May 2, at his home following an extended illness. He is survived by his

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whole neighborhood after that," McIntosh said.

Trash

A representative for Waste Management, the contractor responsible for picking up most of Floyd County's household trash, attributes the late running to a lack of staffing.

"We're short on drivers," the

representative said. "We have some that we're doing background checks on right now."

It seems that for now, McIntosh and her neighbors will have to wait to have their garbage picked up. But as the old adage goes, "Haste makes

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wife, Aileen Sellards Hall. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Thelma Smith, 81, of Raleigh, North Carolina, tormerly of McDowell, died Tuesday, May 7, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, James Litten Smith. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Annis S. Wright, 79, of Camden, Tennessee, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, May 3. at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home,

Magoffin County

John J. Rice, 73, of Salversville, died Tuesday, April 30, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Josephine Whitaker Rice. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 4, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Clyde Minix, 43, died Thursday, May 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Renee Hensley Minix. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 5, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral

Ethel Mae Shepherd Howard, 75, of Salversville, died Saturday, May 4, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 7, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Tammy Sue Howard, 35, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, April 30, at Saint Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 4, under the direction of Salversville Funeral Home.

Elmer Trusty, 72, of Proctorville, Ohio, formerly of Salyersville, died Sunday, March 17, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Roberta Salvers arusty, Funeral services were conducted March 21, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home in Procterville, Ohio.

County Times

Johnson County

Donald R. Bowen, 59, died Friday, May 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 6, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral

Russell Boyd, 93, died Friday, May 3, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Herman Eldon McKenzie, 70, died Friday, May 3, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 5, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Gregory Keith Thompson, 44, died Friday, May 3, at Swamp Branch. He is survived by his wife, Desiree Charisse Thompson. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, May 7, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Judy Preston Wallace, 52, died Wednesday, May 1. She is survived by her husband, James E. Wallace. Memorial services were conducted Monday, May 6, under the directon of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Shirley Gail Wells, 51, died Monday, April 29. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 1, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel.

Lawrence County

John B. Borders, 64, a Lawrence County native, died Saturday, May 4. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Borders. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 8, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

Pike County

Carl K. Chaney, 55, of Ashcamp, died Saturday, May 4, at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 7. under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Linton Trivette Damron, 75,

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that era. Today, the average life

span of a Finn is about 81 years

for women and about 74 years

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to performance,

play in Kentucky.

of Robinson Creek, died Friday. May 3, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Mollie Harmon Damron. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 6, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Harmon Edmiston, 84, of Sidney, died Sunday, May 5, at Jewish Hospital, Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 8, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

John P. Gartin, 77, of Coal Run, died Sunday, May 5, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Norma Gartin. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 9, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Ifelo Hampton, 65, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Virgie, died Friday, May 3, at the Marion General Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Gomer Hampton. Funeral serwere conducted vices Wednesday, May 8, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Naomi Elswick Mutter, 66, of Williamston, South Carolina, died Saturday, May 4, at St. Francis Hosital, Greenville, South Carolina. She is survived by her husband, Garnett E. Mutter, Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 7. under the direction of Gray Mortuary Chapel.

Charlie Newsome, 83, of Coldwater, Michigan, a native of Virgie, died Saturday, May 4, at the Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Lizzie Boyd Newsome. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 7, under the direction of Tidd-Williams Funeral Home.

Pansy Christine Billiter Stratton, 67, of Pikeville, died Saturday, May 4, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, John George Stratton. Funeral serconducted were Wednesday, May 8, under the

ing many oral histories adapted

tour consists of Shannon

Woolley, Trina Fischer, Amy

Attaway, Jo-D Bagg and Janet

Jenkins. Star Xaviera Little will

be directing the re-mount of the

Fischer, the founders of the

company, are Youth Performing

Arts School graduates, as is

Janet Jenkins. Amy Attaway is a

Ballard High School alum and

just finished an internship with

Stage One. Trina Fischer and

Star Little are also past appren-

tices of Actors Theatre of

Louisville and have both been

Lilith will be conducting arts

residencies at the Youth

Performing Arts School and the

Hindman Settlement School

through TIP grants provided by

the Kentucky Arts Council.

In addition, Looking for

seen on the mainstage there.

Shannon Woolley and Trina

The cast for the Kentucky

direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Harold Forrest Thompson, 59, of McAndrews, died Monday, May 6, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Sue Ratliff Thompson. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 10, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth (Blackburn) Charles

Mary Elizabeth (Blackburn) Charles, age 67, of Auxier, Ky., passed away Thursday, May 9, 2002, at her residence, after an illness of two years.

She was born September 8, 1934, in Williamson, W.Va., a daughter of the late Leonard and Hetti (Baldwin) Blackburn, She was a member of the Church of Christ in Prestonsburg, Ky.

She was married to Herbert Charles who survives her.

Other survivors include one son and two daughters, Jim Charles of Zebulon, Ky., Beverly Setser of Little Paint Cr., Ky., and Jheri Endicott of Cow Creek, Prestonsburg, Ky.; one brother and one sister, Curtis Blackburn of Columbus, Ohio, and Katherine Morrison of Zebulon, Ky.; also surviving are four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 12, 2002, at 1:30 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, Ky., with Evangelist Bennie Blankenship officiating.

Burial will follow in the Wells Cemetery in Auxier, Ky.

All arrangements are under the direction of Burke Funeral

Visitation is at the funeral (Paid obituary)

Davidson

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have worthy goals to strive for, a positive attitude will definitely give us the advantage. As I've said many times during speaking engagements around the country, "It's your attitude and not your aptitude that will determine your altitude."

Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.

FTC

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Midwest markets and concluded each time that there was no collusion among suppliers or violation of antitrust laws.

A recent staff investigation by the Senate Governmental Affairs investigations subcommittee concluded that oil companies, while not colluding, tended to manipulate supplies to keep prices high in tight markets. In part, they are able to do so because of the reduced number of competitors now in the industry, the report said.

A group of oil executives said at a Senate hearing last week that gasoline prices reflect market conditions, and refineries have worked aggressively to maintain supplies in a tight mar-

The performance is based on Beltway

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religiosity. Indeed, they may not be solved at all; they are intractable.

do know this; religion will hurt at least as much as it helps.

As it does whenever we let it dominate public policy. Right now a bill reforming bankruptcy laws is being held up by anti-abortionist legislators because the law would let doctors whose practices are ruined by anti-abortion demonstrators file for bankruptcy - just like

normal people who go broke. It is said that 45 percent of the U.S. population believes in the creationist theory as opposed to evolution. I wouldn't be surprised if the

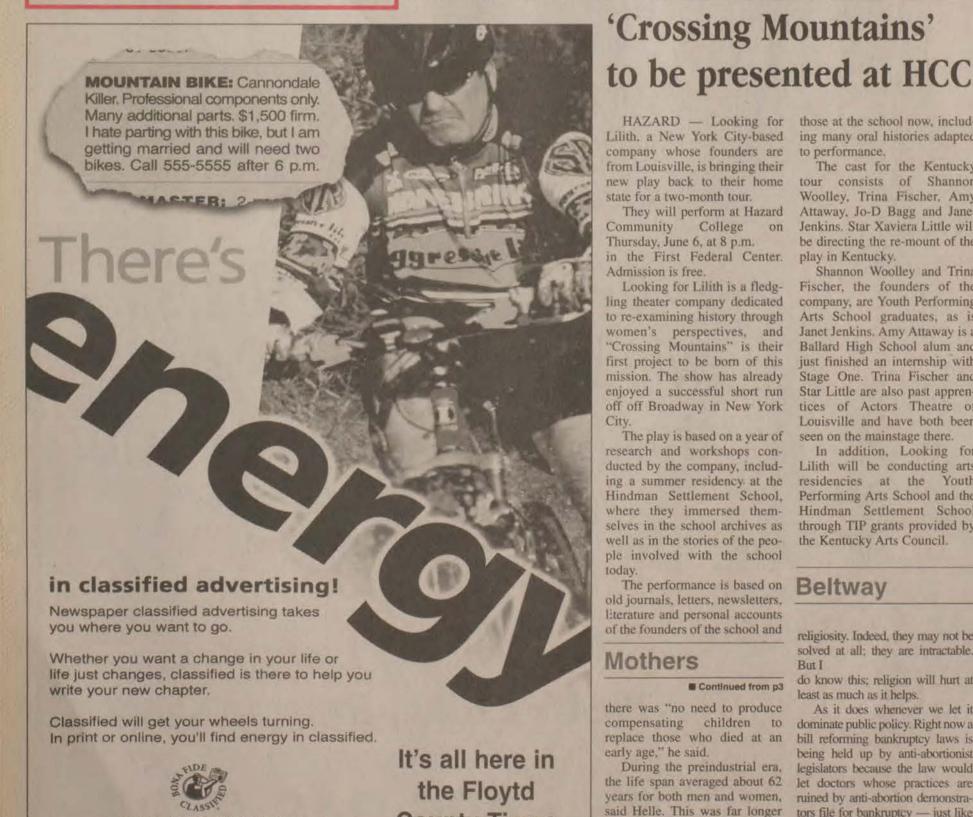
percentage is higher in Congress, if

you included the White House staff. Mr. Bush said that government can't put hope in people's hearts or

a sense of purpose in their lives. He's wrong. It can and it has. His job is to see to it that govemment continues to do exactly that. We need less faith in the world

and more reason. 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.



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DEBATE

Title IX at 30, still wrestling with issues of equality

by JOSEPH WHITE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Va. — Marilyn McNeil's formula for gender equality in college sports sounds fairly simple: Instead of wiping out an entire men's wrestling program to find money for women's teams, why not cut the 92nd player on the football team?

There are a

number of

athletes out there

who never get

their uniform

dirty," said

McNeil, the

athletic director

at Monmouth

University in

New Jersey.

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And the 91st. And so forth.

forth. "There are a number of athletes out there who never get their uniform dirty," said McNeil, the athletic director at Monmouth University in New Jersey. "Thirty years from now they'll be sitting in a bar talking about their days on the varsity, and we never ask them, 'Did you ever actually

play?"

McNeil

offered her thoughts during the

NCAA's two-day seminar marking
the 30th anniversary of Title IX, the
law that that requires schools
receiving federal money to provide
equal opportunities for men and
women

While Title IX has slowly revolutionized sports opportunities for women, hundreds of men's sports programs have been cut nationwide with Title IX often cited as the reason.

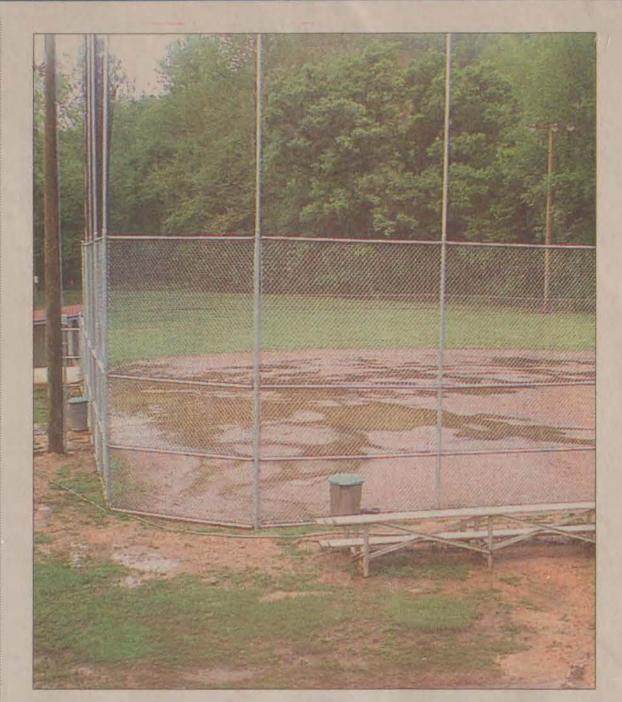
Wrestling has been hit particularly hard, to the point that the

(See TITLE, page three)

CORRECTION



Prestonsburg freshman John Mark Stephens was ready to field during recent 15th Region baseball action. Stephens had a home run in an April game against Paintsville.



RAINS

photos by Jamie Howell

These photos taken at Archer Park on Wednesday show how rain pushed scheduled games to be postponed. The skies have finally parted for several area Little League charters and high school baseball and softball teams. Squads from across the region had games rained out. Several area Little League charters have expressed a desire to make up all games which were missed due to the



KHSAA to announce new commissioner

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

FRANKFORT - A new commissioner will be put to work Monday when the Kentucky High School Athletic Association next meets. The KHSAA Board of Control announced three finalists for the position at its meeting in Bowling Green during the Girls' Sweet 16 Tournament in late-March.

Brigid DeVries of
Lexington, current Executive
Assistant Commissioner of the
KHSAA, Stan Steidel of Cold

Spring, Central Office
Administrator with Covington
Independent Schools and Jim
Watkins of Louisville, Director
of Academics, Athletics and
Activities for Jefferson County
Public Schools, are the final-

(See KHSAA, page three)

H.S. BASKETBALL

Salukis in hot pursuit of Hall

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – South
Floyd's Michael Hall
will step out
on the court
for his final
high school
basketball
season in
the fall
when he
takes aim at
a second
15th Region
title in three

seasons.

Hall,

Michael Hall

who should be ranked among at least the top 20 seniors in the state heading into next season, is drawing attention from several colleges. One leading the charge is Southern Illinois University. The Salukis would really like to have Michael Hall suit up and fire threes for

them. Hall's
South
Floyd
teammate,
Rusty
Tackett,
was also
recruited
by the
Salukis.
Tackett
signed with
nearby
Pikeville

College on Thursday. Bruce Weber became just the 10th head basketball coach

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in SIU's history when

BASEBALL

Pro scouts coming to ALC for baseball camp

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – Say, have you been thinking about a pro baseball career? If so, listen up. The Independent Scouting Bureau will be hosting a three-day professional and college baseball showcase at Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes May 24-26. The ISB has assisted over 750 pro player signing since 1998. Domestic and International pro leagues are targets for this event. The new Southeastern Baseball League will also be in attendance looking to sign players as well. The league is open to high school players as well as others.

For more information, visit the website www.protryouts.com or call Claudio Reilsono at 412/749-0912.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday:

1 - 2 p.m. Player's Registration and Orientation
2 - 2:30 Stretching
2:30 - 3:30 Skills Testing
3:30 - 5:30 Position Players Batting Pra. / 8 minute
bullpen for Pitchers
5:30 - 6:00 Recap and release for evening

 Saturday:

 9 - 9:30 a.m.
 Stretch and Team pairings

 9:30 - 10.
 In & Out (Pregame)

 10:15 - 12:30.
 Game 1

 10:15 - 12:30 Testing and evaluation forms for players not playing in Game 1

 12:30 - 2:30.
 Break for lunch and staff preparation

 2:30 - 3
 Stretching

 3:00 - 3:30
 In & Out (Pregame)

 3:45 - 5:30
 Game 2

 5:30 - 6
 Recap and release for evening

Sunday:

9 - 9:30Orientation and Instructions from Evaluators 9:30 - 10:00Stretching 10:00 - 12:00Final testing and evaluations

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RECRUITING

Wake Forest shows interest in Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The recruiting letters from various colleges Prestonsburg High School head coach John DeRossett filters through on a daily basis is enough to keep any

high school coach busy. The PHS coach has seen letters nearly all 117 Division I schools in his tenure at Prestonsburg. Players like Jeremy Caudill, a Parade All-American now at Kentucky, and Nathan Leslie, currently playing

(See WAKE, page four)

University.



Mikeal Fannin (44) is one Blackcat being recruited by Wake Forest

First Southern National Bank Sportmanship Banquet scheduled

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The First Southern National Bank Sportsmanship banquet is set for Sunday, May 19 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. Each regional boy and girl recipient will be honored as well as the naming of the state boy and girl winner of a \$2,500 scholarship.

