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Father questions report of drowning

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PERU, Ill. — The specifics of the drowning death of an Illinois man have come under scrutiny by the parents of the deceased.

Jeremiah Olson, 21, of Peru, Ill., drowned in the Big Sandy River while attempting to swim across while carry-

ing a cable.

According to police reports of the incident, Olson was still in the water when police and fire officials arrived.

But Charles Olson, father of the victim, said that was not the case.

"The foreman on the job, Brian Hemerel, who was one of my son's best friends, had him out of the water before they got there," Olson said.

According to Fire Marshal Larry Adams, he was still in the water, but not submerged.

"His co-workers were holding him at the top of the water but couldn't get him up the bank," Adams said.

Adams explained that the steep and muddy terrain made it difficult for co-workers to remove him completely from the water.

"The water wasn't over his head," Adams said. "They were holding him above the water and we tied a rope around his chest to help pull him up the bank."

According to Adams, he immediately checked for a pulse and began CPR when he arrived at the scene.

"That was my first priority," Adams said. "I didn't get a chance to talk to any

of the co-workers."

The life jacket that Jeremiah Olson was wearing at the time of his drowning is also a target of scrutiny.

Olson's father told The Floyd County Times that, from the information he had received, the life jacket his son was wearing at the time of the incident was

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City receives safety grant

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The city of Prestonsburg has received a grant funding from the Kentucky League of Cities.

According to the KLC, the grant was created to enable cities to apply for funding to cover needed expenses in order to protect their workers.

Prestonsburg was awarded a \$1,280 safety grant from the KLC Worker's Compensation Trust.

Sylvia L. Lovely, executive director and CEO of the KLC, explained the philosophy behind the grant.

"We strongly believe that no city should need to struggle to supply the proper equipment and training for their employees," Lovely said.

A Grant Allocation Committee composed of police chiefs and other law enforcement officials from member cities reviewed the applications to determine this year's grant recipients.

RELAY FOR LIFE



Floyd Countians turned out at the Prestonsburg Community College walking track Friday night to enlist in the fight against cancer. The site was host to this year's Relay for Life, an annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Shock probation hearing postponed

Ex-wife says convicted drug dealer 'deserves a second chance'

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A convicted drug dealer who has entered a motion in Floyd Circuit Court seeking shock probation, along with a petition listing 704 signatures of people asking that he be given a second chance, was scheduled to have his request heard on Friday.

James C. Johnson, 44, of Melvin, pleaded guilty to three counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, MS Contin, and was formally sentenced to five years on Feb. 18.

Johnson's attorney, Jeffery N. Lovely, filed a motion on April 22 for shock probation and attached a petition with 704 signatures of people who had agreed Johnson deserved a second chance.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said he was amazed by the petition because of the county's obvious drug problem and the complaints he received concerning the problem during his campaign. Turner publicly voiced his disappointment and asked the public for feedback on the issue.

According to Kathy Johnson of Wheelwright,

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James C. Johnson



Victims of the recent rash of flash flooding over the past several weeks looked for necessities at a disaster recovery center in Phelps. See story on page A7.

photo by Carla Davis

Survey deadline nears for candidates

Times Staff Report

Candidates in the upcoming May primary election are being asked to drop by The Floyd County Times to pick up a questionnaire to be used for The Times' special election preview.

The preview will be published Friday, May 24 — four days before voters head to the polls.

As part of the section, The Times will feature profiles of each candidate who chooses to participate. The profiles will be based on questionnaires

returned to The Times before the deadline at noon tomorrow.

The Times strongly encourages candidates to focus on the positive aspects of their campaigns in their profiles. Mud-slinging will not be tolerated and The Times reserves the right to omit negative statements.

Candidates are also invited to submit photographs to run with the profiles. Because news and advertising departments are separate

There is no charge for participating in the profile.

Self-sufficiency program offers incentives for families to make it on their own

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — The Family Self-Sufficiency Program, sponsored by Floyd County Housing, encourages participants to seek ways to rely on their own abilities by rewarding them to do so.

The program officially began in 1994 and has since had a 81 percent success rate with 21 graduates, 12 participants employed, and 10 in school.

Patsy Ryan, executive director, said the program is based on a five-year plan that is

organized to get a participant from point a to b by rewarding them for their progress. The reward to which Ryan refers is an escrow account into which Floyd County Housing deposits money according to the participants' progress in ability to pay their own rent.

Diane Pennington said that as the participant earns more money and is able to pay more rent, the Housing Authority matches that amount of increased rent money and deposits it in an account.

"It's as if they are not really paying rent at all," said Pennington.

Pennington said that the program will maintain a membership of 50 people at a time and the only requirement is a willingness to participate. Participation means that each person, while still on Floyd County Housing's Section 8 Program, sets goals to improve his or her living situation and a time limit to achieve the goal.

If a participant has achieved his or her goals within five years, the money that has been saved in the escrow account will be transferred to the participant. If the partici-

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photo by Loretta Blackburn

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program, sponsored by the Floyd County Housing Authority, met in Martin on Thursday. The group focuses on helping families become self-sufficient by rewarding them for their efforts.

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Odds and Ends

■ PAGOSA SPRINGS, Colo. — For a region in the middle of a drought the roadside in this Colorado town looked mighty green.

It was littered with more than \$1 million, spilled when an armored car making a delivery to banks overturned along U.S. 160, about seven miles west of Pagosa Springs in southwest Colorado.

The driver fell asleep and rolled the truck off the north side of the road Monday, said State Patrol Cpl. Randy Talbot.

"A lot of change was on the ground, and bills and sacks," he said. "There was a lot of money. It was in the millions. What took time was the \$100,000 in loose coin."

A front-end loader was brought in to scoop up dirt so it could be sifted for coins.

Onlookers were kept away from the site, though one unidentified person was seen briefly looking for coins in the dirt with a cigarette lighter.

■ TYLER, Texas — A burglary attempt by two men dressed as sheriff's deputies was foiled when the homeowner — a law officer — interrupted the would-be thieves on his lunch break.

Gregg County Sheriff's Deputy Kenneth Freeman returned to his Gladewater home around noon Tuesday to find two men dressed in fatigues parked outside his house.

One man ran out of Freeman's garage and ripped open his camouflage shirt to display a black T-shirt with "Sheriff's Department" printed on the chest.

"He said, 'I'm with the sheriff's department,' and I said, 'You wouldn't mind me calling to check you out?'" Freeman told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Freeman said the thief grew nervous and insisted he and his partner, who remained in the car, never entered his house. Then they bolted.

"He said, 'we gotta go, we'll see ya,'" Freeman said.

The two would-be thieves had to plow their car through a barbed-wire fence to escape

since Freeman had blocked his driveway with his vehicle when he arrived.

Both men were later captured and charged with burglary of a habitation and evading arrest. One of the men was also charged with impersonation of a police officer.

■ OSLO, Norway — The Arctic town of Narvik got the media attention it was looking for when it threatened to secede from Norway and join neighboring Sweden to protest Oslo's policies.

Narvik, about 225 kilometers north of the Arctic Circle, has long complained that the central government has cut half its public service jobs in recent years.

Proposals from Oslo, about 682 miles to the south, to close the local airport and customs office proved too much for the town of 18,500 people.

"Narvik has no advantages from belonging to Norway," local Mayor Olav Sigurd Alstad was quoted as telling newspapers. "The question is whether we should join Sweden."

His deputy, Per Henrik Moerk, said the idea came up at a city management meeting this week and will be discussed at a late May city council meeting, although he conceded the measure stemmed more from a need for publicity than a real desire to separate from Norway.

"We had to do something to attract attention to our problems," Moerk said by telephone. "We're not really going to join Sweden."

■ UNIONDALE, N.Y. — A Mercedes-Benz appeared in the driveway of a Long Island woman — but it turned out not to be the surprise gift she hoped it was.

Instead, the car had been mistakenly parked there by mechanics who had repaired it for its owner and left the keys and paperwork in her mailbox, according to Nassau County police.

Ruth Sheppard, 61, said she unsuccessfully tried to find an

owner for the 1985 Mercedes-Benz, and claims she even called police, who she said told her it had not been reported stolen.

"Mother's Day was coming up, and it was an old car, so I thought my daughter had surprised me," she told The New York Post for Thursday editions.

When workers from the garage came to reclaim the car, Sheppard had allegedly parked it in her backyard and covered it with a tarp. A worker from the garage asked for the keys, but a woman at the house refused, and the garage removed the car from her yard by truck, police said.

Investigators said that when police arrived at Sheppard's home to investigate the dispute, she tried to pull out of the driveway in her Honda and said she was going to church.

When one officer tried to stop her from leaving and reached for the keys in the ignition, she hit the gas and dragged her about 10 feet, according to Nassau County Officer Adele Burke. The officer sustained minor injuries, Burke said.

When Sheppard got out of the car, she and her daughter, 41-year-old New York Corrections Officer Carla Sheppard, both struggled with the officers and were arrested, police said.

Heavy spring rains push spring planting behind schedule

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Frustration has settled in among Kentucky farmers as steady rainfall has put them behind in spring planting.

The rains have swamped fields, especially in the grain belt of western Kentucky, and might force some farmers to switch crop plans. Another band of heavy rain soaked parts of the state on Friday.

The rain has been especially troublesome for corn farmers in a rush with the calendar to get their crops in the ground.

In McCracken County, agriculture extension agent Doug Wilson said it's shaping up as the

wettest spring he can remember. Wilson farmed for 22 years before becoming the ag extension agent 13 years ago.

Paducah, the county seat, had received 8.25 inches of rain for the month through midday Friday, the National Weather Service said. The city's average rainfall for all of May is 4.94 inches.

Only 15 percent of the county's corn acreage has been planted and virtually no soybeans are in the ground, Wilson said. Usually, almost all the corn and a third of the soybeans have been planted by now, he said.

He rates the emerged corn as only 60 percent fair and 40 percent good.

Commercial tomato growers in the county were almost a month behind in setting plants, and hay fields are in need of cutting, he said. Tobacco growers are waiting to transfer plants from greenhouses to the fields.

Corn farmers idled from fieldwork are pondering the potential of lower fall yields. A planting maxim holds that a farmer loses one bushel per acre for each day corn planting is delayed past May 15, Wilson said.

"They get more and more despondent every day," Wilson said. "They are frustrated because they know this is a costly situation."

Roger Davis tinkered with his farm equipment Friday, waiting for a dry spell to let him put in the rest of his corn crop. He has planted about three-fourths of his corn, but his bottomland was under water.

The latest round of heavy rain might have washed out the 100 acres of soybeans he planted Thursday, he said. Still, the Carlisle County farmer said he was luckier than some area farmers.

"We've had a few spells where we got most of our corn planted," he said. "It's frustrating, but you have to understand it's the way it is. You can't change it — it's the nature of farming."

Burley Mathis, who farms in Ballard and Carlisle counties, said this spring has been one of the most difficult planting seasons he could remember. He has planted corn and soybeans in spurts between rainstorms, but has plenty of low ground he can't get to because of high water.

"It's pretty bad down here right now," Mathis said.

Leland Brown, state statistician with the Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service,

said the planting delays would force some farmers to reconsider their crop plans. Some might plant soybeans instead of corn. Others might go with shorter-season varieties of corn.

Friday's rains put farmers more behind schedule, he said.

As of last Sunday, 55 percent of Kentucky's corn crop had been planted, compared with 92 percent last year. Soybean planting was only 3 percent done, down from 41 percent a year ago. Farmers had set only 4 percent of burley tobacco, compared with 18 percent last year.

Wilson said the later-planted corn would be more susceptible to disease, insects and heat stress.

Excessive rain has fallen elsewhere in Kentucky.

Portions of Appalachia have been hit by springtime flooding.

Louisville has received almost 28 inches of rain for the year, 10 inches above normal, said Mike Callahan, a National Weather Service hydrologist. About 6 inches have fallen this month.

"If we have no more rain, it would still take us till August before we would drop below normal for the year," he said.

In northern Kentucky, Covington had received 5.66 inches for the month, 3.32 inches above normal, Callahan said. For the year, Covington is 4.5 inches above normal, he said.

Lexington is more than 2.5 inches above normal for the year, he said.

Callahan said the heavier-than-normal rainfall comes after three years of dry conditions in Kentucky.

"So this is actually a good thing," he said. "But you don't want to get too much rain too fast and having the flooding problems."

Tom Priddy, a University of Kentucky agricultural meteorologist, said farmers should get a reprieve from the rain next week, allowing them back into the fields. But the state's long-range outlook is for above-normal precipitation for June through August, he said.

Morehead professor's new book studies strippers

MOREHEAD - A Morehead State University sociology professor, whose provocative dissertation gained national attention last fall, is now publishing her research in a forthcoming book.

Dr. Bernadette Barton chose to study the lives of exotic dancers for her doctoral studies at the University of Kentucky and is working on her book, "Inside the Lives of Exotic Dancers."

Dr. Barton's special research and teaching interests include sexuality studies, feminist theory and popular culture. In addition, she is a former ballet dancer, so her doctoral dissertation on exotic dancers "fulfilled those interests," she said.

"Sex workers of any kind are understudied," Dr. Barton said. "Exotic dancers break the taboos of respected femininity." She explained that the performers are either thought of as promiscuous and stupid, or as victims of society's abuses.

"Even feminists are really polarized about exotic dancing," she continued. "On one hand, there are those who think it's degrading to women. And then there are those who believe it's empowering for women, getting money from these adoring men."

"So that's what I write in this book - that the answers are more complex than advocates of the sex wars theorize," she says, as to whether exotic dancing is

humiliating for womanhood, or a source of feminine power.

In her research for the dissertation, Dr. Barton conducted interviews for two years in clubs and strip bars in Lexington, San Francisco and Las Vegas. She spoke not only with the strippers, but with club owners, customers, disc jockeys, bouncers and other persons working in the business.

"I began (this study) more sympathetic with the feminist perspective that argues that it's empowering."

"But I found that my own journey studying the sex industry resulted in my discovery that these women were often victims of physical abuse and rejection, and they were encouraged to drink and use drugs (on the job)."

Dr. Barton said the longer she was there, the more unhappy and exploitative the situations seemed to be.

"The whole environment felt toxic," she said.

Her research caught the attention of the producers of a nationally-televised daytime talk program, the Ananda Lewis Show, and in October, Dr. Barton appeared as a guest/expert. The episode featured women employed in the sex industry as dancers, along with a pornographic film star, who all shared their experiences and views about their work.

Dr. Barton and a "conservative" woman were there to dis-

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BellSouth cutting up to 5,000 jobs

by ERIN McCLAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Regional telephone company BellSouth Corp. said Friday it is eliminating 4,000 to 5,000 more jobs as it struggles with a weak economy, tougher competition and regulatory pressures.

The job cuts represent more than 5 percent of its work force and will affect both management and non-management employees at BellSouth, which serves nine Southeastern states.

"We face a fiercely competitive marketplace, and we must continue to reduce our cost structure in order to compete," chief executive Duane Ackerman said in a statement. "We also must continue to deliver our products and services at

competitive prices to meet the increasing demands of our customers."

The cuts are the largest yet as BellSouth struggles with the soft economy. In October, BellSouth eliminated 3,000 white-collar jobs. And in December, it cut 1,200 technical and clerical jobs.

The latest announcement came four days after a divided Supreme Court cleared the way for competitors to fight the baby Bells for the \$110 billion local telephone business.

BellSouth said it would take an after-tax charge of \$250 million to \$300 million as a result of the reduction.

BellSouth shares closed down 31 cents at \$33.19 Friday on the New York Stock Exchange.

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Elizabeth Burkett celebrated her 89th birthday Saturday, and was treated to a surprise gift from Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin. The mayor presented Burkett with a key to the city and a certificate marking the occasion.

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Mine was cited in year before fire started

The Associated Press

LEATHERWOOD — Blue Diamond Coal Company's No. 77 mine was cited for excessive

levels of methane gas and for loose coal in the mine in the year before a fire started, forcing the mine to be closed since April.

Blue Diamond fixed the methane and loose-coal violations, along with correcting nearly 30 other violations ranging from improper bookkeeping to improper maintenance of electrical equipment, before the April fire, according to Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals records.

It's unclear whether any safety violations led to the blaze, department spokeswoman Holly McCoy said.

The department, which is investigating the fire, said it closely monitored the mine after concluding earlier this year that Blue Diamond had altered the scene of a mining accident last year at which a worker was electrocuted.

"It's a mine we kept a pretty close eye on," McCoy said.

McCoy said it was fortunate that no one was killed or injured in the fire that began April 17. Officials were concerned that excessive methane could have led to a catastrophic explosion.

Charles Bearse, president of Blue Diamond, declined to comment about the fire at the No. 77 mine near Leatherwood.

Early on the morning the fire started, miners began smelling smoke and found that a conveyor belt that carries coal had caught fire. Based on how quickly the fire spread, McCoy said the department believes

loose coal in the area might have helped the blaze to spread.

State investigators also believe a warning alarm failed to alert miners working in another part of the mine nearly a mile away, she said.

Steve Earle, political director for the United Mine Workers in Kentucky, said it would be inexcusable for a warning system not to function. "It shows that maintenance of that sort of thing isn't a priority," Earle said.

The mine was sealed a day after the fire started to cut off oxygen when officials determined the fire could not be put

out quickly. More than 50 Blue Diamond miners have been laid off or transferred to other mines.

In the Blue Diamond fatality last July, Gary Caudill Jr., 26, was killed while working on an electrical panel that controlled a conveyor belt. Investigators discovered that all sources of electricity at or near the accident site had been disconnected, leading to the conclusion that the scene had been altered.

McCoy said the state's investigation of the fire at No. 77 won't be completed for several months, and the exact cause might never be known. "We can

talk to miners and try to piece together what happened from their recollections of what was going on in the mine," she said.

Rodney Brown, a spokesman for the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, said the federal investigation would be completed once the fire is extinguished.

Frank Delzer, commissioner of the Department of Mines and Minerals, said the state would look at, among other things, whether supervisors and other mine employees on duty at Blue Diamond had received proper training.

Possible tornado in South Laurel

The Associated Press

LONDON — Several people reported storm damage in southern Laurel County Friday night, possibly from a tornado, officials said.

There were no reports of injuries. Meanwhile, heavy rain was falling across Eastern Kentucky, and flood watches and flash flood warnings were issued for some areas.

Boyd, Carter, Greenup and Lawrence counties were under a flood watch overnight. Rockcastle County was under a flash flood warning into the night Friday. The weather service said 2 to 3 inches of rain had fallen in the western part of Rockcastle County and another inch was possible.

No tornado warning had been issued before the reports of a tornado possibly hitting Laurel County. Michael Lewis, science and operations officer for the National Weather Service at Jackson, said no tornado appeared on the agency's radar.

The readings were archived, and the weather service "will look back to see if there's something we could have seen," Lewis said.

"In this case, we're talking about a very isolated small storm,

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Kentucky's music hall of fame showcases a rich tradition

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RENFRO VALLEY — A map in the lobby of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum shows the impact the Bluegrass State has had on the music industry.

It shows the home counties of some of the nation's biggest stars, from Bill Monroe and Loretta Lynn to the Judds, the Backstreet Boys and some 300 other singers, songwriters, musicians and promoters.

Suzie New, a music promoter from Pikeville, drove nearly three hours to tour the museum.

"I'm impressed," she said. "You stand there and look at all those names, and it's hard to believe they're all from Kentucky."

New's hometown alone accounts for two of today's biggest country stars — Patty Loveless and Dwight Yoakam. Lynn grew up about 45 minutes north of Pikeville in Butcher Hollow.

"When people see that map, it hits them how big the Kentucky music industry is, and

how much Kentuckians have dominated the country music industry, in particular," said Rob Rumpke, a consultant to the hall of fame.

Hundreds of music fans crowded into the \$6 million museum for their first glimpse inside. Past the lobby, they peered into huge glass cases that held memorabilia from entertainers inducted in the hall of fame earlier this year, including Lynn, Monroe and Rosemary Clooney.

Others inducted in the inaugural group were The Everly Brothers, Clyde Julian "Red" Foley, John Lair, Tom T. Hall, Jean Ritchie, Merle Travis, Louis Marshall "Grandpa" Jones, Bradley Kincaid and The Osborne Brothers.

Curator Terri Anderson said great effort went into arranging the exhibits that contain such relics as one of Lynn's rhinestone-covered gowns, Yoakam's famous torn jeans, Grandpa Jones' trademark overalls, even Travis' custom-made guitar.

"They all wanted to be a part of the hall of fame and museum," Anderson said. "They were all very generous with providing items for the exhibits."

Anderson said the list of Kentuckians who have ties to the music industry isn't yet complete. She said she is hearing nearly every day about additional ones who have been overlooked.

"We want to find them so we can get them showcased here, too," she said.

The museum's look at Kentucky music goes back to the time when singers and musicians routinely played on courthouse steps and baseball fields after traveling around town announcing their performances on loudspeakers.

"The roots of our Kentucky music history goes back to the front porches," Rumpke said. "Music is just such a huge part of who we are as Kentuckians. That's why the hall of fame and museum are so important to the

state."

While country music certainly takes center stage, all forms of music, from folk to gospel, bluegrass to jazz, are showcased in the museum.

"This is a dream to reality, and it's been over a decade in planning," said Ann Lair Henderson, daughter of Renfro Valley founder John Lair. "This museum is long overdue for our state and will be an outstanding addition to the state's tourism product."



photo by Lena Basha
Kentucky State Police held a memorial yesterday for Officer Jerome Scott "Butch" Clifton, originally from Dwale, at the Davidson Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Clifton was shot in Pike County in 1980 in the line of duty as a KSP trooper and died two weeks later at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center in Lexington. "We do this every year during Memorial Week for every grave that is in our post area," said Kentucky State Police Lt. Lynn Cross. "It is for the families." Clifton's father-in-law, Herbert D. Laferty, attended the memorial.

Study

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cuss various observations about the lives of strippers.

On MSU's faculty since August 2000, Dr. Barton received a bachelor's degree in English from Oberlin College in Ohio, a master's degree in sociology and her doctoral degree in sociology from the University of Kentucky. Additionally, she earned a Women's Studies Certificate from UK and has done master's work in Women's Studies at San Francisco State University.

She has made numerous professional conference presentations about exotic dancing and gender issues, and has authored several articles for professional journals. Her most recent articles include those published in "Sexuality & Culture" (Fall

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— Felix Frankfurter

GuestView

One of few bright spots

Gov. Paul Patton has lifted an 11-month-old moratorium on applications to build more electric power plants in Kentucky. A bill approved by the 2002 General Assembly gives the state more control over the location of the plants and also provides for local input in that decision.

Patton took the right step last June when he imposed the moratorium on new applications for electric generating plants. At the time, applications had been filed to build 29 power plants in the state.

All but four of those plants were for "merchant plants" which would sell power on the open market and were not regulated by the Public Service Commission. In fact, at the time, Kentucky had virtually no regulations governing the plants.

There was real concern that dozens of small power plants would be built across the state that could cause environmental problems, overburden the state's power grid system and become neighborhood nuisances, while providing few jobs and selling most, if not all, of their electricity to out-of-state entities. The moratorium was a necessary "time out" while the state had time to impose reasonable regulations.

Those regulations were included in a law enacted by the recently concluded General Assembly. Since the bill included an "emergency clause," it became law as soon as Patton signed it. The law sets numerous conditions for plant locations and creates a new state board to judge whether proposed plant sites are appropriate.

Many of the 29 applications for plants were filed speculatively. Thirteen applications — specifically, applications for air-quality permits — actually are pending, according to the Natural Resources Cabinet.

Just because the moratorium has ended does not mean companies again will soon be lining up for permits to build merchant power plants in Kentucky. A sagging U.S. economy may have slowed the rush for such plants.

However, the new law assures that when permits for new plants are submitted, the state will have more control over whether they are approved. The law was one of the good things to come out of the 2002 session.

— Ashland Daily Independent

letters to the editor

Camp director thanks sheriff

I would like to take this opportunity to pay special tribute to Sheriff John K. Blackburn. I have known John K. for many years. He has been and continues to be active and involved with the Kentucky Sheriff's Boys & Girls Ranch.