This marks the sixth year of the program. Each KHSAA member school selects one boy and one girl winner at the local school level. Regional winners are then selected by a group of athletic administrators and chosen

from the local school winners. Regional winners will be announced this week. The statewide boy and girl winner is chosen from the 32 regional winners (16 boys/16 girls) and will be announced at the banquet on May 19.

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FOOTBALL

NEW ORLEANS -- New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson Unexpectedly fired general manager Randy Mueller and took over the job himself, other differences in management style

Mueller earned NFL Executive of the Year honors in 2000 for a rebuilding job that helped the team gain its first playoff victory

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. - Harold Richardson resigned as general manager for the Atlanta Falcons, a result of reorgani zation by new owner Arthur Blank. He was hired as general manager in 1998.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Kansas City Chiefs general manager Cerl Peterson made sure the public knew Tony Gonzalez turned down the biggest banus and the most money ever offered an NFL tight end

In a letter to the Kansas City Star. Peterson said he was "furious" that the All-Pro and his agent, Tom Condon, refused to sign the deal.

BASEBALL

CHICAGO - Sammy Sosa denied suggestions by St. Louis pitching coach Dave Duncan that Cubs coaches signaled him pitch locations during a game Wednesday against the Cardinals

Cubs manager Don Baylor called Duncan's statements "paranoia."

PHILADELPHIA - Houston right-han der Hipolito Pichardo was placed on the restricted list and has began the process of retining from baseball for the second time.

NEW YORK - Barry Bonds was ejected for the first time in four years after being called out on strikes for the second time by plate umpire Dan lassogna in Sen Francisco's game against the New York

BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO - San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan edged New Jersey Nets guard Jason Kidd for NBA MVP hon-

Duncan received 57 first-place votes and 954 points from a panel of 126 sports writers and broadcasters, while Kidd drew 45 first-place votes and 897 points OREGON CITY, Ore. - Portland Trail

Blazers guard Damon Stoudamire and his father face felony marijuana possession charges while a grand jury considers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - New Jersey's Jason Kidd needed stitches above his right eye after he and Charlotte's David Wesley were in a head-to-head collision late in the first half. Kidd scrambled for the ball as Wesley stepped in front of him and the two smacked heads.

IRVING, Texas - Bryce Molder and Joe Durant shot 7-under 63s to share the lead in the Byron Nelson Classic, while Tigers Woods had a 71 in his first start since winning the Masters.

FRANKLIN, Tenn. - Coming off her worst performance of the season, Annika Screnstam shot a bogey-free 7-under 65 to take a two-stroke lead in the Aerus Electrolux USA Chempionship

SUTTON COLDFIELD, England -England's Greg Owen shot a 6-under 66 to take a one-stroke lead over Wales' lan Woosnam after the first round of the Benson and Hedges International

IRVING, Texas - Golf's two governing bodies settled a major dispute on drivers. agreeing to adopt a uniform policy in 2008 and allowing different rules for tournament and recreational players until then

HOCKEY

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Sunday's games

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 1:15 p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Minnesots, 2:05 p.m.

Cleveland at Kansas City, 2.05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at Anahem: 4:05 p.m.

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Sunday's games

San Diego at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.

Los Angeles at Florida, 1:05 p.m.

Colorado al N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.

St. Louis at Cincinnati. 1:15 p.m.

San Francisco al Montrear, 1,35 p.m.

Milwaukee at Chicago Gobs, 2:20 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Houston at Patsburgh, 1:35 p.n

ST. LOUIS - St. Louis Blues del man Chris Pronger is out for the remainder

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of the postsesson after tearing a ligament in

MONTREAL — Carolina Hurricanes ing of a banana after a game at the Molson Centre on Tuesday as an isolated racist act

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Penguins and former coach Ivan Hinka settled a federal lawruit over unpaid salary from his three-year contract.

TENNIS

Briefs

BERLIN — Top-seeded Jennifer Capitali and lourth-seeded Serena Williams von in straight sets to advance to the German Open quarterlinals.

Capnati best Iroda Tulyaganova 6-2, 6-Q in just 43 minutes in swirling wind. Maleeva 7-6 (2), 6-4.

ROME - Andre Agassi advanced to the Italian Open quarterlinals, beating Argentin's Agustin Callesi 7-6 (4), 7-5 in the third

On Friday, Agassi faces Spain's Albert Costa, with two other Americans also playing on the Fore Italico day - James Blake and Andy Roddick

WARSAW, Poland - Top-seeded Herrieta Nagyova beal Renata Voracova 7 5, 6-3 to advance to the quarterlinals of the J&S Cup. Nagyova will face fifth-seeded Virginia Ruano-Pascual, a winner over Celme Beigbeder

SOCCER

BACOLET, Tobago - The U.S. Under 19 women's team defeated Harti 5-0 in the second match of the 2002 U-19 World Cup qualitying tournament.

TOKYO - Japan is formulating plans to combat the possible spread of toot-andmouth disease from co-hosts South Korea during the World Cup.

South Korea is struggling with an outbreak of the livestock disease, which has killed hundreds of pigs and shut down twothirds of the country's meal markets earlier

BOXING

INDIANAPOLIS - Shane Mosley will a rematch of the fight that cost Mosley his welferweight title

TRACK AND FIELD All drugs lests came back negative from

last month's London Marathon, where Khalid Khannouchi broke the world record

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS — Mark Dismore crashed at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on and went to the hospital with what track officials said was a concussion.

HORSE RACING

NEW YORK — Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson will sell his sizable horse rac ing inferests because some of his followers objected to his involvement in a sport driven

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

PHOENIX - Dan Devine, who coached Notre Dame to the 1977 national championship, died at his Tempa home after a long illness. He was 77.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

DELAND, Fla. — The NCAA placed Stelson on probation for two years and ketball program for violating recruiting and

Football

Saints fire Randy Mueller; owner takes over as GM

by MARY FOSTER

NEW ORLEANS - Randy Mueller went on a two-day trip selling New Orleans Saints season lick-

Bull owner Tom Benson had discided that Mueller, who took the Saints from a 3-13 record to the NEC West title and their only playoff victory two masons ago, was not his lond of general manager. Benson has assumed Mueller's duties. "I'm more of a hands-on owner," Benson said.

Take to know what's going on, in some cases, dec-

Musiler, the NFL Executive of the Year in 2000,

Mostler said. I never heard about any problems. thought everything was excellent. I came back things were looking up. You can imagine my sur-

Mueller said Benson's lawyers contacted him The discussions were always about extending

the contract." Mustler said.

But everything changed in a meeting Thursday. "He tasked me to resign." Miletter said. "I valused, I didn'l want to leave here. I had noped to make New Orleans my bonie for the rest of my career. Whan I refused he fired me.

Benson said he heard about too many things. foo into. One example, he said, was the team's trade of running back Flory Williams to Miami this

was fold about it after it was done," Berson

The owner said he could tell by walking around Saints headquarters that Mueller was not communi-

of our organization was affected

Benson said he hopes to make changes before The next step is that we're going to be looking

at our organization, and we might have a totally oil Muellar's meeting with the Atlanta Falcons ear-lar this year apparently sanked Banson as well

If think the ming was, if he was interested in staying here, I wasn't getting the feeling he was,"

Benson said he originally told the Falcons they could not talk to Mueller, but Mueller asked to go. Falcons general manager Hamid Richardson resigned Thursday, but Benson and Mueller said It

Moetiir joined New Orleans in January 2000.

when the fearn reveriped its stall after going 3-13 in Benson said he hopes Haslett, a longtime

friend of Mueller, stays with the learn. Reached Thursday night, Hastlett refused to comment on

New Orleans dropped to 7-9 last season, tying

That finish was followed by slow season-licket sales. The Saims recently said they had sold only 25,000 season fickets for next season, the worst advance in the team's 35-year history.

Muslier was to be paid \$650,000 this sesson. one of the lowest salaries in the league for a top exposure. Hastern the second lowest paid NFL CART IN POWERE IS LIBER SEATY OF \$900,000 next

SPORTSBOARD

Boxing

Witherspoon vs. Abdin on FoxSports, May 18

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Two-time heavyweight champion "Terrible" Tim Witherspoon will continue his quest for a third world fittle when he battles "Relentless" Ahmed Abdin on May 18 at the Silver Star Casino in Choctaw, Miss The light card, promoted by Goossen Tutor Promotions, will also feature young heavyweight prospect Chester "Humcane" Hughes and women's boxing sensation and Playboy model, Mia St. John and will be tape-datayed and broadcast on Sunday, May 19, at 6 PM ET/PT as part of the "Sunday Night Fights' series on Fox Sports Net. As always, the event will also feature ring announcer and former

Playboy model Amy Hayes Originally, Witherspoon (52-11-1, 36 KO's) and Abdin (30-2-4, 14-KO's) were scheduled to meet on March 10, but an illness to Aboin led to the fight being re-scheduled and Witherspoon taking on substitute opponent Darroll Wilson. Witherspoor wasted no time discatching of Wilson, catching his foe with a panulyzing overhand right that sent the heavyweight contender face first to the carvas.

Witherspoon, 44, lought live times last year woning four including a first-round TKO over prospect David Boslice and a 10-round decision over lough top ten contender Elleger Castillo. His lone loss was a controversial split decision to cur-rent world contender Monte Barrett last June.

Fighters are only as old as how many wars they've been in," said Witherspoon's manager, Tom Moran, "And Tim hasn't been in that many, At 44, he's a smarter lighter than he was at 24.1

Dan Goossen, Witherspoon's promoter added, Time is precious to Tim, so we need to line up fights that people will realize are a risk to him. Then his fists need to do the falking. Keep knocking them out, and everyone will take notice, whether you're 24 or 44. Abdin is that type of opponent; he's durable and has a strong obin. If Witherspoon knocks out Abdin, all heavyweights better be aware because there is no chin safe in the ring with Tim,

Abdin comes into the fight with impressive credentials chalking up victories over Tony LaRosa and undefeated Marcus Rhode while winning the WBC Continental Americas Heavyweight title, His two losses were to number one contenders Larry Donald and Michael Grant. There are a lot of fighters young and old who won't go near Witherspoon," said Abdin's agent, Bob Spagnols 'And Aodin beating a two-time heavyweight champion of the world is good for the resume

On the undergard, Hughes (16-1, 11 KO's) will tace Otis Tisdale (17-6, 12 KO's) of Charlotte, N.C. The 33-year-old Tisdale has won his last six lights. ricluding a limit-round TKO over Craig Tomlinson (who was 21-5-1 at the time) in February of last year. Hughes last light on Fox Sports Net last year was a devastating first round knockout of former three-time K-1 kickboxing world champion and nightly tooted heavyweight prospect Ray Seto. Hughes will took to continue positioning himself in the very lucrative heavyweight picture.

Ms. St. John, a crowd favorite who has anneared on many major pay-per-view events because of her ability to bring fans out, continues on ner quest to a possible showdown with "The Coal Miner's Daughter', Christy Martin, by making-her second appearance on the Fox Sports Net Gunday Night Fights' series.

Ruelas to Fight in Kansas City

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Former WBC super featherweight champ Sabriel Ruelas takes his first step towards a light weight tide as he enters the ring on May 22 at the American Hotel and Gasino in Kansas City.

his will be Ruelas' first fight under new maneger Mike Rubinstein and new trainer Phil Paolina. "Gabe's dedication in and out of the gym has impressed me," said Rubinstein, who said he knows It sounds like a clicke, "bull Gabe is physically in the best shape of his life. The work that he has done with his strength and conditioning trainer (Brian Abrecrombie), he believes, has put him in an elite group regards to his power and speed at this weight

The opponint for this light is still yet to be announced, but averyone involved with Ruelas believes it is time for Gabriel to start getting active

RANKINGS

WBC Rankings HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION Lennox Lewis (GB) INTERNATIONAL Dennis Baktov (RUSSIA)

I. Mike Tyson (US)

Hasim Rahman (US)

Fres Oquendo (US) NABF Evander Holylield (U\$) Oliver McCall (US)

Chris Byrd (US)

Jamesi McCline (US) AMERICA Danny Williams (GB) COMM/BBBC

Clifford Etienne (US) 2. Ray Mercer (US)

4. Michael Moorer (US)

6. Tim Witherspoon (US)

Lance Whitaker (US) 18. Sergel Lyakhovich (Russia)

Vaughn Bean (US David Tua (New Zealand)

23. Brian Nielsen (Denmark)

Luan Krasniqi (Germany) EBU 25. Herry Akinwande (GB) Shannon Briggs (US)

28. Nicolay Valouev (Flussia) 30. Peter Okhelio (Uganda) OPBF

CRUISERWEIGHT CHAMPION VACANT INTERNATIONAL VACANT

Vincenzo Cantatore (Italy) O'Neil Ball (US) NABF . Alexander Gurev (Uknane)

Dale Brown (Canada) Sebastian Rothman (South Africa) Michael Nunn (US) James Toney (US

Bruce Scott (GB) BBBC/COMM Virgit Hill (US) Turan Bagci (Turkey) 4. Ramon Garbey (Cuba 15. Jason Robinson (US) AMERICA

Ezra Sellera (US) 17. Curl Thompson (GB) 18. Fabrice Tiozzo (France) to Kelvin Davis (US)

Adolpho Washington (US) Lus Andres Pineda (Panama) 23. Alain Simon (France) Transactions

BASEBALL American League

DAKEAND ATHLETICS-Activated LHP Mark Mulder from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Mike Fyhrie to Secramento of the PCL SEATTLE MARINERS—Called up RHP Rafael Sonano from San Arronio of the Tevas League. TEXAS RANGERS - Recoiled RI Benoil from Okianoma of the PCL Oplianed LHP Randy Flores to Oklahoma

National League

HOUSTON ASTROS-Placed RHP Hipolito Pichardo on the restricted list. Recalled OF Jason Lane from New Orlsans of the PCL

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

MIAMI HEAT-Named Bradford Evans sports media relations coordinator

FOOTBALL National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS-Announced the resignation Haroid Richardson, general menage HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed LB Allen Aldridge NEW ORLEANS SAINTS-Fired Randy Mueller general manager. Announced owner Tom Benson will take over the general manager's position TENNESSEE TITANS-Agreed to terms with DT Joe Salave's on a one-year contract.

Auto racing

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

FEBRUARY

Feb. 16 — EAS/GNC Live Well 300, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Dale Earnhardt Ur.) Feb. 23 - 1-866RBCTERM.com 200. Rockingham, N.C. (Jason Keller)

MARCH

March 2 - Sam's Town 300, Las Vegas (Jeff March 15 — DarlingtonRaceway.com 200, Darlington, S.C. (Jeff Burton)

March 23 - Channellook 250, Bristol, Tenn. (Jeff

April 6 - O'Reilly 300, Fort Worth, Texas. (Jeff

April 13 - Pepsi 300, Gladeville, Tenn. (Scott

April 20 - Aaron's 312 Talladega, Ala. (Jason April 27 - Auto Club 300, Fontana, Calif. (Scott Riggs)

Yesterday - Busch 200, Loudon, N.H. May 19 - Stacker 2200, Nazareth, Pa. May 25 -- Carquest Auto Parts 300, Concord

May 3 - Hardee's 250, Richmond (Jason Keller)

JUNE June 1 - MBNA Platinum 200, Dover, Del.

JULY

June 8 - Nashville 250, Gladeville, Tenn. June 15 - Kentucky 300, Sparta, Ky. June 30 - GNC Live Well 250, West Allis, Wis.

July 5 — GNC Live Well/Stacker2 250, Daytona Beach Fla. July 13 - Hills Brothers Coffee 300, Cicero, III. July 20 - Carquest Auto Parts 250, Madison, III July 27 - Pikes Peak 250, Fountain, Colo.