In 1979, I was appointed as the executive director of the Kentucky Sheriff's Boys & Girls Ranch. I don't know how the ranch could have survived were it not for the dedication and determination of

many people. I count Sheriff Blackburn among one of the most dedicated members of that group. No matter how great the need, the time involved or the assistance called upon, I can always count on John K.

He has helped raise the needed funds to operate and has seen that boys and girls from Floyd County are able to attend camp. Were it not for his continued efforts on behalf of needy children in Kentucky, these children would not have had the opportunity to spend a week, free of charge, at

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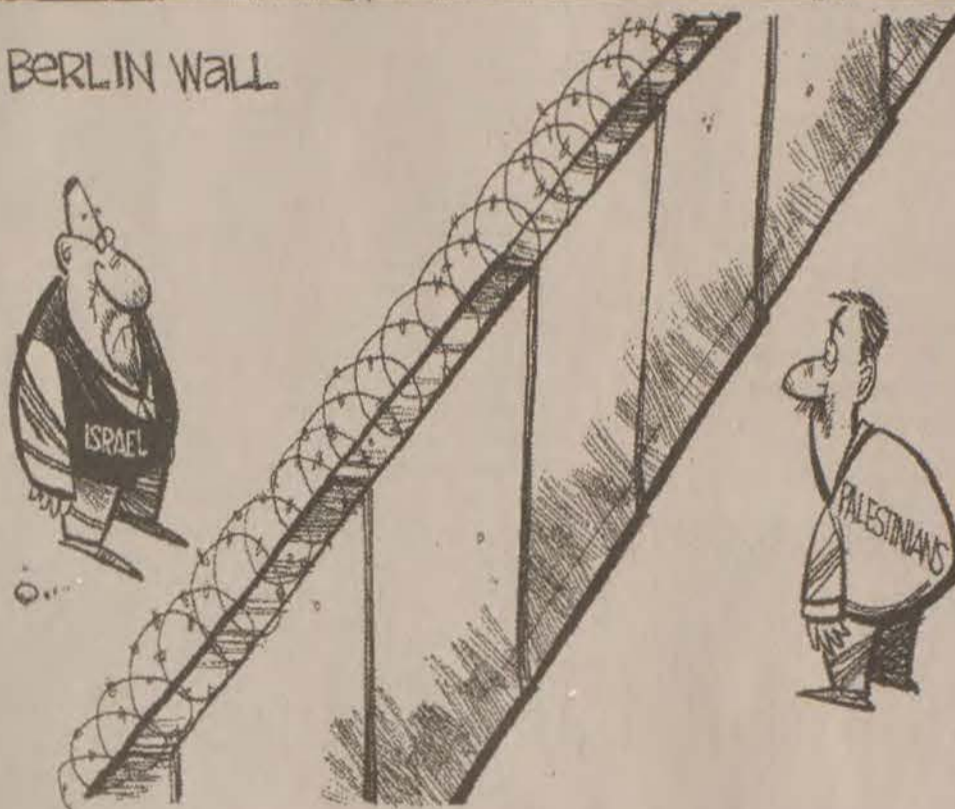
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— beyond the Beltway

The church: Love it or leave it

by DONALD KAUL

The sheltering of pedophile-priests by the Catholic Church is lamentable of course but not particularly surprising. I say this not as a Catholic or a Protestant or a Jew, but as a political observer.

The Catholic Church, more than most religious organizations, is ruled by a secretive and authoritarian hierarchy, given to infallible judgments. When in human history has such a body willingly exposed itself to public censure or diluted its authority by admitting to wrongdoing? Almost never. Reform is simply not in the nature of the beast.

Bill Keller, the fine columnist of the New York Times (who refers to himself as a "collapsed Catholic"), last month compared the church under Pope John Paul II to the Communist Party. "One paradox of the Polish pope," he wrote, "is that while he is rightly revered for helping bring down the godless

Communists, he has replicated something very like the old Communist Party in his church. Karol Wojtyla has shaped a hierarchy that is intolerant of dissent, unaccountable to its members, secretive in the extreme and willfully clueless about how people live ... Like the Communist Party circa Leonid Brezhnev, the Vatican exists first and foremost to preserve its own power."

In this environment, said Keller, reform is difficult if not impossible: "... like the Communists, John Paul has carefully constructed a Kremlin that will be inhospitable to a reformer. He has strengthened the Vatican equivalent of the party Central Committee, called the Curia, and populated it with reactionaries.

"He has put a stamp of papal infallibility on the issue of ordaining women, making it more difficult for a successor to come to terms with the issue. He has trained bishops that the path of advancement is obsequious obedience to himself."

Indeed he has. And now, as he approaches the final days of his papacy — for surely he is a very old and sick man — he is assured that he will be succeeded by someone much like himself,

someone whose allegiance is to the past, not the future.

The vision of a "modern" Catholic Church that emerged from the Second Vatican Council convened by Pope John XXIII and continued by Pope Paul VI — one that was responsive to the changing needs and desires of its members — has become a fading memory.

The residue of this is the disgusting spectacle of a hierarchy that urges its members to emulate the life of Jesus, yet covers up for child abusers within the church and keeps moving these abusers from parish to parish so that they can practice their deviance on other unsuspecting children, all in the name of avoiding scandal.

No thought, apparently, is given to the well being of the children that Catholic parents place in the protection of these men. The only important consideration is the reputation of the church. And who knows how long this has been going on or how extensive the problem is? Probably for a very long time and in a great many places.

The good news of course is that all

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— Jim Davidson

Discouragement: One of our greatest enemies

by JIM DAVIDSON

It's just common sense to realize that we cannot do our best when we are deeply discouraged. Each of us should spend some time and learn what causes discouragement and what steps we can take to avoid or overcome it — that is, if we want to achieve outstanding success.

To achieve anything really worthwhile in life, there comes a time we refer to as "the moment of truth." In any undertaking, when we begin to struggle and maybe even have serious doubts, the moment of truth is that critical time when we either give up or keep going.

If you will examine this statement, I believe you will conclude the reason many people give up far short of achieving success is because they become discouraged. On the other hand, those who keep going are those who find a source of inner strength which enables them to defeat or overcome discouragement.

It's natural and even necessary to

give up on some things, especially if our priorities are wrong or the odds are too great. To be sure, I've given up many times, but the key to success in most anything is to know when to give up and when to keep going.

More often than not, however, the reason most people are not successful is that they give up too quickly. There is a vast difference in giving up on reaching a specific goal and in giving up on life, in general. There is usually no real tragedy when we give up on a specific goal, but there is a real tragedy when we give up on life.

If you are a person who has a tendency to become deeply discouraged, I want to remind you of the source of discouragement, by sharing a story I heard some time ago:

"Once upon a time, Satan, growing old and weary, decided it was time for him to retire from active work. He offered all of his devilish inventory of tools for sale to the highest bidders. At the time of the auction, the tools were all neatly arranged — envy, malice, enmity, sensuality, deceit and all of the other devices of evil. Each was plainly

marked, and the price was surprisingly low, except for the ungainly piece of much-used steel marked, 'discouragement.' It was marked ten times more than any of the other tools.

"Why, Mr. Satan," asked a prospective buyer, "do you ask so much for this tool?" "Well," replied the old tempter, "this tool has always been my most useful one. You can see that it has more wear than any of the others. I can use it as a wedge to get into a person's mind and defeat him, when all other means fail."

If this story has any truth in it, and I for one believe that it does, we can plainly see that Satan is the source of discouragement. He wants us to give up, sit down and wallow around in self-pity. If we allow this to happen, we certainly won't accomplish anything worthwhile for God, our fellow man or anyone else, including ourselves.

The only way to overcome discouragement is by intelligent action. Once you decide to do something worthwhile and get started, you'll soon find discouragement

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Religion Briefs

Judge: 'Lord's Prayer' can't be sung at Woodbine graduation

DES MOINES, Iowa — A federal judge has ruled the Woodbine High School choir cannot sing "The Lord's Prayer" at graduation ceremonies because the tradition violates the separation of church and state.

"Our Constitution prohibits state-compelled religious conformance," U.S. District Judge Charles Wolle said in a written opinion last week.

The Iowa Civil Liberties Union sued the school district on behalf of Ruby Skarin, who sang with the choir, and her twin brother Donovan. The siblings are sophomores at Woodbine and come from an atheist family.

Choir director Jo Schmitz had said the Skarins could have made up the required performance with an alternate activity, but Wolle said that would not change his ruling.

Evangelical advocacy group consolidates offices in Washington

WASHINGTON — The

National Association of Evangelicals plans to close its California office and consolidate operations in its Washington office.

The organization's board approved the move this month to bolster its work with other Christian evangelicals and lobbying efforts with the federal government.

It is the latest in a series of major changes the group has made.

Last year, the NAE president, the Rev. Kevin Mannoia, quit abruptly as fund-raising declined and opposition grew to his efforts to work with more liberal Protestants.

The Rev. Leith Anderson is now serving as interim president.

The evangelical association claims a constituency of about 50 denominations, 43,000 local congregations and millions of Christians.

Eugene holds 'meditation fest' on anniversary of Dalai Lama visit

EUGENE, Ore. — A hundred voices, all chanting together, made the room hum with the

language of meditation: "Om." Then chimes rang, ending the first annual "Great Om In" Sunday at the Lord Leebrick Theatre.

Alan Stein, owner of the Star Gate bookstore, organized the event in honor of Gov. John Kitzhaber's proclamation of May as a month of peace. Kitzhaber first made the declaration last year to commemorate the Dalai Lama's visit to Oregon. The governor renewed the proclamation this year, saying, "There is a great need for peace in the world: starting with peace in ourselves, our homes, community, city and state."

The theme of Sunday's festivities was "Peace Through Inner Peace." In addition to meditation, the event included dances, music and chanting by Tenzin Gurmey and his mother, Jangchup Palmo, from the Nyen-Gyud Samten Choe-ling Tibetan Buddhist Meditation Center in Eugene.

Man pleads guilty in attack on Seattle mosque

SEATTLE — A man charged in an attack on a north

Seattle mosque two days after Sept. 11 has pleaded guilty to reduced charges.

Patrick Michael Cunningham, 53, admitted to attempted obstruction of the free exercise of religion and using a firearm while committing a crime, according to papers filed May 9 in U.S. District Court. He also agreed to apologize to the worshippers at the Islamic Idriss Mosque.

A grand jury had indicted Cunningham on two additional counts: attempting to deface religious property and attempted malicious damage.

Worshippers said they caught Cunningham pouring gasoline on cars in the mosque's parking lot. Court documents alleged that as he fled, Cunningham fired shots

at two worshippers who were chasing him, then jumped into his car and crashed into a utility pole.

He faces a possible maxi-

mum sentence of more than 20 years in prison and maximum fines in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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Breaking from the mold, some black ministers openly welcome gays and lesbians into their flocks

by **DAVID CRARY**
AP NATIONAL WRITER

In one-on-one chats and resounding sermons, the Rev. Kenneth Samuel is trying to lead his 6,000-strong congregation on a path few black churches have trod: wholehearted acceptance of lesbians and gays.

After convincing himself that homophobia should be combated as zealously as racism, Samuel severed his Victory Church's links with black- and white-led Baptist organizations. He plans to affiliate next month with the liberal United Church of Christ.

Grateful for Samuel's encouragement, some gays and lesbians have risen to leadership posts at the church in Stone Mountain, Ga., but many congregation members remain dubious of the changes.

"We're still working through it," Samuel said. "You can't just get up and say, 'OK, that settles it.' I'm trying to get the message out there that any kind of exclusion of persons — based upon their color, their gender, their sexual persuasion — is wrong."

Within the diverse spectrum of African-American churches, Victory Church is a rarity.

While some new, alternative churches have formed in recent years, only a handful of established black churches — mostly in big cities — have sent a clear welcome message to gays. Most black ministers, like many of their white counterparts, believe the Bible condemns homosexuality.

The coolness toward gays remains widespread even though many black churches, overcoming initial reluctance, have enlisted in campaigns to fight AIDS. In a newly released survey of more than 2,500 black gays and lesbians, 54 percent said their church or religion view homosexuality as "wrong and sinful."

"Sunday sermons preaching against our very existence are still commonplace," wrote the authors of the Black Pride Survey.

Donna Payne works with black churches as a field organizer for the Human Rights Campaign, a national gay-rights advocacy group. She describes homophobia in those churches as "a silent disapproval, sending a message to black gays and lesbians that they're not welcome."

"There are no policies in the African Methodist Episcopal Church that acknowledge that," she said, referring to one of the largest black denominations. "It's not something they would write down, so there's not something there you can challenge."

Though some white denominations are more explicit in their condemnation of homosexual activity, churchgoing white gays and lesbians generally have more options than their black counterparts in finding an accepting church, Payne said. The result, she said, is that black gays often stick with the churches they were raised in — even if anti-gay sentiment occasionally surfaces.

"To separate from that, and just try to be gay, means you're into a whole 'nother world that you're not familiar with, the white gay world," Payne said. "It's so different, you'd rather go back and hold on to your African traditions."

An African Methodist Episcopal minister in Boston, the Rev. Ray Hammond, contended many black churches are becoming more welcoming to gays even though the pastors — himself included — balk at approving their sexual relationships.

"If the church is going to be

true to its biblical roots, it cannot endorse the lifestyle and cannot endorse same-sex marriage," Hammond said.

Hammond, who switched to the ministry after earning a medical degree at Harvard, has engaged his Bethel A.M.E. Church in the fight against AIDS, both at home and in West Africa. He acknowledged that some black churches were slow to join the anti-AIDS crusade, but said this was often due to a general skittishness toward sexuality rather than outright disdain for gays.

"There obviously is homophobia, in communities of color like anywhere else, and it needs to be rooted out," he said.

But Hammond complained that some gay-rights activists are quick to allege homophobia in cases where black ministers speak out against same-sex marriage.

"Too often, in the gay rights movement, when you disagree

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Catholic bishops' lawyer thinks more credit deserved for efforts at countering sex abuse

by **RICHARD N. OSTLING**
AP RELIGION WRITER

WASHINGTON — From the first major clergy sex abuse scandal nearly 18 years ago, attorney Mark Chopko has publicly defended and privately advised America's Roman Catholic bishops.

He's been consulted on "hundreds and hundreds" of abuse cases through the years. He's never been through a crisis as all-consuming as this one. Since January, the waves of scandal have taken "110 percent of my time," says Chopko, general counsel for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

An articulate defender of the church, Chopko says he's frustrated because the bishops don't get enough credit for steps already taken to address molestation claims. At the same time, the mistakes of some bishops are beyond explanation, and he admits more needs to be done to deal with abusers. He also questions actions of lawyers on both sides of the conflict.

"This has been a very difficult period of my life and I don't expect it to get any better soon,"

he said. "It's just been, personally, very dismaying to watch all this unfold."

He complains that news media often blur the fact that "the vast majority" of priestly abuse incidents now being reported occurred prior to the early 1990s, when U.S. bishops stopped relying mainly on therapists and agreed to tighten procedures on suspension, abuse reporting and reassignment.

"I'm angry that we can't seem to tell the story as it exists and that all the good we do goes unreported," Chopko says.

Victims' advocates, however, say there's a natural time lag in reporting because minors usually aren't psychologically strong enough to confront their abusers until years later.

And Chopko admits there's been inconsistency in carrying out the bishops' agreed-upon procedures for handling abuse cases.

The bottom line is that parishioners need assurance their bishops "are dealing with abuse aggressively," Chopko says, and the prelates' meeting

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Jessie Fitzpatrick Brewer, of Alhambra, California, formerly of Prestonsburg, died May 4, in Alhambra, where she had lived since 1948.

Aggie Johnson Caudill, 84, of Wheelwright, died Friday,

May 10, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 12, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Elsworth G. "Bud" Coburn, 77, of Garrett, died Sunday,

May 5, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 8, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Willis Howard Jr., 65, of Hippo, native of Magoffin County, died Friday, May 10, in Hippo. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

William Arthur Jones, 7, of Lakeland, Fla., formerly of Craynor, died Friday, May 10, in Florida. He is survived by his wife, Mae Avenell Wright Jones. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Maxine P. Martin, 86, of Wayland, died Friday, May 12, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 15, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Goldie Mosley, 82, of Wayland, died Saturday, May 11, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Lexia Irene Roop, 69, of Teaberry, died Friday, May 10, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. She is survived by her husband, James B. Roop. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 13, under the direction of Justice Funeral Home.

Thelma Smith, 81, of Raleigh, North Carolina, formerly of McDowell, died

Tuesday, May 7, following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 10, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bobby G. Stanley, 67, of Clyde, Ohio, native of Harold, died Friday, May 10, at the Bellevue Hospital in Bellevue, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Gen (Mitchell) Stanley. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 14, under the direction of Foons-Klein Funeral Home, Clyde, Ohio.

Revela "Ree" Stewart, 82, of McDowell, died Friday, May 10, in the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 13, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Heather Brooke Tackett, 19, of Weeksbury, native of Pikeville, died Sunday, May 12. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 16, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Martin County

Lucille Blankenship, 72, of Inez, died Friday, May 10, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 13, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Wanda Jean Ward Barnes, 69, died Wednesday, May 1. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Clancy Barnes. Memorial services were conducted Saturday, May 18, at the Earlander United Methodist Church on Commonwealth Avenue in Erlanger.

James Harvey Robinson, 62, native of Martin County, died

December 20, in Portland, Oregon. A graveside memorial service was held Saturday, May 25, at the family cemetery located on Laura Lane Route 3 north of Inez.

Johnson County

C. Ray Boyd, 77, native of Paintsville, died Wednesday, April 24. He is survived by his wife, Ilda Mae Boyd. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 27, under the direction of Hopkins Lawver Funeral Home.

Knott County

Carmos Combs, 79, of Mallie, died Thursday, May 11, at the Hazard ARMC. He is survived by his wife, Lucille B. Smith Combs. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, May 14, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Destiny Ann Fannin, infant daughter of Marcus Dale Fannin and Catherine Elaine Gross, died Tuesday, May 7, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, May 11, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Brownloe Garrett, 84, died Sunday, May 5, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 10, under the direction of Stark Funeral Home.

Eva Short Hays, 79, of Hindman, died Wednesday, May 10, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 13, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Orpha Ritchie Cornett Mullins, 89, f Lexington, for-

merly of Knott County, died Tuesday, May 7, at the St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 10, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Denzil Singleton, 47, native of Knott County, died Thursday, May 16, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 19, 1 p.m., at the Montgomery Baptist Church, at Carrie, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Vansel Slone Jr., 70, native of Pippa Passes, died Wednesday, May 15, at the residence of his son in Lawrenceburg. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 18, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier

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religions, Catholicism included, are voluntary associations. Those Catholics who are genuinely upset about what's going on in their church can do something about it. They can protest. They can withhold financial support. They can take a walk. Or, if none of those things appeal, they can continue to put up with it, bow their heads and keep their mouths shut.

Which a lot of them will do. Many American Catholics are very conservative, people who hated Vatican II with its English-language masses and talk of women priests. They are perfectly happy to endure the abuse of their children and grandchildren to protect and maintain the church they grew up in and love.

As I said, it's a free country. I don't understand it — I am, as you may have guessed by now, not religious — but it's their right.

For other Catholics, however, I think it's time to ask whether people raised as free citizens in an open society can continue to give their allegiance to a church whose outlook is defiantly medieval.

If the answer is no, then they must challenge the power of the church in a serious way. Challenges to power are the only thing authoritarian organizations respond to.

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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on issues, you begin the nomenclature," Hammond said.

For the Rev. Kathi Martin, acceptance of gays came too slowly to the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The daughter of a minister, she became pastor of an A.M.E. church in Decatur, Ga., in 1994, but left the denomination three years later after her superiors scolded her for sanctifying a same-sex union.

"They told me, 'You're ahead of your time,'" she said. "It was my choice to leave. Fighting against a denomination is not my thing."

Martin, a lesbian, became a pastor for the United Church of Christ and started her own UCC-affiliated congregation in Atlanta in 1999. Most of its members are gay blacks who were uncomfortable in traditional black churches.

"The church has always been a safe place for black people," Martin said. "For gay and lesbian African-Americans, to feel that this is a place where you're

not welcome, it's painful."

While Martin draws no more than 70 or 80 people to her weekly services, worshippers by the hundreds attend each of two Sunday morning services at Samuel's Victory Church. Both ministers preach the virtues of tolerance.

For Samuel, who has a wife and daughter and a doctorate from Union Theological Seminary, reaching out to gays is a way to revive the commitment of black churches to social justice. He contends that homophobia in the black community is an outgrowth of racism.

"We've had to deal so much with the implications of black male castration, economically, politically and socially," he

said. "The black community has tried to compensate by being homophobic — we have so few black men eligible to lead, to provide for families, that we need to make certain we don't lose any more to same-sex unions."

Once his own thinking on the matter crystalized, Samuel went to work on his congregation, preaching that "we are not being untrue to our faith by affirming all people." But he remains a step ahead of many members of the church.

"We've not gotten to the point where we can celebrate same-sex unions," he said. "I'd be ready for that today, but the people aren't there yet. We still have a way to go."

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next month in Dallas must be the time for action. Chopko is working with the bishops' committee charged with crafting a new national policy on sex abuse.

"People, legitimately, should look to Dallas to send a clear signal that things are different in the church, and will be different.... As a parent, I have an obligation to make sure parents can trust the church," says Chopko, a father of four who was the only parent advising American cardinals and bishops during their Vatican summit last month.

A Cornell law school graduate, Chopko left a government job to join the bishops' Washington headquarters staff in 1984, just before the original sex abuse scandal broke in Louisiana. Three years later, at age 34, he became head of the department, which now has seven lawyers.

After several crises in the 1990s, "there was a tacit assumption among the faithful that nobody would be allowed in any assignment of any kind who had sexual contact with a minor," Chopko says. "Obviously, that wasn't always the case."

Is the answer to have the bishops require "zero tolerance" for abusers — expelling past abusers along with those who are accused in the future?

"I think it's already happened," says Chopko, noting the many priests who have been

removed from duty because of old abuse accusations since the national scandal erupted in the Boston Archdiocese in January. Similarly, he says, bishops now routinely refer abuse allegations to police, whether or not state law requires this.

Zero tolerance may be hard for priests to accept if they "made a mistake 30 years ago and have performed flawlessly since," says Chopko, but secular law will protect bishops if suspended priests attempt legal challenges.

"Priests can't sue their superiors," he says.

While church leaders sometimes appear to resist answering subpoenas or making depositions in abuse lawsuits, Chopko does not think prosecutors' tactics generally threaten the church's religious freedom — so long as the confidentiality of sacramental confession is not violated.

"If supervisors take the risk" of sheltering an abusive employee, including a priest, "they're on the hook for that risk," he says. "The constitution can't save you."

Chopko also thinks the law must be fair in assessing blame.

He favors the Missouri Supreme Court's standard of "intentional failure to supervise," which means an employee's supervisor "really did know" about the risk, he says.

He dismisses as "grandstanding" lawsuits filed against

the Vatican and is certain that judges will throw out such bids. The reason: Church law says only local bishops or religious superiors are responsible for disciplining priests, and under American law, "courts can't say what the structure of a religion is or impose structures it doesn't have."

Victims' advocates estimate that Catholic dioceses have paid out \$1 billion or more in judgments for sex abuse claims over the years.

Chopko says the figure is lower — he puts it at \$300 million to \$350 million — and says "perhaps half" of that was covered by insurance. He says church attorneys face the tough balancing act between victims' "just demands" and the church's ministry needs.

And when reflecting on years of conflict with victims' lawyers, Chopko wonders about the tactics on both sides.

Plaintiffs' lawyers may keep victims from meeting a bishop, fearing they might "see him as a caring person, and there goes an eight-figure lawsuit," he says.

Meanwhile, bishops' attorneys may advise, "don't admit anything," when typical victims "want the church to acknowledge what happened, and an assurance that it will never happen again."

"The presence of lawyers, on both sides, often makes things worse," he says.

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Election of parents and teachers to the SBDM Council will be held on Tuesday, May 29. The election for teachers will be during the school day and the parent election will be held in the school library from 6-7 p.m.