AUGUST

Aug. 3 — Kroger 200, Clermont, Ind. Aug. 17 — Michigan 300, Brooklyn, Mich. Aug. 23 — Food City 200, Bristol, Tenn. Aug. 31 — Darlington 200, Darlington, S.C. AUGUST Sept. 6 - Richmond 250, Richmond, Va.

Sept. 21 - MBNA America 200, Dover, Del Sept. 28 - Mr. Goodcents 300, Kansas City, Kan.

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Driver Standings 1. Jason Keller, 1,482 2. Jack Sprague, 1,448. 3. Randy LaJole, 1,341.

4. Scott Riggs. 1,330. 5. Greg Biffle, 1,310.

. Kenny Wallace, 1,302. 8: Mike McLaughlin, 1,235. Scott Wimmer, 1,188.

to. Bobby Hamilton Jr., 1,133. 11. Jamie McMurray, 1,131. 12. Jeff Green, 1,114. 13. Jeff Purvis, 1,106

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www.201speedway.com Earnhardt Jr. leads Most Popular voting

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Leading for an award that is one of the most traditional and prestigious in NASCAR Winston Cup stock car racing, Dale Earnhardt Jr. is currently following in the footsteps of some of the greatest

names in the sport's history, including his father's. In the meantime, this year's award to determine NASCAR fans' most popular driver has

become the most popular of all time. Earnhardt continues to lead in balloting for the Pillsbury Grands! Biscults NMPA NASCAR Most Popular Driver Award. The award is administered by the National Motorsports Press Association Conducted since 1956, balloting was originally by NASCAR Winston Cup drivers, then by NASCAR nembers. Several years ago, balloting began by

NASCAR tans nationwide Aiready shattering the record for votes in a season, more than 500,000 fans have now cast ballots for the Grandal Biscuits NMPA NASCAR Most Popular Driver Award - and voting continues until Nov. 10. The previous record was 400,000 votes all of last year, itself doubling the previous year's record total number of votes. Bill Elliott has received the second-greatest

number of votes. Tony Stewart is third, while Jeff Gordon is fourth and Mark Martin lifth. Kylis Petty moved up to sixth in the voting, followed by Bobby Laborte, Kevin Harvick, Rusty Wallace and Ricky Voting currently takes place at www.nascar

populardriver.com. Faris may vote once each day at

that site for their favorite driver. Many of the driver and feam web sites have established links directly

from their sites to the voting site, while many far developed and racing news sites have established direct links for the convenience of their readers Dale Earnhardt was voted the award last year Previous winners include such names as Elliott, Richard Petry, David Pearson, Bobby Ailison and

Horse racing

Titia wins Churchill Downs feature

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS LOUISVILLE - Title went to the outside at the

top of the stretch and then drew away for a 2 1/2 length win over San Dare in Thursday's featured \$44,200 allowance for filles and mares 3 years old and up at Churchill Downs.

The 4-year-old daughter of Northern Spur covered the 1 1/8 miles in 1.50.67 on the turl with Robby Albarado aboard and paid \$5, \$3.20 and \$2.60. San Dave got up in the final strides to take the place apot and returned \$6 and \$4.20. Re Lyd

finished a head back in third and paid \$8.80. Owned by Albatroz Bloodstock and Niall O'Callaghan and trained by O'Callaghan, Titla samed \$27,710 to increase her lifetime bankroll to \$98,025. The victory was her second lifetime in 14 starts, with both wins on the turf.

Kentucky Derby ratings drop 12 percent

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Without the benefit of an attention-grabbing favorite, the Kentucky Derby had a 12

percent drop in TV ratings. NBC Sports' telecast Saturday drew a 7.1 national rating, meaning an average of 7.1 percent of television households were tuned in from 5-6:45 p.m. EDT. It's the highest-rated sports event since the final round of the Masters on CBS on April 14.

War Emblem, a 20-1 shot, went wire-to-wire and won a race that was considered among the most wide-open in moe history.

Last year's broadcast drew an 8.1 national rating, the highest for the race since 1992. Point Given drew a lot of attention before the race but finished fifth, then wound up winning the Preakness and Belmont Stakes

NBC is in the second year of a five-year, \$51.5 million deal to air thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown series.

In 2001, the network moved the traditional 5:30 p.m. EDT post time to 6:07 p.m. in an effort to draw more viewers. The race started even later this year. ABC's final Derby broadcast, in 2000, drew a

5.8 rating. Each national rating point represents a little more than 1 million U.S. TV homes

Pat Robertson to divest himself of horse racing interests

by HANK KURZ Jr. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Religious broadcaster Pat Robertson will sell his sizable horse racing interests because some of his followers objected to his involvement in a sport

driven by gambling. Robertson, whose involvement in thoroughbred horse racing was first detailed by The New York Times in a story last month, said in a letter that he will sell his interests in the sport by November, when a nearly two-week sale of breeding stock is held in Keeneland, Ky.

"I am sorry that my fondness for the performance of equine athletes has caused you are offense," he wrote in a reply sent this week to followers who had written to say they disapproved of his involvement in horse racing. In the letter, Robertson wrote that competition among horses has been part of every society that

horses against others "over country roads or rolling "Very frankly, none of this brought any sense of emberrassment to me because I felt then, and feel now, there is nothing wrong with contests of skill, either between human athletes or equine athletes."

owned them, and that as a child, he used to race his

However, he concluded, for your sake and the sake of others like you," he will dispose of all his horse racing interests by November.

"He wants to be above reproach, so he'll do

whatever he has to do," said Angell Watts, spokeswoman for the Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach, Va. She said Thursday the holdings were Robertson's personal investments and not affiliated with the network he founded. The value of the holdings was not immediately available, but include a 2-

Pat' after Robertson. Robertson declined an interview with The Associated Press, but his personal assistant, G.G. Conklin, said Robertson's decision to divest himself of his racing stock was met with sadness by network employees who know that his interest in horses has been litelong and passionate.

year-old colt purchased last year for \$520,000, the

Times reported. The horse was later named "Mr.

Christian Broadcasting Network: http://www.cbn.org/ Popular sire Kris S. euthanized after

On the Net:

complications from injury by STEVE BAILEY

ASSOCIATED PRESS LEXINGTON - Popular stallion Kris S., who sired 63 stakes winners in his first 17 crops, was euthanized at WinStar Farm after developing com-

Queen was put down on Tuesday, the same day Seattle Slew, the tast living Triple Crown winner, died at Hill 'n' Dale Farm in Lexington. Kris S. Injured his nack while breeding in March. He was pulled from stud duties because the

plications from a breeding injury suffered in March. The 25-year-old son of Roberto out of Sharp

injury predisposed him to laminitis, WinStar president Doug Cauthen said Wednesday. "Kris S. has been a real warrior since his injury and recovered enough to graze comfortably for the last month." Cauthen said. "However, he had a setback this weekend and it was time to let him rest

forever. His presence will be missed."

S. won three of five career starts for \$53,350 in earnings but found his greatest success in the breeding shed. He began his stud career in 1982 in Florida but moved to Prestonwood Farm in Kentucky in 1994.

Bred in Florida by Red Oak Farm in 1977, Kris

Prestonwood was sold and renamed WinStar Farm Among his most well-known progeny are Breeders' Cup winners Prized, Hollywood Wildcat, Soaring Softly and Brocco. He also sired Kissin Kris, Allegro, Kudos, You and I and Adonis among others, and his progeny have lifetime earnings of

more than \$49.5 million. Prized has been Kris S.'s top earner, winning nine of 17 starts for \$2,262,555. Hollywood Wildcst, who produced 2000 Breeders' Cup Mile winner War Chant, won 12 of 21

career starts and earned \$1,432,160. She was

named champion 3-year-old filly in 1993 after winning three Grade I races - the Breeders' Cup Distall, the Hollywood Oaks and the Del Mar Invitational Oaks. Soaring Softly was named champion grass hare in 1999 after winning the first Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turl at Gulfstream Park and the Grade I Flower Bowl Invitational Handicap at

Kris S. will be buried at WinStar in a pine casket bearing the farm's colors and logo.

Belmont Park. She won nine of 16 career starts for

Basketball

Duncan wins MVP award over Kidd, O'Neal by T.A. BADGER ASSOCIATED PRESS

fifth-closest finish since the media began voting in 1981 Duncan received 57 first-place votes and 954 points from a panel of 126 sports writers and broadcasters, while Kidd drew 45 first-place votes and

SAN ANTONIO - San Antonio Spurs forward

Tim Duncan edged New Jersey Nets guard Jason Kidd for NBA MVP honors Thursday in the award's

Shaquille O'Neal was third with 696 points. After word of Duncan's selection got out Monday, Nets coach Byron Scott and O'Neal protested that the wrong player won, Kidd himself was more gracious, saying he was happy for

The 57-point gap between Duncan and Kidd was the biggest since Karl Malone beat Alonzo Mourning by 54 after the 1998-99 season. The clasest margin was in 1989-90, when

Magic Johnson edged Charles Barkley by 22 points, even though Barkley had more No. 1 votes. Duncan set personal bests in points (25.5) and ounds (12.7) while leading the Spurs to the Midwest Division title and a tie for the league's secand-best record (58-24).

He received the MVP trophy Thursday from commissioner David Stern in a windowless meeting room at the Alamodome. Duncan earlier was voted to the All-NBA first team for the fifth time and to the All-Defensive first team for the fourth straight year.

The Spurs play O'Neal's Los Angeles Lakers in Game 3 of their Western Conference semifinal series on Friday in San Antonio.

We're thrilled for Tim," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said after the team's practice Thursday "All the candidates were fantastic this season, so Tim really feels humbled by it."

second in rebounding, and third in blocked shots (2.48 average). His 67 double-doubles led the He was picked as the Western Conference's

Duncan ranked fifth in the league in scoring.

player of the week five times during the regular season, and the conference's player of the month in December, March and April. Kidd, in his first year with the Nets, led them to the Atlantic Division title with a 52-30 record, 26 games better than its finish in 2000-01. He aver-

Kidd made the first-team All-NBA and All-Defensive teams. He led the league with eight triple-doubles, was second in assists and third in "The individual awards have never been one of

aged 14.7 points, 9.9 assists, and 7.3 rebounds.

my big suits," Kidd said Tuesday. "If it were a team award and we got shortchanged, maybe we would be upset. I'm not upset." O'Neal, the MVP in 1999-00, was the center on

the All-NBA first team. He ranked second in the NBA in scoring (27.2) and sixth in rebounding (11.3) while guiding the Lakers to a 58-24 record.

Orlando's Tracy McGrady was fourth in the voling, followed by Kobe Bryant of the Lakers, Gary Payton of Seattle, Chris Webber of Sacramento, Dirk Nowltzki of Dallas, 2000-01 MVP Allen Iverson

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of Philadelphia, and Ben Wallace of Detroit.

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College

Most players at home TIMES STAFF REPORT

Most of the Wildcats are home for the month of May, then will return to Lexington in June. Approximately 25-30 players are in the Lexington area and working out. Coaches in Spring Recruiting Period: The spring recruiting period is in progress for the UK coaching staff. Coaches are allowed to visit high schools, meet with principals, coaches and counselors, visit athletic combines, and evaluate athletic

competition, such as spring football practice, base-Four Wildcats Playing in NFL Europe. Four for-mer Kentucky Wildcats are playing in NFL Europe. including DB Willie Gary with the Scottish Claymores, WR Jimmy Robinson with the Rhein Fire, and RB Derek Homer and DE Matt Layow with

Four games into the schedule, Gary has 15 tackles and two pass breakups. He is under contract with the St. Louis Rams. Robinson has caught 11 passes for 115 yards and two touchdowns, both of which were game-winning TDs in victories over Scotland and Berlin.

the Barcelona Dragons.

yards, a 5.8-yard average, and one touchdown. He also has caught five passes for 46 yards. His contract is owned by the Baltimore Ravens Layow has made eight tackles this sesson, including one quarterback sack. He is under con-

He is under contract with the New Orleans Saints

Homer has carried the ball 27 times for 156

tract with the New York Giants. For more information on NFL Europe, go to website www.nfleurope.com.

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Prestonsburg catcher Adam Dixon (8) met with Joey Willis on the mound during a game earlier in the high school season.

Hall

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selected him May 13 (1998) to fill the position. And he has Kentucky ties.

An assistant basketball coach at Purdue for 18 years under the veteran Gene Keady, Weber has wasted no time in establishing a solid foundation in the area.

Even in an election year, Weber has almost matched public appearances by political candidates as he has been a frequent - and popular - guest at civic clubs, booster club meetings, golf outings and church fund-

In naming Weber as SIU's new basketball leader, Hart said, "I believe Bruce brings with him strong connections in the Midwest and, as a result, will have a good opportunity to make an immediate impact. His strengths are his communicating skills and wide experience gained at Purdue University in almost every phase of its basketball program.

"Selecting Bruce as our next head basketball coach was undoubtedly the most important hire I've had to make in 10 years .. here at SIU," Hart added.

During the interviewing process, Weber referred to himself as "a problem solver" and "I would have absolutely no difficulty in shifting from Purdue and the Big 10 Conference to Southern Illinois University and the Missouri Valley Conference.

"I love coaching and I love teaching. If successful in getting the SIU job, I will do four

"First, I want to meet with the returning players and their parents. Second, I will try to determine the recruiting needs. Next will be selecting my staff and finally planning my summer schedule. Recruiting begins almost immediately," he said.

Needless to say, all four areas were covered thoroughly by the new Saluki basketball boss who graduated from Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1978 and spent one year at Western Kentucky before switching to Purdue.

Recruiting did begin immedi-

Athletics Director Jim Hart ately following his appointment and four perimeter players soon joined the Saluki program in an effort to cover an area weakened by the completion of Shane Hawkins' four-year career.

> In addition, Weber was quick to arrange a six-game, 12-day, mid-summer trip to the Dominican Republic for returning members of SIU's squad.

And, the fact the trip proved to be extremely successful is one which Weber and his new staff may be appreciative of many times next winter.

"Going to the Dominican Republic allowed us to accomplish a number of things, not the least of which was simply getting acquainted with our players and giving our players an opportunity to get acquainted with us," Weber said.

"The fact that we won five of our six games while there and that several of our players gained individual honors, made it all the more enjoyable.

"Despite being exceptionally busy with moving my family and with all of the many chores that needed to be done, being at SIU has already provided much enjoyment for me and my family. And, the best part of all that is that we know there are many more enjoyable times ahead of us," Weber added.

While Weber was at Purdue, the Boilermakers had only one losing record while winning six Big 10 Conference championships and participating in post-season tournaments 17

"Being at Purdue for all those years was like a dream and now being at SIU as head coach is like a second dream coming true for me," he added.

Weber and his staff were unavailable for comment about recruiting possibilities. However, a source close to the Missouri Valley Conference acknowledged that he was aware that Hall was high on the list for SIU. The Salukis will have ample opportunity to see Hall play this summer as the Raiders will again keep another busy schedule.

Title

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National Wrestling Coaches Association recently filed suit against the Education Department. The suit essentially claims Title IX doesn't fulfill its intent if it's used to restrict men's opportunities and not increase women's.

Supporters of Title IX couldn't agree more, but they say the fault lies with the universities and not with the law. That's one of the reasons the NCAA is conducting the seminar, with sessions that include McNeil's Management: Alternatives to Cutting Teams."

McNeil has been fighting tradition since her arrival at Monmouth in 1994, but her story is a successful one. She cut the men's basketball recruitment budget in half with no ill effects - in fact, the Hawks went to the NCAA tournament two years later.

Football causes the big imbalance for Title IX because of its huge roster size and because there's no comparable women's sport, Still, Monmouth added football in 1993 without having to cut a men's sport. Women's rosters at the school

have been increased - the soccer team has 25 players - while coaches of men's teams have been asked to cut players who never really have a chance of

"Title IX has not been about cutting sports — it's about equal opportunity for men and women," McNeil said. "Why do we talk about how tough it is for men to lose one or two spots and in the same breath talk about women not even having an opportunity to have a squad?"