Note:
A parent council member shall be a parent or legal guardian of a student who will be enrolled in the school for the 2002-2003 school year. A parent council member shall not be a district employee at Osborne Elementary, a local Board member or spouse of a local board member. The term "relative" shall mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, niece, nephew, father-in-law, or mother-in-law. Additionally, any parent of a child enrolled at Osborne Elementary may vote to elect parent council members.

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Board takes venture capital plunge on tobacco biotech project

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A state board that funds farm diversification projects took a fling at

venture capitalism Friday. It voted to invest \$255,000 in a company that is trying to use tobacco plants to produce cancer-fighting proteins.

If the company's feasibility

study leads to clinical trials and then to production, Kentucky tobacco growers would have a lucrative new market, boosters of the proposal said.

The idea "has lots of facets, opportunities and broad, broad implications for Kentucky farmers," Sam Lawson, of Bowling Green, told his colleagues on the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

The company, ApoImmune of Louisville, is lining up backers for its production of "human therapeutics" — customized proteins to get the body's own immune system to attack and kill cancers and other diseases, including diabetes.

The company thinks it can use its proteins to create cancer vaccines for specific patients within hours, as opposed to weeks, William F. Pearse Jr., ApoImmune's president and chief executive officer, told the board.

There was considerable debate, as well as questions that Pearse and ApoImmune senior scientist David McClure could not answer. Chief among them: How much money could a tobacco

farmer make?

Profit potential is speculative at this point, Pearse and McClure said, though cancer treatment is a \$50 billion industry while diabetes treatment consumes \$100 billion a year. Said McClure: "We're talking about an entirely new product. There is no such product now."

Two things are at issue: the efficacy of ApoImmune's proteins and whether they can be produced effectively in tobacco as opposed to what the rest of the industry uses, "which is Chinese hamster

ovaries, of all things," Pearse said.

Some members of an advocacy group, Community Farm Alliance, said the ApoImmune project sounded impressive, but they were dubious about the board's eagerness to back it.

"Why are they coming to the 'ag' board when it looks like they could go to any venture capital firm?" asked Martin Richards, a farmer from Mercer County. "We're talking about funding a feasibility study for a corporation that's not farmers."

Lawson, the board member,

had no such qualms. "I, for one, hope they make a gazillion dollars ... so when they write those checks for tobacco, they'll go right through the bank," Lawson said.

To some other board members, such as Wayne Hunt of Herndon, ApoImmune seemed to be offering nothing short of a chance at redemption for a crop now associated with lethal health hazards.

Said Hunt: "I can't imagine anything better than finding that tobacco could be a cure for cancer."

At a Glance

Breakdown of a \$255,000 grant to ApoImmune, a biotechnology company:

- \$105,000 to pay an Owensboro company, Large Scale Biology Inc., to produce three customized "therapeutic proteins."

- \$150,000 to have Rutgers University researcher develop tobacco plant containing ApoImmune proteins.

Other details of ApoImmune plan:

- Seek a \$750,000 followup grant from Kentucky Agriculture Development Board.

Proteins produced by Large Scale Biology would be tested on animals. If proven feasible, Large Scale Biology would be hired to produce two proteins that Food and Drug Administration could approve for human clinical cancer trials funded by Jewish Hospital, Louisville.

Subsequent generations of tobacco plants would be tested in field trials by farmers under contract — possibly in Licking River valley, known for excellent tobacco crops and economic dependence on tobacco.

If trials lead to new technologies, Kentucky growers could earn royalties from sales of test kits, newly developed plants.

Welfare debate moves to a more compromising Senate

by LAURA MECKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Debate over changes to the welfare system moved to the Senate, where a brewing compromise stands in sharp contrast to partisan legislation approved by the House.

The House bill, approved Thursday in a mostly party-line vote, 229-197, would press more people to work more hours and provide hundreds of millions of dollars for pro-marriage experiments. It continues the ban on aid to legal immigrants and offers a small increase in child care funding.

In the six years since the landmark 1996 welfare over-

haul, tough new rules and a roaring economy combined to cut the rolls by more than half. Most people who have left welfare are working, making more than they got from welfare but not enough to escape poverty.

As Congress renews the law, the question is how to help those who remain on welfare and how to help those who leave the rolls move upward on the economic ladder.

"We ought to be concentrating on making sure we're getting people off of welfare into jobs, and not just arbitrarily throwing them off because of time limits," Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said in an interview Thursday.

In the Senate, moderates of both parties agree that states should be required to put more people to work. But Breaux and others want to give states more power to count education and training as "work," and they are skeptical about a House provision requiring each person to log 40 hours per week.

Others are wary of the GOP marriage plan, which would provide up to \$300 million in grants for experiments programs promoting marriage.

"In my state, we don't think the government has much business getting into your life," Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., said Thursday. "Marriage is a personal, it's a private

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Obits

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Funeral Home.

Pike County

Carl Billiter, 65, of Pikeville, died Monday, May 13, at his home. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 16, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Everett C. Brown, 83, of Pikeville, died Monday, May 13, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 16, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Laura Burke Coleman, 83, formerly of Harolds Branch, died Wednesday, May 15, at Pikeville Health Care Center. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 19, 11 a.m., in the Pikeville Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Lorie Hammond, 35, of Shelbyville, died Wednesday, May 15, at the Morristown Hamblen Hospital, Morristown, Tennessee. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, May 19, 11 a.m., under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

James Dallas Honaker, 66, of Hessville, Ohio, native of Pikeville, died Monday, May 13, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lois Jean McCollum Honaker. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 16, under the direction of Nopper-Veh Funeral Home.

Edith Bentley Johnson, 76, of Collins Highway, died Tuesday, May 7, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Friday, May 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Ricky Justice, 38, of Pikeville, died Thursday, May 9, at his home. Graveside services were conducted Friday, May 10, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Maxie Stanley King, 93, of Forest Hills, died Monday, May 13, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital Skilled Nursing Unit. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 16, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Clarence May, 72, of Raccoon, died Wednesday, May 15, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Lurla Varney May. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 18, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

Joyce Hoffman Murphy, 58, of Raccoon, died Wednesday, May 15, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. A private funeral service will be held Monday, May 20, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Beatrice Marie Blair Pryor, 91, of Mossy Bottom, died Monday, May 13, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She is survived by her husband, William Jennings Pryor. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 15, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Jeanette Stanfill, 80, of Elkhorn City, died Sunday, May 12, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 15, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Edgar Stevenson, 83, of Phelps, died Monday, May 13, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Bithie Smith Stevenson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 16, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Clyde Wallace, 57, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, May 16, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 18, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Carter runs second in Michigan super job

The Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Michigan's third-largest school district has a new superintendent.

The Grand Rapids Public Schools board of education voted Wednesday to hire Bert Bleke, superintendent of nearby Lowell Area Schools, to replace outgoing Superintendent Patricia Newby.

Newby, who has headed up Grand Rapids schools since 1997, announced in January that she will retire effective June 30. Bleke will take over the following day.

Bleke was one of two finalists for the job. The other was Woodrow Carter, a retired military leader who is superintendent of Bourbon County Public Schools based in Paris. The Grand Rapids Press reported Thursday.

The terms of Bleke's contract have not yet been worked out. Sue Krieger, a spokeswoman for Grand Rapids schools, said Thursday.

Bleke, 58, has been Lowell's superintendent since 1995. Before that, he was assistant superintendent in Forest Hills Public Schools just east of Grand Rapids.

In reaching their final decision, Grand Rapids school board members took an unofficial vote to see where they stood, and voted 5-4 in favor

of hiring Bleke. Then they officially voted 8-1 to hire him, with board member Louis Dean casting the sole dissenting vote.

Tornado

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and really the problem we run into is that it's actually pretty far away from the radar," he said. "There's limitations to the radar. I'd be lying if I said there weren't."

The weather service will investigate beginning Saturday whether a tornado actually touched down, meteorologist Karen Oudeman said.

"We have had some damage reports and some reports of funnel clouds, and a few residents told us that there had been a possible tornado," she said.

Five homes sustained roof damage, and there were numerous reports of sheared-off trees near the Laurel-Knox county line in the vicinity of U.S. 25 and 25E, she said. There were also reports of structural damage to roofs and trees down in the Campground Road and Oak Ridge Church Road areas, she said.

"Residents have called us saying they had seen a tornado," she said. "But of course all this

is preliminary."

Ray Bowman, a spokesman for the Kentucky Division of Emergency Services, said officials had received reports of damage to seven homes and three barns, but the extent was not yet known. Trees and power lines were also down, he said.

He said officials had received reports of a tornado touchdown around 6 p.m. EDT.

The weather service issued a tornado warning for Whitley County after radar indicated a severe thunderstorm with a likely tornado over Williamsburg at 7:05 p.m., but no touchdown was reported.

Lewis said other storms in the area showed more potential to become severe Friday night.

"What we've been finding is there's a lot of these little small tornadoes that can be spawned by thunderstorms, and it's just a matter of learning what are the environmental indicators, what makes these tornadoes spin up," he said.



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Fort Knox soldier charged with murder in daughter's death

by DYLAN T. LOVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT KNOX — Army officials on Friday charged a private who is part of a Fort Knox tank training team in the killing of his 3-week-old daughter.

Pfc. Jerry J. Brown, 22, faces a charge of premeditated murder of his daughter, Jemishia Natrell Brown, who died early Sunday at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville. A coroner's report

said the child died from severe blunt-force trauma to her head and body.

Brown, of Fitzgerald, Ga., is being kept under watch at a barrack at Fort Knox, said Public Affairs Officer John Rickey. Army officials determined that Brown isn't a flight risk, so he isn't being held in a detention center, Rickey said. Brown doesn't have access to his family or his home on the post, Rickey said.

Brown could be sentenced

to life in prison if he is convicted of the premeditated murder charge, which is part of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the justice system for soldiers.

"As we see the evidence right now, it's unlikely that this case will be referred as a capital case, so the death penalty is probably not an issue here," said Lt. Col. Joel Wilson, a deputy staff judge advocate and one of the post's senior attorneys.

Dr. Richard Greathouse, Jefferson County coroner, said Friday a murder charge was "quite appropriate based on the autopsy findings in this kid."

Greathouse said Brown told investigators that he was holding the child and trying to get a drink out of the refrigerator when he accidentally dropped the baby.

"That's totally incompatible with the extent of the injuries that we found," Greathouse said. "This child was beaten

severely."

An autopsy found multiple skull fractures, broken ribs, internal bleeding and several fractured bones, according to Greathouse.

Wilson wouldn't say on Friday what led to the premeditated murder charge.

"Right now I'm just going to say that the evidence to us at this time indicates that this was a premeditated murder."

Brown, a member of the Fox Troop, 1/16 Cavalry Regiment, is part of a tank training team permanently assigned to Fort Knox, Rickey said. Brown does no training himself, but helps operate tanks during training sessions. He has been stationed at Fort Knox as an armor crewman since January 2001, and he has been a soldier since 1998.

Authorities at Fort Knox were notified of an incident at Brown's home after a family

member called 911 between 1 and 2 a.m. EDT Sunday, Rickey said. The child was taken to Ireland Army Community Hospital and then to Kosair by air. She was pronounced dead at 6:15 a.m.

Wilson said the army must next conduct an inquiry, similar to a probable cause hearing, to determine whether prosecutors can proceed with the charge.

Rickey said this is the first murder charge against a Fort Knox soldier from an on-post death that he has seen in his 12 years there.

In 1998, the Army dropped charges against a Fort Knox soldier whose baby daughter died after he laid her on her stomach for a nap.

Pfc. Elliott Peterson was initially charged with negligent homicide and lying to investigators after his 8-week-old daughter, Jacori, suffocated.

Sex crimes vs. kids can't be kept confidential

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A psychologist's records of a patient's confession to sex crimes against two children are not confidential and are admissible in court, the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled Friday.

The court said the "psychotherapist-patient privilege" is outweighed by a state law that compels mental health professionals to report information about child abuse or neglect.

It does not matter that the alleged victims are no longer minors by the time investigators seek the records, the court said in a precedent-setting ruling.

The law "contains no requirement that the challenged evidence be recent or relate to a recently

abused or neglected child," said the opinion by Judge Wilfrid Schroder of Covington.

The decision upheld a case from Livingston County, where Clifford Carrier appealed a 10-year sentence for second-degree sodomy and rape and 13 counts of first-degree sexual assault.

Two female victims were under 12 and under 14 when the offenses occurred from 1990 to 1993, according to the appellate opinion. Carrier was not indicted until 1999.

The prosecution disclosed that Carrier had confessed to Jack Runyon, a psychologist in Paducah, that he had abused the girls.

Runyon warned Carrier that he had a duty as a psychologist to tell police about an admission of child

sexual abuse, the brief said. "Notwithstanding that, the defendant continued to make these admissions to Runyon," the brief said.

Carrier pleaded guilty in 2000 in exchange for a 10-year prison sentence. The guilty plea was conditioned on his appeal of the trial court's refusal to suppress statements he made to Runyon.

In the appellate ruling, Schroder wrote that the require-

ment to report child abuse is triggered "at the time the communications were made," not at the time records were sought.

The opinion did not say when Carrier allegedly confessed to Runyon. Nor did it explain the six-year lapse between the alleged crimes and his indictment.

Judges Rick A. Johnson of Mayfield and Sara Walter Combs of Stanton joined Schroder in the ruling.

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Petition

Johnson's ex-wife, it took her three months to get the petition together. She said she took the petition to stores, barber shops, family and friends.

"He is not a bad person, he just got wrapped up in things," said Johnson.

Johnson said she organized the petition because she believes that her ex-husband deserves a second chance.

James Johnson was not present in court, having not been

brought to Floyd County from the Men's Assessment and Classification Center at the Roederer Correctional Complex in La Grange. When Judge Danny P. Caudill asked Lovely if he wished to have his client present for the hearing, Lovely said that he did.

The hearing was continued until June 7, so that Lovely could get Johnson transported from La Grange to the Floyd County Detention Center.

CAP provides relief to local flood victims

PHELPS — Recent months have landed more than 50 Kentucky counties into a state of emergency, according to information released by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

One county hit especially hard is Pike County, particularly, the tiny community of Phelps, which suffered some of the most severe losses.

In response to the recent tragedy, a disaster recovery center has been opened. The center, housed within the Phelps Intergenerational Community Center, has begun operations with the American Red Cross, FEMA and other community-based outreach organizations to provide relief to victims of flooding and disaster.

The Christian Appalachian Project has supplemented the relief efforts by hauling tractor-trailer loads full of food, clothing, cleaning supplies and other needed household items and appliances. While CAP is one of several agencies vowing to help flood victims, Intergenerational

Center Director Janis Hatfield claims that all help is important.

"You just can't imagine how much help we've needed and received during this time of devastation," Hatfield said. "It's like every time we need help, an angel appears and help arrives."

In addition to food and water, other means of relief are provided by American Red Cross outreach disaster relief crews. Teams of three or four venture out to survey the damage, after which families may apply for assistance for home repairs and to replace lost and damaged items.

The Christian Appalachian Project is an interdenominational, nonprofit Christian service organization, committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through education, crisis intervention and community development. With more than 70 programs and services, CAP's efforts reach people through the 13 Appalachian states.

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

Questions

given to him on-site by construction personnel working on the bridge.

"They didn't check it for safety at all," Olson said. "It is my understanding that it was for a 170-to-200 pound man. My son weighed around 240 pounds."

According to Olson, the company for which his son was working, Cable Constructors Inc. of Iron Mountain, Mich., offered him the rest of the day off with pay if he would swim the cable

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across the river. A representative for Cable Constructors Inc. issued a statement that the company would "...rather not comment at this time. The company is conducting an investigation."

Olson was adamant in stressing that his only motivation for speaking to the media was his desire to see the entire story told.

"I just want the truth about what happened to come out, that's all," Olson said.

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Letters

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Ray H. Stoess
Executive director
Kentucky Sheriff's Boys & Girls Ranch
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Welfare

choice. I recommend it. It's not something the government should interfere with."

Baucus and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the top Republican on Finance, were working on bipartisan legislation, expected to be introduced next month. They were basing their bill on principles laid out by a philosophically diverse group of six senators on the committee.

"I think we start off in a better position than the House," Breaux said. "Democrats were on one side of the fence and Republicans on the other and never the twain shall meet."

Throughout the two-day House debate, House Republicans declared the 1996 law a resounding success. But they argued it can be improved if states are pressed to put more people to work.

Under the GOP bill, states would have to have 70 percent of people on welfare working 40-hour weeks by 2007.

"Work is the only true path from poverty to self-sufficiency," said Rep. Wally Herger, R-Calif., who chairs the Ways and Means welfare subcommittee.

President Bush, who proposed the tougher work rules, said the legislation will "help millions of Americans realize a life of hope, dignity and independence."

"This compassionate approach builds upon our past successes," Bush said in a statement.

Under the GOP measure, three days a week would have to be in regular jobs or government-created workfare positions. The other two could be spent in training, drug treatment and other programs.

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Democrats complained that states will be forced to create make-work jobs simply to fill their quotas, and states will lose the power to devise the most effective plan for each person on welfare.

"It isn't hard to get people off the welfare rolls, particularly in a good economy. It's especially easy if we don't care where they end up," said Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif. "If we want people to go from welfare to self-sufficiency, then we have to work a little harder."

Since Bush proposed increasing work requirements, the congressional debate has centered on how much tougher to make the system.

There's been virtually no consideration of several liberal ideas, like extending the five-year lifetime limit on benefits when a person is working. There's also been little debate around how to get people who leave welfare to move up the economic ladder out of poverty.

In the House, Democrats were barred from offering amendments to change individual aspects of the bill, so there were no votes on their proposals to increase spending on child care, restore immigrant benefits or allow more welfare recipients into education and training programs.

Along party lines, the House rejected 222-198 the Democratic package.

There was virtually no consultation between House Republicans and Democrats in writing the legislation, partly because Republicans were staking out a position, anticipating negotiations down the road with the Senate.



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SIDELINE SHOTS

YMCA would benefit everyone

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Is a YMCA coming to Floyd County?
Is a YMCA coming to Floyd County?
Those questions have been thrown around all over the region in the past couple of weeks.

I'm all for a YMCA in either Johnson County or Floyd County. I would like to invite all community members and leaders in Johnson, Floyd, Magoffin and Martin counties to band together in support of a



YMCA. The nation's 2,400-plus YMCAs are found in 10,000 communities throughout all 50 states. YMCAs have been serving their communities for nearly 150 years by meeting the health and social services needs of families and individuals. YMCA programs serve 17.9 million people each year, including nearly nine-million children. YMCAs in the United States are part of a more than 120-country worldwide movement, the World Alliance of YMCAs.

YMCAs are building strong kids, strong families and strong communities through programs and services that tackle some of society's most pressing problems.

The YMCA in Pike County has served most all of Eastern Kentucky. There would be absolutely nothing wrong with having a 'Y' here in Floyd County. Or Johnson County. Or Martin or Magoffin counties for that matter.

YMCAs do so much to help communities. Ys do so much to help children. Key words: HELP CHIL-

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COMMENTS

Notes from the Peach State

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

PEACHTREE CITY, Ga. - Notes scribbled across tennis racquets and fresh peaches:

■ One of baseball's many myths and legends holds that you shouldn't look at the standings until Memorial Day. Today we stand a week from Memorial Weekend, so if it pleases the ghosts of baseball past, we'll sneak a peak.

If you'll look at the National League's Central Division, the one appropriately enough listed in the middle of the NL standings, you'll notice something unusual. Neither St. Louis, Houston nor Chicago is

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Staying dry can challenge the tent camper

by STEVE VANTRESE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PADUCAH — Campers can take a little rain on the tent in stride.

It's when it rains inside that backwoods comfort can be seriously compromised.

With the family camping season coming around in Kentucky's campgrounds and wilderness sites, throngs of outback visitors will brave the elements in bivouacs of nylon, polyester and canvas.

Tenters will enjoy the freedoms of outdoor living in

portable shelters, but they may struggle to avoid unpleasant dampening from precipitation or even their own respiration.

One of the tent's missions is to shield its occupants from weather. Spring and summer campers aren't troubled much

by chilly temperatures, but rainfall is a risk for which tenters should be prepared.

The exterior of a tent should be waterproof, not just water resistant. The latter only slows the inevitable. A shelter through which water soaks eventually means soaked

campers. However, campers really shouldn't want a waterproof tent as such. There are single-layer tents that are waterproof, usually rather inexpensive models made of coated

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D I S T R I C T TOURNEY TIME

file photos

Above: The Prestonsburg High baseball team will begin the post-season 58th District Baseball Tournament Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. by taking on the Betsy Layne Bobcats. The second and final first round game pits Allen Central against South Floyd on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. Prestonsburg is the host school of this year's 58th District baseball and 57th District softball tournaments.

Right: John Hunt (21) stood in for a pitch during regular-season action.



AMS gets donations for new scoreboard

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Rick Hughes has been an even busier man as of late. Hughes, owner of Rick's Embroidery & Trophies and president of the Prestonsburg Little League, has been busy gathering donations to go toward the pur-

chase of a new scoreboard at Adams Middle School. Now, the donations are in, and the new scoreboard is due to arrive in June.

Four \$1,000 donations were received. They came from Music-Carter, Chris Carter; Bobby Rowe Law Office; Bobby Rowe; Geotram Environmental, Randy

Gearheart; and Gary Craynon. The donation from Craynon was a personal one. Hughes was able to come up with the donations in quick fashion.

The new scoreboard for AMS is one similar to the one at Prestonsburg High School. The new board will be able to register volleyball, wrestling and basketball. AMS now has

both a wrestling and a volleyball team, in addition to its basketball teams.

"Rick has done a tremendous job in helping us here at Adams Middle School," said AMS Principal Jack Goodman.

AMS assistant principal Ted George echoed Goodman's sentiments.

"Rick is always there whenever we need anything," George commented.

The new Nevco scoreboard will come with a five-year guarantee. Each model is a proven design. Cabinet members, crossmembers and borders are spot-welded, offering far greater durability than pop rivets or screws.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Reds topple Pirates in P'burg Little League action

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

After an extended delay in the little league baseball season due to the recent heavy rains, Prestonsburg

Little League Baseball got back in the swing last week. The Reds seemed not to be affected by the halt in play as they came back from

(See **REDS**, page three)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg Little League action continued this week. On Thursday night, the Reds scored a victory in 9&10 year old action.

Willard Speedway to open May 31

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

WILLARD — Due to the recent weather conditions, Jim Allen, track owner, Willard Speedway, has pushed his track's opener back one

(See **WILLARD**, page five)

Briefs

GOLF

FORT WORTH, Texas — Bob Estes shot a season-best 5-under 65 in windy conditions to take a two-stroke lead in the Colonial.

Sergio Garcia, playing as a defending champion on the PGA Tour for the first time, shot a 76 as only 34 of the 124 players broke par on the Colonial Country Club course.

NORTH AUGUSTA, S.C. — England's Laura Davies shot a 5-under 67 to take a two-stroke lead over South Korea's Grace Park after the first-round lead in the Asahi Ryoikuken International.

Canada's Dawn Coe-Jones was three back along with Scotland's Janice Moodie, Sweden's Carin Koch and South Korea's Jeong Jang.

Twelve-year-old Hawaiian star Michelle Wie shot a 9-over 81.

HOCKEY

IRVING, Texas — Dave Tippett was hired to coach the Dallas Stars, taking over a team that missed the playoffs this season for the first time in six years.

He was given a three-year contract with no financial terms disclosed. Tippett was an assistant coach who stressed offense during his three years with the Los Angeles Kings.

TENNIS

ROME — Jennifer Capriati finished off Mary Pierce at the Italian Open before some fans reached their seats. Capriati needed just 34 minutes to win 6-0, 6-0 in the match between the last two French Open champions and join five other seeded players in the quarterfinals at this clay-court tournament.

The other seeded players advancing were No. 3 Kim Clijsters, No. 4 Serena Williams, No. 5 Justine Henin, No. 7 Amelie Mauresmo and No. 8 Sandrine Testud. But defending champion Jelena Dokic, seeded No. 6, was stunned by Anastasia Myskina.

HAMBURG, Germany

— Andy Roddick lost to a qualifier in the third round of the Hamburg Masters, while Lleyton Hewitt and Gustavo Kuerten advanced with straight-set victories.

The 13th-seeded Roddick had trouble with Julien Boutter's overpowering serve and was beaten 6-3, 7-5. Top-seeded Hewitt, who's never won a red-clay tournament, reached the quarterfinals by surviving two close games to defeat Jiri Novak. Kuerten, the three-time French Open champion seeded No. 2 at this \$2.8 million tournament, topped Guillermo Canas.

BASEBALL

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee Brewers manager Jerry Royster and first baseman Richie Sexson were ejected by home plate umpire Doug Eddings in the fourth inning of their game against Cincinnati.

Two innings later, Reds center fielder Juan Encarnacion was tossed after saying something to Eddings after he struck out swinging.

OLYMPICS

SALT LAKE CITY — The Salt Lake Organizing Committee met its goal of selling \$20 million worth of surplus Winter Olympics gear and already has handed out more than \$4 million in beds, linens, appliances and office furniture to Utah universities and nonprofit groups.

LONDON — The integrity of Olympic sailing is threatened by "rampant" cheating, says the international sailing federation's president. Paul Henderson recently visited Olympic class regattas in Hyeres, France, and Miami and said "the cheating was rampant."

He said sailors had a "complete disrespect" of the propulsion rule, particularly in the Star, Finn, Europe and Laser classes. The propulsion rule limits pumping of the sail and rocking the boat to gain extra speed.

BASKETBALL

PHOENIX — Phoenix Suns point guard Stephen Marbury, who had a bone spur removed from his left ankle last month, had arthroscopic surgery on his right ankle.

FOOTBALL

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Chicago Bears defensive end Bryan Robinson fell down stairs after tripping over his dog, leaving him with two broken wrists and in need of surgery.

Robinson is scheduled to undergo surgery on his left wrist Friday, but was not expected to require an operation on his right wrist, his agent, Mark Bartelstein, said. LOS ANGELES — A business group headed by Denver billionaire Philip Anschutz wants to build a 64,000-seat downtown stadium so it can bring professional football back to the second-largest city in the nation.

SOCCER

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — One by one, they hobbled off the field: Greg Vanney, Kasey Keller and Clint Mathis. The U.S. soccer team was losing players faster than it was scoring goals.

For a while, it appeared the 5-0 victory over Jamaica would prove costly to the Americans, who leave next week for the World Cup. But after the game, U.S. coach Bruce Arena didn't think the players were seriously hurt. SEOUL, South Korea — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il has promised to send his national soccer team to South Korea for a friendly match in September.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis 500 polesitter Bruno Junqueira escaped injury when he crashed in practice. He was pulling into pit lane when he suddenly lost control of his car, the one he qualified Saturday. The car spun, sending him across the track, and he tapped the outside wall. There was some damage to the rear of the car.

SPORTSBOARD

into the lost and found at the souvenir stand that sells pit passes located near the pedestrian tunnel. All items are held for thirty (30) days pending their claim. Items are returned by mail if the claimant sends a stamped, self-addressed envelope. For information regarding lost and found articles, call Kentucky Speedway at 859/567-7200 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

Lost Children Kentucky Speedway personnel will escort children who become separated from their families to a Guest service desk until their families are located. Parents reporting or inquiring about lost children should contact the nearest event staff employee or one of the uniformed police officers in their area. Children armbands will be available at the information booths.

Media Center Parking (Infield) /Press Box Parking You must have the appropriate parking pass. Your parking pass is good for both lots. Take I-71 to Exit 57, to Highway 35N. Turn left at Entrance 1 or 3 enter Entrance 5 (Tunnel Road) through the tunnel. Infield media parking is located in the infield behind Garage 1. Press Box parking Take I-71 to exit 57, to Highway 35. Turn left at entrance 1 or 3 to entrance 9.

Motorcycles The Kentucky Speedway has designated a motorcycle parking lot in the main parking area. I-71, Exit 57, to Highway 35N, to Entrance 1 or 3 to Entrance 7. All motorcycles must enter through Entrance 7. The parking lot attendant will guide you to the designated parking.

Paging It is the policy of the Kentucky Speedway to allow paging of patrons only in emergency cases. For emergencies during race weekends call (859) 567-3400.

Pass Out Policy Any patron who wishes to leave the gate area will be given a gate pass when you leave the gate to return, a patron must show their TICKET along with the GATE CHECK OUT PASS when returning through the gates. NOTE: A different Check Out Pass is used for each day.

Pay Phones Pay phones are located at each restroom facility on the outside walls.

Pets The only animals allowed in the facility (except those which are part of an event) are guide dogs to aid the visually impaired, signal dogs to aid the hearing impaired and service dogs to aid the physically disabled. Other animals will not be allowed through the gates. All animals on speedway property MUST be kept on a 6 foot chain and cannot be left unattended.

Police Kentucky State Police will be on duty throughout the facility. Should you require assistance, please notify the nearest event staff employee. A police officer will be dispatched to your location.

Press Box/Media Center/Press Conference Room Only accredited members of the media and authorized Kentucky Speedway staff are permitted access to the press box, infield media center, and press conference room. The press box is located at the suite level.

Prohibited Items To ensure that all fans have a safe and enjoyable visit to the Kentucky Speedway, the following items will not be permitted: Coolers of any size

- Illegal drugs
Umbrellas
Fireworks
Glass containers
Folding chairs
Weapons
Alcoholic Beverages

Noise makers, horns, helium balloons and beach balls Other items that in the judgment of Kentucky Speedway management pose a safety hazard or diminish the enjoyment of an event by other patrons.

Reschedule Information In case of postponement, please keep your tickets or ticket stub to re-enter on the date of rescheduling. Kentucky Speedway does not refund or exchange tickets due to any circumstances.

Restrooms Kentucky Speedway has installed a large quantity of men's and ladies restrooms throughout the complex for your convenience. Restrooms are located behind the grandstands throughout the facility. Please refer to Kentucky Speedway map.

RV Parking Lot 1: Private, reserved backstretch RV spots in this area are reserved for persons for the entire season. These spots are reserved and assigned by numbers. Lot 1 is located on the back straightaway. Lot 1 members should travel I-71 to Exit 57, onto Highway 35N. Entrance 1 or 3, to private RV area. Persons in this area will receive an RV parking pass along with their tickets. A dump station for private camping is located at the top of Entrance 12. Electrical hookups are provided.

Wheelchair Grandstand Access Kentucky Speedway has ADA approved spaces for wheelchairs accompanied by attendants. For information on purchasing spaces in these sections, contact the Kentucky Speedway ticket office at 1-888-652-RACE.

Will Call Kentucky Speedway tickets purchased in advance up to 14 days prior to an event will be shipped via US first class mail. Tickets ordered after the mailing cut off date are held for pick-up at Ticket Will Call. Will call is located at the main ticket booth at gate 16.

Transactions BASEBALL American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Signed OF Damon Buford and OF Brooks Kiehnick to minor-league contracts. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Buddy Bell special minor league consultant. DETROIT TIGERS—Acquired 3B Chris Truby from the Montreal Expos for INF-OF Jose Macias. MINNESOTA TWINS—Promoted RHP Josmir Romero and LHP J.C. Contreras to Fort Myers of the FSL. Assigned RHP Sandy Tejada and LHP

Speedway pride. Visit any of our souvenir stands or trailers for the latest in merchandise. Souvenir trailers are located in front of the grandstand entrance. The Kentucky Speedway™ Souvenir store is open during all events and on non racedays Mon - Sat 9am - 5pm and Sun 1pm - 5pm. The souvenir shop is located in the Kentucky Speedway™ Fan center.

Souvenir Programs Souvenir race programs are located at each entrance gate. Be sure to get yours. As quantities are limited for each event. Suite Parking You must have the appropriate Suite or VIP parking permit displayed in your vehicle. I-71 to Exit 57, to Highway 35N, to Entrance 1 or 3 to Entrance 8.

Tickets Please inspect your tickets upon receipt and report discrepancies to the ticket office immediately at 1-888-652-RACE or 859-578-2300. Keep your tickets in a safe place. Kentucky Speedway assumes no responsibility for lost, stolen, destroyed, misplaced, or forgotten tickets. Duplicate tickets will not be issued. Tickets obtained from sources other than Kentucky Speedway may be lost, stolen or counterfeit. In such cases these tickets will not be honored. Kentucky Speedway prohibits the resale of tickets, at any value, on the Kentucky Speedway property.

Track Facts Kentucky Speedway is located in Sparta, Kentucky on 1000 acres of land. It is a 1.5 mile tri-oval, with 14 degrees of banking in the corners, 70-foot width plus 12 foot shoulders. The backstretch is 1,800 feet with 4 degrees of banking. Capacity: 66,089 Grandstand seating 50 Luxury Suites 210 seat Private Kentucky Club® 2,100 seat Kentucky Exterior Club 100 Private, RV Spaces on backstretch

Tow Lot If your vehicle is towed, you will be able to claim it at the Kentucky Speedway™ Operations Building parking area located at Entrance 4.

VIP Parking You must have the appropriate parking permit displayed in your vehicle. I-71 to Exit 57, to Highway 35N, to Entrance 1 or 3 to Entrance 8.

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Jason Miller to Quad City of the Midwest League. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Activated OF Shannon Stewart from the 15-day disabled list. National League ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Activated 1B Erubiel Durazo from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned INF Alex Cintron to Tucson of the PCL. MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Recalled RHP Brian Mallette from Indianapolis of the International League.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed 1B Phil Nevin on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 12. Purchased the contract of INF Alex Pelaez and RHP Kevin Pickford from Portland of the PCL. Optioned INF Cesar Crespo to Portland. Transferred LHP Jose Nunez and RHP Matt DeWitt from the 15-day to the 60-day disabled list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed WR Chris Archie to a two-year contract. HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed OL Max Lane. MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed RB Moe Williams. HOCKEY National Hockey League DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed F Henrik Zetterberg to a three-year contract. ST. LOUIS BLUES—Announced the retirement of assistant coach Jimmy Roberts.

Hockey

CONFERENCE FINALS

Thursday, May 16

Toronto 2, Carolina 1, Toronto leads series 1-0

Saturday Colorado at Detroit, 3 p.m.

Tuesday Toronto at Carolina, 4 p.m.

Monday, May 20 Colorado at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21 Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 Detroit at Colorado, TBD

Thursday, May 23 Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 25 Detroit at Colorado, 3 p.m.

Toronto at Carolina, 7 p.m., if necessary

Monday, May 27 Colorado at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, May 28 Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, May 29 Detroit at Colorado, TBD, if necessary

Thursday, May 30 Toronto at Carolina, 7 p.m., if necessary

Friday, May 31 Colorado at Detroit, 7 p.m., if necessary

Auto racing

KENTUCKY SPEEDWAY

Location: Sparta, Kentucky

Capacity: 66,089 Grandstand Seats 50 Luxury Suites 210 seat Private Kentucky Club 2,000 seat Bluegrass Club 100 Private RV spaces on backstretch 200 Reserved Camping Spaces 1000 Free Camping Spaces

Garage Area: 104 Separate Garage Stalls (52 garages on each side) 4 Competitor Lounges Outback Steakhouse Restaurant 2 Tire Centers Pedestrian Tunnel 635 foot long Escalator - infield - 22 ft tall Escalator - grandstand - 90 ft tall Infield media center seats 130 Press Conference Room seats 350 Infield Care Center

Track: 1.5 mile Tri-oval Kentucky Speedway sits on 1,000 acres of land 97 acres inside the tri-oval

TRACK RULES

Alcohol Policy Race fans that consume alcohol are encouraged to drink responsibly. All alcohol sales will require a picture ID as proof of age. You must be 21 years of age or older to purchase alcohol. Kentucky Speedway may refuse to serve alcoholic beverages to any person for any reason, including without limitations persons appearing intoxicated. The Kentucky Speedway may report you to the Kentucky State Police if they believe you are acting contrary to the law or in a manner, which may endanger yourself, others or their property.

ADA Shuttle Service A disabled accessible van will be provided to escort handicap fans for pit tours. There will be a pick up area located near the Pedestrian Tunnel. Shuttles will escort patrons with proper credentials to and from the pits.

ATM Locations One ATM is located near the storage and electrical buildings behind grandstand 3 and one ATM is located behind grandstand 4. There is also an ATM located inside of the visitor's center. Mobile ATM's will also be on the property.

Behavior Policy Kentucky Speedway wants all fans to have the best experience possible. Our image will be shaped not only by our staff, drivers, teams, but by our fans as well. Our goal is to ensure that every fan experiences the high-energy environment of racing, to create a safe and supportive environment for participants while maintaining a wholesome, family-oriented atmosphere.

To ensure that all fans have a pleasant race day experience, each guest should act responsibly and be considerate of others. Be a good sport. Kentucky Speedway security personnel will respond to complaints of misconduct. Fans who fail to comply with Kentucky Speedway™ policy after being warned will be subject to ejection or arrest.

Bus Parking Exit I-71 to Exit 57 to Highway 35N to Entrance 1 or 3 to Entrance 8.

Camping Camping is located at the intersection of Speedway Blvd and Jerry Carroll Blvd. I-71, Exit 57 to Highway 35N, to entrance 1 or 3 following instructions of event parking staff.

Children All children regardless of age must have a ticket.

Cigarettes and Tobacco Products Cigarettes and cigar purchases must be 21 and have a photo I.D.

Coolers For your safety, comfort and in accordance with Kentucky Law, carry-in coolers are not permitted.

Corporate Village (Hospitality)

Corporate village (hospitality village) is located behind Turn 1 grandstands. You must have the appropriate credentials to enter.

Corporate Village Parking You must have the appropriate parking permit displayed in your vehicle. I-71 to Exit 57, to Highway 35N, to Entrance 1 or 3 to entrance 9.

Disabled Accessible Parking Parking for disabled guests is available. You must have a disabled parking pass issued by your state displayed in the window to access the disabled parking area. All disabled accessible parking guests should follow I-71 to exit 57, to Highway 35N. Then turn left at Entrance 1 or 3.

Food and Beverage Concessions For your convenience, we have concession stands located throughout the facility. All of your favorites are available. In addition, there is an Outback Steakhouse facility located behind the grandstands and in the infield.

Designated Driver If you elect to consume alcoholic beverages at Kentucky Speedway™ we encourage you to drink responsibly and to assign a designated driver.

Display Area Visit our vendors display area for all the latest innovations and information. The display area is located at the entrance to the grandstands.

Elevators Elevators 1 and 2 are located under the luxury suites to provide access for disabled patron access to the suites. You must have the proper tickets and credentials. Elevator 3 is located at the Tower Level and is for Race Control and the Command Post. Special access stickers required.

Escalators The escalators take you to the pedestrian tunnel. You must show proper credential or pass to enter pedestrian tunnel. This area is restricted to press, hot & cold pit pass holders and working officials. You may purchase a cold pit pass at the pedestrian tunnel which will allow entry into the pits up to 30 minutes prior to the beginning of a race event.

Emergencies In the event of an emergency, please notify one of the event staff employees or uniformed police officers in your area. Fan care centers are located behind grandstands two and four.

Fan Mail We love to hear from our guests! Let us know what you like or dislike about Kentucky Speedway™. If you wish to write to us, please send your letter to: Kentucky Speedway Attention: Mark Cassia, Exec. V.P. and General Manager Route 1 Box 15 Sparta, Kentucky 41086

First Aid - Fan Care Centers We have doctors, registered nurses, paramedics and emergency technicians available on the property. Fan Care Centers are located behind grandstands two and four.

Grandstand Rules Patrons caught throwing any items will be immediately removed from the property, with the possibility of being prosecuted under Kentucky law. Kentucky Speedway does not have an open seating policy; all tickets have assigned seating. Please ensure you are in the proper seat. If problems arise, notify the usher in your section for assistance.

In the event of an accident on the track, do not rush to the fence. Stay in your seat to allow emergency personnel to do their jobs.

Guest Services Guest service booths are located at three locations on the property. Guest services will be available to provide fans with information about the speedway, transportation and other event-related topics. Please feel free to stop by and give us your comments. Children armbands will be available at the information booths.

Lost and Found Articles found during an event will be turned

2002 59th District Baseball Tournament

Table with 2 columns: Location and Date/Time. Locations include Pikeville, Shelby Valley, Pike County Central, Millard, and Shelby Valley.

2002 57th District Fast Pitch Softball Tournament

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2002 58th District Baseball Tournament

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2002 57th District Baseball Tournament

Table with 2 columns: Location and Date/Time. Locations include Sheldon Clark, Johnson Central, Magoffin County, and Sheldon Clark.

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Table with 2 columns: Location and Date/Time. Locations include Pike County Central, Millard, and Shelby Valley.

2002 56th District Fast Pitch Softball Tournament

Table with 2 columns: Location and Date/Time. Locations include Magoffin County, Johnson Central, and Sheldon Clark.



Fans can participate in Kyle Petty Charity Ride

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

TALLADEGA, Ala. - For NASCAR fans who have followed veteran driver Kyle Petty throughout his career

and all of his charitable involvements, now it's possible to follow him a bit more closely. Real closely.

Talladega Superspeedway will hold an auction for a spot

on the last leg of this year's Kyle Petty Charity Ride on June 30. The auction begins Wednesday, May 15, and runs through Saturday, May 25. Fans can enter their bid through the track's website, talladegasuperspeedway.com. All proceeds will go to the

Victory Junction Gang Camp.

The winning bidder will be a part of the ride from Hot Springs, Va., to Trinity, N.C. Anyone interested in helping raise money for the Victory Junction Gang and being a part of the Kyle Petty Charity Ride can make a bid by log-

ging onto talladegasuperspeedway.com through Saturday.

The highest bidder will receive the opportunity to ride in the sidecar of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle on the final leg of this year's charity ride. The motorcycle will be driven by a rider from the Harley-Davidson Testing Facility in Talladega. The entire amount of the winning bid will go to the Victory Junction Gang as Talladega Superspeedway will cover all expenses involved.

"This is a unique opportunity for racing fans," said Grant Lynch, president of Talladega Superspeedway. "We've all followed Kyle's Charity Ride over the years. You read about it in the papers, see it on TV and hear about it on the radio. It's a great cause and a lot of drivers and celebrities have given their time to this event.

"Now someone can be a part of this ride even if they don't ride a motorcycle and make a wonderful contribution to the Victory Junction Gang."

The mission of the Victory Junction Gang is to have a place to enrich the lives of children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses and their families by creating camping experiences that are memorable as well as a place where they can retreat to rejuvenate

their minds, bodies and spirits. When completed, the camp will be located on 62 acres in Randleman, N.C.

The Kyle Petty Charity Ride winning bidder at talladegasuperspeedway.com will receive airfare to and from the event from the nearest commercial airport, lodging at the Homestead Resort in Hot Spring, Va., on June 29, and will attend the concert on June 30 at the conclusion of the ride at the Petty Farm.

For the Charity Ride, all companion riders must be at least 12 years of age or older, and any companions who are under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. No one under the age of 21 years of age will be permitted to operate any official ride vehicles or sponsor-supported vehicles unless they are listed on the Ride's insurance policy.

Once the highest bidder is determined, forms are required for completion and each participant will receive the Ride's Statement of Policies.

During pre-race ceremonies of the EA SPORTS 500 on Oct. 6, an official presentation will be made to Kyle Petty. Lynch will present to Petty an oversized check in the amount of the winning bid and signed by the winner.

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HORSE INDUSTRY

Foal illness still evident but not at last year's levels

by STEVE BAILEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Duncan Taylor watched helplessly last spring as a mysterious illness killed dozens of foals on his family's thoroughbred farm.

Some lived only for hours, if at all. Other mares miscarried.

"It was one of those things where you kept telling yourself, 'It can't get any worse.' Then it kept getting worse," said Taylor, president of Taylor Made Farm. "The fact that it was going on all over the region and nobody knew what was causing it made it even more frightening."

Taylor is far less anxious this year, knowing the illness is not as bad as it was in 2001, when it claimed nearly 5 percent of the state's annual foal crop and 20 percent of the foals that would have been born on Kentucky farms this year.

A check of 74 pregnant mares at Taylor Made last May found more than a third had lost their foals. Of the 400 pregnant mares there this spring, not one has lost a foal to the disease, Taylor said.

"I'm not ready to say we've weathered anything, but I can say without hesitation that I feel a lot better today than I did at this time last year," he said.

Kentucky typically produces about 10,000 foals annually, which represents about 30 percent of North America's yearly thoroughbred foal population.

Numbers released this week by the University of Kentucky

show a sharp decline in the number of dead foals submitted to its Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center this year.

From April 28 through Saturday, 173 foals of all breeds were delivered to the center for examination, down from the 385 brought in during the same period a year ago.

About 120 of those submitted this year have had characteristics consistent with the illness, Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome.

"A lot of the farms I work that had a lot of problems last year haven't had any deaths

"We're having a few trickle in — maybe one one day, two the next, then none the next — that have symptoms consistent with the illness — weakness, respiratory trauma and low blood glucose."

year, and that's encouraging," said equine veterinarian Chet Blackey, who travels from farm to farm checking mares and foals. "But I've heard of some other farms where as many as 50 or 60 percent of their mares have been affected."

Since the beginning of the year, the diagnostic center has received 697 equine abortions compared with 878 during the same period last year.

Area veterinary hospitals also are admitting fewer sick foals, and those that are being treated are surviving at higher rates.

"It's down significantly from what we experienced last year," said Dr. Bill Bernard, internal medicine specialist at Lexington's Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital.

"We're having a few trickle

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Reds

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the break on fire and stormed past a good Pirate team. D.J. Ousley took the mound for the Reds and quietly retired Pirate after Pirate enroute to a 13-3 mercy victory for the Reds. The Reds got the scoring underway in the first inning when Erica Meade singled and proceeded to steal second and third base. Meade scored the first run of the game on D.J. Ousley's sacrifice. The Pirates rallied to even the score in their half of the first inning behind a base hit by Michael Burchett who proceeded to steal his way around the bases and score a first inning Pirate run. Neither team was able to produce any offense in the second inning and the game remained even after two innings at 1-1. The Reds got back on the board in the third inning as back to back hits from Josh Blackburn and Josh Craynon put two men on for the hot hitting D.J. Ousley. The Reds pitcher

stepped to the plate and cranked a three run homer to give the Reds a 4-1 lead after 2 1/2 innings. The Pirates rallied again in their half of the third inning as once again Michael Burchett got the Pirates rally started. Burchett was hit by a pitch and proceeded to steal second, then Tyler Sparks stepped in to provide the Pirates big play of the game as he sent a D.J. Ousley pitch out of the park and bring the Pirate within one at 4-3. The fourth inning proved to be the Pirates demise as the Reds sent twelve batters to the plate and scored nine runs before the Pirates could stop the barrage. With the Reds in front 13-3 the Pirates had to produce a run in their half of the fourth inning or face a mercy rule. D.J. Ousley made quick work of the Pirates in the fourth by striking out the side and sending his team on to the 13-3 win over the Pirates.

Read Reed

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BASEBALL

Reds to keep Griffey out at least until next week

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr.'s return to the Reds' outfield was delayed until at least next week as he continues recovering from an injured knee.

"We're being cautious here," Cincinnati medical director Dr. Timothy Kremchek said Wednesday. "We don't want him to come back too soon."

Today marks six weeks since Griffey tore the patella tendon in his right knee while trying to change directions during a rundown on April 7. He went on the disabled list and has been working with a physical therapist.

The Reds initially said Griffey would be out three to six weeks and had hoped to have him back in the lineup for this weekend's series in St. Louis. Now, the earliest that he would be activated would be the three-game, home series with the Florida Marlins opening

Tuesday. But that, too, is uncertain.

"I'm going to re-evaluate him this weekend," Kremchek said. "Then we'll sit down together and see what we feel is best."

The first-place Reds have the luxury of not rushing Griffey back into action their other outfielders have been productive. Austin Kearns, who is in the lineup because Griffey is out, entered Wednesday's game batting .375 with five home runs and 14 RBIs during 23 games.

Griffey has increased his activities during recent days, but when he returns will be Kremchek's call.

"He's running, jumping, making quick stops and starts," Kremchek said. "He's doing all those things pretty well."

But, Kremchek said: "He's not quite ready to go out and play center field most every day."