Several speakers said severed men's sports should blame football and men's basketball, not Title IX, for using up roster spots and athletic budgets. Marcia Greenberger, co-president of the National Women's Law Center, assailed the practice of putting football teams in hotels before home games.

McNeil said she'd like to get Monmouth's football roster down to 88.

"Where is football? They have been extremely quiet," McNeil said. "That's because they're getting more than their fair share at the table. Wrestling should have gone after football."

AUTO RACING

Legendary Nashville fairgrounds track soldiers on

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The stands are never crowded any more. Paint has peeled away in strips from the underside of the grandstand roof.

Tall signs ring the track from right to left along the backstretch, but ads for a car dealer and bank in Turn 4 have faded.

Thousands of fans once cheered Richard Petty, Fireball Roberts and Dale Earnhardt on this short track next to the Tennessee State Fair.

Dennis Grau, the new manager of the renamed Fairgrounds Speedway, wants to recapture that magic of one of the oldest tracks in America.

"This is like Wrigley Field. Every ballplayer loves to play at Wrigley Field," he said.

Grau, with help from investors, has spent thousands of dollars renovating the track in the past four months and saved it from being closed. For 44 years, the track has been a host to racing, although now the drivers are backyard mechanics instead of the country's best.

Racing at the track dates to 1891, when horses competed at the Fairgrounds. Nashville's first motor race was as early as

June 1904, ranking it among the two to the heat." nation's oldest.

"It's right up in that neighborhood," said U.S. Auto Club historian Donald Davidson, who noted that Milwaukee and Indianapolis had motor races on their fairground tracks in 1903.

By comparison. Indianapolis 500 didn't begin until 1911.

Nashville turned its 1-mile dirt oval into a .596-mile asphalt track in 1957 to attract NASCAR.

Drivers came in droves to compete on a track that mimics top courses like Daytona, Darlington, Wilkesboro and Bristol. Drivers who used Nashville to prepare for NASCAR include Darrell Waltrip, Sterling Marlin, Casey Atwood and Jeff Green.

The strongest memory of Nashville for Petty, who won nine races on this track, was the

"Even if it had wanted to be cool, it wasn't going to be. The pits were lower than the track and there was no way to get a breeze there," Petty said.

"It just didn't seem like you had been at a race there unless four or five people passed out in the pits, and you lost a driver or

The intensity of the fans added to the charm.

"They didn't throw things or anything like that," Petty said. "They were just really vocal. It is amazing what some 20,000 people can do when they put their minds to it, and they could really make some noise.'

The asphalt wore down so quickly that it favored dirt track racers used to sliding through turns. NASCAR visited regularly between 1958 and 1984, finally turning away when Nashville officials refused to add more seats and amenities.

"Darrell Waltrip called Bill France Jr. and asked, 'What does this mean?" " retired

NASCAR historian Bob Latford said. "He said, 'To you, it means about 370 points a year, because he won so much, and eight came at Nashville."

Without the top races, the old track had only its weekly schedule for nearly 20 years. Nashville landed a Busch Series race in 1995 and a Craftsman Truck event in 1996,

Dover Downs Entertainment Inc. took over the lease in November 1997 and moved the top races to its new \$125 million Nashville Superspeedway 20 miles away in 2001.

The company planned to close the historic track a year

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KHSAA

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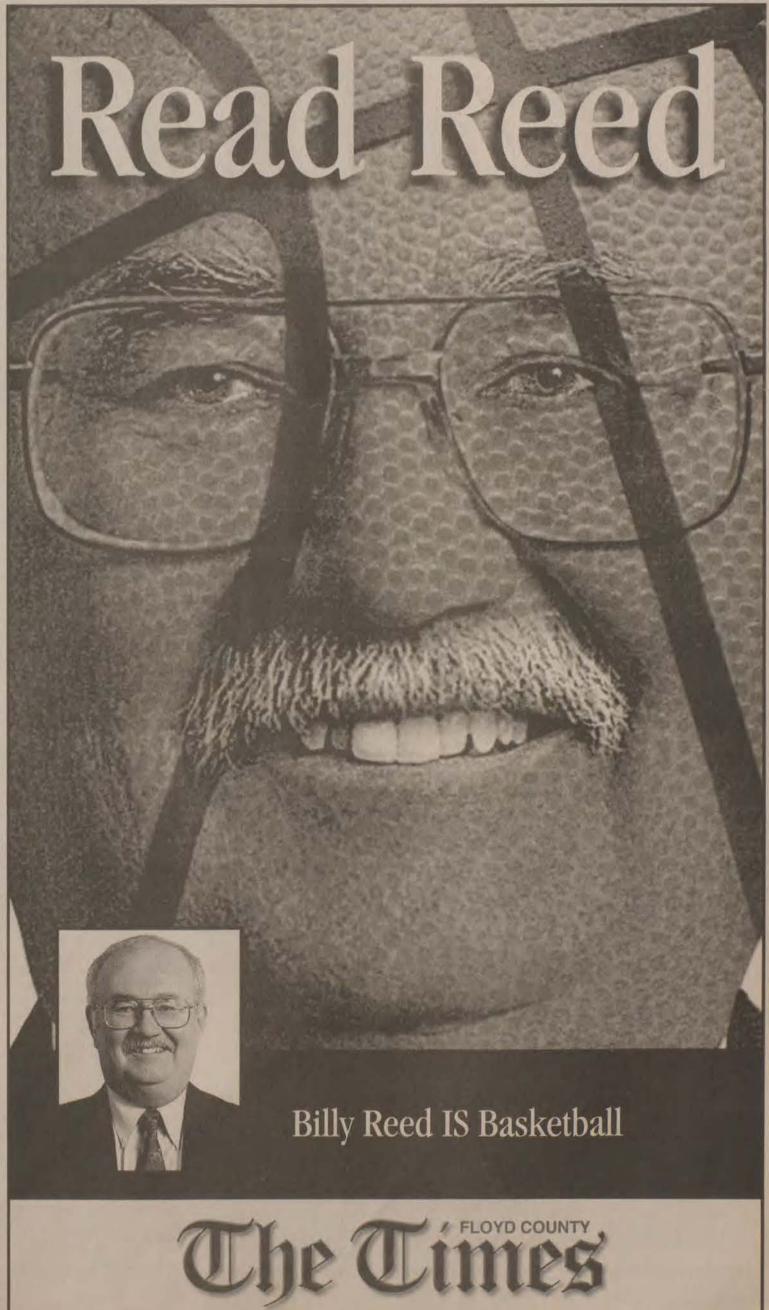
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KHSAA Board of Control President Kathy Johnston said the three were chosen as finalists by a screening committee from a pool of 24 applicants with eight of those from

The finalists for the position were interviewed by the full

Current KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout announced his retirement, effective June 30, following eight years of holding that position and 31 vears overall with the Association.

DeVries is the leading candidate to replace Stout and will likely be named as his replace-



Diabetes doesn't slow down Raceland athlete

by RICK GREENE THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

RACELAND - With her 9year-old daughter in a hospital bed preparing for her first insulin shot six years ago, it was

take.

Like any kid, Sami Rigsby did not handle shots well. And days after she had been diagnosed with diabetes at such a tender age, Sami and Dawn were

regimen. And that included insulin injections.

"She was always the type of kid that you could see her tonsils every time you came at her with a needle. The diabetes educator looks at me and says, 'Mom, you're going to have to de this." said Dawn Rigsby, who still gets emotional when recollecting that day. "To look down and see her crying and begging me not to it was hard."

Sami Rigsby, the daughter of former Fairview basketball star Don Rigsby and the sister of current Raceland basketball player Donnie Rigsby, is also an athlete. She just has a lot more obstacles than most who play

About 17 million Americans suffer from diabetes. About 150,000 Americans — less than one percent of the population have been diagnosed before their 20th birthday.

Diabetics have high blood glucose levels that result from

more than Dawn Rigsby could being introduced to a whole new defects in their bodies' insulin at the Cocoa Expo in Cocoa she said. "You should just go out production or insulin action.

Sami is a member of the Raceland basketball team and excels as a pitcher on the softball team. Kim Sexton, her coach in both sports, said Rigsby's athletic ability is easy to recognize.

"She has a lot of natural ability," Sexton said. "Two days before the district softball tournament last year, she learned how to throw a curve ball. Then in the district, she was throwing it for strikes."

But Sexton's ability to deal with Rigsby's condition wasn't easy in the beginning. She made sure to take a number of precautions to ensure Rigsby's safety.

In basketball season, Rigsby had to wear a Velcro belt with a pouch containing an insulin pump and she had to check her blood sugar level at halftime.

"It was hard for Coach Sexton at first because she hadn't dealt with anybody like me before. Now that she's dealt with it, she's fine," said Rigsby, who is now a 15-year-old freshman. "It did get frustrating sometimes, but I'm just glad that she cared."

The coach still keeps a watchful eye, but is a little more relaxed.

"She knows when things are out of whack, when things aren't right," Sexton said. "She would know when to take herself out of the game. But when you're a competitor like she is, that's really tough to do."

Diabetes wasn't the first obstacle Rigsby had to overcome as a softball player.

Her mother said her bashfulness made pitching a bit intimidating. But once she got over that, she developed a highly competitive attitude.

"She was just one of those kids who said, 'I'm not going to get out there on the mound and have everybody watching me.' She was very backward and had to overcome that," Dawn Rigsby said. "But even in Little League, when she was on a losing team, she would beat herself to death about it. She was really hard on

That drive and a good work ethic allowed Rigsby to position herself as one of the area's top pitchers despite being just a 9thgrader. Sexton said she'd put her ace up against any in the 16th Region.

Rigsby, who led the Russell-Flatwoods 14-15-year-old All-Star team to the Kentucky State championship last summer, is just getting back into form. She injured a muscle in her right leg

Beach, Fla., early in the season. "You shouldn't be afraid,"

and do it."

■ BASKETBALL CAMP

Raider invited to **Prep Stars Camp**

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Seniorto-be Michael Hall has been invited to attend a prestigious prep basketball camp. And Hall has the opportunity to play in it.

The Prep Stars Basketball Camp will be held July 21-25 at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte campus. And Hall For over 20 years, Prep Stars has attracted outstanding players such as Chris Wilcox, Chris Hobbs, Matt Carroll, Antawn Jamison, Ray Henderson, Jason Capel, Chuck Kornegay, Julius Peppers, Danny Manning, Charlie Ward, Rodney Rogers, Terrell McIntyre, Brevin Knight and Jerry Stackhouse.

Prospects attending Prep Stars want to challenge their skills while developing their potential to play college basketball at some level. Participants are chosen via nominations by the world's No. 1 recruiting

www.prepstars.com or by recommendation by their current coach.

For the players expected to attend, Prep Stars offers great competition and a chance to showcase basketball skills to nearly 100 college coaches from throughout the country. Check the rosters of the top teams in the ACC, Big East or the Southeast Conference to name a few. Former Prep Stars will be

listed on many of them. For the fans, the camp offers a chance to watch competitive summer basketball, free, at the nightly all-star games. Several years ago, top-30 caliber 6-10 Chris Wilcox of Raleigh (NC) Enloe (Maryland) went head-to-head with the likes of 6-7, 240-pound junior power forward Sheldon Bailey (with a 3.8 grade point average) of Hope Mills (NC) South View; 6-8, 250-pound senior power forward/center Chris Hobbs (now at Clemson) of Chapel Hill (NC) East Chapel Hill and 6-8 1/2 senior power forward Brandon Clifford of Greensboro (NC) Page.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Duggins to enroll at JUCO

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

DANVILLE - A nemesis of the Prestonsburg High School football program has opted to go play football at a junior college, instead of an in-state

Boyle County quarterback Jeff Duggins, the state's reigning Mr. Football, said he will play at Alfred State Junior College in Alfred, N.Y.

The 6-foot, 201-pound Duggins won 44 straight games and three state titles as quarterback of the Rebels. He picked

Alfred State over Morehead State and hopes to play at a Division I-A school in two years. Morehead was very interested in Duggins' services for the next four seasons.

Duggins is second on the state's career list in touchdown passes (112), fifth in completion percentage (.628) and 16th in passing yards (6,884).

He helped lead the Rebels in a 2000 state semifinals win over the Prestonsburg Blackcats. MSU coach and recruiter John Gilliam, a Prestonsburg alum, was very diligent in the recruiting process of Duggins.

Rasor to walk on at UK

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

JACKSON - A standout back for the Breathitt County High School football program has announced that he will walk-on next year when he continue his playing career at the next level. Matthew Rasor, a senior running back and defensive back for the Breathitt County Bobcats the past four seasons, will walk on the University of Kentucky football

Rasor had 3,500 yards and 46

H.S. BASKETBALL

He is a 4.0 student in the classroom. In his senior season last fall, Rasor helped lead the Bobcats to a 7-5 finish.

Rasor, who played his high school football for Breathitt head coach Mike Holcomb and staff, joins another Eastern Kentucky grid player who plans to walk on at the biggest state school. Earlier this year, Paintsville High School senior Josh Haney announced that he too would walk on and play football at the Southeastern Conference school.

touchdowns in his prep career

Raiders will head back to Steamboat Classic Tenn, this summer to take part in Athletics Association (NCAA) certified 14 basketball events -

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -The South Floyd Raiders, a high school basketball program which has made it to the All "A" and Sweet 16 in one time each in its history with both trips coming in the last four seasons. will return to one of the premiere summer prep basketball gatherings in the nation this summer. The Raiders will once again venture to Murfreesboro,

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legislation regulating Division I men's and women's basketball coaches' attendance year-round at camps and other activities. The Steamboat Classic was one of those events. In accordance with NCAA Bylaw 13.13.5, basketball

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Seniors Michael Hall and Tyler Hall return to lead South Floyd into next season. Some of the Raiders toughest tests will begin in the late-spring and summer months when they try and play without the help of recent Pikeville College signee Rusty Tackett.

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for Marshall began getting the P'burg grid program some much-deserved attention from Division I schools.

Now, a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference is interested in a couple of Blackcats, including Mikeal Fannin and Evan McNutt. Both players will be seniors in the fall. Fannin had a breakout season last fall, rushing for over 1,000 yards. McNutt will enter his third season as a starter when August rolls around.

Jim Grobe, who orchestrated one of the greatest turnarounds in Wake Forest football history while laying the foundation for future Demon Deacon gridiron success, in his second season as head coach.

Grobe owns a 6-5 record in one season at Wake Forest, 39-38-1 in seven seasons overall as a head coach. But the Demon Deacons were shut out of a bowl appearance.

Grobe inherited a young team that went 2-9 in 2000 and guided it to a 6-5 record last fall. The Deacons won road games at East Carolina, Duke, Virginia and North Carolina en route to posting Wake's second winning season since 1992.

The win over Virginia, Grobe's alma mater, was Wake's first over the Cavaliers since 1983. The 32-31 win at North Carolina came after the Deacons trailed the Tar Heels 24-0 at halftime.

A win over Northern Illinois in the season finale secured the winning season and made Wake Forest eligible for a bowl berth. Grobe became just the eighth rookie head coach to produce a winning season in his first year.

All five losses came to bowlbound teams. And in three of those losses - vs. Maryland, NC State and Clemson - Wake Forest had the ball with good field position and with a chance to go ahead or even the score late in the game.

Last year's Deacon team averaged 221.6 yards rushing per game - more than 70 yards per game more than the previous season. The Deacons led the ACC in rushing, edging out

Grobe, 50, has gained a national reputation as a builder of programs.

BCS-bound Maryland for first

place. The Deacons averaged 401.6 yards of total offense per

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He came to Wake Forest after turning a struggling Ohio University program into a contender for the Mid-American Conference championship.