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL - MAY 15

Allen Central 9	Knott County Central 8
Apollo 4	Evansville Harrison (Ind.) 0
Ballard 7	Eastern 0
Beechwood 3	Dixie Heights 2
Bell County 3	Knox Central 1
Bowling Green 9	Warren East 4
Boyd County 22	Greenup County 8
Conner 8	Holy Cross (Covington) 0
Eastern 12	Trimble County 2
Fleming-Neon 14	Betsy Layne 4 (5 innings)
Glasgow 10	Barren County 1
Green County 12	Adair County 2 (6 innings)
Harrodsburg 2	Burgin 1
Henderson County 5	Hopkinsville 2
Henry County 10	Spencer County 7
Iroquois 14	Louisville Collegiate 4 (5 innings)
Lafayette 14	Woodford County 2
Lloyd Memorial 9	Bellevue 6
Ludlow 10	Dayton 0
Madison Southern 3	George Rogers Clark 2
Madisonville-North Hopkins 9	Webster County 7
Marion County 15	Camp 1 (5 innings) (Game 2)
Marion County 12	Camp 1 (6 innings) (Game 1)
Millard 9	Prestonsburg 5 (11 innings)
North Hardin 7	John Hardin 2
North Laurel 5	Corbin 4
Oneida Baptist Institute 2	Jackson County 1
Oneida Baptist Institute 23	All Saints 1
Paintsville 2	Pikeville 1
Paul Dunbar 4	Madison Central 3
Pendleton County 14	Williamstown 4 (6 innings)
Pike County Central 9	Sheldon Clark 7

MAY 16

Apollo 16	Hopkins County Central 5
Beechwood 6	Bellevue 0
Beth Haven 18	Kentucky Country Day 17
Bethlehem 4	John Hardin 3
Boyd County 12	Mason County 2
Carroll County 4	Grant County 2
Central Hardin 3	Edmonson County 1
Christian Fellowship 10	Fulton City 0
Danville 6	Sayre 1
Doss 14	DuPont Manual 10
East Carter 12	Raceland 7
East Jessamine 13	Lincoln County 2
Eastern 12	Franklin County 4
Elizabethtown 6	Green County 1 (8 innings)
Estill County 6	Bath County 0
Garrard County 10	Model 6
Harrison County 11	Newport Central Catholic 1
Henry County 17	Owen County 16
Iroquois 15	Evangel Christian 3
Johnson Central 11	Prestonsburg 1 (game 1)
Johnson Central 13	Prestonsburg 3 (game 2)
Knott County Central 7	Allen Central 6
Knott County Central 9	Betsy Layne 5
Larue County 7	Washington County 6
Lexington Catholic 3	Scott County 1
Ludlow 2	Calvary Christian 0
Madisonville-North Hopkins 6	Crittenden County 4
Male 3	Southern 0
Menifee County 8	Fairview 7
Mercer County 10	Boyle County 6
Middlesboro 16	Cumberland 1 (5 innings)
Muhlenberg North 5	Henderson County 3
Nelson County 7	Marion County 3
North Hardin 13	Bardstown 1 (game 1)
North Hardin 7	Bardstown 0 (game 2)
Pendleton County 4	Harrison County 0
Pendleton County 9	St. Patrick 2
Rockcastle County 3	North Laurel 2
Rowan County 9	Lewis County 0

Ryle 12	Dixie Heights 2
Simon Kenton 9	Scott 0
St. Mary 12	Paducah Tilghman 4
Todd County Central 5	Ohio County 0
Trimble County 19	Gallatin County 10
Whitesburg 15	June Buchanan 4

FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL - MAY 15

Allen County-Scottsville 2	Warren East 1
Assumption 6	Franklin County 0
Ballard 5	Pleasure Ridge Park 0
Barren County 8	Bowling Green 4
Boone County 10	Conner 1
Boyle County 5	Lincoln County 4
Butler 3	Eastern 0
Dixie Heights 15	Campbell County 2
DuPont Manual 1	Providence, IN 0
Elizabethtown 13	Fort Knox 0 (6 innings)
George Rogers Clark 6	Bourbon County 3
Grant County 22	Pendleton County 7
Holy Cross (Louisville) 15	Fairdale 0 (3 innings)
Hopkinsville 11	Trigg County 1
Jeffersonton 19	Moore 1 (3 innings)
Kentucky Country Day 15	Evangel Christian 0
Larue County 4	Grayson County 3
Lewis County 12	St. Patrick 4
Lexington Christian 13	Burgin 6 (Game 2)
Lexington Christian 15	Burgin 0 (Game 1)
Madisonville-North Hopkins 5	Webster County 0
Male 4	Jeffersonton 2
Mason County 12	Bath County 2
Presentation 14	Bethlehem 0
Reidland 10	Heath 4
Shelby Valley 17	Pike County Central 0 (Game 1)
Shelby Valley 7	Pike County Central 4 (Game 2)
St. Patrick 10	Bath County 9
Trimble County 10	Oldham County 0 (5 innings)

MAY 16

Assumption 3	Seneca 2
Ballard 7	Fern Creek 2
Ballard Memorial 1	Calloway County 0
Boyd County 12	Morgan County 7 (game 2)
Boyd County 5	Morgan County 1 (game 1)
Bullitt Central 4	John Hardin 1
Campbell County 13	Notre Dame 7
Campbellsville 20	Hart County 8
Casey County 5	Pulaski Southwestern 3
Central Hardin 10	Green County 1
Clinton County 16	Metcalfe County 9 (game 1)
Clinton County 11	Metcalfe County 2 (game 2)
Cordia 12	Riverside Christian 4
Cumberland County 6	Adair County 1
Elkhorn City 12	Phelps 2
Fort Campbell 7	University Heights 0
Franklin County 11	West Jessamine 0
Greenwood 5	Monroe County 0
Hancock County 3	Muhlenberg North 1
Hopkins Co. Central 15	McLean County 0 (game 1)
Hopkins Co. Central 11	McLean County 0 (game 2)
Jeffersonton 6	Christian Academy-Louisville 0
Jenkins 20	June Buchanan 2 (4 innings) (game 1)
Jenkins 16	June Buchanan 1 (4 innings) (game 2)
Ky. Country Day 2	Jeffersonton 1 (9 innings)
Larue County 9	Taylor County 2
Lexington Catholic 1	Estill County 0
Livingston Central 6	Paducah Tilghman 2
Madisonville-North Hopkins 5	Muhlenberg South 1 (game 1)
Marshall County 2	Christian County 1
Mason County 13	Holmes 5
McCreary Central 11	Corbin 1
Millard 7	Fleming-Neon 6



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Gary Craynon (left), pictured with Rick Hughes, was one of four donors for the new scoreboard at Adams Middle School. The new scoreboard is scheduled to arrive in early-June.

NASCAR

NASCAR WC driver Harvick named Grand Marshal for Ky. Speedway Busch event

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

SPARTA - Kentucky Speedway and the Nabisco Biscuit Division of Kraft Foods announce today that NASCAR Winston Cup Driver Kevin Harvick will serve as grand marshal for the NASCAR Busch Series Kroger 300 Presented by Oreo on June 15.

Foal

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in — maybe one one day, two the next, then none the next — that have symptoms consistent with the illness — weakness, respiratory trauma and low blood glucose.

Scientists still have not identified the cause of the illness, although a likely culprit is the eastern tent caterpillar.

The fuzzy, black-and-yellow caterpillars, abundant across central Kentucky each spring, feed on cyanide-laced wild cherry tree leaves, which are poisonous to horses. Scientists believe the caterpillars and their droppings, called frass, may somehow be passing toxin to the horses feeding on contaminated grass.

Experiments conducted by Kentucky's College of Agriculture show there is a likely correlation.

In the study, 29 pregnant mares housed at the university's research farm were exposed to different levels of caterpillar infestation over 10-day periods in small pens. More than 70 percent with exposure to caterpillars or frass lost their pregnancies.

"That's been the first trial in which we've actually been able to replicate the illness," said university agronomist Jimmy Henning, who oversees environmental sampling on 13 farms. "We haven't been able to do that in any of our other tests. I'd say that makes it a little more than coincidental."

Henning, however, is not ready to blame the caterpillar yet. He and other researchers are looking at toxins in pasture grass, molds, bacteria and fungi; other cyanide sources such as clover; and abnormal weather patterns.

Taylor said many farms, including his own, have taken steps to protect against the illness.

Taylor Made sprayed for caterpillars, chopped down some cherry trees and is one of the few farms to muzzle mares before they are sent out to pasture for exercise.

"From the things I've heard, the farms that are having the most problems are the ones that did very little as far as preventative management," he said. "We went into this year with a plan and tried some different things. To this point, it's paid off for us."

Still, Taylor said, it will be a long time before Kentucky's thoroughbred industry approaches the breeding season without caution.

"Until we figure out exactly what caused it and how to fight it, it's going to be a threat," he said.

Harvick is Kentucky Speedway's defending NASCAR Busch Series event champion after winning the inaugural event in front of a record-setting, standing-room-only crowd of 70,338 in 2001. Harvick led 131 of the 200 laps in the No. 2 AC Delco Chevrolet to take the win over the second-place Greg Biffle by 1.311 seconds. Harvick went on to win the 2001 series points title with five wins, 20 top-five and 24 top-10 finishes, all while driving a full NASCAR Winston Cup No. 29 Goodwrench Plus Chevrolet for Richard Childress Racing. Harvick is driving on the NASCAR Winston Cup circuit full time in 2002.

"Our NASCAR Busch Series event continues to get bigger and bigger," Kentucky Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager Mark F. Cassis said. "It's fantastic news for us that Kevin is taking time from his Winston Cup duties to serve as grand marshal of 'The Kroger 300 Presented by Oreo.' I know our fans will enjoy seeing him, and his

appearance will add yet another exciting element to an already great day. Kevin's presence will help us ensure another sellout, standing-room-only crowd at Kentucky Speedway in June."

Introduced in 1912, Oreo is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2002. The top-selling cookie in the world, Oreo, is the flagship brand in the Nabisco cookie and cracker portfolio. The Nabisco brands have been affiliated with NASCAR since 1998, beginning as a sponsor of Dale Earnhardt, Inc. (DEI). Today, "Team Nabisco" encompasses sponsorship of DEI and its drivers — Earnhardt, Jr., Steve Park and Michael Waltrip — Richard Childress Racing (RCR) and "Kroger 300 Presented by Oreo" Grand Marshal Kevin Harvick, Penske Racing and Rusty Wallace, as well as the distinction as the "Preferred Cookie, Cracker and Snack Nut of NASCAR" and "Official Cookie and Snack Cracker" of Kentucky Speedway. The NASCAR Busch Series partnership will be the first race sponsorship for Nabisco brands.

Petty

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Winning auction bidder to earn spot on final leg of Kyle Petty Charity Ride

TALLADEGA, Ala. - If you've ever wanted the chance to be a part of the Kyle Petty Charity Ride, this is the year. Talladega Superspeedway will hold an auction for a spot on the last leg of this year's Kyle Petty Charity Ride on June 30.

The winning bidder will be a part of the ride from Hot Springs, Va., to Trinity, N.C., with the proceeds from the winning bid going to the Victory Junction Gang. Anyone interested in helping raise money for the Victory Junction Gang and being a part of the Kyle Petty Charity Ride can make a bid by logging onto talladegasuperspeedway.com through Saturday.

The highest bidder will receive the opportunity to ride in the sidecar of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle on the final leg of this year's charity ride. The motorcycle will be driven by a rider from the Harley-Davidson Testing Facility in Talladega. The entire amount of the winning bid will go to the Victory Junction Gang as Talladega Superspeedway will cover all expenses involved.

"This world needs more people like Kyle Petty," said Grant Lynch, president of Talladega Superspeedway. "He has a heart of gold and it's the size of our track. This is just a way we can help Kyle and Pattie raise money and awareness for the Victory Junction Gang."

The mission of the Victory Junction Gang is to have a place to enrich the lives of children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses and their families by creating camping experiences that are memorable as well as a place where they can retreat to rejuvenate their

minds, bodies and spirits. When completed, the camp will be located on 62 acres in Randleman, N.C.

The Kyle Petty Charity Ride winning bidder at talladegasuperspeedway.com will receive airfare to and from the event from the nearest commercial airport, lodging at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Va., on June 29, and will attend the concert on June 30 at the conclusion of the ride at the Petty Farm.

For the Charity Ride, all companion riders must be at least 12 years of age or older, and any companions who are under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. No one under the age of 21 years of age will be permitted to operate any official ride vehicles or sponsor-supported vehicles unless they are listed on the Ride's insurance policy.

Once the highest bidder is determined, forms are required for completion and each participant will receive the Ride's Statement of Policies.

During pre-race ceremonies of the EA SPORTS 500 on Oct. 6, an official presentation will be made to Kyle Petty. Lynch will present to Petty an oversized check in the amount of the winning bid and signed by the winner. An autographed picture of the official presentation will be framed and sent to the winner.

Fans can make plans now to attend the EA SPORTS 500 weekend, Oct. 3-6. Plenty of reserved camping opportunities exist as well. Make plans now to attend two more great races at Talladega - the ARCA RE/MAX Series Food World 300 and the NASCAR Winston Cup Series EA SPORTS 500. Call the ticket office at (256) 362-RACE or purchase online at talladegasuperspeedway.com.

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Comments

atop the sports biggest division. They're all looking up at Cincinnati?! Yep. Marty and Joe's Reds were 24-15 heading into play yesterday, a P-H-A-T 4 games in front of Pittsburgh (?) and the Cardinals.

Reasons for this can be found in three places, it says here.

First, Danny Graves is a legitimate closer. He's nailed down 13 saves for the Reds already this season, which is how many a whole bunch of fans would have pegged for him around July's All-Star break. As it turns out, he could be well on his way to the midsummer classic.

Then there's Lexington's own Austin Kearns. Aside from being beamed, Kearns has been nothing short of spectacular since his call-up from Double-A Chattanooga. He has 75 official at-bats to his credit since joining the big club and is hitting .400 with five homers to his credit.

This next one is going to be controversial, I know, but I'm not piling on here. I really think this is true.

The Reds are playing exceptionally well right now because Ken Griffey Jr. isn't around. I know he's among the most talented players in the game, and also realize he's been plagued with bad luck since he signed with his hometown club three years ago.

But Griffey seems to cast a dark cloud over the club when he's around. It seems no one — himself surely included — is having any fun at all. Since his departure, business has most definitely picked up in the Queen City.

What all this means is things could really be turning around in the land of Tom Browning. The Central isn't as brutal as it usually is, and this season has the makings of a special one as Reds fans bid adieu to Riverfront Stadium.

Of course, it could just be what we get for looking at the standings 10 days too early.

News came from Lexington this week that the Sweet 16 could have found a permanent home.

The KHSAA has announced that Rupp Arena will continue to host the boy's basketball state tournament through at least 2014, which would make it 20 solid seasons in

Dotson

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were sanctioned as a State Championship beginning in 1999 and will continue through 2002.

Only six schools participated in the postseason Eight-Player Championship in 2001. The largest number of participants came in 2000, when eight schools, including Allen Central, competed.

In other action approved by the Board of Control, the Board approved Lexington and Rupp Arena as host of the 2004-2014 Boys' State Basketball Tournaments. Rupp Arena, site of the last eight tourneys, is slated to entertain the Sweet 16 in 2003. The tournament has been played at Rupp Arena 19 of the last 24 years.

Sideline

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DREN.

Former Tigers home working out

Former Paintsville Tigers Jason Kinner and Parker Diabo are not actually enjoying time off from their respective college football programs. Both Kinner and Diabo have busied themselves by working out with current Paintsville High players. Kinner suits up and plays football for the Georgetown College Tigers, while Diabo is set to enter his first season with the Marshall University Thundering Herd.

Where will your favorite college team rank?

The college football preview magazines are due on newsstands and magazine racks throughout the country later this month. Question: Where will your favorite team rank?

Times have been lean as of late for University of Kentucky football fans. But, Coach Guy Morriss enters his second season, and things just may be look-

Lexington. The deal that was announced would have the association would rent the state's biggest and best gymnasium for \$100,000 a year for the next 10 years, and get the 11th season free of charge.

While I'm all for the tournament staying in Lexington, this isn't necessarily a tremendous move. The rotation the tournament enjoyed during the 1980s and early 1990s was because when it settled in either Lexington or Louisville — which didn't submit a bid, according to The Associated Press — for very long at a time, fans complained that area businesses were guilty of overcharging for things such as hotel rooms or meals.

We'll see how all this plays out. Hopefully the powers that be in Lexington will be smart this time around and realize there's plenty of money to be made at everyday prices. If not, new Commish Bridgid Devries could have her hands full in dealing with her association's biggest event.

The NBA and NHL have finally reached their final fours. Says here it's about time.

In pro hoops, New Jersey will play Boston in the East while the two-time defending champions in Los Angeles will hook up with the team just down the road, Sacramento.

Personally I was hoping Dallas would get a shot at the Lakers, but they declined to show up in the semifinals, allowing the Kings to advance. Many think the guys in Sactown are the only ones who can handle Shaq and Co., but

I don't think they have much of a shot.

In the East, folks have been waiting on the top seed to realize it is New Jersey and lay the egg, but it hasn't happened yet. Jason Kidd was robbed of the MVP trophy but has his sites set on a larger prize.

The Nets will hook up with Boston, and nothing could make me happier. I didn't become a Celtics fan when Larry Bird was looking all miserable and sour-mouthed, and it didn't happen when Rick Pitino arrived or the Celtics signed every eligible former Wildcat except Chris Gettlefinger.

I fell in love with the Celts when Mr. Pitino high-tailed it out of New England. The self-

Tigers

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Kentucky where he is slated to walk-on and play for the Wildcats. Runyon, Harmon and Hall have not yet announced their college intentions.

Last season, Harmon, a quarterback, and Hall, a receiver, made for one of the best pass-catch combinations in the state. Both received AP All-State Honorable Mention honors. Runyon and Haney were both mainstays on both sides of the offensive line for the Tigers.

South Floyd High School head coach Nathan Jones will lead the Kentucky team into battle against the West Virginia squad. Paul May coached last year's Kentucky squad. The

District baseball, softball

District baseball and softball tournaments get underway throughout the state this week. Regional track is also set to get underway.

Congratulations go out to Prestonsburg High track and field athletes Nicholas Jamerson and Kristina Combs, recently crowned Floyd County Conference MVPs.

Coach talk

Pike County Central High School officials have been busy interviewing prospective football coaches. Pike Central faces the challenge of replacing Coach Barry Birchfield who announced his resignation earlier this year.

James 'Jim Tom' Allen, a current assistant coach at Paintsville High School, is one of a handful of coaches who has applied for the position.

proclaimed King of Coaching could do no wrong, or at least that's what he thought, until he failed to turn around the sport's most storied franchise.

For Boston, the sky is the limit in these playoffs if they can survive the outrageous shooting of ex-Cat Antoine Walker. When he's on, there's hardly anyone better. But Walker seems to detest passing, and is apparently the only person around who doesn't realize Paul Pierce is his team's best player.

I doubt Sacramento can stretch the Lakers to more than five games out West, but the East could be a real thrill if Walker will play team ball.

I have often professed to have little knowledge of hockey, and the last mention of it here got a series of emails flying around my inner circle that could still be going had good ol' Cousin Kenny in Michigan not set his foot down and insisted the Wings were the best team in the sport (thanks, Cuz), but fans of this sport have to be thrilled with how the West has gone.

The best rivalry in sports, they say, is Detroit vs. Colorado, and those teams will probably need all seven games to decide which will limp out of the rubbish and play for Lord Stanley's Cup. The winner will play one of the Original Six or the sports newest home, as Toronto will hook up with upstart Carolina.

I still believe the Wings were made to win it this year, and The Dominator is going to bring Hockey Town another title. And for the sake of debate — and there most surely will be one, I'm guessing — I'll say Cinderella is about to lose the slipper and Toronto will advance to the finals.

Willard

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week. Instead of opening on Friday, May 24, the Carter County track will open one week later on

May 31. "Due to the weather, a situation which is beyond our control, we are forced to push the season-opener back a week," said Allen. "We'll open on May

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Tent

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nylon. Such material may be waterproof, keeping rain out, but that means the moisture in the occupants' breath can't escape when they are closed up, either. These tents are prone to having water vapor from respiration of campers condense on the inside roof and walls, forming into droplets and eventually "raining" back inside.

These "unbreathable" tents remain dry inside only if they can be well vented, with windows and even doors left open.

Tents with a separate rain fly are more likely to keep rain from coming in while letting water vapor from respiration out. Better-functioning tents are those that have waterproof walls and floor, but an uncoated, permeable roof section that allows vapor out.

Even a quality tent may douse its occupants if its seams are not sealed. Most tents come with seams that are not factory sealed, although many provide a sealant in the box for the buyer to use for that purpose.

A sealant, usually a silicone-based liquid in a wick-type applicator tube, should be spread along the seams wherever sections of tent material — roof, walls and floor — are joined. Best use is to erect the tent and seal the seams on both interior and exterior sides.

If tent campers are unfortunate enough to incur heavy rainfall during an outdoors stay, they can learn by miserable experience that mere unsealed needle holes from stitching in a tent roof can introduce enough water to float a small canoe — or soak multiple sleeping bags.

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Chris Carter (left), Music-Carter, was one of the four donors. Also pictured is Jack Goodman, principal at Adams Middle School.

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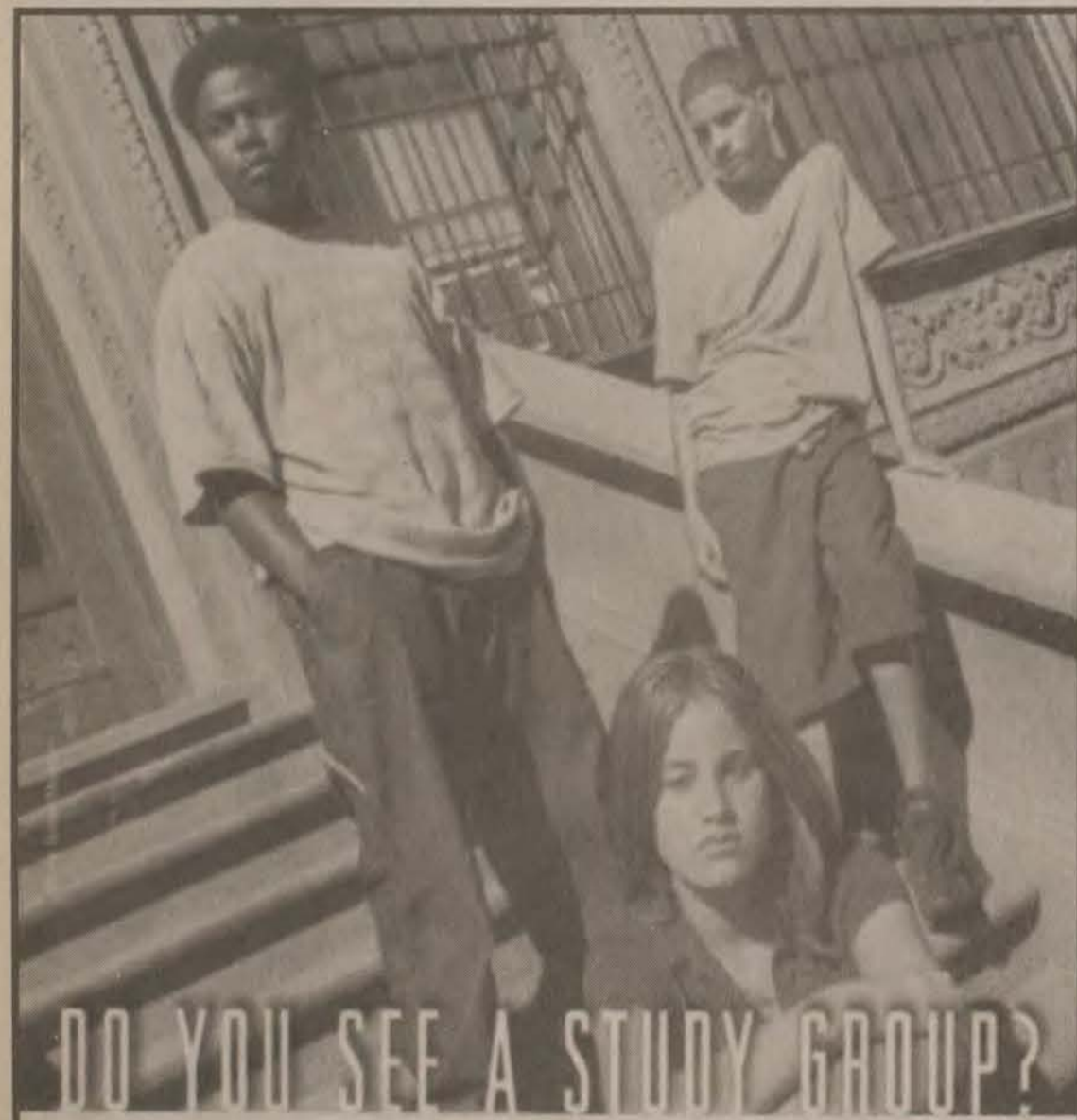


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Bobby Rowe, a Prestonsburg attorney, posed with AMS Principal Jack Goodman.

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Every day brings another mistake for Tracy

by MICHAEL MAROT ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Each day Paul Tracy arrives at the track expecting to go faster. Each evening he returns to the garage looking for an explanation as to what went wrong.

Each morning the routine begins again.

"It's like I'm in that movie, 'Groundhog Day,' where every day is the same thing over and over again," Tracy said Thursday, another difficult one at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Perhaps the predicament would be easier to accept if something, anything, actually went right. But little has.

Barry Green brought his three-driver team to the Indianapolis 500 fully expecting to contend for the title. It still could.

But with only Friday and Saturday to practice, there isn't much time to work out the kinks. The last of the three qualifying days for the May 26 race is Sunday, and there are still problems to be solved, speed to be found.

Tracy has barely cracked 224 mph this month, and teammate Dario Franchitti has struggled, too. Neither has yet made the 33-car starting grid.

The team's other driver, Michael Andretti, has qualified in the 23rd spot of the tentative 24-car field, putting him in danger of being bumped from the race. Nine spots remain open, and Team Green is worried enough about Andretti's qualifying speed of 226.780, that it's preparing a backup car.

"Dario, we were very disappointed with his qualifying run, we felt he could do a lot better than that," Green said. "Michael, we're not too concerned about, but we

need to be watching qualifying Sunday and we need to be ready with his backup car."

Then, there's Tracy.

His inexplicable lack of speed finally got to him Saturday. Instead of being patient, as he knew he should on the 2 1/2-mile oval, Tracy challenged it — and lost.

During Saturday morning's practice, he spun in turn two and hit hard against the new "soft" wall, rear first. Tracy was not injured, but his car was badly damaged and he was starting all over again.

"We were making changes, basically. We were throwing darts at a dart board to try and get speed out of the car," Tracy said. "That's not the right thing to do. That was a mistake on our part."

Compounding the problem has been the schedule.

Rain washed out the entire day of qualifying Sunday, the first time that had happened in 12 years. The track was closed Monday and Tuesday, giving Tracy and his teammates three days to find answers.

No luck. After going no faster than 223.301 on Wednesday, crews were still working on Tracy's car Thursday morning — when more than 30 other drivers were on the track. Like Tracy, Franchitti's car and Andretti's backup also were in the garage area.

"I'm about ready to start looking for a cliff to drive off," Tracy said, smiling.

The good news is Tracy and his teammates believe they are strong enough to contend on race day. The bad news is they still have to get there.

"We could run those kinds of speeds all day long. That's a good race pace," Tracy said. "We just can't get the qualifying speeds."

With all the troubles, all the questions and all the consternation

in the garage, there's only one certainty — things are bad.

"We are surprised at the situation we find ourselves in," Green said. "This place is all about putting you to the test. Sometimes, it picks on one team, but all you can do is dig deeper and work harder."

River Run slated

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RUSSELL — The Silver Anniversary of the Run by The River takes place the second Saturday in June.

The road race that starts and finishes at the old Russell Elementary School building in downtown Russell has been a staple for area runners.

The race is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of East Greenup County. Entries for the race, both the 5K and 10K versions, are being accepted.

There are 12 categories for both 5K and 10K races. Trophies are awarded to the overall male and female winners in each race and to the first three finishers in each age group.

T-shirts are given to all entrants and medals for runners 10 and under.

Computerized race results will be mailed to all runners following the race.

Forms can be obtained from race chairman Tim Gearhart. He can be reached by e-mail at timgearhart@cloh.net

■ HIGH SCHOOL

KHSAA proposes DRAFT alignments

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS BEING SENT TO ALL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND PRINCIPALS OF KHSAA MEMBER SCHOOLS AND NOT TO ANY SINGLE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL.

LEXINGTON — On Wednesday, May 15, the KHSAA Board of Control directed that DRAFT alignments be distributed to the membership for the sports of

cross country, football and track and field. These alignments, the enrollment reports that were used to compute the enrollments, and a form for each school to respond with suggestions have been made a part of the sports specific web site.

For cross country information, go to http://www.khsaa.org/cross_country and pull down the General Information link.

For football information, go

to <http://www.khsaa.org/football> and pull down the general Information link.

For track information, go to <http://www.khsaa.org/track> and pull down the General Information link.

One of the stated objectives of the Board of Control throughout the realignment process was the minimization of movement of teams during realignment, to allow for scheduling stability and the establishment of successful relationships. This was one of the reasons why the Board chose to accept a staff recommendation that an "average" enrollment for the last four years be used, rather than a single snap-shot year. In that manner, the true size of a school should be indicated. You will note that in both sports, a four-year alignment is printed with a mid-course adjustment for those schools who drop/increase.

Lastly, please remember that the enrollment numbers from the School Data Form submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education, a number that is used to help determine the school's reimbursement, and it is taken during the second month of the school year.

■ AUTO RACING

Pontiac seeking approval of new Grand Prix

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMPTON, Ga. — Pontiac, seeking approval of its 2003 Grand Prix, had Bobby Labonte test the car Thursday, May 9 before NASCAR officials at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Labonte, who drives Pontiacs for Joe Gibbs Racing in Winston Cup competition, completed 22 laps at more than 180 mph before the new car was taken to

the wind tunnel in Marietta, Ga., for the final part of the submission test.

"This is a whole new car," said Ray Smith, Winston Cup program manager for Pontiac. "We think it's a good one."

The Grand Prix being campaigned in NASCAR's top series is the oldest current model in use. If approved, the new Grand Prix would be introduced at the start of the 2003 season.

Willard

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31, and then, weather-permitting, run every Friday night after that."

Allen announced a few changes for the 2002 racing season, earlier this year. The biggest of these changes is the name of the track. East Kentucky Raceway Park, as it was called before, changed its name to Willard Speedway to compliment the town Willard, where the 1/4 mile red clay track is located. Qualifying will also be dropped from the weekly program. All racers in all classes will now draw for their heat starting positions. Willard Speedway management hopes this change will save 45-60 minutes off a race night letting the fans and drivers return home earlier than before. Other changes include the addition of the Road Hog class and more red clay surfacing, which was added this spring.

This season, race fans can get into Willard Speedway for just \$8 on a general admission ticket. Pit passes will be \$15. Hot laps will begin each Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Willard Speedway crowned five track champs last year. Track champs follow: Frank Porter-UMP Modified, Terry Hicks-Super Bomber, Paul Day-Bomber, Jack Clevenger and Arnie Fields-4 Cylinder.

Willard Speedway will continue to race on Friday nights. Classes and dirt track cars set for action in the 2002 season include UMP-sanctioned Modifieds, Super Bombers, Bombers, 4-Cylinders and Road Hogs. The track is located 9 miles south of Grayson on Route 1.

For more information on Willard Speedway, call 606/474-2477.

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MSU summer registration begins tomorrow

MOREHEAD - Morehead State University will conduct registration for the first summer term on Monday, May 20, on the main campus and at the extended campus centers with classes beginning the same day. The Summer I term runs through Friday, June 14.

On the main campus, registration will begin at 8 a.m. Tuition/fee payments will be processed in the Crager Room, Adron Doran University Center from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Schedule adjustments for those who registered in advance also will be processed during registration.

Summer session tuition is \$113 per undergraduate credit hour and \$163 per graduate credit hour for Kentucky residents. The tuition rate for out-of-state students is \$301 per undergraduate and \$437 per graduate credit hour. Out-of-state students taking classes at off-campus locations pay in-state tuition.

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Dr. Morgan named Morehead State Faculty Regent

MOREHEAD - Dr. Charles H. Morgan Jr., professor of psychology, has been chosen the next Faculty Regent to serve a three-year term on the Morehead State University Board of Regents.

Elected by a majority vote of the MSU faculty, Dr. Morgan will take office on July 1 as the ninth faculty member to serve on the Board since the state legislature created the position in 1968. His term will expire on June 30, 2005.

Morgan succeeds Dr. Lynne Fitzgerald, professor of health, physical education and sport sciences, who has served as Faculty Regent since June 1999.

A licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. Morgan came to the University in 1979. Active on campus, he advises both graduate and undergraduate students and teaches a variety of courses in his field, including clinical and abnormal psychology, psychotherapy, clinical hypnosis and psychometrics. In 1988-1989, he served as director for the University's Academic Honors Program.

Morgan maintained a part-time private practice in clinical psychology and served as a consultant with St. Clair Medical Center in Morehead for 20 years. A member of the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology from 1988 to 1996, he served two years as its chair and on year as an investigator of complaints. An accomplished speaker, he often gives presentations at professional

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CLASS OF 2002

Members of the class of 2002 were all smiles during Pikeville College's undergraduate commencement ceremony Saturday, May 11. The college honored the academic achievements of 114 students. Co-valedictorians were Edna Marie Slater of Hardy and H. Douglas New of Letcher County. Class salutatorian was Stephen F. Hunt, of Shelbyana. Virginia Fox, executive director and CEO of Kentucky Educational Television, delivered the commencement address. Honorary doctor of humane letters degrees were awarded to Fox and to Willard Kinzer, owner of J.W. Kinzer Drilling.

Following the Purpose Road

ALLEN - A native of Floyd County, I grew up in Allen, Kentucky, and graduated from Prestonsburg High School in 1993. Upon graduation, I was excited as well as apprehensive about the prospect of college. As I set out to visit a handful of colleges and universities, I was looking for three assets in my final choice. First being cost - I did not want to burden my parents or myself with high educational costs. Second being academics - I wanted to attend a college that had a strong academic reputation. Third being campus life - I was looking for a small campus where I felt like an important person and not a number. As I drove onto the campus of Alice Lloyd College, I was taken in by the atmosphere as well as the people.

] I went directly into the Admissions Office

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■ Sean Damron

Martin's term as MSU student president ends

MOREHEAD - Jason S. Rainey, a senior business administration major, is the new president of the Student Government Association at Morehead State University.

By his election, he will serve as the student representative on the University's Board of Regents. The son of Harold and Edith Rainey of Winchester, he will be sworn for his Regents seat in September.

"I'd like to see MSU use money more effectively to help students and student concerns," Rainey said about his priorities for office. "Funding for student groups is another issue as is helping out more with student-focused events. Students come here for the full college experience and we need to work

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Mayo Tech students excel in state VICA Competition

PAINTSVILLE - Three students from Mayo Technical College excelled in State VICA Competition this year. These students won the opportunity to compete at the state level by winning competitions at the local and regional levels.

The VICA experience is a valuable asset for technical and industrial students. It allows them to make contacts with business and industry as well as to showcase their talents among the best in their professional fields of choice. Students competing were:

Dustin Conn

(Diesel): 3rd place overall - 377 total score for the contest - Elizabethtown Technical College first place & Ashland Technical College second place - very close contest.

Jason Walker

(HVAC): 3rd place overall - 339 total score for the contest - Central Ky Technical College first & second places - very close contest.

Nathan Howard

(Machine Tool): 131 total score for the contest - Bowling Green Technical College first place, Rowan Technical College second place, & Somerset Technical College third place.

Keith Mollet accompanied the students as advisor for the team. He said, "It has been a rewarding experience getting to know these students and watching them compete. They are all excellent representatives of Mayo Technical College."

Coaches team up to help athletes with summer costs

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

Sponsored by Coach Kyle Macy and Coach Leslie Faber, the Student Athlete Fund for Education (SAFE) ride is slated for May 27-June 1.

Participants will begin the ride in Ashland and stop at the state line just outside Paducah on June 1.

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

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MSU brings summer classes into the home

MOREHEAD - Morehead State University's Office of Continuing Education invites the public to flex their computer muscles this summer with a wide variety of Internet courses now available.

The next six-week course will begin June 12. Two lessons per week will be issued and 10 days are given to finish the lessons, which may be completed anytime, day or night.

Participants will need a personal computer, Internet access, Netscape

Navigator or Microsoft Internet Web browser and e-mail. Some courses may require the purchase of a textbook.

Courses available are:

- Introduction to the Internet.
- Creating Web Pages.
- Advanced Web Pages.
- Creating Web Graphics.
- Dreamweaver.
- Microsoft FrontPage.
- Marketing Your Business or

Organization on the Internet.

- Javascript Programming for the Web.
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 - GRE Preparation Parts 1 and 2.
- Fees for each course range from \$59 to \$79. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2875, or from Continuing Education's Website at www.moreheadstate.edu/units/ceu.



■ Christopher Kyle O'Quinn

■ Heather Evans

Evans and O'Quinn receive MSU Presidential Scholarships

Two Floyd County students have received Presidential Scholarships for the upcoming fall semester from Morehead State University.

Heather Evans, the daughter of Chris and Patricia Evans of Craynor, is one of the recipients. Heather is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School. She was a participant in the Kentucky Governor's Scholar Program, National Honor Society, and the Beta Club.

Christopher Kyle O'Quinn, the son of Danny and Billie O'Quinn of Garrett, is also a scholarship recipient. Christopher, a graduate of Allen Central High School, was also a Kentucky Governor's Scholar, as well as vice-president of the ACHS Beta Club, and a member of the National Honor Roll. He participated in the After School Teacher Assistant-Advisory Council, was a volunteer coach for the Future Problem Solving

Team for elementary students, and worked with Toys for Tots and numerous food drives.

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

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

MSU

All fees must be paid by 4:30 p.m. on May 20 to avoid the \$50 late charge.

At the extended campus centers, class scheduling may be finalized on Monday, from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Some students may be eligible to complete the registration process online.

A variety of courses are being offered during the summer session. Course directories with complete listings of classes and registration details will be available at registration.

The University will offer two other sessions during the summer months: Summer II, June 17-July

12, and Post Session, July 15-Aug. 2.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008, or the regional campus coordinator at (606) 783-2605 or (800) 585-6781, option 3. The off-campus locations are: Ashland, (606) 327-1777 or (800) 648-5370; Jackson, (606) 666-2800 or (800) 729-5225; Mt. Sterling, (859) 497-8784; Pikeville, (606) 218-5460 or (606) 218-5461; Prestonsburg, (606) 886-2405 or (800) 648-5372; or West Liberty, (606) 743-1500 or (800) 648-5371.

Martin

closer with groups that can make that happen."

Entering his fourth year with SGA, Rainey has served the organization as a hall president, freshman representative, College of Business representative and SGA Fiscal Affairs chairman. He is a member of the Residence Hall Council, Residence Hall Association, Baptist Student Union, Finance Club and Student Alumni Ambassadors.

"We need to take our networking potential to a whole new level," Rainey said. "We have so

many alumni and faculty who want to see SGA and MSU be successful. We need to unite those people by involving the entire community in events, not just those in the campus community."

Sworn in on May 2, Rainey succeeds Brian Martin, Grethel senior, who served as SGA president for the past year.

Additional information on SGA and its activities is available by calling (606) 783-2298.



Members of the Human Services program at Hazard Community College and EKU four-year Social Work program volunteered as tour guides during the grand opening of the East Kentucky Veterans Center in Hazard. Gov. Paul Patton thanked Tiffany Conley of Knott County, on left, and Jennifer West of Letcher County for their participation.



President D. Fred Landrum, left, congratulates Natasha Ramey on her award.

Receives Varia Scholarship Award

Natasha Ramey, of Langley, was recently honored by Hazard Community College Interim President D. Fred Landrum as a recipient of the Varia Scholarship at "An Evening with Scholars" presentation held on the HCC campus. Other recipients of the Varia

Scholarship are: Rebecca Hall, of Mousie; Ashley Handshoe, of Garrett; Tera Handshoe, of Hueysville; Matthew Harvey, of Langley; and Shena Watts, of Hindman. The Varia Scholarship is donated by Drs. Chandra and Mahendra R. Varia, of Martin.

Adopt

The innovative program, now in its ninth year, was developed by students, faculty, and staff to target girls who are at a critical stage of development. Studies show that in middle school, girls often begin to lose self-esteem and confidence and need female role models to encourage them.

Majmudar, a biology major, is the daughter of Drs. Gopal and Mina Majmudar, of Martin.

Team

ing summer coursework.

Anyone interested in contributing to the fund may contact Coach Macy at (606) 783-2087 or Coach Faber at (606) 783-2589.

Road

and met with a representative who mentioned words like low debt, strong academics, small class size, friendly people and support. After my campus visit, I decided to give Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes a try! ALC offered me a "TUITION GUARANTEE SCHOLARSHIP" for five years, which meant I had no out-of-pocket tuition costs during my 4 years at Alice Lloyd College. I graduated and began my life and career with no hassling student loan payments. I also had the opportunity to fulfill my dream of playing college baseball.

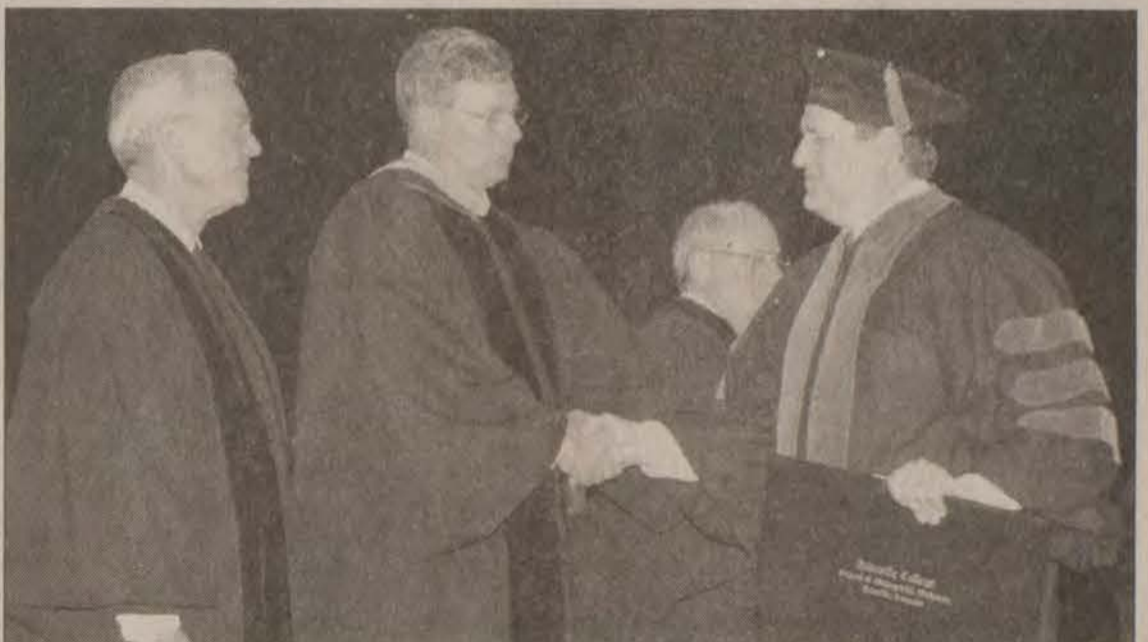
I can truly say that my 4 years at Alice Lloyd College taught me so much - I made many lifelong friends and gained valuable experience through the Student Work Program. I believe in what Alice Lloyd College is trying to do for our region - so much that I am now a part of the College Administration. I reside in Pippa Passes with my wife, Stephanie, and daughter, Kennedy, while serving as Director of Admissions. It is a rewarding career, especially when I see students who graduate from ALC and return to their communities as leaders!

Regent

meetings across the country and conducts workshops for community groups.

In 1995, he received the Kentucky Psychological Association's Distinguished Psychologist Award. He also was named a Fellow in 1997 by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, an alliance of state, territorial and provincial agencies responsible for the licensure and certification of psychologists throughout the U.S. and Canada.

He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology/sociology from Columbia University, his master's degree in psychology from the New School for Social Research in New York City and his Ph.D. degree in clinical psychology from the University of Florida.



Doctor of osteopathic medicine degrees were conferred upon 63 graduates during Pikeville College's School of Osteopathic Medicine commencement exercises Saturday, May 11. Among the newest graduates was 2002 class president, Bill Webb, D.O., of Kimper, who shares congratulatory handshakes with Pikeville College President Hal Smith, Gov. Paul E. Patton and Terry Dotson, chairman of the college's board of trustees. The new doctors will now go on to their residencies and internships, primarily serving in rural health care facilities in Eastern Kentucky and other regions of Appalachia.



Spit and Polish take the stage at MSU

Spit and Polish, made up of former Morehead State University music professor Leo Blair, left, and former Rowan County attorney Harvey Pennington, bring their old-time country and folk sounds to the University's "Americana Crossroads Live" on Friday, May 31, in Duncan Recital Hall.

The pair, which began performing together in 2001, have played folk music in various venues for many years. The program, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Also featured will be Circle City Bluegrass Band and Leslie Ritter and Scott Petito. The concert is part of a series

offered by WMKY 90.3 FM, MSU's public radio to the mountains, and the University's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music. The program will be recorded for airing on WMKY on Thursday, June 6, at 8 p.m. Additional information is available from WKMY at (606) 783-2001 or (800) 286-9659.

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Kentucky Arts Council forms partnership with arts centers

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Arts Council is joining with 14 performing arts centers around the state — including several in Eastern Kentucky — with whom they have formed a partnership to develop new standards of practice for building participation in the arts, and will provide assistance in implementing the most promising strategies.

As part of the Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds' State Arts Partnership

"Each of these organizations is vital to the quality of life in its community, and this is a wonderful opportunity for the Council and these groups to participate in a national project," said Combs.

for Cultural Participation (START) initiative, the Kentucky Arts Council will work closely with the Mountain Arts Center and the rest of the centers to build their capacity to increase arts

participation that is tailored to their communities. The process for designing participation strategies is based on findings of the RAND Corporation that surveyed more than 100 arts

organizations that have increased cultural participation successfully.

The resulting report, "A New Framework for Building Participation in the Arts," commissioned by the

Wallace Funds, found that benefits to the organizations were far reaching, including increased organizational capacity, an increase in numbers of participants, a stronger tie to the entire community, stronger board and volunteer involvement, enhanced media coverage, and an expanded donor base.

The Kentucky Arts Council was

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Medicare AND YOU



Donna R. Morton
Medicare Beneficiary
Outreach Coordinator
AdminaStar Federal

Q If I expect to receive money from no-fault or liability insurance and I also have Medicare, which one should pay first?

A No-fault or liability insurance should be the primary payer. If doctors or other health care providers decide that the services you got can be paid for by a no-fault or liability insurance company, they should try to get payments from the insurance company before billing Medicare. However, this may take a long time. If the insurance company does not pay the claim within 120 days, your doctor or other provider may bill Medicare. Medicare may make a conditional payment to pay the bill.

Q What is a conditional payment?

A A conditional payment is a payment that Medicare makes if the insurance company will not pay a claim within 120 days so that you will not have to use your own money to pay the bill. The money that Medicare used for the conditional payment must be repaid to Medicare when a settlement is reached with the other insurance company. In fact, if Medicare makes a conditional payment and later you get a settlement from an insurance company, Medicare may try to get the conditional payment from you. You are responsible for making sure that Medicare gets repaid for the conditional payment.

Q Who pays my medical bill if the no-fault or liability insurance does not pay or denies my claim?

A In this case, Medicare will pay first. However, Medicare will only pay for Medicare-covered services. You will be responsible for your share of the bill, and those services that Medicare does not cover.