Track

ago and move the weekly schedule for up-and-coming drivers to

a new short track. That didn't sit well with Grau. He had fallen in love with the track while working as a vice president with Mid-State Automotive, an auto parts company sponsoring the speedway's top racing level the past three

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The state Fair Board, which controls the track at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds, was more than willing to work with Grau. The track turned a profit of nearly \$1 million before Dover Downs opened its superspeedway. Last year, the short track lost about \$30,000.

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believe that tradition and a lease only limiting racing on Sunday morning means there is still life left. They plan to take bids for a new lease late this year.

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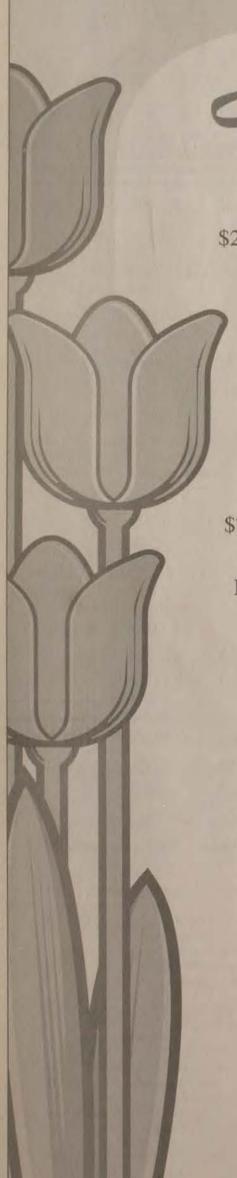
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'Kentucky engineers 'outstanding' in their field

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ing the past year.

ANGELA A. AKRIDGE, a professional engineer with the Louisville-Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District, was recognized for her efforts to the public relations campaign during

Founded in 1934, the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers is a membership organization for professional engineers (P.E.s), professional land surveyors (P.L.S.s), engineers-intraining (E.I.T.s), and students pursuing careers In these and related areas. The organization is headquartered in Frankfort. If has about 1,400

The Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers (KSPE) has recognized seven of its members for outstanding achievements and service to the Society and the engineering profession. Awards were presented during the 67th KSPE annual convention held at Jenny Wiley State

Park, Prestonsburg, on April 19.

Aubrey D. May, a retired professional engineer, professional land surveyor, and professional geologist, received the Distinguished Service Award for life-long achievement and life-long contributions to the engineering profession and to KSPE. He was a principal and vice president of Fuller, Mossbarger, Scott and May, from which he retired in December 2000, but during which time he contributed countless efforts on behalf of Kentucky's engineering and land surveying com-

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If you are in a Medicare covered skilled nursing facility (SNF) stay you are protected when your coverage ends. The SNF staff must give you a Notice of Non-Coverage when they think you no longer qualify for Medicare coverage. But if you think you still need skilled nursing facility care, you have the right to ha Medicare review the SNF's opinion to decide if you still qualify for Medicare coverage.

What do I need to do with the Notice of Non-Coverage?

To exercise your rights, follow these Asteps;

Check off the box on the Notice of Non-Coverage to show that you want a Demand Bill sent to Medicare.

Give the notice to the SNF staff.

■ The SNF will send the Demand Bill to Medicare.

Medicare decides if you still qualify for Medicare-covered SNF care.

■ The SNF will let you know what decision Medicare makes.

Can the SNF make me pay a deposit for services after they submit the Demand Bill?

No. The SNF cannot make you pay a deposit for services that Medicare may not cover until Medicare makes its decision. You must continue to pay any costs that you would normally have to pay while the Demand Bill is being processed. This includes the daily coinsurance (for days 21-100 of your stay) and supplies not covered by Medicare.

What happens if Medicare grees that my care is no onger covered?

If Medicare decides your care is no longer covered, you are responsible for the cost of the care you got while you were waiting for the decision.

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



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Gov. Paul Patton dropped by TLC Child Development Center in Paintsville to mark Child Care Provider Appreciation Day by giving roses to teachers at the center, such as Candice Hamliton, shown above, and Renee Brooks and Hilary Haynes, below. Patton praised TLC as one of the best day care centers in the state, saying, "I think these environments are better than being raised home alone. I think we were meant to be raised in a pack."



Governor delivers roses to day care

PAINTSVILLE - Gov. Paul Patton hand-delivered roses to child care providers at TLC Child Development Center in Paintsville Friday and sent letters of appreciation to child care providers throughout the state in honor of Child Care Provider Appreciation Day.

For the past seven years, Patton has declared one day in May to honor the individuals who care for the over 103,000 young children who spent part of their day in child care settings.

Without the thousands of child care providers that come to work each day. thousands of parents would not be able

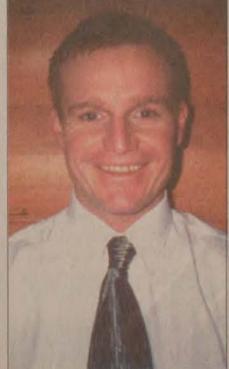
to enter the workforce," Patton said. "Without the thousands of trained child care providers, children would not be receiving the good start that they

deserve." Sixth-six percent of women with children under the age of 6 work outside the home in Kentucky. The governor's KIDS NOW program was designed to ensure that Kentuckians have a safe, nurturing, educational place for their children while they are at work.

The STARS for KIDS NOW program was designed to improve the child care product in the state by providing a system of incentives and rewards based on identified characteristics associated with positive outcomes for children and fami-

TLC is one of 418 child care centers in the state that have received a STAR

"If Kentucky is to move forward, every child must succeed," Patton said. "This program, along with the other 417 STAR programs throughout the state is an excellent example of an educational environment in which children, families and teachers are thriving, which will serve the state well."



Dr. Ryan Maynard

Maynard to practice chiropractic medicine with local doctor

Dr. Ryan Maynard, a recent graduate of the Palmer College of Chiropractic Medicine, Davenport, Iowa, recently opened a practice in Prestonsburg in association with Dr. Philip Simpson. Maynard is a native of Wayne County, W.Va. He received his basic science degree from Marshall University prior to embarking on his professional education at Palmer. He is a diplomat of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and has interned at the Palmer College Rehab and Sports Lijury Department, as well as also completing his clinical externship there.

Dr. Maynard is an accomplished athlete having played on the Marshall University Varsity Baseball Team. He has served on the coaching staff of Central High School, Davenport, as well as being involved in the Palmer Sports Council where he served as treating chiropractic physician during the YMCA Marathon and other special events. He is a graduate of several sports and industrial injury and specialized technique post-graduate studies programs.

Dr. Maynard resides in Floyd County with his wife, Jessica, and the couple's infant son, Tommy.

record losses for storm damages FRANKFORT - Disaster teams for the Kentucky Department of Insurance are personally helping numerous victims of what may become the Commonwealth's

largest insured loss in history for hail, wind and tornado damage. Members of the Consumer

Protection & Education Division headed to London and Laurel County this morning in response to the May I hailstorm that heavily damaged cars and homes in several counties. The disaster team also visited personally with consumers at more than 200 homes damaged by the April 28 storm in Webster and Breckinridge counties.

Insurance companies report that losses are so numerous that adjusters are focusing first on consumers who lost their homes or roofs and then working to other claims. One insurer alone reported 800 auto claims in one day in London due to hail damage. The same insurer processed 4,200 claims statewide on the first day after the April 28 storm.

Preliminary national damage estimates from the April 28 storm are approaching \$300 million. The same storm system that hit Webster and Breckinridge counties, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Maryland is now officially categorized in the insurance industry as a catastrophic loss, often occurring after hurricanes or earth-

In Kentucky history, the largest

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What's ahead for small-cap Stocks?

Shares of small companies could outpace large caps for some time, according to Pioneer's Ken Fuller.

Small cap stocks have had an impressive run, comfortably outperforming their larger counterparts for nearly three years. Can this strong performance continue, or will a shallow economic rebound and higher valuations on smaller companies lead investors to the relative shelter of bigger names? Ken Fuller, lead manager of Pioneer Investment Management's Small-Cap Equity Team, thinks the smallcap party is far from over. To support this contention, Fuller points to the historical record and to the many attractively valued companies that Pioneer's analysts continue to uncover, as detailed in the

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Weather

Q&A below.

Fuller and his team of smallcap specialists run both Pioneer

Company Fund and Pioneer Small Cap Value Fund. Pioneer Small Company Fund is a core small cap offering, with both growth and value stocks in the portfolio. Pioneer Small Cap Value Fund focuses on value stocks and earned an Overall 4-star rating from Morningstar (among 4,991 domestic equity funds) for the period ended 2/28/02 (Source: Morningstar.*

Equities generally lead the way out of recessions. Fuller says, meaning that stocks begin to recover before the economy has righted itself. And small caps tend to be out in front of large caps during those periods. There have been nine recessions since the Great Depression of the 1930s, and in each of the 12-month periods following those recessions small caps offered investors better returns than large caps (Source: Ned Davis Research).

Fuller also points to research from Ned Davis showing that over the past ten years, small caps have tended to outperform large caps for up to a year following the end of Fed easing cycles.

Q&A with Ken Fuller Portfolio Manager, Pioneer Small Company Fund and Pioneer Small Cap Value Fund

Q. After almost three years of outperformance, is it late to be investing in small cap stocks?

A. We don't think so. There are long periods when small caps outperform large; and periods when the opposite is true. Since the end of the Depression, though, we've had six periods of small cap performance. On average, they've lasted 5.8 years. We're somewhere in the third year of the current period, so if this is an average cycle, small caps may go on outperforming for some time.

Looking at a much longer period—the last 30 years (through December 2001)—small companies have had a performance edge over large companies of 2.7 percent a year (Source: Ibbotson). That ties back to the fact that small caps are a more volatile asset class—investors expect greater return for taking greater risk and that's exactly what we've seen.

Q. The recession seems to be over, and it was pretty mild. Doesn't that mean that the economy may not have much bounce in it?

A. The recession may not have been severe, but some businesses have had a very rough time even in this relatively shallow slowdown. Since we invest in stocks and not in the economy, it's more important to examine how far down valuatons have been driven by earnings declines, and what opportunities emerge as a result. We see no shortage of sectors that have been beaten down in price and that's often the first thing that attracts our interest. Stocks in technology and other economically sensitive areas, including apparel and textiles, are current examples.

Q. Your portfolios contain some unfamiliar names. Tell us how you go about finding them.

A. We are strictly bottom-up stock-pickers, and our goal is to find stocks that can double in two or three years. We start by looking for solid companies whose stocks have had histories of wide price swings and are selling at 30%-50 percent below their highs. They must also have strong financials, good management and a catalyst that can trigger higher prices. If they can regain average profit levels, a portfolo of these companies should have very respectable performance. If they don't turn earnings around, our low-valuation entry points may provide an element of risk control

The small-cap world offers another potential advantage: About half the companies in our 5000-6000 stock universe have literally no Wall Street analyst coverage. And many of those that do have coverage are misperceived, in our judgment. That's why we describe our picks as "the hidden, the hated and the misunderstood." Each member of our four-person team spends every day analyzing stocks, meeting with managements and searching out exploitable inefficiences. By contrast, every one of the 500 stocks in the S&P 500 is minutely followed, so the chance of uncovering stock market inefficiencies is much lower.

Q. How are you positioning your funds for the economic recovery?

A. Our sector weightings reflect which serves mills around the our stock picks. If we wind up with world. With a 22 percent world

heavier exposure in a sector, it's because we have found good value there. That said, we have been gradually transitioning our portfolios toward more cyclical exposure. At the same time, we've been deemphasizing healthcare, financial stocks and counter-cyclical plays like outplacement firms, primarily on the basis of valuations.

on the basis of valuations. Retailing tracks the economy, and we've found some interesting companies that look undervalued. Tuesday Morning (1.11 percent of Pioneer Small Company Fund as of 2/28/02), which gets its name from its limited store hours, sells closeout housewares and gifts, and has been showing steadily improving financials. Charming Shoppes (1.61 percent of Pioneer Small Company Fund and 1.31 percent of Pioneer Small Cap Value Fund) is the dominant retailer of women's "plus" sizes, a segment that is growing three times faster than women's apparel generally. The company owns the Lane Bryant, Fashion Bug and Catherine's Plus Sizes brands, each targeting a dif-

ferent market segment. Following K-Mart's decision to seek bankruptcy protection, stocks of several of their suppliers sold off sharply. Some of the declines were excessive in our view, given the fact that K-Mart expects to stay viable on a reduced scale. One example is Fleming Companies (0.56 percent of Pioneer Small Company), the nation's largest food wholesaler, which seems inexpensive at current levels. There are also opportunities among Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) that have links to K-Mart.

Q. What other areas are showing good value?

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A. In the nuts-and-bolts industrial world, Genesee and Wyoming Railroad (1.02 percent of Pioneer Small Cap Value) operates more than 20 short-line freight railroads in the United States and abroad. Carloadings in the U.S. are benefitting from an economic recovery. Overseas, Genesee acquires and restructures public rail companies that are being privatized by their government owners.

Also in basic industry, Ucar International (0.33 percent of Pioneer Small Company and 1.50 percent of Pioneer Small Cap Value) makes electrodes for use in steel-making furnaces, especially for the fast-growing mini-mill segment. The recently imposed steel tariff is a neutral event for Ucar, which serves mills around the world. With a 22 percent world

market share. Ucar is the largest company of its kind, and, thanks to sharp cost-cutting by new management, is also the lowestcost producer. With any recovery in the steel business, Ucar looks like a strong candidate for further price appreciation.

Pittston Brink's Group (1.40 percent of Pioneer Small Company Fund) is addressing its black-lung liabilities to former coal workers and shedding its coal properties. Meanwhile, the freight-forwarding business is improving with the economy and the Brink's home-alarm and armored car divisions are both growing. We believe Pittston's potential break-up value is well above its current price, especially given recent buyouts of other alarm companies at premium prices.

Q. Are you seeing signs of recovery in technology?

A. Yes. Inquiries about new chip designs from semiconductor manufacturers are up, as are order flows in the photolithography business. Both Photronics (2.47 percent of Pioneer Small Company and 1.35 percent of Pioneer Small Cap Value) and DuPont Photomasks (1.93% of Pioneer Small Company Fund) have developed highly specialized technology for producing templates, or masks, that permit etching of semiconductor chips with feature sizes that are smaller than light waves. The chipmakers themselves lack this cutting-edge expertise, so outsourcing is becoming more frequent. More importantly, the price of photomasks is doubling with every new chip generation, or about every two years. This is an oligopoly business. Demand is high and growing, and there is little competition on the horizon because the cost of entry is so

Another technology firm, E.piphany (0.55 percentof Pioneer Small Cap Value Fund) designs customer relationship software that tracks and integrates every interaction between a company and a customer. E.piphany had been losing money but we think profits are not far off. Our earliest purchases were made for the equivalent of cash on the balance sheet.

Q. What is your current outlook for the energy sector?

A. We expect energy prices to increase due to the current situation in the Middle East and we also anticipate a rise in natural gas prices as the economy recovers. That's a scenario that favors natural gas and drilling companies. Some we like in particular are Unit Corp. (0.90percent of Pioneer Small Cap Value Fund) and Patterson-UTI Energy (1.70%) of Pioneer Small Company Fund).

Q. Where else has your approach led you?

A. Related to retailing but in a separate niche, Direct Focus (0.70 percent of Pioneer Small Company Fund) markets its Nautilus, Bowflex, Stairmaster and Schwinn fitness equipment directly to consumers, primarily through television infomericals and web sites. Costs are declining as TV stations have cut ad rates in the face of shrinking demand. The recent acquisition of Schwinn reduces reliance on the Bowflex device and adds cardiovascular exercise machines to the product line.

Another niche marketer is School Specialty (1.55% percent of Pioneer Small Cap Value Fund), which distributes workbooks and other school essentials in the K-12 market. With continued growth in the school population and more money being spent per student, the company is riding two secular grown trends. There is little consolidation among school districts, so School Specialty enjoys broad price flexibility.