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.

Check out what the Sunday @ Home Section for Today's Special Recipe

ATTACK OF THE CLONES



Fans wait anxiously outside of the Strand Theater in Prestonsburg for the 7 p.m. showing of Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Adkins dons presidential duties for Bluegrass Wire

Bluegrass Wire Harness, Inc., of Berea, Ky., has named Kevin Adkins, a Floyd County native, as their new president.

Bluegrass Wire Harness, Inc. is a global industry leader for high-volume, short lead time and out-of-production products for the material handling industry. Present customers include NACCO, Clark, Terex, Kalmar, Impco, Tecogen, Komatsu, and many others in the materials handling field.

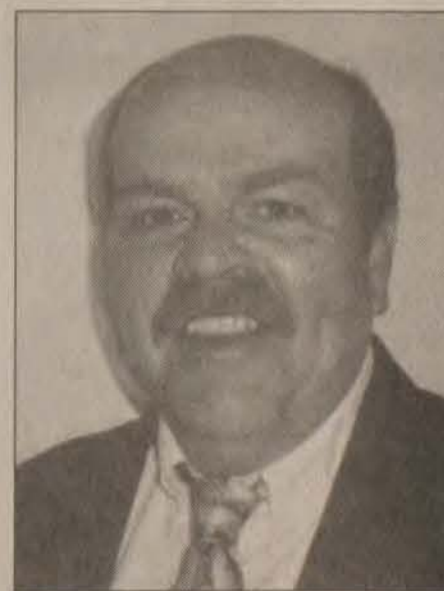
The company has entered into contract with the Kentucky Manufacturing Assistance Center to provide consultant and implementation services for ISO 9000-2000 certification. Funding for this certification is being partially subsidized by a skills investment credit provided by the

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, which is an entity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

Certification is expected by the fall of 2002 and will prove to strengthen and increase the company's marketshare in the wire harness workplace.

Adkins, an Eastern Kentucky University graduate with a B.S. degree in Accounting, has already assumed day-to-day operations responsibilities. In his 10 years with the company, his duties have included finance, purchasing and production.

Adkins, whose hobbies include golf, softball and coaching youth sports, resides in Berea with his wife, Andrea, and the couple's children, Evan and Farrah. An older daughter, Kristy, lives in Pennsylvania.



■ Kevin Adkins

Floyd County tourist sites wanted

PRESTONSBURG — Do you have or know of a site that would be attractive to tourists? Do you know of a talented artist, musician, craftsman or other creative person or someone who produces an agricultural specialty product?

Tourism in Eastern Kentucky is growing and local tourist sites are invited to be part of that growth.

The Route 23 Cultural Heritage network is compiling a database of artists and tourism sites in Floyd County for inclusion in a directory to be published by Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association.

Two hundred fifty color copies of the directory will be published and distributed in a five-county area to tourism offices, motels, welcome centers, parks, restaurants and other places where tourists ask for information about what there is to see and do. Artwork, historical sites or festivals can be included.

There will be two meetings on Thursday, May 23, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Floyd County Extension Office in Prestonsburg to identify tourism sites, events, artists and other entrepreneurs who produce a marketable specialty product.

There are specific criteria that a site or

an artist must meet to be included in the published directory, such as being open to the public during set hours or by appointment. But, all information about artists who are not currently interested in selling from their own home or shop, but who might be interested in a variety of opportunities, such as participating in workshops or selling their work at festivals or teaching classes, will be compiled. The overall interest is not limited to artists and craftsmen, but also includes musicians, writers, storytellers, actors, herbalists, sorghum makers, etc.

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AAA reports gas prices hold steady since mid-April

ORLANDO, Fla. — Nationwide average gasoline prices have remained stable in the last month, down just 1.1 cent per gallon since April 16 to \$1.40 per gallon for self-serve regular.

Consumers should be cheered that gasoline prices leveled off in the early Spring and have failed to reach the record high prices of the last two years, AAA said.

In May 2000, the nationwide average price was \$1.465. In May 2001, the nationwide average price was \$1.718 per gallon; the highest nationwide average price ever recorded by AAA.

Gas prices declined slightly in most regions since April. Prices declined an average 3.9 cents per gallon in the Midwest to \$1.368. In the Southeast prices dropped 1.9 cents to \$1.341. Prices dropped less than a penny in the West, Great Lakes, and Southwest; down 0.4 cents in the West to \$1.483, down 0.3 cents in the Great Lakes to \$1.411, and down 0.2 cents in the Southwest to \$1.358.

Prices are up 1.3 cents per gallon to \$1.421 in the Mid-Atlantic region and up 1.5 cents per gallon in New England to \$1.431 per gallon.

Nationwide, the price of self-serve, mid-grade averages \$1.487, a decrease of 1.1 cents per gallon since last month, but 32.7 cents less expensive than last year.

Self-serve premium averages \$1.54 per gallon, down 1.2 cents since mid-April, and 34 cents lower than one year ago.

Average regional gasoline prices in May of last year were

(See AAA, page four)

Adult education director Hackworth to retire from KEDC

Nancy Hackworth, a former Prestonsburg teacher and resident, will retire from her position as director with the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation's (KEDC) Adult Education Department this June 28 after 16 years of service.

Hackworth has been credited with guiding KEDC's adult education department into a model of regional cooperation. From its beginnings as a \$50,000-a-year program, limited in scope and vision, the department has since blossomed into a multi-faceted department with an annual budget topping \$700,000 and a 33-member staff serving Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Martin and Menifee counties.

"Retirement was never my goal, but suddenly it's here," Hackworth said, adding that she had enjoyed "every minute" of her work with KEDC, largely because it always presented the challenge to be better and to do more.

As KEDC's Adult

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New website helps citizens, government agencies connect for safety

After a year of research, the Kentucky Family Safety Foundation has developed a unique and user-friendly website to help consumers access a wide variety of regulatory agencies at the touch of a button.

By visiting the Kentucky Family Safety website, www.kyfamilysafety.org, families can navigate easily among state and federal agencies to report unsafe

conditions, to check on their health care providers and to research dangerous products.

The Kentucky Family Safety Website is a one-stop-shop for reporting dangerous conditions like downed power-lines, unsafe products, hazardous road conditions, possible water pollution, etc. Citizens can also easily report problems to professional licensing boards, the Better Business Bureau, the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission and the Attorney General's Office.

The website also lets Kentucky citizens give their doctors and hospitals a "check-up" by accessing copies of the Kentucky Department of Insurance closed-claims records.

Nursing home quality-of-care ratings from the new

Medicare and Medicaid Services site are also being added as a link on the website. The site gives easy access to the Kentucky Bar Association, Dental Association and other professional licensing boards.

Families can also visit kyfamilysafety.org to find out which products have been recalled from the Consumer Products Safety Commission link. This is particularly helpful to parents planning to purchase household and baby items at yard sales or on the Internet.

The website will serve as a conduit for information between public agencies and the citizens they are there to protect. When citizens don't report problems to the appropriate government agencies, problems are often repeated. When agencies are unaware of a danger or problem, then the officers cannot take any action to correct it. The website aims to bridge the gap between Kentucky citizens and the agents employed to protect them.

The project was supported in part by grants from The Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys, the Kentucky Bar Foundation's IOLTA Fund and the Civil Justice Foundation.

Arts

one of 13 states selected by the Funds to receive \$500,000 over the next three years to participate in the START initiative. The Arts Council will work with the regional centers over the next two-and-a-half years, and will provide assistance in organizational planning, research gathering, data analysis, leadership training, fundraising, and community development.

In addition, the regional centers will have the opportunity to participate in model programs designed to help broaden their service to the communities they serve and to plan and develop new initiatives to increase cultural participation.

"Each of these organizations is vital to the quality of life in its community, and this is a wonderful opportunity for the Council and these groups to participate in a national project," said Combs. "Our research and findings during the next two and a half years will enable us to help all the arts organizations in the state enhance their current work."

Information and research gathered in Kentucky during the START Initiative, including the development of best practices, will be disseminated locally to assist other organizations in increasing cultural participation, and will inform national knowledge-building efforts of the Wallace Funds.

The Mountain Arts Center will be participating with the following organizations in the partner-

ship initiative:

■ Mountain Arts Center, Prestonsburg, www.macarts.com.

■ Appalshop, Whitesburg, www.appalshop.org.

■ Capitol Arts Alliance, Bowling Green, www.capitolarts.com.

■ Four Rivers Center, Paducah, fourriverscenter.org.

■ Glema Mahr Center for the Arts, Madisonville, www.glema-center.org.

■ Henderson Fine Arts Center and Henderson Area Arts Alliance, Henderson, www.hencc.kctcs.net/finearts.htm.

■ Kentucky Center for the Arts, Louisville, www.kentucky-center.org.

■ Kentucky Center for Rural Development and Lake Cumberland Performing Arts Series, Somerset, www.cen-tertech.com.

■ Leeds Center for the Arts, Winchester, www.leedscenter.com.

■ Paducah Community College Fine Arts Center, Paducah, sats.padcc.kctcs.net/community/arts/arts_in_focus.

■ Paramount Arts Center, Ashland, www.paramountarts-center.com.

■ Pennyroyal Arts Council, Hopkinsville.

■ RiverPark Center, Owensboro, www.riverparkcenter.org.

■ Singletary Center for the Arts, Lexington, www.uky.edu/SCFA.

For more information about the Kentucky START initiative, contact Lori Meadows, Executive Staff Advisor, 1-888-833-2787, ext. 4812, or email lori.meadows@mail.state.ky.us; for more information regarding the partner performing arts centers please see their individual websites.

The Kentucky Arts Council creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value and partici-

pate in the arts. Established by the General Assembly in 1965 as a state agency in the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet to develop and promote support for the arts, the Arts Council works in a continued partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and plays a critical role in promoting cultural tourism, enhancing economic development, and securing a strong foothold for the arts in education.

For over a decade, the Wallace Funds, based in New York, has invested in leading cultural groups across the country that are working to make the arts an active part of people's everyday lives. START is part of a multifaceted strategy that seeks to help interested arts groups and their funding partners find successful ways to encourage greater participation in the arts and to bring greater vitality to their communities. For more information about successful participation efforts visit www.arts4allpeople.org.

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KEDC

Education Director, Hackworth confronted one of Eastern Kentucky's biggest obstacles - illiteracy. Last year alone, her program served 1,548 students - 277 of which received their GED. "I wish I had kept track of the number of people over the years who have gotten their GED's," she said. "The most important thing is that each person who got it made an improvement in their lives."

Hackworth noted that she is pleased that the perception of adult education has made dramatic improvements over the years and that as a result of the KEDC Adult Education program, students are doing more than learning to read and earning their GED's. They have also learned to prepare resumes, be interviewed for a job, acquire a job, and become better parents.

In recognition of her efforts, Hackworth received the 2001 Kentucky Association for Adult and Continuing Education's Member Award, the state's highest annual honor given to adult educators.

"Education has been my life," Hackworth was noted as saying. "I've been living the history of Kentucky," she said in reference to Cora Wilson Stewart's Moonlight School that began U.S. adult education in Rowan County, Ky. "It has continued since then, and I've been proud to be a part of it."

Hackworth, who taught at Prestonsburg High School for 13 years and was a health educator with the FIVCO Health Department before joining the KEDC staff, is the daughter of Lois Marshall, of Prestonsburg, and the late Oliver Marshall. She is married to Forest Hackworth.

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There is no cost associated with being included in the directory.

This project is made possible through a partnership among the Route 23 Cultural Heritage Network, the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, Pike, Floyd, Johnson and Lawrence County Tourism Development Associations and the Kentucky Arts Council.

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Donna's Day

Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Light Up Your Family Lampshade

Make a keepsake lampshade glowing with the people and places special to your family. All ages can get involved in choosing and gluing the pictures. Once you've completed the easy project, think about creating shades for a special holiday or for someone celebrating a birthday or anniversary! Here's how:



DAVID LAROCHELLE

Choose photographs you have taken of family members, pets, your home and other places, and things special to you. Include holiday photos you received from relatives and friends when you make your selections. Then make color copies of all of the photos you'll be using so you may return the originals to your family album.

Note: If you wish to use black-and-white photos, particularly family heirlooms, have them copied using a color printer. The result will be a high-quality black-and-white copy.

In a small dish, stir together 3 tablespoons of white household glue diluted with 1 tablespoon of water. With a foam paintbrush, apply the glue mixture to one section of the outside of an inexpensive white fabric lampshade.

Quickly apply the trimmed photocopied pictures to the shade where you have applied the glue. Continue to glue and place photos around the entire shade. Paint a final coat of the glue mixture over everything. Let dry.

Decorate the edges of the shade with ribbon, trim or lace using craft glue or a low-temperature glue gun. Let dry. The images will look best with a low-wattage light bulb in the lamp.

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

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Tomatoes are all-American vegetable

That ubiquitous tomato. You see it all over the world, in sizes that range from the wee grape to the huge beef-steak varieties. No wonder it's the third most popular vegetable in America, outranked only by the potato and, would you believe, lettuce. Sure, lettuce and tomato are practically soul mates.

Wedges of tomato and lettuce make a refreshing salad, which often is my lunch. The same is true of tomato and fresh basil tossed with olive oil, a hint of vinegar and black pepper.

The tomato had its start in South America, was brought up to Mexico and found its way up north. Now, it flourishes in Florida.

As for its health benefits: Tomatoes are low in calories — an average-size one has only 35. They're a good source of potassium, vitamins A and C, and have some fiber.

More important, they are rich in lycopene, an antioxidant that not only gives the tomato its color but may guard against heart disease and some cancers. The latest finding of the British scientific community is that the gel around the seeds may help prevent the formation of arterial clots. For more details on the health benefits, plus recipes, send a stamped self-addressed business envelope (No. 10) to: Healthy Tomato Recipe Leaflet, Florida Tomato Committee, P.O. Box 140635, Orlando, FL 32814-0635.

Meanwhile, here is an Asian-scented salad you should try. Buy your tomatoes today and if they're not fully ripe and rosy, place them on the counter or in a brown paper bag for a few days. Then, buon appetito.

ASIAN CHICKEN, TOMATO AND NOODLE SALAD

- 1 (8-ounce) package vermicelli
- Sesame-Ginger Dressing*
- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- 1 pound chicken tenders or boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 4 ounces snow peas (about 1 cup)
- 6 large Boston lettuce leaves
- 2 large, fully ripened, fresh Florida tomatoes (about 1 pound), cut in thin wedges

Cook vermicelli according to package directions; drain. Prepare Sesame-Ginger Dressing (recipe follows). Transfer vermicelli to bowl; toss with half of the Sesame-Ginger Dressing. In skillet, over medium-high heat, heat oil until hot. Add chicken; cook, turning often, until lightly browned and cooked through, about 5 minutes. Add snow peas; cook and stir until crisp-tender, about 2 minutes. Remove from heat; cool slightly; tear chicken in bite-sized pieces; return to skillet. Stir remaining dressing

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by Philomena Corradeno

It's May

And that means Strawberry Pie Time! I've waited 12 months for the most magnificent fruit of all to be in season again. And what better way to celebrate than with this scrumptious pie!

STRAWBERRY LOVERS' PIE

- 4 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 1 (6-ounce) graham cracker pie crust
- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free

- vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix
- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free strawberry gelatin
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 to 4 drops red food coloring

Evenly arrange strawberries in pie

(See COMFORT, page six)



by JoAnna M. Lund

Chicken Soup for the Soul: A Friday night in May

Carolyn M. Mason
(FROM "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE TEACHER'S SOUL")

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"Mr. Walker is coming to my jazz recital," announced Laura, my 7-year-old daughter, as I applied mascara to her blond eyelashes.

Trying not to jab her eyeball, I asked, "What makes you think so?" Mr. Walker, her first-grade teacher, could do no wrong. He'd turned her into a reader, a thinker and an organized student. He was the one who encouraged my tomboy daughter to try dance. He'd told her that she shouldn't settle for stereotypes. We settled on jazz — a dance experience that wasn't quite pink ballet slippers, but more like rousing funk. She was leery, but

decided to give it a try. Now, on the night of her big recital, it appeared she had her heart set on Mr. Walker attending. It's not that I doubted his dedication, it's just that I wouldn't attend a dance recital unless I'd given birth to one of the dancers. I'm not saying they are excruciating, I'm merely suggesting Mr. Walker probably had something more important to do on a Friday night.

I felt compelled to prepare my daughter for the real world. I couldn't let her go around thinking her happiness depended on the remote possibility he would attend. "Did he say he'd come?" I inquired gently.

"No, but I asked him to," she said,

flinching as I removed pink sponge curlers from her hair. I launched into a rambling lecture about how not everyone has the time or inclination to witness her stage debut.

"Mom," she sighed. "You don't understand. He wants to come. He's my teacher," she concluded, as if that was his sole reason for existence.

I figured she'd get over it. After all, you can't prepare your child for all of life's disappointments. And she did have grandparents in from Baltimore, cousins in from Nashville, and an aunt and uncle attending. It will have to be enough, I thought, miserable because of the complete assurance she had shining from her blue eyes. I got her safely backstage, lipstick

applied, hair stiffly sprayed and cowgirl hat securely fastened. Cowgirls, itty-bitty-spiders and Arabian dancers crowded around, saying hello, touching each other's cemented curls. "I can't believe it's Laura," said her dance instructor, staring at the sight of Umbro shorts replaced with a fringed cowgirl skirt.

"Save a seat for Mr. Walker," she whispered, as I brushed some final blush onto her cheeks. I thought about telling her not to get her hopes up, to try to appreciate the accumulated frequent-flyer miles represented by members of her own family. But I didn't. Maybe, I thought, she'll forget about it.

The curtains were about to go up. Our extended family was gathered when I happened to glance to the back of the theater. There, perusing a program, was Mr. Walker. I hurried to the back and half-dragged him down the aisle to the saved

seat in the middle of our family. "You came," I whispered as the curtains rose. Smiling, he gave me the thumbs-up signal. When the little cowgirls came strutting on stage, he clapped and cheered, declaring them talented and wonderful.

"How did Mr. Walker like the dance?" was her first question as I retrieved her from the backstage crowd.

"How did you know he'd come?" I asked, still amazed.

"I just knew," she replied, a smile lighting her face like a candle in a dark room. I know Laura will have a lot of dedicated teachers in her lifetime. She will have creative English teachers, brilliant college professors and inspired dance instructors. But I'm not sure she'll ever have another like Mr. Walker.

A teacher who obviously had something important to do on a Friday night in May.

Dear Diane... Helpful suggestions

DEAR DIANE:

I recently read a question about someone's co-worker who seemed to have OCD and was constantly cleaning the phone and computer keyboard where they were going to work for the day.

Except for the fact that the application of cleaning liquids can damage both the keyboard and the phone, this person is probably doing his co-workers a favor.

There was no mention about the frequency of colds and other sicknesses that transverse the office, but I would bet that it is far less frequent than would be found in the average office.

Now let's talk about damage control. There are clear vinyl keyboard protectors that can slip over all standard keyboards and still allow the keyboard to be seen and used.

Since these people share the office hardware, it would be appropriate for everyone to have their own cover. Then they could carry it to the station they were using for the day and could keep it as clean or as dirty as they wanted without affecting their co-workers.

Also, most office phones can be outfitted with headphone jacks at minimal cost. Each employee could have their own headphone to plug into the phone they were using for the day. Not only does it isolate contamination, but it also leaves the hands free for typing on the keyboard or other activities.

And, again, each employee can keep it as clean or as dirty as his or her preferences dictate. The increase in productivity would more than pay for the cost of the headsets and jacks.

— Offended
in Oklahoma City

DEAR OKLAHOMA:

Thank you so much for your helpful suggestions! I'm sure many readers in similar situations will benefit from your advice.

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Snoring disturbs bed partner's sleep

DEAR DR. DONOHUE:

I have a terrible problem with snoring. My partner cannot sleep and keeps waking me to roll over. Nothing seems to help. She does not sleep, and I do not sleep. Is there a solution? — B.G.

ANSWER:

Snoring results from the vibration of lax tissues in the back of the mouth and throat. As air rushes past the tissues, it sets them in motion to produce sound, as does a reed in a wind instrument.

Reduction of excess tissue through dieting can reduce the volume of snoring if the snorer is overweight. Sleeping on the side also diminishes the sound. A knapsack stuffed with towels and wedged against the back keeps a snorer on his or her side throughout the night, and that diminishes the volume and frequency of snores.

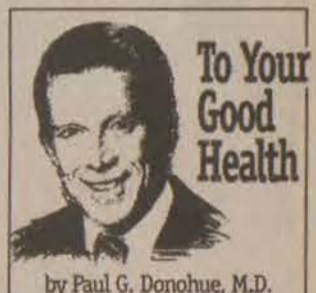
Don't drink alcohol before going to bed. Alcohol adds to the relaxation of throat tissues and increases the snoring volume.

Your dentist might be able to suggest an oral appliance that keeps the jaw from drooping and adding to the snoring problem.

Sleep apnea is a serious cause of snoring. Typically, sleep apnea snorers suddenly go silent. They stop breathing. People who suffer from sleep apnea wake up tired and remain tired throughout the day. Sleep apnea can adversely affect heart and lungs.

A mask that fits over the mouth and nose and

(See HEALTH, page six)



by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.

Books: 'The Day I Went Missing'

Hardscrabble Days

By Dolph Spain
(1st Books Publishing, \$11.95)

Reviewed by Cindy Elavsky

In Dolph Spain's first novel, "Hardscrabble Days," we are taken through the childhood journey of Joey Spencer, a boy growing up in Depression-era North Carolina. While his journey may not always be smooth, it is never uninteresting, often amusing and always heartwarming.

"Hardscrabble Days" is told in series of vignettes; each chapter is devoted to a life-altering incident. Writing in such a manner leaves the author open to creating a didactic sort of "look at the lesson Joey learned" type of narration. However, Mr. Spain does not fall into that trap. Each chapter, while a complete story in its own right, is a necessary cog in the wheel of the novel's operation.

In the prologue, set in the present day, the narrator visits with his aging mother while she tells him hundred-told stories of

her youth. As he listens, he promises her that he will write them all down, his gift to her as she struggles through her final days.

From the moment Chapter One begins, the reader is thrust into an earlier world of racist lynchings, outhouses, home births and grocery trucks. While the day-to-day details of life may be foreign to contemporary readers, its universal themes are not: pride, betrayal, lust and all-encompassing love.

Spain has created a moving memorial to the hard knocks

that life can throw at you when you're growing up. His stark storytelling avoids sentimentalism while still evoking empathy from the reader. In short, this book is true to the heart.

(All proceeds from "Hardscrabble Days" go to the establishment and funding of the Dr. Adolphus L. Spain Scholarship Fund, which awards \$1,000 each year to a student pursuing a career in teacher education. You may order copies at your local bookstore or online at www.1stbooks.com.)

Sam & Dave

explain it all to you

by Samantha Weaver and Dave Smith

DEAR SAM & DAVE:

My boyfriend, "Dylan," is really beginning to get on my nerves. We've been going together for three months, and I really love him and all, but there is one thing he does that is causing a problem. Dylan insists on kissing me while we are in public, which is icky. I've tried just turning my face away, but he just moves his head around and kisses me anyway. What can I do?

— TIGHT-LIPPED IN TERRE HAUTE

DAVE SAYS:

I'd really like to help you out,

Public displays of affection

but you aren't giving me much to work with. All you've said about Dylan's kissing you in public is that you find it "icky." My question is what is it that you find icky: Dylan's kissing or the general practice of kissing in public? Since you haven't made that clear, I'll try to address both issues.

If Dylan's kissing is the problem, i.e., he insists on performing an open-mouthed tonsillectomy on you every time your lips mash, then all you have to do is explain to Dylan that there are other, less-passionate ways of kissing. If he refuses to vary his kissing repertoire, then by all means dump the drooling Neanderthal for someone with more class.

However, if Dylan's kissing technique isn't the issue but it's the act of kissing in public that

you find distasteful, then you have a bigger problem to deal with. I doubt Dylan will be willing to change his ways. People either like to kiss in public or they don't. If kissing in public totally grosses you out, then by all means dump Dylan and hook up with the Quaker of your choice.

SAM SAYS:

You've been "going together" for three months and you "really love him and all." Don't tell me — you're in high school, right? Ah, I remember those days: first date, first love, first time realizing that the person you're in love with doesn't necessarily have to agree with you on everything. And when you're a teenager, that's a startling and disturbing revelation.

However, differences of opin-

ion and even different ways of behaving can be dealt with in one simple way: Talk about it. Let him know that you're uncomfortable with the public displays of affection, and then suggest a compromise. Tell him that he can kiss you on the cheek in public, but you'd like anything beyond that to take place in private.

Don't worry about this problem with Dylan — it shouldn't be too hard to handle. When you graduate from high school and get out into adult life, you'll wonder what all the fuss was about.

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by Samantha Weaver & Amy Anderson

As we drift closer and closer to that summer season, many people are thinking about getting out the tent, the cooler, the sleeping bags and perhaps, that really cool portable captain's chair they got on sale during the winter.

Visualize campfires and s'mores, crickets and howls riding the night air, sunrise and a steaming cup of coffee, fishing, hiking and so much more. Sleeping in the great outdoors brings us closer to nature, and, when done right, can give children (and adults) a healthy respect for Mother Nature.

Camping is old-fashioned summer fun

Camping can be a bonding experience for any group of people, be they a family, a group of pals or an organizational group, such as a church or volunteer group.

There is hardly an area of the country that doesn't boast a variety of campsites. You really don't have to travel all the way to Yellowstone to see the beauty of a natural environment (although, it is a beautiful park). Many times, you'll also have your choice of areas to set up camp within a park, from primitive sites with only a fire pit, to hike-in campsites, to fully decked out sites with showers and electricity. And besides hiking trails, some parks offer horseback riding, canoeing, bike rentals or river rafting for an

extra charge.

Now maybe you hadn't been dreaming about an excursion of your very own, but now you are thinking about it. Where do you find that magical place by the mountains or river or seaside? The best place to start is on the Internet. If you don't have a computer yourself, more often than not you can access the Internet at your local library. The following sites will help you get started. Happy camping.

www.nps.gov

The ultimate camping site, this is the official Web page of the United States National Park Service. You can search by interest (fishing, hiking, history, military monuments, etc.) or by state.

www.camping-usa.com

This site includes a National Campground directory, links to other camping sites, a camping checklist and more.

www.gorp.com

Your source for outdoor travel, the GORP site is chock full of information, articles on camping and other activities, plus it doubles as an adventure-travel site, with links to and information about river-rafting vacations, mountain-biking trails, etc.

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In highschool Robin Williams was voted the least likely to succeed

■ You may be surprised to learn that, in all likelihood, you are an acerescomic. That's assuming that at some point in your life you've had your hair cut.

■ In high school, Robin Williams, the wildly successful actor and comedian, was voted the least likely to succeed.

■ It's coming up on summer again, and that means bugs. So you probably don't want to hear that termite queens are the longest-lived of all the insects — they can live for more than 50 years. Over the course of one

Strange BUT TRUE

queen's lifetime, she could give birth to a half billion termites.

■ The next time you're deep in thought while gnawing on your pen, remember this: Every year, an average of 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens.

■ Cleopatra was very interested in poisons. Whenever she found a new one, she would test

it out on her servants.

■ There is a town in Arizona called "Why." And, as if in some strange form of geographical communication, North Carolina has a town called "Whynot."

■ During tax time, it's not uncommon for people to ask the IRS if they can claim their dogs as dependents.

■ Statistics show that if you're driving a single-toned car in a light color, you're less likely to be in an accident than someone driving a dark-colored car.

■ If you're ever being chased by killer bees, don't try to outrun them — they've been known to chase people for more than a mile.

■ The National Health Foundation recommends waiting for at least six days after having a cold before kissing someone.

Thought for the Day: "Sometimes I think we're alone in the universe, and sometimes I think we're not. In either case, the idea is quite staggering." — Arthur C. Clarke

INFOLINK

Mr. Computer, meet Mr. Sledgehammer

DEAR BOB:

You really made my day with your "Have You Slugged Your Computer Today?" column. After fighting with my fax interface with my computer for 15 minutes, I gave up and unplugged and re-plugged it and it worked ... it was tempting to slug them both. So, in my case it was, "Have you slugged your computer AGAIN today?" — Maxine via e-mail

DEAR MAXINE:

Committing acts of violence against computers is all the rage nowadays, it seems. The Appleton, Wisc., Post-Crescent recently published a story about

a man who was arrested for such an act.

The paper reports that Gary Wilke bought his daughter a \$2,600 computer from a local Gateway Country store in Grand Chute, Wisc. After numerous problems with the computer — a faulty hard drive, bad sound and the inability to "burn" CDs — were not resolved, Mr. Wilke reportedly returned to the store with the computer ... and a large sledgehammer in tow.

Right there, in the foyer of Gateway Country, he pummeled the poor computer to an early demise. Employees say Wilke issued a string of profanity as he assaulted the machine, but he denies it. "I said 'Have a nice

day,' and I left," the Post-Crescent reported. When you're in the heat of battle with a vile machine that mocks and taunts you at every turn, who's to blame?

Later at his home, he was arrested for disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor. Wilke says he wasn't out to hurt anybody; he was just frustrated over what he perceived to be poor customer service. His act of cathartic rage felt "good in a way," and perhaps Wilke felt a misdemeanor charge was worth Gateway's unwelcomed press.

His act reveals a popular undercurrent of emotion that people feel toward computers.

Even pundit Charley Reese

has a computer-snuff fantasy. In a column titled "Computers Bad," he writes: "First I'll jerk all your wires out, sit you on the patio table and patiently wait for rain. After you're properly rusted and the birds have dumped on you, I will take a claw hammer and knock you into a thousand pieces. And nobody will come to your aid."

Yes, a fenced-in back porch is a better place to murder a computer.

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Don't Let Sore Muscles Cramp Exercise Routine

Have you ever worked out and been sore for the next day or two? For some, this aching feeling can last for more than two days and might discourage the practice of consistent exercise.

In order for your muscles to repair and recover, they must go through a certain process. During exercise, the muscles are overloaded. Slight muscle fiber tears occur along with a buildup of lactic acid within the muscle. When there is an equal amount of breakdown and rebuilding, muscle development occurs. The quicker your muscles can rebuild, the better muscular development will occur and the greater energy levels you will have each time you exercise.

Here are some ways to quicker recovery:

- Refueling your body with small amounts of carbohydrates and proteins within a few hours after exercise has shown to increase muscle recovery time. The increased blood flow to the muscles will sop up carbohydrates to replenish glycogen stores, and protein will help to rebuild the muscle fibers that were broken down by exercise. Foods that include protein are meats, dairy and nuts.
- Sleep is a natural way to



recovery. This is when your body does most of its recovering and when growth hormones are at their highest level. Unfortunately, most people do not get as much sleep as they should. Studies show that when athletes get too little sleep, their performance is impaired. If you find that you're not recovering enough from your workouts or feel sluggish, try getting more sleep.

■ Sports massage works well for some people. DOMS (Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness) can occur a day or two after exercise, and massage may help to decrease it. A massage is also a great stress reliever and can help with muscle spasms or overall muscle tensions.

Nutrition, rest and stress relief combined are needed for a full recovery from exercise. Whichever part is lacking will hinder your development. Look at the big picture of your training and see what you can do to get the most out of your workouts.

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crust. In a large saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, dry gelatin and water. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring often. Spoon hot sauce evenly over strawberries. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Cut into 8 servings. In a small bowl, combine whipped topping, vanilla extract and red food coloring. Top each piece

with a full tablespoon of topping mixture. Serves 8.

■ Each serving equals: 157 Calories, 5 g Fat, 2 g Protein, 26 g Carb., 225 mg Sodium, 2 g Fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1 Fat, 1/2 Fruit.

Visit JoAnna's Web site at www.healthyexchanges.com.

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into mixture. To serve: On a large platter, arrange lettuce. Top with noodles, fresh tomato wedges and chicken mixture. Sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds, if desired. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

■ Sesame-Ginger Dressing: In small jar, combine 3 table-

spoons sugar with 1/3 cup vinegar, 1/4 cup peanut oil, 3 tablespoons soy sauce, 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil, 1/4 teaspoon hot red pepper sauce and 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger or 1 teaspoon ground ginger. Cover tightly; shake well. Makes about 3/4 cup.

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The observation deck
We are closer to the ants
than to the butterflies.
Very few people can
endure much leisure.

Gerald Brenan,
Thoughts In A Dry Season

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Health

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delivers pressurized air to the person with sleep apnea often provides a refreshing, full night's sleep. The device is a CPAP mask — continuous positive airway pressure. A number of surgical and laser procedures can pare redundant tissues from the mouth and throat. A new technique is under evaluation where substances that create scar tissue are injected into the floppy oral tissues to keep them firm.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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Chocolate Almond Wedding Celebration Cake, Wedding Cake Topper and Kisses Rosette Decorations

CHOCOLATE ALMOND WEDDING CELEBRATION CAKE

You will need to triple this recipe to complete Wedding Celebration Cake.

- CHOCOLATE ALMOND CAKE:**
- 2-1/2 cups (5 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
 - 3 cups sugar
 - 8 eggs
 - 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1-1/2 cups finely ground blanched almonds
 - 3/4 cup Hershey's Cocoa
 - 2-1/4 teaspoons baking powder
 - 2/3 cup milk
 - 2 teaspoons almond extract
- CREAMY BUTTERCREAM FROSTING (recipe follows)**

1. Prepare CHOCOLATE ALMOND CAKE. Heat oven to 325°F. Grease and flour one 12 x 2-inch and one 6 x 2-inch round baking pan.
2. Beat butter and sugar in large bowl of heavy duty mixer until fluffy. Gradually add eggs, beating until well blended.
3. Stir together flour, almonds, cocoa and baking powder. Alternately add with milk to egg mixture; beat until well blended. Add almond extract; continue beating until fluffy. Spoon 2 cups batter into prepared 6-inch pan; spoon remaining batter into prepared 12-inch pan.
4. Bake 45 to 55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in each cake comes out clean and cakes begin to pull from sides of pans. Cool 15 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks. Cool completely.
5. Repeat steps 1, 2, 3 and 4 for second layer of 12 and 6-inch cakes.
6. Grease and flour three 9-inch round baking pans. Repeat steps 2 and 3, but divide batter evenly into prepared 9-inch pans.

7. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in each cake comes out clean and cakes begin to pull from sides of pans. Cool 15 minutes; remove from pans to wire racks. Cool completely. (You will have an extra layer to freeze for another use.)
8. Prepare 3 recipes of CREAMY BUTTERCREAM FROSTING.

CREAMY BUTTERCREAM FROSTING: Beat 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, 1 cup shortening and 2 teaspoons vanilla or almond extract in large bowl of heavy duty mixer until blended. Gradually add 7-1/2 cups powdered sugar alternating with 1/4 cup milk until well blended. Gradually beat in 1/4 cup light corn syrup; beat on high speed until fluffy. If necessary, add additional corn syrup, one teaspoon at a time, until you get the consistency you like. About 6 cups frosting.

To assemble: 1. Prepare a cake board or use large serving platter. Place bottom layer of each tier on a cake circle or foil-covered cardboard piece cut to fit; secure each cake to a circle with a few strokes of frosting. 2. Fill and frost 2 layers for each tier. You will now have 3 frosted two-layer cakes: 12, 9 and 6 inches. 3. Place frosted 12-inch tier on cake board securing with a few strokes of frosting. Gently press 8-inch plate or circle into top of 12-inch tier to imprint circle; remove. Cut seven 3-3/4-inch lengths from a 1/4-inch diameter wooden dowel rod. Spacing evenly within circle guide, push rods down in cake to the base. 4. Place frosted 9-inch cake tier on base cake tier; top with frosted 6-inch cake. Decorate cake as desired. About 90 servings without top tier.

WEDDING CAKE TOPPER AND KISSES ROSETTE DECORATIONS

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- Materials Needed:**
- 65 each Hershey's Kisses Chocolates and Kisses With Almonds Chocolates
 - Low temperature hot glue gun
 - Floral wire
 - Clear cellophane wrap
 - 2 packages white silk rose leaves, approximately 1-1/4 inches long
 - Floral tape
 - 1 plastic bouquet holder with Styrofoam center (available at craft stores)
 - 5 yards 1/4-inch wide silver wired ribbon
 - 1 bunch baby's breath
 - 3 yards 2-inch wide gold edged white ribbon

KISSES ROSETTE DECORATIONS: Spread glue on bottom of one foil-wrapped Kiss. Firmly press bottom of another Kiss to it. Insert a 3-inch floral wire into one pointed end of double Kisses. Wrap 4-inch square of clear cellophane around the double Kisses, twisting tightly. At bottom of rosette, place one white silk rose leaf; wrap floral tape around wire and leaf stem. Continue wrapping tape down the stem, adding second leaf approximately 1 inch below the first.

CAKE TOPPER: Create seven each of silver and gold Kisses Rosette Decorations. Arrange rosettes by inserting stems into Styrofoam center of bouquet holder, alternating silver and gold rosettes. Decorate with curls of silver ribbon and sprigs of baby's breath.

CAKE LAYER DECORATIONS: Wrap 2-inch wide gold edged ribbon around base of each layer. Prepare 9-10 Kisses Rosette clusters of two rosettes each (one silver and one gold) and 9-10 clusters of three rosettes each, tying each together with one white leaf and curled silver ribbon. Insert baby's breath into each cluster. Arrange on cake layers, alternating two and three cluster Kisses Rosette Decorations.

CANDLE RING CENTERPIECE

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- Materials Needed:**
- 15 each Hershey Kisses Chocolates and Kisses With Almonds Chocolates
 - Low temperature hot glue gun
 - Floral wire
 - Clear cellophane wrap
 - 1 package white silk rose leaves, approximately 1-1/4 inches long
 - 3 yards 1/4-inch silver wired ribbon, cut into six 6-inch pieces, curled
 - 1 bunch baby's breath
 - 1/4 yard silver sheer fabric
 - 1 small bag plastic pearl beads
 - White pillar candle (8-inch height, 3-inch diameter)

Directions: Using the Kisses Rosette directions, prepare 15 Kisses Rosette Decorations using both silver and gold Kisses. Create three clusters of two rosettes each and three clusters of three rosettes each; tie each together with one white leaf and curled silver ribbon. Insert baby's breath into each. Cut fabric 12 inches wide by 20 inches long and roll lengthwise to form 20-inch long tube. To secure ends, tie with small length of ribbon to form a ring. Tie silver-wired ribbons around ring approximately 4 inches apart. Attach rosette clusters at each tied section. Glue pearl beads to outside of candle. Insert candle into fabric ring.



Candle Ring Centerpiece

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Clockwise from left: Easy Cinnamon Chips Brunch Crescents, Tuxedo Brownie Hugs and Monogrammed Mini Chocolate Cakes



DELICIOUS WAYS TO *Personalize* Your Wedding

Whether planning an intimate brunch or a formal dinner reception, here are several delicious ways every bride and groom can add their own special touch to their wedding festivities.

Greeting Out-of-Town Guests

- For a sweet way to surprise visitors, have homemade cookies, a thermos of cold milk or hot cocoa and some Hugs and Kisses waiting for hotel guests.
- Make guests feel pampered by leaving a goodnight Hug and Kiss on their hotel room pillow.

Decorations and Favors With Flair

- Spread Hugs and Kisses across the place card, guest book and wedding cake tables to add a sophisticated silver and gold touch.
- Wrap several homemade sweets in colored cellophane or Hugs and Kisses in lace or tulle, and tie them with a satin bow to match your wedding colors.

Dessert Ideas for Wedding Festivities

- For a small wedding or rehearsal dinner, make your own Celebration Cake, and decorate it with a removable centerpiece made from Hugs and Kisses.
- For an extra-dessert treat, set a silver bowl filled with Hugs and Kisses on the dessert buffet next to the wedding cake.
- Host a post-wedding brunch for the bride and groom at the home of a family member or friend, and serve homemade coffeecakes, scones and crescents made with cinnamon chips.

MONOGRAMMED MINI CHOCOLATE CAKES

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 3 tablespoons Hershey's Cocoa
 - 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1 egg
 - 1/3 cup dairy sour cream
- COCOA GLAZE (recipe follows)**
Decorating icing in tube, desired color

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Line 13x9x2-inch baking pan with parchment paper or waxed paper.
2. Combine butter, water and cocoa in small saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils; remove from heat. Stir together flour, sugar, baking soda and salt in medium bowl. Stir in hot cocoa mixture. Add egg and sour cream; beat on medium speed of mixer until well blended. Pour batter into prepared pan.
3. Bake 20 to 22 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan to wire rack; carefully remove parchment or waxed paper. Cool completely.
4. Cut cake into small pieces, each about 2x1-3/4 inches. (Cake will be easier to cut if frozen for several hours or up to several days.) Place on cooling rack. Prepare COCOA GLAZE. Spoon over top of each piece of cake, allowing glaze to run down sides. Allow glaze to set. Garnish with monogram, using decorating icing. Place in foil cup, if desired. About 24 mini cakes.

COCOA GLAZE: Bring 1/2 cup water and 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter to boil in small saucepan. Stir in 1/2 cup Hershey's Cocoa. Remove from heat; cool slightly. Gradually add 3 cups powdered sugar, stirring with whisk until smooth. Stir in 2 teaspoons vanilla extract. About 1-1/2 cups glaze.

EASY CINNAMON CHIPS BRUNCH CRESCENTS

- 2 cans (8 ounces each) refrigerated quick crescent dinner rolls
 - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
 - 1-2/3 cups (10-ounce package) Hershey's Cinnamon Chips, divided
- CINNAMON CHIPS DRIZZLE (recipe follows)**

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Unroll dough; separate into 16 triangles.
2. Spread melted butter on each triangle. Sprinkle 1 cup cinnamon chips evenly over triangles; gently press chips into dough. Roll from shortest side of triangle to opposite point. Place, point side down, on ungreased cookie sheet; curve into crescent shape.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown. Drizzle with Cinnamon Chips Drizzle. Serve warm. 16 crescents.

CINNAMON CHIPS DRIZZLE: Place remaining 2/3 cup chips and 1-1/2 teaspoons shortening (do not use butter, margarine, spread or oil) in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at HIGH (100%) 1 minute; stir until chips are melted and mixture is smooth.

TUXEDO BROWNIE HUGS COOKIES

- 60 Hershey's Hugs Chocolates
- package (1 pound 6.5 ounces) original supreme brownie mix with syrup pouch
- 1/4 cup Hershey's Cocoa
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs

1. Remove wrappers from Hugs Chocolates. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour cookie sheet or line with parchment paper.
2. Stir brownie mix, pouch of syrup, cocoa, water, oil and eggs in medium bowl until well blended. Drop by scant teaspoons onto prepared cookie sheet.
3. Bake 8 minutes or until set. Cool 1 to 2 minutes. Press a Hugs Chocolate into center of each cookie. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. About 5 dozen cookies.

Sunday Comics



Super Crossword PERSONAL DEDUCTION



- ACROSS**
- 1 Frank
 - 5 Gregory Peck role
 - 9 First herdsman
 - 13 Make a point
 - 18 Spread in a tub
 - 19 Portrait painter Peter
 - 20 Packed the freight
 - 22 Restaurant freebie
 - 23 TV's "Shadows"
 - 24 Boxer Max
 - 25 Declaim
 - 26 Part owner?
 - 27 Start of a remark by Steve Allen
 - 31 Whichever
 - 32 Klutz
 - 33 Actress Pitts
 - 34 Firm
 - 38 Yellowstone hrs.
 - 40 Joyce Carol
 - 43 Faction
 - 47 Horne or Olin
 - 48 HS exam
 - 49 Sang on a mountain
 - 51 Bovine bellow
 - 52 Part 2 of remark
 - 56 One of the Jacksons
 - 58 Mexican Mrs.
 - 59 Hubbub
 - 60 Ott or Gibson
 - 61 Tasty tuber
 - 63 Los — CA
 - 64 Dachshund-like
 - 65 Cronies
 - 67 Collar a crook
 - 69 Rocker Joan
 - 70 Deranged
 - 73 O'Neill hardwoods
 - 75 Part 3 of remark
 - 76 Sunflower support
 - 78 Actress Susan
 - 79 Heavy metal
 - 81 Proverb
 - 82 Bit of kindling
 - 84 Mao — -tung
 - 85 Praised passionately
 - 87 Teachers' org.
 - 89 Tallahassee sch.
 - 90 Shorten a skirt
 - 91 Woods' grp.
 - 94 Tolerates
 - 96 Part 4 of remark
 - 100 "The Longest Day" extras
 - 101 Austere
 - 103 Pledge
 - 104 Hit the chips
 - 105 Return address?
 - 107 — salts
 - 108 Mozart's "Così — tutte"
 - 109 Artful
 - 111 Wall Street pessimist
 - 113 Pressure meas.
 - 115 Flagon filler
 - 116 End of remark
 - 124 Damascus' nation
 - 126 Spock on "Star Trek"
 - 127 Neighbor of 124 Across
 - 128 Competes
 - 130 Pile up
 - 131 Artery implant
 - 132 Famed orca
 - 133 Bjorn's opponent
 - 134 Football's Lavelli
 - 135 TV host John
 - 136 Healing plant
 - 137 Canadian cat
 - 1 Roy's "The — of Small Things"
 - 2 Jai —
 - 3 TV tycoon Griffin
 - 4 Garment feature
 - 5 Hudson River city
 - 6 Hard to lift
 - 7 Away from the wind
 - 8 Pole star?
 - 9 "Hi, Ho!"
 - 10 Simon's "— in the Park"
 - 11 Dutch town
 - 12 Apollo's mom
 - 13 Vacillates
 - 14 Defense plant?
 - 15 Football Hall of Farmer Jim
 - 16 Rock's — Speed-wagon
 - 17 Fumble
 - 21 Actor Washington
 - 28 Cul-de-—
 - 29 Little one
 - 30 Stand for Steen
 - 34 Heidi's hangout
 - 35 Paraphernalia
 - 36 "Wild Child" singer
 - 37 "Platoon" setting
 - 38 Bud
 - 39 "The Bristol" — ("61 hit)
 - 41 "An apple —"
 - 42 Dan Rather and Trini Lopez
 - 44 Hammed up "Hamlet"
 - 45 Prairie wolf
 - 46 Warm
 - 48 Winter figure
 - 49 Tuna type
 - 50 Mr. Hammar-skjold
 - 53 New England campus
 - 54 Celebrities
 - 55 Had in mind
 - 57 — Mahal
 - 62 An Apostle
 - 66 Rustle
 - 68 Surround
 - 70 Sahara vision
 - 71 The Koran's language
 - 72 Peaceful
 - 74 Gives one's word
 - 77 Note
 - 80 Beatty or Forem
 - 83 Tropical fruit
 - 86 — Plaines, IL
 - 88 Choir member
 - 91 Magic-show sound
 - 92 Essence
 - 93 Pale
 - 95 "Aida" prop
 - 97 Mocks
 - 98 Ludwig — Drake
 - 99 "Jurassic Park" stuff
 - 102 Stage parts
 - 106 Orchestra member
 - 108 "Pshaw!"
 - 109 In-crowd
 - 110 Gun the engine
 - 112 Expunge
 - 114 Rocker Patty
 - 115 Battle site of 1836
 - 116 Fiber source
 - 117 Skater Katarina
 - 118 "Peter Pan" pirate
 - 119 Louise or Turner
 - 120 Articulated
 - 121 Apt anagram of "vile"
 - 122 Ingratiating word
 - 123 Regensburg refusal
 - 124 Disconsolate
 - 125 Singer Sumac
 - 129 Gender

THE LARGEST MAGIC MAZE OF ITS KIND

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

- Alaska
- Amazon
- Anaconda
- Asia
- China
- CN Tower
- Dinosaurs
- Elephant
- Giraffe
- New York
- Ostrich
- Pacific
- Sequoia
- Wal-Mart
- Whale

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Feather added to hat. 2. Dress print is different. 3. Handbag is missing. 4. Window is different. 5. Earring is black. 6. Leg is missing from pole.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page A2

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