Q. Are there other themes you'd like to point out?

A. It's important to understand that "small" is a relative term. We are dealing with solid, substantial companies with sizable revenues and good finances.

In fact, some of our holdings are actually industry leaders: School Specialty is the leading producer of agendas and other academic supplies; Ucar is the biggest company of its kind in the world; and Charming Shoppes dominates the plus-size market. In addition, Phototronics holds the largest market share in the U.S.

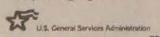
Q. Finally, who should own small company stocks?

photolithography business.

A. With their strong historic records and the potential we see for the next couple of years, small stocks may be a good fit for many equity portfolios. Moreover, small-cap performance bears only about a 66 percent correlation to large caps, so small stocks can enhance portfolio diversification. But they are not for everyone. Along with a greater possibility for capital appreciation comes a higher level of volatility than is associated with large-cap issues.

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Storm

recorded insurance loss was more than \$100 million from the Bowling Green hail storm of 1998. No specific claim totals are available for Kentucky at this point, but known damage to homes and autos is substantial.

Consumers with questions or complaints about home or auto insurance are encouraged to call the department for assistance at 800-595-6053.

"We're hearing personally from consumers about outstanding examples of insurance agents going the extra mile to help find emergency lodging, issue checks and collect claims," said Janie Miller, insurance commissioner and secretary of the Cabinet for Public Protection & Regulation. "In one example, an agent handling numerous claims in Breckinridge County also provided his own trailer to help haul personal belongings salvaged from his customers' homes."

"These are times when insurance agents, adjusters and companies can do their best work for consumers, but we're there in cases where there might be problems or complaints," Miller said.

Sharon Clark, director of the Consumer Protection & Education Division, has led teams to Bowling Green, Owensboro, and London during previous disasters and she personally went door to door to more than 100 homes in Webster

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County this week.

"We made sure that everyone had heard from their agent or adjuster and made immediate calls on site to insurance companies if there were problems," Clark said.

The department also reminded consumers of a state law that makes it easier for owners whose vehicles are totaled by hail damage. The "hail damage title law" was effective July 14, 2000, to allow consumers to receive insurance claim checks more quickly for totaled vehicles.

The most common example is that an owner gets the insurance check immediately, no matter how long the waiting list for a body shop to repair the damage. The owner continues to have use of the car as long as an inspection finds the car is safe to operate.

The law, KRS 186A.555, requires that the vehicle is safe to drive, suffered hail damage exceeding 75 percent of the retail value, and the owner intends to maintain ownership.

With proof of the total loss and after a \$5 inspection by the sheriff's office, a county clerk can issue a title stamped "hail damage," allowing insurers to immediately process the claim.

Prior to the Bowling Green hail storm, which prompted this law, it could take more than one month to obtain such titles, delaying insurance payments.

Honor

board and during which time he led the way to significant revisions to the laws governing the practices of engineering and land surveying in Kentucky. He is a Pike County, native, who received a B.S. and an M.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky, and became a professional engineer in Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee, a professional land surveyor in Kentucky, and a pro-

fessional geologist in Kentucky. Steven L. Skaggs, professional engineer, received the D.V. Terrell Award for his significant contributions to the goals and objectives of KSPE, and for being considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the Society within the past one-year period. A cost engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District, he was the state chairman for the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers' MATHCOUNTS math competition program that just completed its 19th successful year of competition, with more than 900 students having participated, setting the second straight student participation record in Kentucky. He is 1991 graduate of the University of Louisville's Speed Scientific School with a B.S. in civil engineering.

Randal S. Williamson, professional engineer, received the Young Engineer of the Year Award, meeting the criteria of being a KSPE member who is no older than age 35, who has shown professional integrity and reputa-

tion beyond question, and who has consistently worked for the professional, civic, and technical interests of the engineering profession. He is a University of Kentucky College of Mechanical Engineering graduate, and works as a lead mechanical engineer in the consumer products' division at Lexmark International Inc., in Lexington. He is the newly elected KSPE state secretary, served as the KSPE state treasurer in 2001-2002, is the treasurer of the Bluegrass Chapter of KSEP (2001-2004), and is a KSPE building committee member. His contribution to KSPE'S MATH-COUNTS, including serving as the state chairman in 2000-2001, and serving on a national MATH-COUNTS task force (2001-2003). He has also been the recipient of KSPE's D.V. Terrell Award, the President's Award for MATHCOUNTS Achievement, and Achievement in Industry Award.

The following awards were given based on the individual's outstanding contribution to their specific area of engineering discipline:

Dr. Robert L. Mullins, professional engineer, certified planner, and attorney-at-law, received the Achievement in Government Award. He is the senior civilian in the Louisville Engineer District for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where he is deputy district engineer. He has received the Department of the Army awards for Superior Civilian Service Medal, the Commaner's Medal for Civilian Service, and the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

These represent the 3rd, 4th,

and 5th highest honors awarded an Army civilian, respectively. He has been the chairman of KSPE's Professional Development Committee for the last two years, and has instructed or organized several leadership development sessions, including the Leadership P.E. program; it is the first program of its kind to work specifically toward the goal of developing leadership skills for professional engineers. He has a B.S. in Applied Science, a Masters of Environment Engineering, a Juris Doctor, and a Ph.D. in Administration Management degree, all from the University of Louisville, and a Masters Degree in Business Management from Vanderbilt

University.

E. J. Foltz, professional engineer and professional land surveyor, received the Achievement in Private Practice Award. He is a 1986 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Civil Engineering, where his major was geotechnical engineering. He is the owner and president of Cartec Engineering Corporation in Crescent.



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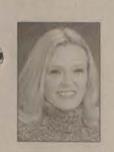
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* Following the Purpose Road

by KRISTIN COMPTON PIKEVILLE, KENTLICKY

As a child, my grandmother always told me stories about her life growing up in Eastern



Kentucky.
Some of the most fabulous stories she told involved her time at Alice Lloyd College. She told about Ms. Lloyd and how caring yet stern she was

along with all the wonderful things she did for her students. This sparked the idea that maybe I too should attend this great college. After an extensive amount of research about other institutions, I concluded that ALC was the place that I needed to be.

Since arriving at Alice Lloyd, I have been afforded many opportunities to succeed. The Student Work Program has given me the experience I need to move up the "work" ladder and build a career

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MSU offers Advanced Placement Program

MOREHEAD – Applications are now being accepted for classes in the Advanced Placement Program being offered at Morehead State University, this summer.

Through a partnership with The College Board, MSU will offer a weeklong Advanced Placement Summer Institute, July 8-12, which will include classes, workshops and conferences for middle and high school teachers and supervi-

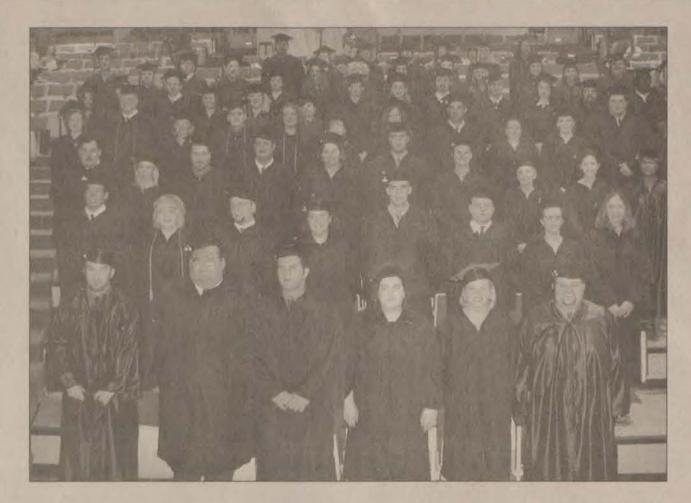
The cost to participants will be \$350 per person, per course for classes in biology, calculus AB, English language, English literature, Environmental science, Spanish Language, Statistics, US Government and politics, and US history. Kentucky participants may be eligible for scholarships through the Kentucky

The registration fee will cover the cost of instruction. College Board Advanced Placement packets and other training materials. There is an additional \$25 lab fee for the biology and environmental science workshop. Courses are suitable for those who are new to the AP teaching experience, or who have been involved for several years.

Department of Education.

To register, applicants must complete the application form and mail it to MSU's Office of Continuing Education, 312 Allie Young Hall, Morehead, KY 40351. Payment may be made by credit card, personal check,

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ALC HOLDS COMMENCEMENT

PIPPA PASSES – Alice Lloyd College, in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, would like to announce that four students from Floyd County were awarded degrees during commencement ceremonies held on May 4th. Priscilla Ann Fraley, of Hi Hat, received a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies; Jessica Elizabeth Music, of Auxier, received a Bachelor of Arts in Middle School Education; Byron Van Patton, of Estill, received a Bachelor of Arts in History; Novella Lynn Prater, of Prestonsburg, received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration; and, Ronnie Clinton Duff, of Garrett, received a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education.

Alice Lloyd College is a private,

four-year, liberal arts college in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, located in Knott County. Alice Geddes Lloyd founded the College in 1923 to educate mountain students for positions of leadership and service in Appalachia. ALC offers a quality education with tuition guaranteed to any student in its 108-county service area.

PCC's 37th commencement recognizes student achievements

PRESTONSBURG — Three Prestonsburg Community College graduates shared a common goal. A portion of their dream came true as family and friends joined in the celebration of the awarding of their degrees at the 37th Commencement held at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg on May 10.

Gabriel Shepherd, a 20-year-old, joined his parents, Bobby and Sheryl Shepherd, as alumni of Prestonsburg Community College. Gabriel, graduat

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Floyd Countians Beth Gabriel Shepherd, Kaye Allen and Barry Potter, seated, are among recent PCC graducates who plan to transfer credit hours to a four-year

Dye is recipient of Georgetown College scholarship

GEORGETOWN – Stephanie Michelle Dye, daughter of Michael and Patricia Dye of Prestonsburg, has been awarded a Governor's Scholar Scholarship to attend Georgetown College. Dye, a senior at Prestonsburg High School, will receive the scholarship upon matriculation in the fall.

Dye is a member of the dance team and track team. She is also chaplain of the National Honor Society.

This is the first year the Governor's Scholar Scholarship has been awarded at Georgetown College. It is valued from \$5,000 to \$9,000, and renewable for four years. Students who have par ticipated in the Governor's Scholar Program are automatically eligible for this award.

Recipients must maintain a high level of academic performance to remain eligible for the award each year.

Shooting for the Stars: ALC student Donnie Osborn

PIPPA PASSES - "The science of politics has always interested me. As a student of history, I believe it is important to study the politics of an era," says Donnie Osborn, senior at Alice Lloyd College from Beauty, Kentucky. This semester, Osborn is working as an intern with the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission in Frankfort, KY. As an intern with the LRC, Osborn works with members from both political parties. The Legislative Research Committee serves as non-partisan staff for the legislators.

Osborn has been gaining a great deal of experience while interning. Assigned to work for the Transportation Committee, he updates the chairperson's personal logbook. "This logbook is a tracking of the bills and resolutions that the chairmen sponsor or co-sponsor," says Osborn. "An intern's duties vary with assignments and the amount of work in their committee. I am first a student, and am here to learn all that one can by witnessing the state legislature while in session," says Osborn. Each intern

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From left to right, Casey Gayheart, the granddaughter of Edward Madden, Cloys Thornsberry, ALC professor of education, and Amanda Compton.

Alice Lloyd College Present Local Students With Awards

PIPPA PASSES – Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, would like to announce that two students from Floyd County received awards during ALC's Honors Day Awards Ceremony held April

18th. Amanda Compton, of McDowell, received the Edward Madden Award for Outstanding Education Award and Shawna Hall, of Wheelwright, received the George I. Alden Scholarship. Alice Lloyd College is a private, four-year, liberal arts college in Pippa Passes, Kentucky, located in Knott County. Alice Geddes Lloyd founded the College in 1923 to educate mountain students for positions of leadership and service in Appalachia.

U of L creates endowed chair to focus on cancer research

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville will try to recruit a top national researcher for a position created Wednesday to lead efforts to reduce cancer rates among blacks.

The university formed an endowed chair in oncology as part of a public-private partnership to boost cancer research and treatment.

The new position deepens another partnership between UofL and black leaders, in which the university will provide its expertise to try to alleviate nagging problems within the black community.

UofL Provost Carol Garrison said the university will try to attract "one of the nation's best and brightest" cancer

researchers.

The researcher will try to uncover the genetic, socioeconomic and environmental fac-

tors that contribute to disproportionate cancer rates among blacks, she said.

"The long-term goal in creating this chair is to identify more effective ways to reduce cancer in minority populations," she said at an announcement attended by many of the community's black leaders.

University officials did not put a time frame on hiring the researcher. The position will be funded with \$1 million of a \$15 million pledge from the James Graham Brown Foundation, which UofL intends to match with money from the state's "bucks for brains" program, Garrison said.

The search is already under way, but it could be up to three years before the position is filled because the salary will come from the interest from the endowment, said UofL spokeswoman Denise Fitzpatrick.

Dr. Donald Miller, director of UofL's James Graham Brown Cancer Center, said Kentucky is a national leader in cancer rates and death. That risk is greater among minori-

"In almost every instance, the risk of developing cancer and the risk of having inadequate medical care is higher in minority populations, both Afro-American urban poor and rural poor," he said. "We believe that we have an ethical and moral responsibility to help

understand the reasons for this

disparity and to begin to devel-

op measures to change that."

Lung cancer rates among black men are 54 percent higher than white men, according to 2001 statistics from the American Lung Association. The mortality rate among black men from lung cancer is almost 42 percent higher than that of white males.

Prostate cancer occurs 70 percent more often in black men than white men, according to

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Road

of my choice. I have had several work positions since my freshman year that range from Sports

Information Director and June Buchanan Administrative Assistant to my current position as Resident Advisor. In my job, I work closely with the girls in the dormitory trying to make their stay a little more comforting. This is an experience I will cherish for a lifetime.

Classes at Alice Lloyd College are challenging, but rewarding. Our student-teacher ratio is small: therefore I receive the attention that I need to get the most out of the class. Many professors are willing to take time out of their hectic schedules to answer questions about homework, tutor you individually before a test, and even just ask you about your day. At Alice Lloyd, you are not just a number; you are a person with feelings and intellect.

Finally, the social atmosphere is very friendly at ALC. I have made many close friends and never worry about meeting a stranger, wondering if they will smile back as you pass by. Dorm life is similar to home in the aspect that the girls you live with are like family. There is always an open door and a welcoming voice to listen to your problems, help you with projects, or just to talk.

My overall experience at Alice Lloyd College has been one to remember. I will always value the character-based education I have obtained in Pippa Passes.

MSU

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school district check, or MSU will bill your district for the registration fee.

The College Board, a national non-profit membership association dedicated to preparing,

inspiring and connecting students to college, provides educators with information, tools and strategies needed to build and strengthen their professional skills and techniques. More than half of the nation's high schools now take part in the Advanced Placement Program, which allows students to study subjects of interest, while motivating and challenging them to a more rigorous performance.

Additional information and a registration packet are available by calling Tina Stafford, MSU regional campus coordinator, at (606) 783-2005 or (800)

Weathers assumes positions over student life and athletics



MOREHEAD - Madonna B. Weathers has been named vice-president for student life and director of athletics at Morehead State University, effective July I.

Weathers, MSU's current director of student development, will succeed Michael Mincey, who is retiring after 27 years of service to the University.

"Her long career in student services with the University makes her the most qualified and logical choice for vice president," said MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin. "Student life is one of the most important

divisions on campus and we look forward to seeing our programs excel under her leadership."

Weathers will oversee the dean of students, campus student organizations, intercollegiate athletics, student counseling and wellness programs, admissions, financial aid, housing, multicultural student services and public

A Louisville native and MSU alumnus, Weathers has been a member of the University's administrative staff since 1972 when she was named associate director of student housing. After 13

years in that role, she became director of residence education in 1985, director of student support services in 1989 and director of student development in 1990.

She holds a bachelor's degree in education and master's degrees in education and higher education from MSU.

As a staff member, she is currently serving a second term as chair of MSU's Staff Congress. She also was cochair of the University's Campus Giving Campaign in 1999 and 2000 and served on the SACS Self Study Steering Committee, 1998-

Weathers is a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Southern Association for College Student Affairs, American College Health Association, Mid-America College Health Association and Kentucky College Health Association.

Active in the community, she serves on the boards of the St. Claire Medical Center Foundation and Peoples Bank. She also is a member of Morehead Women's Club and Morehead First United Methodist Church. She is married to James Weathers and has two children.

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must attend two classes that are taught by those involved in the legislative process.

Osborn first learned of the Kentucky LRC while on an educational field trip to the State Capitol with an ALC Political Science class. While on this trip, the class first heard of the legislative session internship, which is offered to any Junior or Senior attend

ing a Kentucky college or university. Osborn remembers, "For some reason Alice Lloyd College was not on the mailing list; so the trip was not only our introduction to the legislature, but the legislature's introduction to Alice Lloyd."

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This coming May, Donnie Osborn, will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Alice Lloyd College with plans to attend law school.

PCC

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ing with an Associate of Arts degree, plans to pursue engineering at the University of Kentucky.

When asked about his PCC experience, Shepherd said, "I would recommend anyone attend here before transferring to a four-year university. Not only did I have time to decide what I wanted to pursue, but also I will be transferring to UK as a junior. An extra plus is that I have received a wonderful, quality education from a faculty who really care about my success."

Kaye Allen, a 41-year-old nontraditional student and mother of two, glowed as she talked about PCC and what graduation meant to her. Who would have thought she would be graduating with an associate of arts degree one day before her daughter, Alana, graduated with a fouryear degree in exercise science.

Allen, graduating with high distinction, will be one of several transferring to Morehead State University, where she will seek an education degree.

"Prestonsburg Community College is a wonderful place,' Allen said. "The faculty and staff have been very supportive of all of us and that is one reason we are here tonight. The faculty are more like friends than instructors; they take an interest in each individual student."

Potter entered Barry Community Prestonsburg College as a Pikeville campus student after becoming a displaced mineworker in 1994. Not only did Barry face the challenge of finding a career to support his wife and two children, but also in 1995 he suffered a brain hemorrhage that left him disabled.

Despite the obstacles faced by Potter, a smile erupts as he says he celebrated his 27th year of marriage to Debbie on

Wednesday and graduated from PCC on May 10. Having obtained the associate of arts degree, he plans to transfer all his credit hours toward a criminology degree at MSU.

"Prestonsburg Community College has made a difference in my life and has provided me with a foundation for further achievements, "said Potter.

During the commencement exercises, each of these graduates felt Dr. George D. Edwards, president of Prestonsburg Community College, was talking to them individually when he encouraged the graduates by saying, "Students, this is your evening! Be proud of your accomplishments. Be confident of your abilities as you move into the next stage of your lives and be open to the changes that you will face."

William (Bill Gordon) Francis, 2002 Outstanding Alumnus and guest speaker, was commended for the difference he made in the region as he challenged the graduates to do the

same. Among others recognized during the evening were Robert E. Looney, the recipient of the 2001-2002 Great Teacher Award, an award presented by the student body, and Paul Gearheart, who was presented with the Faculty Service Award in recognition of his support and service to the PCC community.

Special recognition was given to those graduates achieving a 4.0 grade-point average. They include Kaye Allen, Donna G. Church, Aaron R. Davis, Marcia Helton, Julia M. House, Danny Lowe, Sheila R. Wallen, Laura A. Webb and Carmen Whitis-Fields.

The celebration continued as a reception was held in honor of the graduates following the cere-



Osborne, and Minority floor leader Karem.

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Research

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statistics from the American Cancer Society. And black men are two times more likely to die from the disease.

Cancer prevention isn't as "glamorous" as efforts to cure the disease but can be more effective, Miller said. Many cancers stem from lifestyle and environmental factors that can be changed, he said.

Miller predicted the research would put Louisville "on the map as the place that not only has many of the problems but also has many of the answers."

"We believe that over the next decade the establishment of this chair will allow us to develop a program that will be recognized worldwide as really making a difference in the community and in the way cancer education and cancer prevention is done in other parts of the country," he said.

The researcher will be based at the Brown Cancer Center and will work with UofL's medical center partners, Jewish Hospital Healthcare Services and Norton's Healthcare Network.

The oncology chair is the second formed through a partnership started last year between UofL and black leaders that seeks to match the university's strengths with the African-

American community's needs. A related fund-raising campaign meant to link UofL's expertise with problems within the black community is nearly one-third of the way to a \$1 million goal, Garrison said. Fundraising organizers have identified several issues, including making more black children computer literate, adult day care and addressing problems like teen pregnancy, gang violence and school dropout rates.

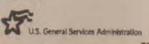
State Rep. Reginald Meeks, a UofL employee assisting in the fund-raising, said such partnerships are important because government can't provide all the funds to deal with societal prob-

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by Donna Erickson

Learn to **Appreciate Differences**

What do you think of when you hear the word "table"? In your mind, do you see the large rectangular piece of furniture in your kitchen? Your fourth-grader might picture a multiplication chart and your sixth-grader a list of contents at the beginning of a book.

Each person's frame of reference develops from a per-



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ception of things based on the information we know and the things familiar to us. In one family it's not unusual to find one person's frame of reference totally opposite from another's, which leads to the familiar "I don't understand where you're coming from!"

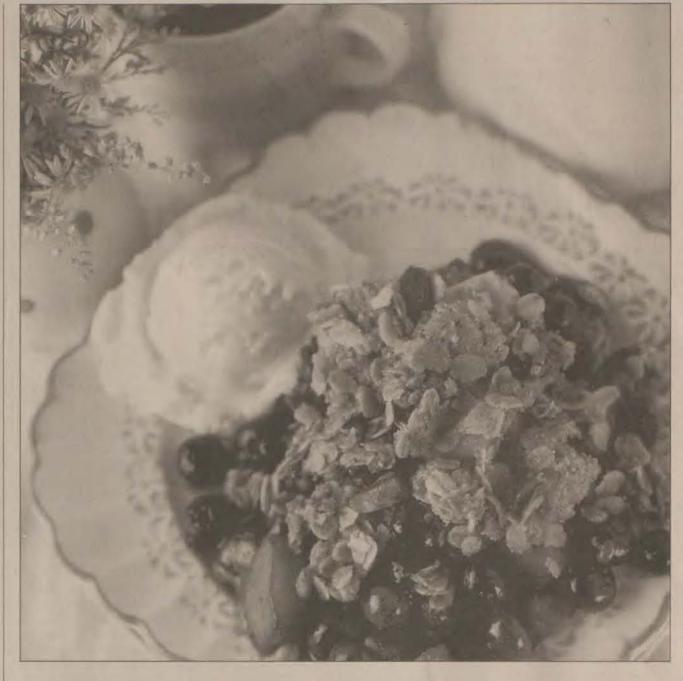
Here's a fun activity to help the whole family appreciate differences in perception.

Give each family member a piece of paper and a pencil and five minutes to write down all of the pictures they see in their mind when they hear a particular word. Then compare lists. For example, try the word "copy." Did you write that it means to duplicate on a machine? Maybe Grandma wrote copy means to draw, trace or write the same thing over. If Mom is a newspaper writer, copy is the words or manuscript she writes. If Dad is a police officer, to copy means to understand. Discuss some of the things that may have made your definitions different, such as the person's age, work or school environment.

Continue with other words. As you become more aware, encourage your children to explore the differences in cultures of people in the community, whether they embrace a religion different from yours, speak a language other than English or come from another country.

Donna's newly released book, "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families," is now available in bookstores nationwide

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Savor these Blues

by Philomena

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Whoever heard of enjoying the blues? Anyone can, if we mean blueberries, those little balls of flavor and nutrition. They're not only delicious, they're easy to clean and easy to eat. Just a brief rinse, and, if you can make it from the sink to the counter without nibbling, they're easy to prepare and serve. Blueberries are great in the cereal bowl slathered with cream or ice cream, or with no embellish-

In addition to their flavor, they are little bundles of health benefits. Research finds they help protect against vascular and heart disease, may help prevent certain cancers and, in a book titled "The Color Code" by James A. Joseph, Ph.D., Daniel Nadeau, M.D. and Anne Underwood (Hyperion, \$22.95), we are told that blueberries help "protect the brain and memory as we age." That's enough to send me to the fruit store right now.

Fresh blueberries are in the market now. But if you can't find them, meander over to the frozen foods section. Carefully frozen blues are available all year and can be used in any recipe calling for the fresh, as in those that follow.

The Blueberry-Apple Crisp is a luscious treat that's easy to assemble and can be served cooled, or warm for intensified flavor. The Blueberry Topping can be the tiara on a plain pound cake or crown a shortcake biscuit along

with a little cream.

BLUEBERRY-APPLE CRISP

I cup old-fashioned oats 1/2 cup flour, divided 1/2 cup sugar, divided

I teaspoon ground cinnamon

4 tablespoons butter, cut in small pieces 1/4 cup pecans or walnuts, coarsely

4 cups frozen or fresh blueberries 3 cups peeled and cubed apples

Preheat oven to 375 F. Lightly grease a 2-

quart baking dish. To prepare topping: In a medium-sized

bowl, combine oats, 1/4 cup of the flour, 1/4 cup of the sugar and the cinnamon. Add butter; between fingers rub butter with dry ingredients to form coarse crumbs; stir in pecans. In a large bowl, toss blueberries and apples with remaining 1/4 cup sugar and 1/4 cup flour. Pour blueberry mixture into prepared baking dish. Sprinkle topping evenly over blueberries. Bake until apples are tender and topping is golden, about 50 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream, if desired.

Alternatively, combine dry ingredients and butter in a

(See BLOCK, page six)

Mother's Day Brunch

Mothers, grandmothers, aunts and special women in our lives will all be honored on Mother's Day. Why not make this day even more special by preparing a delectable brunch for your 'special mother" while she can still enjoy the pampering! I'll take care of the dessert, and you take care of the

> Mother's Day Brunch **Chocolate Dessert**

18 (2 1/2-inch) chocolate graham cracker squares

1 (8-ounce) package fat-free cream

2 cups reduced-calorie whipped topping sugar substitute to equal 1/2 cup sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 (4-serving) packages sugar-free chocolate fudge pudding mix

1 1/2 cups nonfat dry milk powder

2 1/2 cups water Arrange 12 of the chocolate gra-

(See COMFORT, page six)

Made fast

by JoAnna M. Lund

Dear Diane...

Looking for respect

I am 43-years-old, a single woman and happy to be that way. I am the eldest of seven children and the only one of my brothers and sisters who has chosen not to marry or raise a family.

I know you're probably thinking that my problem concerns my family pressuring me to settle down and get married and raise a brood of my own. To the contrary, they all respect my decision, and for that I am eternally grateful.

However, I do have a problem with most of my siblings concerning the raising of their chil-

All of us were brought up in a strict (and also loving) household. We were taught at a young age to respect our elders by referring to them as "Sir" or "Ma'am."

Whenever I go to visit any of the brothers' or sisters' homes, their children never refer to me as "ma'am" or even "Aunt Peg." If I ask my nieces or nephews a question, they will answer either "yeah," or "nope," not "No, ma'am," or "Yes, Ma'am." I find this highly disrespectful. I would have

thought that my siblings would have taught their children to respect their elders; instead, every one of my nieces and nephews talks to me as if I were just some bum on the street.

What can I do? LOOKING FOR RESPECT IN ROANOKE

DEAR LOOKING:

How your siblings choose to raise their children is their own business. I wouldn't confront them to demand that they teach their children the way YOU see fit. You have no right to make that demand.

You do, however, have the right to ask your nieces and nephews to refer to you as "Aunt Peg," and as "ma'am." Let the youngsters know that this is the way you would like for them to speak to you. If the children aren't totally spoiled, they should comply without incident.

Fiber Prevents Diverticulosis

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I had a colonoscopy. The report read: Diverticulosis quite severe in the sigmoid. Diverticulosis throughout the entire colon.

My doctor told me I could eat anything. I would like to know if there is a special diet for this. - M.M.

ANSWER:

We live in a part of the world where there is an obsession with refining all grains and all flours Refining rids grain of its out-



er coat, bran. Bran is nature's way of preventing constipation and, thereby, preventing diverticulosis.

A diverticulum is a pea-size bulge of the colon lining through the colon muscle wall. You have diverticula throughout your colon. Low-fiber diets make stools hard and dry. To push the hard stool downward, the colon must exert great force. The abnormal force causes colon lining to protrude through the colon wall.

Diverticulosis is often silent. A few people have dull abdominal aches or suffer from bloating and gas.

If diverticulosis turns into diverticulitis an inflammation of the diverticula - intense abdominal pain arises.

Treatment of diverticulosis is centered on a high-fiber diet. Fruits with skins, most vegeta-

(See HEALTH, page six)

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Why choose teaching?

Bonnie S. Block (FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE

TEACHER'S SOUL")

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My family was gathered for a leisurely summer barbecue when the discussion arose about a celebrity who earned an excessive amount of money. I've forgotten if it was a sports figure or an actor. In today's society, it doesn't seem to matter. The major criteria for receiving megadollars seems to be determined by how much the audience will pay to watch the performer achieve.

Then why choose teaching for a career? I only half-listened to their conversation as I pondered the answer to that

I remember my three children watchplanning for my class. I remem-

bered how they intently listened to my frustrations concerning materials, procedures and the amount of responsibility that seemed to be endlessly thrust into the laps of classroom teachers. I remembered how

for the Sou they eagerly awaited to hear stories of my classroom children: those funny ones; those when the children had successfully achieved; and those when I shared my grave concerns about my students. I remember when it came time for

favorite dessert.

each of my own children to choose a profession. How I waited to hear if any had ing me spend many nights and weekends plans to follow Mom into teaching. Long deliberations held no mention of

anyone becoming a teacher. I sadly realized it was not even going to be a consideration. Their body language seemed to say,

"Why would I choose teaching?" Dessert was being

served, and everyone was still engrossed in the discussion of the enormous salary of one individual when the phone rang. My husband handed the phone to me, saying, "They're looking for Bonnie Block." Then he resumed eating his

"Hello, this is Bonnie Block," I said, school this year, and I have been trying to debating whether I should have even answered the phone during the family

"Is this the Bonnie Block who used to teach kindergarten?"

A nervous sensation swelled in me, and my mind raced with memories of

those days so long ago. "Yes!" I exclaimed with a lump in my throat. It seemed like forever as I waited anxiously to hear what the caller would

"I am Danielle Russ. I was in your

kindergarten class." Tears of surprise and joy rolled down

my flushed cheeks. 'Yes," I uttered softly, as I remembered that darling, wonderful child.

Well, I am graduating from high

find you. I wanted you to know what a difference you made in my life.' She proceeded to give details of how

I made that difference. My influence on her wasn't limited to kindergarten, but remained a strong motivating force when she needed a coach to help her meet a challenge. "I pictured you praising and encouraging me all the way.'

Why choose teaching? The pay is great!

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Books: 'The Day I Went Missing'

The Day I Went Missing: A True Story By Jennifer Miller (\$13.95, Griffin Books) by Ealish Waddell

Prozac is one of the most widely prescribed medications in the country these days, and the pace and stress of modern life have led many Americans to seek professional help in coping with it all. The majority of psychologists are caring men and

women who do just that. But there are exceptions, and the therapist that Jennifer Miller began seeing in the summer of 1995 was just such a man.

At first we are thrilled for Hollywood scriptwriter, as she begins to come to rips with the loneliness of her childhood and the emptiness of her present. Her therapist, David Cohen, tells her she's special, invites her to open up to him as she has never done with anyone before. But then comes a betrayal so heart wrenching that ence scarred but with the inkling the reader can only race through the last pages as though speeding towards a beckoning cliff. The epilogue to this train wreck is truly chilling - don't read it late at night.

Miller reveals that the original title for her cautionary tale was to be "The RAPIST." It is a fitting analogy for a terrible crime, preying on the mind instead of the body. But in a twisted version of triumph, Miller emerges from the experiof an idea of how to finally believe in herself.

The plot sounds like the premise for the latest Hollywood thriller, and, in fact, the film rights to Miller's story apparently have already been purchased. But this story is much worse than just a horror tale on a screen because it is all true.

Books reviewed in this column are available at your local bookstore.

Sam & Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

I'm 23 and in college. I used to date "Brad," and we broke up and got back together several times. Actually, I broke up with him and then took him back because I couldn't stand to see him beg so pathetically. This went on for about a year. A couple of months ago, I finally broke up with him for good, and I didn't take him back. I'm seeing someone new now, and I'm happy. Brad and I are even friends again (which is what we were before the whole relationship fiasco), and we're both OK with that. Last week, though, I was at a party and Brad was there. We were talking on the

Don't waste time on schmuck

back porch, and he just leaned over and kissed me. He apologized the next day and said he was really drunk and wasn't thinking. Should I be worried?

SAM SAYS:

News bulletin: Brad is not OK with the two of you being "just friends." In vino, veritas, as the saying goes. After a year of the date/breakup/get-backtogether routine, he has realized that being pathetic isn't going to get him what he wants (namely, you) - not too swift to recognize a losing ploy, I'd say. But now he knows that, and he's gone back to trying what got you in the first place: the I'll-be-her-friend-and-she'llrecognize-my-sterling-qualities

Run. I'm not saying that Brad doesn't have sterling qualities - he probably does - but truthfulness doesn't seem to be

comes to you. He might be lying to you about his intentions or he might be lying to himself - either way, this "friendship" is going to end up being a worse disaster than your ill-fated (and badly handled) romantic relationship. Put some distance between the two of you, and then keep it there.

DAVE SAYS:

I totally agree with Sam.

But, for the sake of being contrary, let's assume that Brad was telling the truth: He was drunk, you're still pretty, and he wanted to kiss you. More often than not there is stupidity in wine, more so than truth, regardless of what Sam and a bunch of old, dead Romans think. I've been to enough clubs and woken up on my front lawn enough times to know.

So, Brad kissed you. Big whoop. You didn't stop him, one of them, at least when it did you? I don't recall you saying anything about saying "no" as he moved-in for the smooch, or about how, after he kissed you, you smacked him upside his head with a tire iron and said, "Don't ever do that again." Your problem isn't Brad, sweetie. It's your constant refusal to stand up for yourself. You let people walk all over you because you're still in that dorky, high-school girl mentality where you can't bear to have anyone not like you. Get over it. Some people are schmucks. Recognize them for who they are and get them out of your life. You'll be a lot happier, trust me.

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YOUR CAN Metropolis is a small town with a super legacy

More powerful than a locomotive, faster than a speeding bullet and able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. He stands at an impressive 15 feet tall in the main square of town - Superman Square - just out front of the courthouse and the Super Museum, where you will find an equally impressive array of memorabilia. Of course, the Superman you find in the square is a bronze statue, but his spirit is alive in the townsfolk of Metropolis, Ill.The only actual Metropolis in the United States, it was declared the hometown of Superman by the Illinois House

And there's no better time to an evil villain and a perfect indulge your hero worship than at the Superman Festival, held this year June 6 through June 9. There are plenty of activities, a healthy dose of superhero celebrities and many friends to be made as you help celebrate the legend that is Superman.

Although some activities are still in the works, you can expect some traditional events to be held at the 24th annual celebration. One is the Superman Drama. If you ever wondered what it would be like to be an onlooker while the Man of Steel does his thing, here's your chance: a mock bank robbery,

opportunity for justice. The main event is the presentation of the "George" Award (so named for George Reeves, TV's first Superman) and the banquet and auction that accompany it.

Exciting celebrity sightings ill abound, as well. Come and meet Noel Neill, who portrayed Lois Lane in the television series. Also rumored to be attending, representing "other" superheros: the original caped crusader, Adam West (Batman), and Julie Newmar (Catwoman), not to mention an authentic reproduction of the Batmobile.

If that isn't enough for all the

Superman fans, you'll also find: a collector's hangout, which is the actual set of the Daily Planet from "The Adventures of Superman"; a near-175-piece auction of varied comic and classic TV memorabilia; two game shows sponsored by the Super Museum - "Who Wants to Be a Superman" and "The Weakest Kryptonite Link"; and much more.

For more information on visiting Metropolis, the Superman Festival or the Super Museum, logon to www.supermuseum. com or www.supermancollectors.com, or call (417) 863-

The main library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year

■ The average American watches just over 29 hours of television every week. Women over the age of 55 watch the most TV - on average, they watch more than 41 hours every

Birmingham, England, has more canals than Venice.

Have you ever looked through the personal ads? If so, keep in mind that 35 percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

Even in Plato's time attitudes toward politics were cynical. It was he who said, "Those



who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are

Leonardo da Vinci, famed painter of the even more famed portrait known as the Mona Lisa, liked that painting so much that he carried it with him wherever he traveled.

In ancient Egypt, priests were bald. They plucked every hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.

■ The English word "ugly" comes from the Old Norse words "uggligr," which meant "frightful," and "uggr," which meant "fear."

■ The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year. When it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.

In Australia in 1957, possi-

bly the largest saltwater crocodile on record was shot by Krys Pawlowski. "One-Shot Krys," as she was known, had the croc measured, and it came in at 28 feet 4 inches long.

■ Before he achieved fame as an artist, Gauguin worked as a laborer on the Panama Canal.

Thought for the Day:

"I'll not listen to reason. Reason always means what someone else has to say." Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell (c) 2002 King Features Synd., Inc.

The other alternative OS

In response to your recent column titled, "Just say no to

Upgrading," I say Bravo! Finally, someone in the press is telling the real truth about the computer industry. As a computer consultant myself, I am constantly getting queries from my clients about upgrading.

I have been able to convince them that XP is nothing more than glitz and glamour rather than an upgrade for their existing hardware.

Alongside my Pentium III, which I simply purchased to aid in my consultancy, I have a 10year old Acom RISC PC which has a full GUI (Windows) operating system in 4 Mbytes of ROM on the mother board. (Hint: cannot be corrupted with viruses)

The 200 Mhz StrongARM processor (now being rallied as the next generation chip for PDA's) powers the unit. In a mere 32 Mybtes of RAM, I can simultaneously run 5 or 6 major applications such as DTP, web browser, e-mail and image processor without ever getting a blue screen of death. Each application is independently loaded with absolutely no intertwining into the OS and confusing the

If only the world knew that there is a "better" computer out

there. Unfortunately, it is difficult to match the big advertising clout of the MS/Apple diehards.

A large number of users and a small group of companies still keep RISC OS alive for those of us who appreciate computing for what it is - a fun and productive tool. -Lindsay Thachuk via e-mail

Dear Lindsay:

As you probably already know, Acorn, the primary manuof RISC-based machines, ceased production back in September of 1998. But RISC OS had gathered a rather loyal following, so Acorn licensed the development of RISC OS for desktops to RISCOS Ltd., which it does to

Fans of the alternative operating system swear that it is much leaner and far more productive and intuitive than the bloated Microsoft applications the rest of the world runs on.

Because Acorn no longer makes machines for RISC OS, other vendors, such as Microdigital and RiscStation, have stepped up to fill in the gap. For those who are stuck with a WinTel (Windows and Intel) machine, Virtual Acorn produces a RISC OS emulator. much akin to Virtual PC for the

The pyramid workout

When you are at home and in your exercise routine, it's easy to stay fit. The problem starts when you have to leave home for an extended period of time and you are thrown off your day-to-day routine. You might have to wake up earlier than usual, or partake in a special event in the evening when you would normally exercise.

Not to worry! Although you may not have anything fancy to work out with, there still are ways to get a great

For example, you might want to try what I call the pyramid workout. In this drill, you perform several different exercises, and then without rest, go right back into them again, doing one less rep for each exercise than the previous time. Keep continuing to decrease the number of repetitions by one until you get all the way down to one.

One good combination of exercises is pushups, abdominal crunches, leg raises, and squats. Here's how a pyramid workout would work with those exercises. If your maximum number of pushups is 15, follow that by 15 crunches, 15 leg raises, and 15 squats. Start the next set by doing 14 pushups, 14 crunches, 14 leg raises, and 14 squats. Next set would be 13, then 12, 11, 10



and so on. As your strength and endurance improves. you'll be able to do more.

This is a great cardiovascular workout because you keep controlled movements and continue through the exercises without rest time. You also get the benefit of a great muscular strengthening drill.

The next time your away from home or just without any exercise equipment, think of the pyramid workout. When it comes to fitness, you are only limited by your resourceful-

Note: Remember to consult your physician before starting an exercise program.

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ham crackers in a 9-by-13inch dish. In a large bowl, stir cream cheese with a spoon until soft. Add whipped topping sugar substitute and vanilla extract. Mix gently to combine. Carefully spread mixture evenly over cracker crust. In a large bowl, combine dry pudding mixes, dry milk powder and water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Pour pudding mixture evenly over cream cheese layer. Crush

remaining 6 graham crackers and evenly sprinkle crumbs over top, Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Serves 8. Each serving equals: 157

Calories, 1 g Fat, 9 g Protein, 28 g Carb., 403 mg Sodium, 0 g, Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: I 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Meat.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com.

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The observation deck There never was a good war or a bad peace.

Benjamin Franklin, 1706-1790

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food processor container. Pulse to form coarse crumbs. Makes 6 servings

BLUEBERRIES AND JAM DESSERT TOPPING 1/4 cup raspberry, straw-

berry or apricot jam or pre-2 tablespoons fruit-fla-

vored liqueur (optional) 1 cup frozen or fresh blue-

In a small saucepan, over

medium heat, bring jam and liqueur to a boil, stirring occasionally. Stir in blueberries; return to a boil. Remove pan from heat. Spoon blueberry mixture into serving bowl. Serve warm or at room temperature over warm biscuit halves, pound cake or mixed fruits. Add a dollop of whipped cream or a scoop of ice cream, if desired. Makes about I cup. (c) 2002 King Features Synd., Inc.

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bles and whole-grain cereals and breads provide the fiber that refining takes away. You can buy bran - the outer coat of grains - at health-food stores and sprinkle it on cereals and mix it with juices.

Diverticulitis treatment is entirely different. The bowel must be rested, and that is usually achieved by intravenous feeding in the hospital, Antibiotics are often needed.

The sigmoid colon mentioned in your report is a portion of the lower colon that has an S-shape.

Diverticulosis and -itis are so common that a special report was prepared on the subject. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue No. 8W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 with the printed name and address of the recipient. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I am seven months pregnant. My eyes are so dry that I wonder what is going on. Could it be related to the pregnancy? I have asked friends who have been pregnant, and none says she had dry eyes. What do you suggest? — L.J. ANSWER:

The hormones generated during pregnancy can affect the eyes' corneas. The cornea is the clear structure covering the pupil and iris.

These hormones can thicken the comea and dry it. It's not an unusual consequence of pregnancy.

Ask your pharmacist for a recommendation for artificial tears, ones that can be bought without a prescription.

Also mention the problem to your doctor. There are other conditions that dry eyes, and I don't want to lead you down the primrose path with an erroneous diagnosis.

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.



THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

Pan + 6 Ingredients

= 1 Great Celebration

Quick and Easy DINNERS

ith birthdays, anniversaries, sporting events and securing new jobs, there are always reasons to celebrate with family and friends. While preparing meals for a crowd often means spending a lot of time in the kitchen, the latest skip-a-step recipes take only 10 minutes to prepare and require no more than six ingredients—giving home cooks more freedom to celebrate

According to the Food Institute, an estimated 56 percent of evening meals were prepared in more than 30 minutes in 2001. Using popular kitchen staples, flavorful recipes such as No-Frying Chicken Parmesan significantly decrease the average meal preparation time and arm home cooks with quick meals that can satisfy appetites in any situation-from fun family

dinners to spirited gatherings with friends. "These timesaving recipes help people celebrate meaningful moments with each other, instead of with their pots and pans," said Suzanne Gruber, senior home economist, The Ragú Kitchens. "No-Boiling Lasagna, No-Frying Chicken Parmesan and Easy Skillet Ravioli are year-round crowd-pleasers.'

To make the celebration complete, Gruber suggests serving a warm loaf of bread and a fresh garden salad with the meal, adding fun touches to the table such as flowers or candles and decorating the room with balloons.

With simple meal preparation, you too can enjoy the party. And when it's over, cleanup won't take long. Most skip-a-step recipes require only one cooking pan, eliminating a sink full of dirty dishes.

Try the following recipes at your next gathering so you can spend time with the guests instead of in the kitchen. For more timesaving recipes and tips, visit Ragú's web site: www.eat.com.

Easy Skillet Ravioli

Prep Time: 5 minutes; Cook Time: 20 minutes Serves 4

- 1 package (about 1 pound 10 ounces) frozen cheese ravioli
- 2 1/4 cups water
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt jar (1 pound 10 ounces) Ragú Robusto! Pasta Sauce
 - 1/4 cup heavy cream or half and half, evaporated milk, milk or non-dairy creamer
- 1. In 12-inch nonstick skillet or 4-quart nonstick saucepot, bring ravioli, water and salt to a boil over high heat. Continue boiling, stirring gently to separate ravioli, 5 minutes. Do not drain
- 2. Stir in pasta sauce. Cover and continue cooking over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 10 minutes or until ravioli is tender. Stir in cream and heat through.

No-Boiling Lasagna

Prep Time: 10 minutes; Cook Time: 70 minutes Serves 12

- 2 containers (15 ounces each) ricotta
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (about 8 ounces), divided
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
 - 2 jars (1 pound 10 ounces each)
- Ragú Robusto! Pasta Sauce 12 uncooked lasagna noodles
- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F. In bowl, combine ricotta, 1 cup mozzarella, 1/4 cup Parmesan
- 2. In 13 x 9-inch baking dish, spread 1 cup pasta sauce. Layer 4 uncooked noodles, then 1 cup sauce and 1/2 of the ricotta mixture; repeat. Top with remaining 4 uncooked noodles and
- 3. Cover tightly with aluminum foil and bake I hour. Remove foil and sprinkle with remaining cheeses. Bake uncovered 10 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve with remaining sauce, heated.

No-Boiling



Lasagna

No-Frying Chicken Parmesan

- Prep Time: 10 minutes; Cook Time: 30 minutes Serves 4 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast
 - halves (about 1 1/4 pounds)

No-Frying Chicken Parmesan

- 1 egg, beaten 3/4 cup Italian seasoned dry bread
- 1 jar (1 pound 10 ounces) Ragú Robusto! Pasta Sauce
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella
- (about 4 ounces) 1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Dip chicken in egg, then
- bread crumbs. 2. In a 13 x 9-inch baking dish, arrange chicken.
- Bake uncovered 20 minutes. 3. Pour pasta sauce over chicken; top with cheese. Bake an additional 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Serve with hot cooked pasta.







































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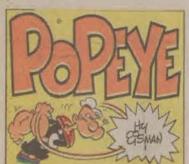




















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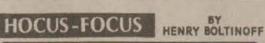
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Differences: 1.Stick is shorter. 2. Boy has canteen. 3. Man's hat is black. 4. Tree is missing. 5. Boy's backpack is black. 6. Boy's expression is different.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2